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President's Message

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What an inspiring meeting we had at our October meeting! Thanks so much to Tamara Talley-Campbell, who talked about the MaDee Project. At the meeting, it was announced that Kappa Chapter members will be in charge of the craft station at the MaDee Project's Breakfast with Santa on December 12, 2015. Specific details will be discussed at November meeting. We will also be caroling at Baldwin Park (Jean Smith's residence) at 1:30 pm on December 12.

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 17th when two of our own, Linda Revia, Superintendent of Staunton City Schools and Carol Fenn, Superintendent of Rockingham County Schools will present *Got Women Administrators? Yes We Do!*



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**S.E.E.
Project**

Upcoming Meeting

Business Meeting & Program

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

6:00 PM - Social Hour

6:30 PM - Program

Dixon Learning Center ~

1751 Shutterlee Mill Road,
Staunton

Hostesses:

Faith Ballew (chair)

Julia Van de Water

Sandy Proctor

Anne Perdue

Program: Got Women
Administrators? Yes We Do!

Linda Reviea and Carol Fenn,
school superintendents



Happy Birthday



November

Jean Smith - 3rd

Peggy Beck - 14th

Christi Almarode - 19th

Becky Park - 24th

December

Koressa Malcom - 5th

Marilyn Long - 7th

January

Sharon Spalding - 1st

Ginny Coffey - 3rd

Emily Glenn - 29th



Tamara Talley-Campbell spoke at the October meeting about the MaDee Project. Talley-Campbell's daughter, MaDee Boxler, a graduate of Fort Defiance High School and Roanoke College, was diagnosed with cancer her sophomore year of college and would lose her battle by age 22.

The MaDee Project is a non profit foundation, providing support to pediatric cancer patients (up through 22 years of age) and their families in Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta County and in the counties bordering Augusta. Families receive a monthly stipend to offset the costs of food, lodging and gas for six months. Families may reapply for this monthly stipend until the patient goes into remission. A total of forty local families have been helped in the short time this foundation has been in existence. Talley-Campbell explained that families are identified mainly through word of mouth but that brochures have been distributed to local guidance counselors so they can inform families of this assistance.

All of the money raised goes directly to the families sponsored by the MaDee Project. Five fundraisers are held each year including a golf tournament, "Music for MaDee," a food truck battle (Battle of the Food Trucks), 5K run and Breakfast with Santa. DKG members will be running a craft station at the Breakfast with Santa event on Dec. 12 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. Furthermore, Kroger cards can be linked to the MaDee Project and a percentage of purchases on Amazon Smile goes to this charity.

Originally founded by Lynne and Dwayne Breeden, Boxler's former employers, in October of 2010, today the board of directors is composed entirely of family members. Boxler's determination, love for her family and friends, as well as her strong spirit while battling this disease, became the inspiration of this project. "This project is our way of showing the community that MaDee's legacy continues," said Talley-Campbell. Boxler started writing her story which was then finished by author Kimberly Fowler in the book *Dancing in the Rain*. This book has been donated to various local school libraries and books may be purchased at LTD 7 in Staunton and Nisa's Cafe in Verona.

The project also makes an annual donation to Cure Search in Charlottesville, funding research in hopes of finding the cause and help to prevent pediatric cancers from reaching any other children.

To learn more visit www.themadeeproject.com or email office@themadeeproject.com.



Spotlight on Member – Kristin Quinn

Parenthood Bliss and Blues

Being a new mom is wonderful and terrifying all at the same time. I love my daughter, she was four years in the making, and I couldn't imagine life without her. But, at the same time, we are now responsible for this tiny person that is totally dependent on us. That's a lot of responsibility and talk about nerve racking! You don't know how much your brain can run out of control until you experience parenthood for the first time. Every little sound, you check and see is she ok? What could cause that? Should I call the doctor? Maybe I can call my mom? Am I overreacting? ...etc Sleep is a luxury that happens very seldom and it's amazing how our bodies are able to cope with it. It is made bearable with my wonderful husband. We are a team and pull each other through. Everything we have gone through and will go through is made worth it when she smiles and is in our arms. Parenthood is full of ups and downs, but I wouldn't have it any other way.



Care & Concern



*Becky Park – the loss of
her husband, Tom*

*Susan Schuckman –
recovering from shoulder
surgery*

Spotlight on Member – Koressa Malcolm

Retirement!

Koressa Malcolm retired this past June after 30 years as a school psychologist. Koressa began her career in the Omaha, Nebraska Public Schools where she worked for a year while finishing her dissertation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. After being graduated from UN-L, Koressa took a job at a local university teaching in the School Psychology Program. She was there for 5 years and was getting ready to move on to another university for a career jump when she met and married Joe Malcolm, a veterinarian in Highland County. Some changes in career plans had to occur and she accepted a job as a school psychologist in the Augusta County Public Schools. She worked there for 18 years. Seven years ago, she decided a last change in work experience would be nice before retiring. She retired from the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, where she worked as a school psychologist in the Blind Department.

In addition to her regular school system employment, Koressa has been an adjunct faculty member at Mary Baldwin College for the past 25 years. There she has taught on campus as well as on-line courses in child and lifespan development, educational psychology, Autism and behavior analysis for the departments of psychology and graduation education as well as through the Adult Degree Program. She has also served as a consulting psychologist for the Highland County Public Schools for the past 30 years.

In addition to work experiences, Koressa was a member of the Highland County School Board during the 1990s, a PTO president, and member of several committees at the Hiner Church of the Brethren in McDowell. She has served on numerous educational committees including the School Psychology Advisory Committee for the Virginia Department of Education.

In addition to her husband Joe, Koressa has two children, Roy, 26 who is a construction engineer with DPR in Richmond, and Rachel, 22 who is a hotel concierge in Seattle Washington. The Malcolms live on a large farm in Highland County where they raise sheep and cattle and care for a host of pets, many who were rescue animals.

Retirement hasn't slowed Koressa down. Currently, she is covering a maternity leave for a school psychologist in the Waynesboro Public Schools and will be there through the end of January. She continues to provide services to the Highland County schools and to teach at MBC. She is looking forward to slowing down a bit in the coming months.



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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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