

Kappa Kapers

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President's Message

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It was wonderful to see so many of you at our September meeting! Let's have another great turnout for our October 14 meeting to be held at Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind (VSDB). Kathy Guisewite and Cyndy Ward will coordinate the program presented by students: VSDB Space Camp Presentation & Bluegrass Band Performance - "Sounds Like Fun!" We will also be assembling the "goodie" bags for First Year Teachers in our area.

Kappa Chapter would like to welcome several more transfers from Beta Xi: Carol Fenn, Nancy Keyser, Susan Nicklas, and Dorris Wampler. We are excited to have you as members of Kappa!

IOTA State Executive Board, held in Richmond on September 26-27 was a great success! Meetings and workshops were informative. Participants came away feeling energized and inspired as they begin a new year with their chapters. Thanks President Susan for another great IOTA state meeting. Kappa chapter sold Kappa Korner bookmarks at Executive Board and made \$203 to put towards Kappa Projects fund. Thanks to all who helped make these at our September meeting.

Please also mark your calendars for our November 11 meeting at Wilson Middle School (6:00 pm). Karen Thomsen, principal of Mountain View

Elementary School in Rockingham County, will speak to us about the SOL Innovation Committee. Karen is one of 34 members of this statewide committee. They are 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.

See you on October 14th!

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Upcoming Meeting

Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind

6:00 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Program:

VSDB Space Camp
Presentation & Bluegrass Band
Performance -
"Sounds Like Fun!"

Cyndy Ward & Kathy Guisewite,
coordinators

First Year Teacher Bag
Assembly

Hostesses: Kathy Guisewite,
Chair; Cyndy Ward, Koressa
Malcolm, Ronda Reames



Happy Birthday

October

- 8 Marcia Elliott
- 11 Sarah Nicklas
- 20 Linda Cauley
- 28 Erika Kancler
- 29 Shirley Crawford

Transfer Members

Unfortunately several local chapters dissolved at the end of the last biennium. That status was made official with a motion and vote at the Fall Executive Board Meeting. However, Kappa Chapter would like to extend a warm welcome to the nine women who have decided to make Kappa their new home. We are asking that these transfer members submit a brief biographical sketch and picture to scarlett.kiser@gmail.com so that each of them can be

featured in a newsletter throughout the year.

Marcia Elliott, Beta Xi
 Nancy Keyser, Beta Xi
 Sylvia Moore, Beta Xi
 Linda Reviea, Gamma Phi
 Susan Schuckman, Beta Xi
 Carol Fenn, Beta Xi
 Susan Nicklas, Beta Xi
 Dorris Wampler, Beta Xi
 Julia Van de Water, Beta Epsilon



Spotlight on Members - Susan Schuckman

I came to Delta Kappa Gamma through my good friend, Eloise Franzyshe. She introduced me to DKG and I became a member of Zeta Chapter. I then transferred to Pi in Harrisonburg. That chapter dissolved and I then joined Beta Xi. I am now with Kappa and enjoying it so far. My teaching career includes stops at Suffolk City

Public Schools. I was employed at Lakeland High School where I taught the Education for Employment program. This program is designed for high risk students. I then moved to the Richmond area and taught at Chickahominy Middle School. I taught 7th grade Learning Disabilities students. After six

years in the Richmond area, I moved back to the valley and am currently employed as a Guidance Counselor at Stonewall Jackson High School. This is my 30th year in education and I hope to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. (Pictured above)

Spotlight on Members - Sylvia Moore

I'm Sylvia Moore, a recent transfer from Beta Xi chapter of which I was a charter member. I retired in 1989 from Rockingham County Public Schools, Harrisonburg, where I had been an elementary supervisor for 19 years. Prior to that I had been an English teacher and Title I remedial reading teacher. A native of New Market, I am a graduate of Mary Washington College where I

majored in English and have an M.A. in English from JMU. Following retirement from RCPS I supervised student teachers for JMU for several years. In 2000 I moved from New Market to the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg. I am the mother of four adult children, all of whom have doctoral degrees of one variety or another. I am an

avid reader and enjoy container gardening on my balcony. After retirement, I joined Global Volunteers, headquartered in St. Paul, MN, and taught English to elementary school students in Seidlce, Poland; Istanbul, Turkey; and on the Greek island of Crete in the Mediterranean during successive summers.



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