

Kappa Kapers

**Kappa Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Blue Ridge Coordinating Council; IOTA State - Virginia
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President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were as wonderful as mine – filled with much family, fun and food. It is hard to believe 2016 has passed and we are into a new year.

The year 2017 promises to present changes and challenges to our personal lives and the professional lives as educators. Through DKG and Kappa Chapter we can make our positions known and influence how the challenges will be met.

Did you make a new year's resolution? Have you included the goal you set for this biennium in your resolution? One good idea would be to join other IOTA State members in attending the Lobby Day. It is not too late to register. Are you planning to attend the first chapter meeting of 2017? Come to meet prospective members who will be attending along with members from our other Blue Ridge Coordinating Council chapter – Rho. Our guest will be IOTA State President Linda Hall. You will be inspired by her energy and enthusiasm!

It has been encouraging to see your involvement in chapter activities and suggestions of more ways to make Kappa shine. The PSA segments which have aired the past months have made us more visible in the community. Participation in putting Journey Bags together and working at the Santa Breakfast to benefit the MaDee Project were outstanding! Thanks to everyone who helped with these projects. We need more ideas and more projects. Don't hesitate to share your good ideas with all of us.

It is a new year full of opportunities and possibilities. Help to make them a reality. Make Kappa Chapter a part of the way to make this happen.

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Upcoming Meeting

Brunch Meeting & Program

Saturday, January 28, 2017

10:00 AM

Third Presbyterian Church
1313 Barterbrook Rd.
Staunton, VA 24401

Lead Collect – Dee Hoy

Collect Money – Sandy Proctor

Responsible Committee –
Membership

Cost of brunch is \$10 and
reservations are due to Kappa
Callers by January 20



Potential initiates and Rho Chapter members have been invited to attend this meeting. This will also serve as a Blue Ridge Coordinating Council meeting.



Linda Hall, IOTA State President, will be our speaker.



Happy Birthday

February



Judy Baylor - 20th

Jean Liggett - 21st

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

January 9, 2017, STAUNTON, Va. — After nearly 34 years of service in the field of education, including five years as superintendent of Staunton City Schools, Dr. Linda Reviea tonight announced her retirement to the Staunton School Board during its regularly scheduled meeting, effective at the conclusion of the current academic year on June 30, 2017. The Board voted unanimously to accept her resignation, although with mixed emotions.

School Board Chair Ron Ramsey expressed well wishes and congratulations to Reviea in her next chapter but also heaviness of heart at the thought of her impending departure. He called attention to the positive and substantial influence of Reviea’s guidance over the last five years and praised Reviea for her successes in effecting progress, recognition and improved academic proficiency in Staunton City Schools.

“Dr. Reviea has been an incredibly positive influence on every aspect of the division, from instruction to facilities to student services to technology and more. She is a visible presence in every school, steadily attending the full range of student extracurricular activities and always working to help spread the word about all that our students and teachers are accomplishing every day. She is a tireless advocate for providing the best education and opportunities for our students at every level, and she has also brought a significant amount of positive attention to Staunton City Schools through her many roles at the state and local levels,” Ramsey said. “There have been many times each of us on the Board has wondered where Dr. Reviea found the energy to do so much, and that is before you consider the many ways she has been involved in the larger Staunton community. We very much appreciate everything she has done and continues to do for our students and the entire Staunton school system. We will rely on her vision and leadership up until the last possible moment. Clearly, she will be a hard act for anyone to follow.”

December Meeting Highlights



Sarah Nicklas and Nichole Ocheltree shared their individual experiences as a foster parent. Members then donated items and put together Journey Bags that were taken to the Augusta County Social Services office.



KAPPA CALLERS 2016-17

The program committee is continuing the use of contacting groups to keep members informed. The group captain is responsible for emailing/calling her group members before each meeting reminding them of meetings and other information.

Group 1 Faith Ballew, Group Captain
 Carol Fenn
 Sandy Proctor
 Linda Reviea
 Julia Van de Water
 Sylvia Moore (Reserve)

Group 2 Marcia Elliott, Group Captain
 Ellen Abernethy (Reserve)
 Erika Kancler
 Sarah Nicklas
 Roxie OBrien
 Karen OBrien

Group 3 Anne Perdue, Group Captain
 Mary Etta Cornett
 Susan Doughty
 Kathy Glass
 Jean Liggett
 Sharon Spalding

Group 4 Marilyn Long, Group Captain
 Christi Almarode
 Judy Baylor
 Betty Bennett
 Lynne Carson
 Kathy Martin

Group 5 Shelly Moore, Group Captain
 Elaine Almarode (Reserve)
 Dee Hoy
 Scarlett Kiser
 Vrla Leach
 Ronda Reames

Group 6 Bea Morris, Group Captain
 Martha Chew
 Dorris Wampler (Reserve)
 Susan Schuckman
 Margaret Shifflett
 Jean Smith (Reserve)



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: Chapter Active Chapter Honorary

Name of person recommended:

Name

Address

Phone Number

E-mail _____

Current position title:

Employer:

Total years as a 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.

Community activities:

Endorsed by one or more members:

Name

Chapter/State

Dates

Required Sponsor



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