

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

With spring here and spring break over it won't be long until the school year ends. That always means a busy time for educators. In looking ahead there are a number of things to bring to your attention.

The IOTA State Convention will be in just a few weeks. There is still time to register if you have not done so. We even have one Kappa member looking for a roommate. If you made a resolution to attend a DKG function beyond the chapter level, this is your chance. Come and join the discussion about the direction in which IOTA State will move. Be present to welcome the new officers who will serve the next biennium. Spend some time with friends, old and new, in a most congenial environment.

Of course, make sure you attend the last Kappa meeting of the year on May 2. We will be honoring our members, recognizing our grant-in-aid recipient and welcoming a new member. Respond to your Kappa Caller when she contacts you as this is a meal function.

Why not be part of the Virginia group traveling to Myrtle Beach in July for the Southeast Regional Conference? No region is as welcoming and friendly as the Southeast. A wonderful program of speakers and sessions has been planned. Talk to chapter members who will be going and join in the fun. You might even decide to extend your time in South Carolina with a family vacation!

My thanks to all of you who have helped me in the planning and business of our meetings this year. I appreciate it more than you can know. As we look ahead to the next year feel free to make suggestions and comments as to what you would like to see carried out. I welcome your input.

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Care & Concern

Carol Fenn's mother passed away March 13.

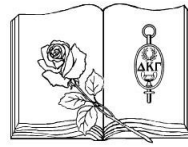


Celebrations

We reached our goal of collecting \$1,000 for the Grant-in-aid. Thanks to all who contributed.

Carol Fenn and Linda Rivea will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Upcoming Meeting



Dinner Meeting & Initiation

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017

6:00 PM Initiation

6:20 PM Dinner

Third Presbyterian Church
1313 Barterbrook Rd
Staunton, VA 24401

Responsible Committees –
Finance/GIA
Publicity/Communications
Nominations/Initiation

Kappa Callers need your
reservation by April 25.

Cheryl Sams, a math teacher at WMHS, will be initiated.

Recognition of Kappa's 2017 Downs-Ryerson Grant-in-Aid Recipient

If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, please send a check in the amount of \$13 to Sandy Proctor, 206 Hudson Ave, Staunton, VA

Menu

Chicken Divine
Mashed Potatoes
Baked Apples
Side Salad
Bread
Dessert
Coffee/Tea



May

6 Anne Perdue
10 Karen OBrien
12 Dee Hoy

June

2 Shelly Moore
12 Lynne Carson
17 Betty Bennett

July

11 Julia C. Van de Water
13 Bea Morris
25 Ellen Abernethy
27 Elaine Almarode
28 Susan Schuckman
29 Martha Chew

August

8 Sandy Proctor
20 Linda Reviea
23 Susan Doughty
27 Faith Ballew
29 Vrla Leach

June 13 – Mark Your Calendar Now!

People are accustomed to voting the second Tuesday in November. Many consider it their civic duty and often boast that they have never missed voting since they first registered. Some have been in a quandary on election day because they have difficulty deciding who deserves their vote and sometimes declare that they really don't like either candidate and just have to mark a ballot for the lesser of the evils.

June 13 is important because that's the date of the primary when citizens choose candidates for the November elections. Wouldn't it be wonderful if any indecision November 7 is because we have two excellent candidates who want to serve? Political parties determine their procedure for nominating candidates. They may choose a convention where only those party members who attend the convention may choose the candidate and, of course, the party bears the cost of this method. Or they may choose a primary, which is paid for by state funds.

Virginia is an open primary state, so any properly registered citizen, regardless of party affiliation, may be a part of the selection process. Even a 17-year-old who will be 18 on or before the November 7 election may vote in the primary.

Primary voting is held in the same precincts and follows the same basic procedures as the November elections. Be sure to have a picture ID, etc., just as you would in a regular election. You do not have to declare party affiliation, but you will be asked if you want a Democratic or a Republican ballot. Therefore, you can't vote for a Republican for the candidate for governor and a Democrat for the candidate for lieutenant governor. Some party members are fearful that someone from the opposing party will vote in their primary for the one they believe would be a weaker candidate in the general election, giving their candidate an advantage. What a perversion of the privilege of voting this would be! Democracy truly is in peril when it is more important to manipulate the system to get one's party elected rather than to ensure two strong candidates.

The following will be on the primary ballot:

For Governor

Ralph Northam (D)
Tom Pierriello (D)
Ed Gillespie (R)
Corey Stewart (R)
Frank Wagner (R)

For Lieutenant Governor

Justin Fairfax (D)
Susan Platt (D)
Gene Rossi (D)
Glen Davis (R)
Bryce Reeves (R)
Jill Vogel (R)

For Attorney General

John Adams (R)
Chuck Smith (R)

(Attorney General Mark Herring is the only declared Democratic candidate, so he will not appear on the primary ballot.)

In November all members of the House of Delegates will be up for election. Districts with more than one candidate from a party for the office of delegate will also have these candidates on their June 13 ballot.

These primary candidates are making appearances in various venues all over the state. Please attend these events, visit their websites, read about them, and be prepared to vote on **June 13** for what is just as important as the November 7 election, if not more important. We know what happens when two candidates who are not respected are the only choices in a general election.



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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