

Kappa Kapers

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President's Message

I hope each of you are surviving this roller coaster winter season. One day it is sooooo cold and then the next we are looking forward to spring. I do hope we will see spring very soon.

Thanks to each of you for attending the brunch in January. Vicki Newburn gave us some very inspiring remarks. I also want to thank the prospective members, Kim Collett, Heather Cooper and Amy Cerminara for attending. It is wonderful these ladies are interested in Delta Kappa Gamma. I look forward to seeing all of you at the March and May meetings.

Our March 5, 2019, meeting will be held at Stewart Middle School at 118 Fort Defiance Road, Fort Defiance, Virginia at 6 p.m. The meeting will be in the media center. There is a change in the program as New Creations Virginia is unable to present any programs at this time. Instead, the program will be given by Emily Kilgore, Director of Education and Engagement of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum located in Staunton. I am sure this will be very informative and interesting. Hostesses for the March meeting will be Dee Hoy, Scarlett Kiser, Emily Petkus and Susan Doughty. This is a change from what is listed in the Kappa Handbook.

Right around the corner will be DKG Virginia State Convention to be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Charlottesville on April 26-28, 2019. On May 7, 2019, Kappa will recognize the Downs-Ryerson Grant-In-Aid recipient at this dinner meeting. The DKG Leadership Academy will be held June 21-23, 2019 at Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia and finally the DKG Southeast Regional Conference will be held on June 27-29, 2019 in Asheville, North Carolina. Please consider attending these upcoming events. I have found them to be very interesting and educational.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March 5th meeting. Keep warm or in some cases, enjoy the sunshine. We don't seem to get it enough these days. Thanks for your commitment to the Kappa Chapter. Remember, to invite a fellow educator to a meeting.

Susan

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2019-20 Dues Payment

As a result of a vote taken at the DKG International Convention in 2018, the DKG membership year is July 1-June 30. A member shall pay annual dues and fees no later than **June 30** for the following fiscal year. Therefore, 2019-20 dues (\$90 for active members; \$35 for reserve) are due no later than June 30, 2019. Sandy Proctor (206 Hudson Ave, Staunton, VA 24401) will begin taking dues payments at the March meeting.

Upcoming Meeting

Program and Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Stewart Middle School

118 Fort Defiance Road, Fort Defiance

Hostesses: Dee Hoy

Emily Petkus

Scarlett Kiser

Susan Doughty



Program: The Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum

Emily Kilgore – Director of Education and Engagement

Care and Concern

Sandy Proctor is recovering from knee surgery.



Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday



March

12 Kathy Martin

April

7 Scarlett Kiser

Ronda Reames

11 Stephanie Sebolt

12 Mary Etta Cornett

Emily Petkus

15 Roxanne OBrien

Spotlight on Member...

Sylvia Moore

The photo was taken in a school house in S. Dakota where Laura I. Wilder attended.

Daughter Mimi Moore says, "She loved her career as an Elementary School Supervisor, but one newspaper article that I read quoted her as saying "even though she has received many professional accolades, Moore considers her four children her proudest accomplishment".



Sylvia Sheaks Moore, a native of New Market, graduated from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia in 1948 with a B.A. in English. She taught English at New Market HS for four years and then took leave of the education field for 13 years to raise her four children with husband, Joe. She received her Masters in Education from Madison College (JMU) in 1968 and pursued post graduate studies at Geneseo State University of NY and UVA. For seven years, Sylvia was Title I reading teacher in the elementary schools of northern Rockingham Co., leaving that position at Plains Elementary School in 1972 to become Elementary Supervisor in Rockingham Co. until retirement in 1989. While in that capacity, Sylvia served as coordinator of Social Studies K-12, supervisor of English/Language Arts K-12, and coordinator of programs for the gifted. These included a regional Governor's School and popular summer programs for elementary and middle school students. She also served as a consultant with the Virginia Dept. of Education in the development and assessment of the Standards of Learning for Social Studies, and in 1984 chaired the state textbook adoption committee for elementary social studies (Silver Burdette's Virginia History and Geography, 1985, a 4th grade social studies text and Macmillan/McGraw-Hill's Virginia, the World Around Us, 1991). She also coordinated Rockingham Co. Schools' United States Bicentennial studies and commemorations.

Sylvia was the first woman president of the Virginia Consortium of Social Studies Supervisors and College Educators (VCSSCE) 1983-84 and received the annual "Friend to Education" award in 1984 from the Virginia Council for the Social Studies. Other professional affiliations included Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of key women educators, AAUW and Phi Delta Kappa. She was president of Beta Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, 1982-84, and served on most of the chapter's committees while an active member. She attended the Golden Gift Leadership-Management Seminar in Austin, Texas in 1983. She served as Iota State Parliamentarian 1985-87 and was chairman of the Professional Development Seminar in 1988. Sylvia also was chairman of Iota State Long Range Planning Committee and the Personnel Committee. She was a member of the State Scholarship Committee for two biennium. She served as President of Valley Supervisors and received the Administrator of the Year award in 1989 by Greater Madison, Inc.

Sylvia was a charter member and twice president of the Cohee Garden Club in New Market where she was also a lifetime member of Reformation Lutheran Church. She served four three year terms on the Church Council and co-chaired the Bicentennial Committee. She was a member of the team in charge of designing the stained glass windows. Sylvia served on the Executive Board of Directors for Shenandoah Memorial Hospital and was an active member of the New Market High School Alumni Association (Class of 1944), attending most of the reunions until three years ago.

After a very rewarding career, Sylvia retired in June 1989 from 23 years of teaching and supervising elementary education in Rockingham Co. Schools. She then enjoyed a part-time job as supervisor of student teachers for JMU. During retirement she traveled widely to 24 foreign countries, including three trips with Global Volunteers to teach English to children in Poland, Crete and Turkey.

In April 2000, she moved from her home of 50 years north of New Market to the retirement community of VMRC where she was active on many committees and President of the Resident's Council for one year. A lifelong gardener, Sylvia started an adopt-a-plot resident gardening program and maintained her flower bed outside the back door until she was 88! She enjoyed participating in two book groups (one Delta Kappa Gamma's) and started a poetry read group at Park Gables. For several years she was a volunteer reader to special needs students at Plains Elementary School. She served on the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival Board of Directors. Sylvia was also an active participant in the Life Long Learning Institute for many years and attended Senior College brown bag lunch classes at JMU.

In 2011, Sylvia completed the last trip on her bucket list when her daughter, Mimi, and friend took her on the Laura Ingalls Wilder Trail through Wisconsin, Iowa, S. Dakota and Minnesota. Being a former teacher, she enjoyed visiting as many one room school houses as possible across the midwest!

Highlights from last meeting



Vicki Newburn, IOTA State President, visited with Kappa Chapter and presented on the ABC's of IOTA.

Bea Morris was presented with a pin celebrating 50 years of membership in DKG by Kappa President, Susan Schuckman and Vicki Newburn.





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