## Kappa Kapers

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

## President's Message

The commercial world does its best to advance the holiday season with pre-sales and Black Friday events. The movement begins almost as soon as back to school sales are over and it is full swing after Halloween is over.

Thanksgiving is bypassed by this commercial activity but I have always cherished Thanksgiving Day. I like to pause and count the blessings of family and friends and the meals we share. I enjoy reflecting on the many good things in our world; the beauty of trees bursting with glorious color, the freedoms of this great nation of ours and the opportunities found here that are lacking in so many parts of the world. I find it peaceful to pause in quiet celebration before the Christmas season and all of its obligations, joys and stress descend in December. Perhaps you do also.

May you enjoy all that the holiday season brings.

It was wonderful to see such positive participation in the efforts this fall. Between the sales of snacks at Fall Executive Board and participation in the Belk Charity Days, Kappa chapter has raised more than half the money needed for our Grant-in-Aid. For this I thank you. Please share any other fundraising ideas you have so that garnering these funds does not become onerous.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in Delta Kappa Gamma, please consider stepping forward to a leadership role as an officer in Kappa chapter for the next biennium. Let me know of your interest as nominees for new officers are being considered now.

Continue to show care and concern for fellow chapter members faced with challenges, joys and sorrows. Especially think of those who cannot attend meetings regularly. Your reaching out will make them feel remembered and appreciated. We all are warmed by kind words.

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Reminder of the MaDee Project Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at Stonewall Jackson Hotel from 8-11:30 am.

## **Upcoming Meeting**

#### **Program Meeting**

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

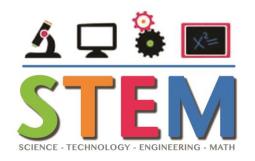
6:00 PM

Stewart Middle School

118 Fort Defiance Rd, VA 24437

Hostesses: Susan Doughty (chair) Betty Bennett Sharon Spalding





Program - STEM Classroom

Presented by – Bess Trainium and Heidi Whitecotton

Journey Bag Assembly

## Belk Charity Day Update

Kappa Chapter had a successful fundraiser as we participated in the Belk Charity Day. We have deposited \$525 in our scholarship account. We also will receive additional money from Belk for participating from 6:00-10:00 am on Saturday, November 4. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the project by selling (and buying) tickets. Thanks to Lynne Carson, Susan Doughty, Kathy Glass and Anne Perdue for manning the table on Thursday, November 2 and Saturday, November 4.



Return DKG Prospect Cards with names and information about possible Kappa Initiates to Shelly Moore.

	DKG Pr	rospect Card	
Name			
Address			
E-mail			
Employer			
Position			
Phone			
Sponsor			



#### December

13 Cheryl Sams

31 Kathy Glass

#### January

1 Sharon Spalding



## Legislative News and Survey

Thanks to all who have let me know that you voted! I'm sure everyone who could did vote, but please let me know if you voted or not so that we can determine a percentage of our chapter voting.

We know the new Governor will be Ralph Northam, Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax, and Attorney General Mark Herring. Incumbents won all local House races, but the majority party in the House of Delegates won't be known until all provisional ballots across the state are counted and the recounts are finished. Regardless, the outcome of this election means that there will be definite changes in the 2018 General Assembly committees. This is important because committees are where good bills sometimes die and bad bills get passed on. If the Democrats gain two more seats, committee chairs will share authority. In the words of the famous Yogi Berra, "It ain't over 'til it's over." But it sometimes feels as though "it ain't ever over!"

Bea Morris



The IOTA State Legislative Committee has asked that each chapter poll their members to determine their top two legislative topic preferences for the upcoming Leadership Development Seminars. Please look at the list of topics below and let me know which **two** you find interesting. You can email your choices to me (<a href="mailto:braemhor@gmail.com">braemhor@gmail.com</a>) or bring your choices to the next chapter meeting. Once your responses are submitted, they will be tabulated and reported to the Legislative Committee. The choices for Seminar Topics are:

- 1. ONE VIRGINIA 2021 Why the redistricting system in Virginia needs to be reformed
- 2. Who are the important actors on educational issues in Virginia?
- 3. What are the important questions to ask legislators?
- 4. How to be a successful lobbyist.
- 5. Education bills that didn't pass the last session but will return for consideration next term.
- 6. Other:

## Spotlight on Member...



Jean Smith has moved!

... to The Summit in Lynchburg

Address: 1320 Enterprise Rd Apartment 204

Lynchburg VA 24502

434-239-0819

We are so happy to have her closer for more frequent visits!!



### Care and Concern

Dee Hoy recently had a hip replacement and will be having the second one replaced as well. Send cards to this address:

C/O Lynn Care Center 1000 N. Shenandoah Ave. Front Royal, VA 22630 Sarah Nicklas is teaching at a new school this year with many challenges.

232 Wakefield Pl Harrisonburg, VA 22801

## Highlights from October Meeting









Sharon Spalding led her weekly session of boot camp for cancer survivors and members of Kappa joined in. Then Bess Maxwell gave the group a tour of the Murphy-Deming Building which houses Mary Baldwin's Health Sciences program.



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