

# 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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What an inspiring meeting we had at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in October. Thanks so much to Koressa Malcolm, Kathy Guisewite and Cyndy Ward for coordinating the program featuring the Bluegrass Band and VSDB Space Camp presentation. At the meeting, it was announced that Kappa received the Gold Key Award for 2013-14 at the Executive Board meeting as well as the IOTA State Honors award for Chapter Newsletter 2013-14. Bea Morris received the first TRY chapter

award for all her help in expanding our membership with personal calls to members whose chapter had been dissolved. Kappa has begun our "Push for Pennies" project in support of Schools for Africa. Team A-C collected \$5.71; Team D-M collected \$10.72; and Team N-W collected \$.58. Please bring your spare change (bills are accepted, too) so that your team can take the lead!

All members are asked to think about women that might be

recommended for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. We will have initiation in May, however, it's not too early to begin talking with prospective members. Invite them to a meeting!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 11<sup>th</sup> when we will welcome a guest speaker, Karen Thomsen, member of the SOL Innovation Committee! More information included in this newsletter.

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## 2 Upcoming Meeting

### Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Wilson Middle School

6:00 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Program:

**Karen Thomsen**, Principal of Mountain View Elementary in Rockingham Co and SOL Innovation Committee member

Learn about this committee charged with making recommendations to the Board of Education and the General Assembly on ways to further reform SOL assessments, student growth measures, and encourage innovative teaching in the classroom!

Hostesses: Susan Doughty, Shelly Moore, Ginny Coffey and Scarlett Kiser



#### November

3 Jean Smith  
14 Peggy Beck  
19 Christi Almarode  
24 Becky Park  
29 IOTA STATE (80)

#### December

5 Koressa Malcolm  
7 Marilyn Long

#### January

1 Sharon Spalding  
3 Ginny Coffey  
29 Emily Glenn  
29 Shirley Matherly

### Care and Concern

Nancy Keyser – passing of her husband

Koressa Malcolm – passing of her mother

Elaine Almarode – health concerns

## Spotlight on Members – Carol Fenn

Dr. Carol S. Fenn is a native of the Shenandoah Valley and has spent her career in teaching and education leadership. She is a graduate of Bridgewater College with a bachelor's degree in education; earned a masters degree in Reading at Virginia Commonwealth University, and received a doctorate in 2002 in Education Leadership and Administration at the University of Virginia. She has 35 years of experience in Virginia school divisions in many diverse capacities: as a teacher, reading specialist, elementary and middle school principal, director of elementary education, technology, gifted programming, curriculum and development, preschool administration, and has served as a leader of principals in the assistant superintendent and acting superintendent capacity, and currently as Division Superintendent of Rockingham County Public Schools.

She is proficient in key leadership of division directors, school principals at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels; her high performance strategies have resulted in strong instructional leadership for best student achievement. She has experience in growth capacity planning within a community, school construction implementation, budget preparation and financial management of a school division.

She has served the Rockingham-Harrisonburg United Way as co-campaign chair, raising \$1.1 million annually, and was named the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus by Bridgewater College.

She believes all children should have the right and privilege of learning with a strong support system within the school community. She embraces all

employees as a school division's greatest resource in making a difference for children.

Dr. Fenn grew up on a dairy farm in Augusta County with per parents and three sisters. She has been married to Mickey Fenn for 21 years, and they have two grown sons.



## Spotlight on Members – Marcia Elliott

In 1970, I graduated from Madison College, returned home to Danville and became librarian at Dan River High School, Pittsylvania County. I was initiated into Epsilon Chapter in 1977 (Shirley Bryant was president). I transferred to Beta Xi in 1978 after I was married and returned to

Harrisonburg. When I retired in 2004, I was librarian at Waterman Elementary School (26 years). My husband and I now live in downtown Staunton in the Masonic Building.



## Congratulations – Bea Morris



*Bea not only received a TRY Award but she was recently named the Virginia Retired Teachers Association Most Active Member at their fall meeting in Blackstone. She is such an inspiration!*

**KAPPA CHAPTER of the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY, INTERNATIONAL  
WANTS YOU!!!!**



**CALLING ALL KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS TO JOIN US ON  
NOVEMBER 11, 2014 at WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL to hear**

**KAREN THOMSEN,**

principal of Mt. View Elementary and  
a member of the

**SOL INNOVATION COMMITTEE**

Join Kappa Chapter members as we learn about this committee charged with making recommendations to the Board of Education and the General Assembly on ways to further reform SOL assessments, student growth measures, and encourage innovative teaching in the classroom!!!!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 11, 2014

**WHERE:** Wilson Middle School~ 232 Hornet Rd., Fishersville, VA 22939

**TIME:** Refreshments at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria...program to follow

**WHY:** Because you care about the future of education in Virginia!!

**RSVP** with number attending to: [scdoughty51@gmail.com](mailto:scdoughty51@gmail.com) by November 7th



## Recommendation for Membership

*Instructions:*

Please complete and return this form. For information about qualifications for membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, refer to sections on membership in the *Constitution* and the *International Standing Rules*.

Type of membership:

Name of person recommended:

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Country:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

E-mail:

Current position title:

Employer:

Total years of professional educator:

Highest educational degree granted:

Year:

Field:

Professional accomplishments: Include items such as professional development presentations, campus or departmental leadership roles, published materials, offices in other organizations honors and/or awards. (A brief resume may be attached to this application.)

Community activities:

Endorsed by one or more members:

Chapter/State:

Required:

Optional:

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Signature:

Date:

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