

# Kappa Kapers

**Kappa Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Blue Ridge Coordinating Council  
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## President's Message

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Kappa's Grant-In-Aid Generosity Night was a success. We raised \$450 through donations that night as well as contributions sent to our treasurer. Thanks to everyone who contributed. The interactive program for the night, Kappa Game Night, was led by Linda Petzke and Susan Doughty.

Kappa Chapter collected a total of \$90 this year for our Push for Pennies campaign. This money has been mailed to UNICEF. We will continue our efforts to collect money for Schools for Africa beginning in September 2014.

Susan, Bea and I attended the Leadership Development Seminar in Wytheville on April 5. A variety of informative workshops were offered along with a motivating message from featured speaker Cathy Daugherty. Two Kappa members were recognized as having 25 years of membership: Margaret Stables and Karen O'Brien. Their certificates will be presented at our May meeting.

Please plan to attend our May 6 dinner meeting. An ensemble from Beverley Manor Middle School will perform, the 2014 Downs-Ryerson Grant-in-Aid recipient will be recognized, and installation of 2014-16 officers will be held. Hope to see everyone there!

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## Upcoming Meeting Information

May 6, 2014

6:00 PM

Third Presbyterian Church

Make your dinner reservation with your Kappa Caller by April 30 (\$12)

Lead Collect: Bea Morris

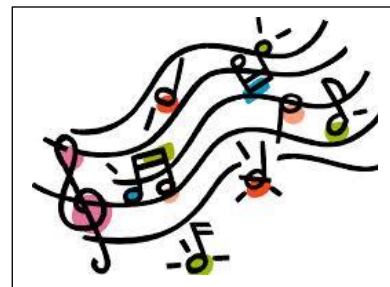
Music Director – Shelly Moore

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.**

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Kappa Chapter needs to thank Bea Morris and Sharon Spalding for their help in delivering the VA Scholars packets to JMU and MBC. The recipients receive a book and a nameplate is added to the VA Scholars plaque at that school. Jane Williams is the chairperson on

the state level that coordinates this program. Past State President, Dr. Virginia Cherry, has graciously funded the book purchases and name plates while assigned chapters in the CC are responsible for replacing the plaques when necessary.

Susan Doughty, Anne Perdue and Bea Morris represented Kappa Chapter at the Leadership Seminar in Wytheville on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please take a moment to read the chapter profile for sister chapter Beta Xi. It is at the end of the newsletter.

## Downs-Ryerson Grant-In-Aid

Lee Ann Whitesell, Cyndy Ward, Ginny Coffey and Scarlett Kiser made up the GIA selection committee and met on April 16 to evaluate applications. Meghan "Gabby" McReynolds was selected as the recipient. Gabby attends Wilson Memorial High School. She has been very involved from playing basketball and cheerleading to numerous club memberships. She has tutored other students in Latin and Algebra. Gabby plans to attend Bridgewater College and hopes to become a Kindergarten teacher. She has already had some real life experience to set her up for success through her job at the Waynesboro YMCA working as a Pre-K teacher during the summer and an assistant teacher throughout the school year.



### Mississippi Mud Cake

2 cups sugar  
1 cup unsalted butter (I use margarine)  
4 large eggs  
1 ½ cups flour  
1/2 cup cocoa  
¼ tsp salt (omit if butter is salted)  
1 tbsp vanilla  
1 cup coarse chopped pecans (optional)

Frosting:  
1 pound confectioner's sugar  
1/3 cup cocoa  
1 cup butter, melted  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 cup pecans, coarse chopped (optional)

Frosting:  
Sift sugar and cocoa into a bowl. Add butter and vanilla, beat until smooth. Add nuts and frost cake.

Heat oven to 350, grease and flour a 9X13 pan (or spray with a baking spray). Using a mixer cream sugar and butter until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Add remaining ingredients. Spoon batter into pan.

Bake 20-25 minutes or until it tests done. Cool.



# Minute for Membership

Kappa's version of the NBC hit show "Hollywood Game Night" took on a life of its own when Susan Doughty and Linda Petzke co-hosted the activity.



"Dee's Delights" were made up of Dee Hoy, Sandy Proctor, Kathy Guiswite, Bobbi Poats, Scarlett Kiser and guest Kim Dove.



Equipped with the green and orange clappers, members were literally up and down and out their seats answering and passing off questions all the while trying to beat the clock. Emily's team did well with the children's books in the "Book ' Em" round and Dee's team excelled with Broadway songs in the "Do-Do-Do" round.



Emily Glenn was captain of the other team including Anne Perdue, Shirley Matherly, Lynne Carson and Marilyn Long.



Kathy Guiswite was initiated as Kappa Chapter's newest member.





### May

5- LuDean Withers  
 6- Anne Perdue  
 12- Dee Hoy  
 27-Diann Snyder

### June

2- Shelly Moore  
 12- Lynne Carson  
 17- Elaine Almarode  
 17- Betty Bennett

### July

13- Bea Morris  
 25 - Ellen Abernethy  
 29- Martha Chew

### August

8 - Sandy Proctor  
 23 - Susan Doughty  
 27 - Faith Ballew  
 29 - Vrla Leach



## Kappa Chapter Officers for 2014-2016

President: Anne Perdue

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Shelly Moore

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sharon Spalding

Recording Secretary: Ginny Coffey

Corresponding Secretary/ Newsletter Editor: Scarlett Kiser

The Treasurer and Parliamentarian will be appointed by the President

\*Installation will be held at May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.



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International website:  
[www.dkg.org/](http://www.dkg.org/)

# Beta Xi Chapter Profile

How many members do you have? 32

What months do you hold chapter meetings? days/times? Meetings in September, October, November, March, April and May. Saturday mornings except Sunday afternoon tea

When does your chapter initiate new members typically? Initiate in May

An exciting program or activity you did this year (or have planned)... We visited two museums: Harrisonburg Quilt Museum and Port Republic Museum

Anything else you would like to share about your chapter... We give a \$1,000 Recruitment Grant each year

Give me a few facts about your President.

I have been president 8 years - Jan Miller was president 2 years between the four years.

On May 21, we closed on our house and five acres (where we had lived for over 26 years) in Mount Solon. Everything went into storage and we stayed at the Crimson Inn in Bridgewater (close to my husband's shop, Harvey's Homemade Ice Cream) for two weeks. June 3, we moved into a 1400sq.ft. apartment at 13 West Beverley Street in downtown Staunton in the Masonic Building. I say it's our new/old apartment. After our new mattress was delivered, we slept at the apartment for three nights. On June 8, our daughter in PA gave birth to our fourth grandchild, Emma Allen (my maiden name) Hyde and we went to her house for a week.

After returning, we settled into our new place. I walk everywhere. My car stays in the garage most of the week. Every day I go out on my "walkabout" to pick up the mail at the post office (even though there are boxes in the foyer, the city and the post office haven't worked out delivery yet) and to visit my friends in the different little shops. No problem, we always had a PO Box and I like to have my post cards postmarked (you have to request).

I have made many wonderful new friends. Starting in January, I will be doing a Journaling workshop and Kid's After-School Arts & Crafts in my friend Sally's shop, Harmony Moon, 13 South New Street. Since I took my name off the sub list after almost ten years, this will give me contact with children and books. So life is good and I look forward to many new adventures. Marcia Elliott, President of Beta Xi