

# 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

What a roller coaster ride 2017 has been so far! The weather cannot decide if we are to experience winter or skip over to spring. One day is winter, the next day spring. While I love seeing the daffodils blooming and trees flowering I hold my breath waiting for snow and cold weather. The political scene is equally chaotic with changes coming from all directions. As the bard noted "Beware the Ides of March."

It was great to have so many attend the January meeting and especially to have guests. Having Linda Hall and Dr. Mary Mehaffey visit for the IOTA Leadership made the 70th birthday celebration special. Two ladies attended who may become new members. The generosity of the members present following the call for donations to support was wonderful. If you were unable to attend you were missed and will hopefully be at the March meeting.

We have the opportunity to hear about the STEM program from teachers who are immersed in it. These kinds of programs are appearing in many schools as a way to entice students to enter the fields of science, engineering and math. Our future needs leaders in each of these fields and the classrooms of today will supply them.

Several Kappa members attended the 2017 Lobby Day and discussed the legislative priorities of IOTA State at every opportunity. Being there and having the opportunity to discuss education issues with our representatives is good for all. Thank you Bea Morris for continuing to keep us informed and urging us forward. Think about joining this group next year.

The IOTA State Convention is coming up at the end of April. Think about attending and being a part of this opportunity to experience DKG beyond the chapter level. There is still plenty of time to register. Likewise, a number of Kappa members are already planning to travel to Myrtle Beach in July to attend the Southeast Regional Conference. There is transportation available; Jane Williams would be delighted to have you ride the bus with other IOTA members.

Change is inevitable. Don't let it just happen. Be a part of it.



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Hello Kappa Leaders,

I want to thank you for the lovely brunch meeting this past Saturday. It was a pleasure to meet so many of the members of your chapter.

The brunch was delicious, the company wonderful and I enjoyed meeting the prospective new members. I also want to thank you for the wonderful basket of precious baby items. I can't wait to put the "pink" to good use! I will enjoy sharing the storybook and stuffed toy with baby Rosie and will always be reminded of the wonderful women of the Kappa Chapter of DKG. You are truly the best!

Thanks for all you do for DKG.

Sincerely,  
Linda

# Upcoming Meeting

## Program & GIA Generosity Night

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

6:00 PM

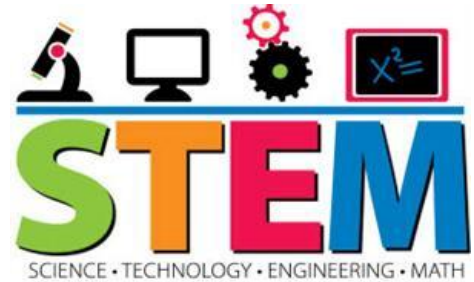
S. Gordon Stewart Middle School

118 Fort Defiance Rd,  
Fort Defiance, VA 24437

Come in the main entrance by the  
flagpole and we will meet in the Stem  
Classroom

Responsible Committee –  
Finance/GIA

Hostesses: Susan Doughty (Chair)  
Dee Hoy, Betty Bennett, Sharon  
Spalding



Program: Would a STEM classroom be for YOU????

Presenters: Heidi Whitecotton and Bess Trainum

BRING YOUR THINKING CAPS!!!!

In lieu of an auction we are going to ask for donations for the Downs-Ryerson Grant-In-Aid. Please be generous as we are trying to raise \$1,000. It was suggested that based on our membership, each person contribute \$30 to the GIA fund. We appreciate those who have already donated at the January meeting. If you cannot attend the March meeting another option would be to mail a check to Chapter Treasurer Sandy Proctor at 206 Hudson Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401.



## March

12 Kathy Martin

Happy Birthday  
Happy Birthday



## April

7 Scarlett Kiser

7 Ronda Reames

12 Mary Etta Cornett

15 Roxanne OBrien



### ROCKINGHAM SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT FENN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Harrisonburg, Va. – Tonight, at the Rockingham County School Board meeting, Dr. Carol Smith Fenn, Superintendent of Schools, announced that she will complete her service as Superintendent at the conclusion of the 2016-17 academic year. The June 30, 2017, date marks Fenn's 10th year of service as the school division's chief executive and administrative officer who is responsible for the leadership of 25 schools, 11,300 students, and 2,500 employees. She is one of the longest-serving current division superintendents in the region.

Upon announcing her retirement, Fenn took time to reflect upon the last 10 years, giving credit for accomplishments to devoted teachers and staff, dedicated school board members, and to a very supportive board of supervisors. "As I look back on the amazing experience of the last 10 years, I am humbled and proud of what—together—we have accomplished in challenging economic times, enormous demands on educators, and profound changes in technology," said Fenn. During Fenn's decade of service, the school division has:

\*\*\*To read the entire release please see attached pdf.

## January Meeting Highlights



Kappa Chapter celebrated its 70 birthday! Linda Hall, IOTA State President, spoke to the group about the privilege of membership and the advantages DKG has to offer. Anne Perdue followed up with a re-orientation PowerPoint. Prospective members, Vicky Conyers and Cheryl Sams, also attended as well as Mary Mehaffey, IOTA State Second VP.



# 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.

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Community activities:

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Endorsed by one or more members:

Name

Chapter/State

Dates

Required Sponsor

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