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President's Message

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Hope this finds everyone managing to stay warm during this icy cold winter!

We are looking forward to our February 15 meeting as we will initiate three new members. Our program is entitled, "Lessons in Leadership" and will be presented by cadets from the VWIL program, Mary Baldwin College.

Kappa continues our "Push for Pennies" project in support of Schools for Africa. Team A-C has collected -\$9.54; Team D-M (Dazzling Dames) has collected -\$5.62; and Team N-W has collected

-\$2.25. Remember to bring your pennies to each meeting to support your team. Each penny is worth one point. Members may put other coins and paper currency into the containers of OTHER teams. Each silver coin or bill reduces the number of points from that container by the amount of the coin (a nickel reduces the points by five, a dime by ten, a dollar by 100, etc...). We have collected a total of \$34.50.

Our SEE project, providing "goodie" bags for first year teachers in the surrounding area, was a success. Bags were delivered to those

teachers and several have expressed their appreciation! Thanks to everyone who has donated money, items, and time to this project.

Please mark your calendar for our March 18, Grant-in-Aid Generosity Night. In order to raise funds for our Downs-Ryerson Grant-in Aid project, we are asking members to make a contribution to that fund. Checks can be brought to the meeting or if you are unable to attend, you may mail a check to Sandy Proctor, 206 Hudson Ave. Staunton, VA. Our program that night is **Kappa Game Night (as seen on TV)**.

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Upcoming Meeting Information

Initiation & Birthday Luncheon

Feb 15, 2014
12:00

Make your reservation through your Kappa Caller by February 7!

Lead Collect – Anne Perdue

Collect Money – Sandy Proctor & Ginny Coffey

Program intro – Sharon Spalding

Program – "Lessons in Leadership" – Cadets from Virginia Women's Institute for Learning, Mary Baldwin College



Blue Ridge Coordinating Council Communications

Happy New Year from the Blue Ridge Coordinating Council. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 22 (place and time TBA although it will probably be a breakfast meeting in Staunton). All Kappa members are welcomed to attend and share fellowship with our sister chapters, RHO and BETA XI. In the next few newsletters I will be sharing chapter profiles so that we can become more familiar with the other chapters in our council. In

this newsletter we will start with our own chapter profile and then look for RHO in March and BETA XI in May.

I also want to remind our members about the Leadership Development Seminars ("Step Up and Shine") sponsored by IOTA State this spring. You can choose from the following dates and locations: Apr. 5 – Wytheville; Apr. 26 – VA Beach; May 3 – Bowling Green. The registration form is in

The Bridge (Winter 2013) and **attached**. This would be a wonderful opportunity to sharpen leadership skills, meet DKG members across the state and become more knowledgeable about the society. Additionally, new chapter officers will receive beneficial training to be effective in these positions. The BRCC has been assigned the task of making signs for the seminars so if you are interested in helping with this please contact Scarlett Kiser.

March Meeting

March 18, 2014

6:00PM

SVGS

Hostesses: Scarlett Kiser & Bobbi Poats



This year, KAPPA'S Generosity Night program to benefit our Grant-in-Aid award will be modeled after the NBC television show, HOLLYWOOD GAME NIGHT!! Members will be divided in to 2 teams and participate in such games as TIMELINE, HEADBANDZ, DO-DO-DO, NAME THAT SCHOOL or PRINCIPAL, REAL or FAKE, and finally the Bonus Game which is NAME THAT CELEBRITY. We may even have a guest host....who knows?? What we do know is that on MARCH 18, 2014, you need to be at Shenandoah Valley Governor's School in Fishersville so you can be a part of this event!! **SAVE THE DATE and MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

May Dinner Meeting

May 6, 2014

6:00PM

Third Presbyterian Church

Lead Collect: Bea Morris

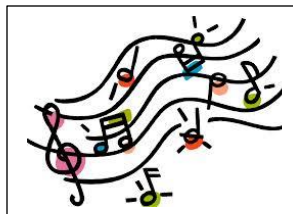
Music Director – Shelly Moore

Accompanist – Ronda Reames

Collect Money: Sandy Proctor & Ginny Coffey

Program – "Spotlight on Music in Our Schools" – performing group from BMMS

GIA awarded



**Kappa Chapter's GIA is named for
Leona Downs and Grace Ryerson.**

Minute for Membership

Shirley Matherly is the Business/Technology Teacher at Wilson Middle School. She actively engages students by hosting her "Matherly Market" where students become entrepreneurs by planning a business and marketing and selling a product. She received the NYSE Euronext Teacher's Workshop Scholarship to attend a seminar at the NY Stock Exchange award from Scott and Stringfellow. Shirley was a former grant writer at Blue Ridge Community College. She is a member of Mint Spring United Methodist Church and a former youth leader/Sunday School teacher at the church. She was nominated by Susan Doughty.

Kathy Guisewite has a MA in Counseling from EMU, MED in Deaf Education from Western Maryland College in Maryland, and BS in Elementary Ed from Longwood College. She has been a teacher of preschool children in Louisa County and in Newport News. She has also been the Parent Involvement Coordinator in

Henrico County Public Schools. She was an Itinerant Teacher of hearing impaired students in Hanover County. In addition she was a teacher of hearing impaired students at the Hampton VSDB. In addition, Kathy has been an interpreter for the hearing impaired. She is currently the Parent/Infant Coordinator and the Outreach Coordinator at VSDB. In addition, Kathy is the founder/director of "Beautiful Tendings (a spiritual/retreat program) and a licensed minister in the Church of the Brethren. She has written and published various poems, prayers, and meditations. Kathy was nominated by Koressa Malcolm.

Emily Glenn is certified K-12 as a music teacher. Her specialty at Virginia Tech was instrumental music. She has been teaching for 7 years and is the music teacher at Riverheads Elementary School. Emily attends Mint Spring United Methodist Church. She has co-

directed Vacation Bible School. She was nominated by Sharon Spalding.

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www.iota-state.org/

www.iotakappachapter.weebly.com

International website:
www.dkg.org/

Kappa Chapter Profile

How many members do you have?

39 Active; 1 Reserve

What months do you hold chapter meetings? days/times?

Usually the 3rd Tuesday in September, October, November, March, May. In February, we meet on a Saturday for our Initiation Luncheon.

When does your chapter initiate new members typically?

February

An exciting program or activity you did this year (or have planned)...

Kappa Chapter held a Grant-in-Aid Generosity Night in March. Rather than holding a silent or live auction this year to raise funds for the Downs-Ryerson Grant-in Aid project, each member was asked to make a contribution to that fund. Checks were either brought that evening or sent to the treasurer. Due to very generous members, we raised \$1872. The program for the night was Mystery Scene Investigation (Kappa's version of CSI). Those attending brought a memento (in a paper bag) that had a special meaning. This could be something personal, not necessarily related to education (of course it could be). Objects were numbered and displayed upon arrival. Tip: Have one volunteer number the mementos so that others do not know who brought specific objects. During the meeting, each participant tried to match the memento with its owner. Each person then had an opportunity to explain the special meaning/ reason for bringing that object. This activity was great fun and helped us get to know one another better! We even had mystery refreshments as part of the meeting.

Anything else you would like to share about your chapter...

We continue to brainstorm interactive, informative programs in an effort to promote attendance at our meetings.

Give me a few facts about your President.

*Enjoys traveling, reading, gardening

*Serves as Director of Helping Hands Food Pantry, Mint Spring UMC

*Serves on the Virginia State Reading Association Board of Directors as Co-Director of Membership Development

2014 Leadership Development Seminars

“Step Up and Shine”

2014 IOTA State Leadership Development Seminars

April 5 – April 26 – May 3

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____
Last First MI

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Chapter: _____ Coordinating Council: _____

2014-2016 Position in your Chapter: _____

Current Position in IOTA State: _____

Participants may attend any seminar. Please select your location and remit \$30.00 to that registrar. This includes breakfast snacks, lunch and registration. You may want to purchase a leadership pin for \$20.00. Make all checks payable to IOTA State.

April 5, 2014 Saturday	Wytheville, Virginia St. Paul's United Methodist Church	Registration <u>\$30.00</u> Pin (\$20.00) _____ Total: _____
Registration Deadline : March 26, 2014 * No refunds after 3/28/14 Mail Registration to: Sandra Thomas 104 Currin Lane Max Meadows, Virginia 24360 276-637-3683 dandstomas@centurylink.net		
April 26, 2014 Saturday	Virginia Beach, Virginia Renaissance Academy	Registration <u>\$30.00</u> Pin (\$20.00) _____ Total : _____
Registration Deadline : April 16, 2014 * No refunds after 4/18/14 Mail Registration to: Yvonne Aucoin 4535 Ocean View Avenue Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455 757-460-2683 yaucoin@tcc.edu		
May 3, 2014 Saturday	Bowling Green, Virginia Bowling Green Baptist Church	Registration <u>\$30.00</u> Pin (\$20.00) _____ Total: _____
Registration Deadline: April 23, 2014 * No refunds after 4/25/14 Mail Registration to: Suzanne Sumner 22113 File Road Bowling Green, Virginia 22427 804-633-4007 ssumner@umw.edu		