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President's Message

In spite of the winter weather, those of us who were able to attend the February meeting, enjoyed a delightful afternoon together. We were able to initiate Emily Glenn and Shirley Matherly into Kappa Chapter. Due to the rescheduled date, Kathy Guisewite was unable to attend, but will be initiated in an abbreviated ceremony on March 18! After lunch, our "Getting to Know Us" activity, led by Scarlett Kiser, gave us an opportunity to learn more about our members. Read the article located in this newsletter to find out more.

Our March 18th will be the last time that teams can contribute to "Push for Pennies" project in support of Schools for Africa for 2013-14. The object is to bring pennies (rolls of pennies) to put in your team's canister. Members may put other coins and paper currency into the containers of OTHER teams to offset that team's penny collection. Team A-C has collected -\$14.64; Team D-M (Dazzling Dames) has collected -\$15.32; and Team N-W has collected -\$5.24. Remember that each penny is worth one point. Each silver coin or bill reduces the number of points in 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 \$58.20 so far.

Please plan to join us for our Grant-in-Aid Generosity Night on March 18. If you are unable to attend, please see the article in this newsletter to see how to contribute to the Downs-Ryerson Grant-in Aid project. We will have lots of fun with Susan Doughty leading us in **Kappa's Game Night!**

Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 18!

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Upcoming Meeting Information

March 18, 2014

6:00 PM

SVGS

Hostesses: Scarlett Kiser
& Bobbi Poats

Game Night refreshments



Please join us for our Grant-in-Aid Generosity Night. Rather than holding an auction to raise funds for our Downs-Ryerson Grant-in Aid project, we are asking that each member 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 24401. Our program that night is an activity...**Kappa Game Night**. Members present will be divided into teams and compete for points in the following games: Name That Fake (movies), Do-Do-Do (songs/tunes), Character Reference (TV show characters), Book 'Em (children and adult books), Where's Waldo (contents of school) and Bonus Game-Wanted Dead or Alive! This would be a great meeting to bring a friend or potential member.

Blue Ridge Coordinating Council Communications

We are going to have a virtual meeting due to some last minute conflicts with our meeting that was scheduled for March 22nd. Part of our business will be to secure a new CC chairperson and a HAB representative. We will also make arrangements to deliver the VA Scholars awards to recipients at five local colleges and universities.

In this newsletter I will be sharing the chapter profile for RHO Chapter. Look for 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;** **May 3 – Bowling Green;** **May 10 – VA Beach.** The registration form and descriptions of the workshops are **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.

May Dinner Meeting

May 6, 2014

6:00 PM

Third Presbyterian Church

Lead Collect: Bea Morris

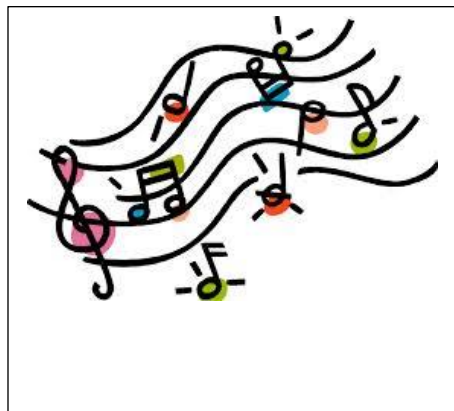
Music Director – Shelly Moore

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

Fourteen of us met for a time of "Getting to Know Us." We were able to welcome our new initiates, **Emily Glenn** and **Shirley Matherly**. It turns out that at least four of us had been Emily's teachers during her journey through the Augusta County School System. Emily is now the music teacher at RES and has a first grader at home. Shirley is mother to three and teaches at WMS. She has created innovative ways for students to apply the concepts they have learned in her Business and Technology classes.



It was a nice time of learning new things about each other even though many of us have been members of Kappa Chapter for years. **Bea Morris**, a 46-year member of DKG, shared that a memorable experience in DKG was attending her first international convention in St. Louis in the early 1970's. She has recently found great fulfillment in helping to set up a community food pantry. **Jean Liggett**, a member since 1975, has also given to the community through her volunteer service in her retirement years including helping with Katie's Snacks.



Bobbi Poats has been a member for a decade but when not participating in DKG activities is usually traveling somewhere around the world. Her latest mission trip was to Panama and

she and her husband are slated to go to Africa in April. Bobbi shared about her involvement in Love, Inc, a community ministry. She also recalled being moved by the Remembrance Service at her first IOTA State Convention.



Becky Park shared a memorable experience of representing Kappa Chapter as President at the IOTA State Convention in 2009. Furthermore, she enjoys reading, exercising and volunteering at the Verona Food Pantry. **Ronda Reames** has been blessing Kappa Chapter with her musical talents since 1976. So it not surprising that she told us a memorable event in DKG was performing at the IOTA State 50th Anniversary Celebration in Richmond. Additionally, she has broadened her horizons by singing with and accompanying an African American ensemble called United Voices as the only Caucasian in the group.



Ellen Abernethy, retired from the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library as a Museum Educator, says that in her three years of membership she has learned something new at each program. She, too, has travel fever and hopes to take her grandchildren to Europe when they are an appropriate age. Retiring after 35 years of teaching, **Ginny Coffey** just couldn't walk away and signed

up to work as a Pal's Assistant at BME. She is a grandmother of seven and has been a member of DKG about ten years. **Koressa Malcolm**, a collector of dolls and a member for about 5 years, currently works at VSDB. She was excited to be involved in the October program which included her giving us a tour of the facility and allowing us to hear from several students about what opportunities it has afforded them. **Sandy Proctor** is the Reading Specialist at Stuarts Draft Elementary School and has been a member for about 7 years. Sandy will continue to serve as our Treasurer for the next biennium. She is looking forward to retirement in a couple of years.



Retired Science teacher, **Diann Snyder**, is a photographer in her free time. She was asked to share a slide show of her photography at the IOTA Convention several years ago. She proudly announced that her son and daughter-in-law have moved back to the area and are practicing medicine with Augusta Health. She will now be closer to her grandchildren. Dianne has been a member of DKG about fifteen years.





2 Margaret Stables
5 Cyndy Ward
12 Kathy Martin

7 Scarlett Kiser
7 Ronda Reames
15 Bobbi Poats
15 Roxanne O'Brien



Kappa Chapter Slate of Officers for 2014-2016

President: Anne Perdue

1st Vice President: Shelly Moore

2nd Vice President: Sharon Spalding

Recording Secretary: Ginny Coffey

Corresponding Secretary/Editor Newsletter: Scarlett Kiser

The Treasurer and Parliamentarian will be appointed by the President

*Voting will take place at the March meeting.

*Installation will be held at May 6th meeting.



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www.iota-state.org/

www.iotakappachapter.weebly.com

International website:
www.dkg.org/

Rho Chapter Profile

- How many members do you have?

We have around 30 members.

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

Our meetings vary in terms of days and times. We meet for an annual picnic early in the school year, either August or September. In October, we have a meeting to do a service project or a fundraiser. In December, we will review nominations for new members, have a cookie exchange, and donate our gifts to the Shelter for Help in Emergency (SHE). In March we have our tea for nominees, and our luncheon occurs in May. We will install new members at that time.

- When does your chapter initiate new members typically?

In the past, we have initiated new members biannually at our Founders Day luncheon. This year, we are trying to initiate new members annually; this will be done at the luncheon in early May.

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

One of our new transfers from Beta has introduced us to a program (Operationwritehome.org) whereby volunteers (in this case, Rho Chapter) make blank greeting cards which then are shipped to service members. The service members can choose free appropriate cards and send them to loved ones back home. A few members have prepared the kits by punching out shapes, folding paper, etc. so that the chapter as a whole can make the actual cards in October.

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

We are losing members and hope to reinvigorate the chapter by holding annual initiations and by attracting younger members who will bring vitality to the chapter.

- Give me a few facts about your co-Presidents.

Sally Strickler:

- Married, two grown daughters, 3 dogs
- 1976 Randolph-Macon Woman's College BA Spanish; 1974-75 University of Madrid through Marquette University; 1979 UVa M.A.T. Spanish
- Taught Spanish (21 years) and Gifted (9 years) in Albemarle County
- Currently with FLES (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) in Charlottesville City Schools (this is year 5) I teach Spanish to children K-4 in two of six city schools (the other schools have different teachers); each homeroom gets two 1/2 hour sessions per week.
- Enjoy cooking, reading, water exercise, Bunco, genealogy research, home decorating

Janet Shiflett:

I taught French for 31 years, retiring in 2000 from Albemarle High School. I took the job as church secretary at Belmont Baptist Church. I teach Bible study classes there as well. In my youth I loved horseback riding: showing and fox hunting. I worked several years as a 4-H leader. I love to read and travel, when I have the opportunity. I knit and crochet.

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		

I wanted to send you all this information to share with your chapter members about the upcoming IOTA State Leadership Development Seminars. Our committee has worked extremely hard to plan a day filled with fun, fellowship and fantastic speakers. Please encourage your members to register soon for these wonderful events.

Workshops at each venue:

Sparkle and Shine as President - This workshop targets chapter presidents as they begin a new biennium. Susan Doughty will share a power point entitled "TRY to be an Effective President". Tips and suggestions for organization, duties, reports, responsibilities, etc. will be offered. Liz Turner will share highlights from her upcoming presentation at International called "Courageous Leadership". Irene Thornburg will be on board to assist with any chapter financial concerns.

Dollars and Sense - Irene Thornburg wants you to discover what it takes to be a "STAR Treasurer", whether you are an experienced treasurer needing to polish your skills or a beginner wanting to learn how to shine as a new treasurer. Finance topics such as "Important Dates", "Forms Used", "Terminology", "People's Names", "Budget", "Fundraising", "Dues", and "IRS Requirements" will give you the answers needed to enable you to be a "STAR Treasurer".

Where is Your Star Pointing? Five Points to Better Leadership - The State Nominations Committee wants to help you understand the expectations of a particular position, whether officer, committee chair, or committee member. This workshop will set the stage for your success in any position. Workshop participants will consider the specific responsibilities of both elected and appointed positions at the chapter and state levels. They will also review five points that will ensure a positive experience when a member accepts a leadership role in this and other organizations.

Glitter With Technology - Becky Riebeling and Lynne Carson have planned a "Technology Smorgasbord" to entice you come attend this workshop. Plan to hear about Weebly(for creation of a web site), newsletter tips, how to save a PDF, social media, adding pictures and links and so much more.

Wytheville only:

Who Am I? - Anne Crockett - Stark will be identifying different styles of leadership. This workshop will be hands on. Come hear her ideas and find your style of leadership.

Polished Programs and Fancy Fund Raising - Chapters are always looking for ways to raise money and to find program ideas. Kathy Musick will be sharing ways to make your programs fun and relevant to your members.

Bowling Green and Virginia Beach venues:

Take the Stairs to Be a Star - Each member possesses characteristics that can serve the organization. In this interactive workshop, Linda Hall believes you will learn more about the qualities you possess and how they may contribute to the strength and leadership of your chapter and state as you take the STAIRS to the STARS.

Personal Pizazz - Doris Bland and Sharon Garrett have a subtitle to this - "Put on Your Dazzling Shoes". Come hear their humorous take on how you can sparkle and shine as the leaders you were meant to be when you put on the right shoes.

Thanks so much for passing this information on to your members and I look forward to seeing ALL of you at one of these seminars.

Most enthusiastically,
Vicki S. Newburn
Chairman, IOTA Leadership Development Committee