

# Kappa Kapers

**Kappa Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Blue Ridge Coordinating Council; IOTA State - Virginia  
Organized 1941**

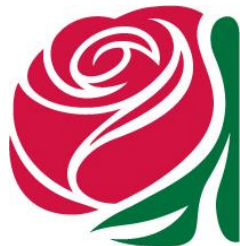
## President's Message

One of the things I liked best about teaching was the opportunity to have a fresh start at the beginning of the school year. The same opportunity is afforded to DKG chapters with the beginning of a new biennium. I am excited to meet with you September 13 and to share summer experiences and plans for the upcoming year.

After attending the Leadership Academy in June and the DKG International Convention in Nashville last month, I am filled with inspiration and ideas. Your executive board has shared that enthusiasm and planned informative meetings on a variety of topics. Several new initiatives are in the works; among them PSA announcements to be broadcast over the radio and preparing Journey Bags for children entering into foster care.

My goal for Kappa Chapter is to have more members involved in programs and activities throughout the biennium. Committees will be asked to be more active in planning and presentation of programs. New ideas are more than welcome.

For those of you still active in education I wish a smooth and good start for the new year. I hope all of you enjoyed a good summer in spite of too hot, too wet and too dry weather spells. Autumn is my favorite season of the year and I look forward to cooler and less humid days.



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The Finance Committee is proposing, with the endorsement of Kappa's Executive Board, a dues increase of \$5 for ACTIVE members to a total of \$90. Dues have remained unchanged for the past several years. The additional money will remain within the chapter. This would help the chapter in balancing its budget, supporting our chapter projects, supplementing our GIA, enabling Kappa to sponsor a member for leadership training and reimbursing registration costs of attendees at state and international functions. RESERVE members' dues would remain at \$35. Sandy Proctor will be collecting dues at the September and October meetings or you can mail a check to her at 206 Hudson Ave, Staunton, VA 24401. You can pay in two equal installments but it must be paid by the Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> deadline.



# Upcoming Meeting

## Business Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Wilson Middle School (library)

232 Hornet Rd

Fishersville, VA 22939

6:00 PM - Social Hour

6:30 PM - Meeting

Hostesses: Shirley Crawford (chair)

Ronda Reames

Jean Liggett

Peggy Beck



*S.E.E. update: A scroll (letter about DKG) and DKG pen were distributed to all first year teachers in Augusta County and Staunton City Schools in August.*

## Introducing your new Kappa officers...



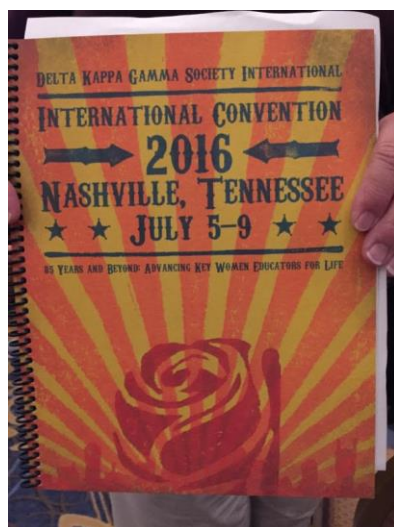
*From left to right: Scarlett Kiser (Corresponding Secretary), Susan Schuckman (Recording Secretary), Lynne Carson (President), Shelly Moore (1<sup>st</sup> VP)*

*Lynne's theme is Uno Mas - "one more" thing for DKG.*

# International Convention



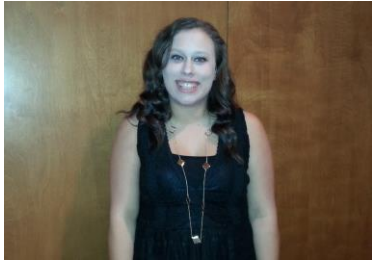
*Lynne Carson, Anne Perdue, Susan Doughty and Julia Van de Water represented Kappa Chapter at the international convention in Nashville July 5-9.*



**Timekeepers**  
Royce Boyd, PA, chair  
Bonnie Barnes, PA  
Daphne Cagle, CA  
Susan Doughty, VA  
Virginia McChesney, GA  
Dr. Fusa Nakagawa, Japan  
Susan Stamm, PA  
Martha Turner, LA



## Grant-in-Aid Recipient



Emma Pack, a graduate of RHS, was involved in various school activities and community service opportunities. She quoted Ignacio Estrada in her essay, "If the child cannot learn in the way we teach, we must teach in a way that the child can learn." She will be going to BRCC with the hope of then transferring to JMU.

*Congratulations to Julia Van de Water for being selected to serve on the International Leadership Development Committee.*



## Friend of Education Award



Jim Britt of WSVA was recognized with the "Friend of Education" award presented by Bea Morris.



## Other Awards



Anne Perdue was selected to receive the "Honor Our Own" award. CC chair and incoming Chapter President Lynne Carson presented the award.

BRAND Awards to Koressa Malcolm, Fatih Ballew and Scarlett Kiser for their work on the Publicity Committee.

Membership Awards:

Jean Smith – 50

Susan Doughty – 25

Carol Fenn – 25

# KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

“Knowledge is power,” a quotation attributed to Francis Bacon and used by Thomas Jefferson at least twice, must be our mantra between now and November 8. How ironic it is that today we are drowning in information, that in the blink of an eye, information can be sent to billions of people around the world; yet, it seems knowledge is a scarcity.

Knowledge requires thoughtful analysis of information and ferreting out inaccuracies. We must be willing to do whatever it takes to be knowledgeable about what is happening in our state and country and what candidates’ words indicate about their beliefs, their abilities, and their character. Truly, these are perilous times, and we can’t afford the luxury of letting somebody else assume the responsibilities of citizenship while we babysit the grandchildren, play golf, or take the family on a cruise. These are poor excuses for the demands on our time when the results of not being knowledgeable could be unprepared, unethical, and undisciplined leaders.

It’s possible for some to assume positions of power by clever manipulation rather than by a background of knowledge. We must insist that the power of our leaders on all levels be gained by knowledge about the people they represent, about the complexities of the issues to come before them, and about the ramifications of their choice of words and the decisions they will have to make.

Being knowledgeable is a continuing process, not a goal that can be reached. And today we are blessed with a myriad of ways to acquire both information and knowledge. We must be willing to read a variety of newspapers and listen to analysts with varying viewpoints and then judge for ourselves. We must not succumb to the current belief that surface level sound bytes with catchy phrasing that entertain us are sufficient evidence on which to base our vote. Neither can we declare that we have always voted for a particular political party and always will. This requires no thought or knowledge.

The biggest cop-out of all is declaring that we do not like any candidate and believing that this is a good enough excuse not to vote at all or to make a ridiculous write-in. Thousands and thousands of lives have been sacrificed over the years to protect our right to vote. This protected and cherished right is the envy of many all around the world. Refusing to exercise this right in good faith is a dishonor to those sacrifices.

As Delta Kappa Gamma members, we profess **to be key women educators**. If that identification has any meaning at all to us, between now and November 8 we will study the issues and the candidates and encourage others to do the same. And we will make sure that we use the power of our knowledge by voting on November 8.



## Kappa Chapter 2016-2017 Programs

Date - Time - Place		Program Committee in Charge
September 13, 2016 6:00 p.m. Wilson Middle School Library 232 Hornet Road, Fishersville VA 22939	Fiesta: Una Más Theme Journey bags Goal Setting/Bios/Writing	Executive Board
October 18, 2016 6:00 p.m. Stuarts Draft Elementary Cafeteria 1088 Augusta Farm Road, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477	Human Trafficking Membership Suggestions	Legislative Committee Membership Committee
December 6, 2016 6:00 p.m. Wilson Middle School Library 232 Hornet Road, Fishersville, VA 22939	The Foster Care System Angela Leffel, Nicole Ocheltree Journey Bag Assembly	Yearbook Committee
December 10, 2016 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Stonewall Jackson Hotel 24 S. Market St. Staunton, VA 24401	MaDee Project Breakfast With Santa	Executive Board All Members Party?
January 28, 2017 10:00 a.m. Third Presbyterian Church 1313 Barterbrook Rd. Staunton, VA 24401	Birthday Brunch IOTA President Linda Hall Prospective members Orientation/Reorientation	Membership Committee
March 14, 2017 6:00 p.m. Stewart Middle School 118 Fort Defiance Rd. Fort Defiance, VA 24437	March Madness Auction STEM Classroom Bess Trainium, Heidi Whitecotton	Finance/GIA Committee
May 2, 2017 6:00 p.m. Third Presbyterian Church 1313 Barterbrook Rd Staunton, VA 24401	Recognition Dinner Grant in Aid Friend of Education Award Initiation BRAND Awards	Finance Committee Publicity/ Communications Nominations/Initiation
September 12, 2017 6:00 p.m. Wilson MS/Stuarts Draft	Business Meeting Committees Meet	Executive Board

# 2016 Fall Executive Board Meeting



## September 23-24, 2016 Fredericksburg Hospitality House Meeting and Meal Registration Form

Deadline September 7

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (Circle one):  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ XS S M L XL XXL  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinating Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:  
 2016-2018 Chapter President     State Officer/Staff Member     HAB Member  
 2016-2018 Chapter Officer     State Committee Chair     Coordinating Council Chair  
 First Executive Board Meeting     State Committee Member     Past State President

**Photo Release:** I grant permission to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Virginia, IOTA State Organization, to use my photograph on the IOTA State website, in The BRIDGE and/or any official media of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.  
 Yes     No    Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Board Registration	Cost	Number	Total
Registration fee (Add \$10 late fee if mailed after September 7)	\$30.00		
Friday Night Pizza & Salad Meet and Greet Social	\$22.00		
Saturday Luncheon*  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <span>Sliced Turkey</span> <span>Circle one choice: Sliced Virginia Ham    Vegetarian</span> </div>	\$27.00		
*Please indicate any special dietary needs or food allergies:		Total Enclosed	

Mail check payable to IOTA State and form to Glenna Hensdill, PO Box 11, Castlewood, VA 24224  
 The cost of meals includes tax and gratuities. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

### HOTEL RESERVATION

IOTA State Executive Board Meeting – September 23-24, 2016  
**FREDERICKSBURG HOSPITALITY HOUSE & CONFERENCE CENTER**  
 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

The management/staff of the Fredericksburg Hospitality House & Conference Center/1859 Historic Hotels, LTD welcome the opportunity to serve you.

To make reservations, contact the hotel by phone: 540-786-8321  
 or book online at: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1512717&hotelID=15003>

#### SLEEPING ROOMS

Rate: \$95.00 Single or Double Occupancy + 11.3% tax.  
 All rooms are non-smoking.  
 Rate includes up to two breakfast tickets per room per night for a full hot breakfast.  
 Reservations received after the cut-off date, September 7, will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

## CLAIM VOUCHER

Please itemize expenditures and attach all statements/bills. Complete and give this voucher to Treasurer for payment. Completed voucher must be submitted to receive reimbursement for expenses.

Payee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Line Item	Description	Amount

**Paid by the Treasurer:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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