

Kappa Kapers

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Kappa Chapter, Virginia State Organization
Blue Ridge Coordinating Council**

President's Message

Greetings Kappa Members:

Wow! It is November and I ask myself were the time has gone! Fall is certainly upon us and I think this is one of the busiest times of the year for anyone. Our November Kappa meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at Beverley Manor Middle School Media Center located at 58 Cedar Green Road, Staunton. The meeting will begin at 6 pm and the program is Project Grow. I am not familiar with this program so I am looking forward to learning something new that evening. I hope you will too!

I have some information from Virginia Delta Kappa Gamma to share with you. Meg Gruber, Communications and Publicity Chair, wants me to share that the state website has a new address. It is www.va-state.org. The username and password will remain the same. Also, Gequetta Bright Laney, 2nd Vice-President of Virginia State DKG is asking each chapter to induct at least one member a year. Kappa has already met that challenge and I want to challenge each one of you to invite a prospective member to the January 4, 2020 information session on membership. Please let Shelly Moore know of any prospective members at your very earliest convenience.

Don't forget to volunteer for the MaDee Project to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. Anne Perdue will be asking members to sign-up to assist at the November meeting.

Lastly, Anne Perdue and Bea Morris are the nominations committee to elect officers for the 2020-2022 biennium. I am asking each of you to think about being an officer. I have learned a lot about DKG and have enjoyed it very much. If you have any questions about a particular office, I know Anne and Bea will be able to answer them or get you the answers.

Again, I look forward to seeing you on November 19th. Enjoy this weather and the beautiful fall season.

Warmest regards,

Susan

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Upcoming Meeting

Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, October 19, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Beverly Manor Middle School
Media Center
58 Cedar Green Rd, Staunton

Hostesses – Faith Ballew
Jennifer Floyd
Anne Perdue
Sandy Proctor



Program – Project GROWS – Megan Townley

Induction of Angela Wilson

CALLING ALL SINGERS! WE NEED YOU!

Do you enjoy singing? Do you sing in a church choir or are you a member of another choral group? Do you love music & simply want to become involved in a vocal ensemble? If so, please consider joining Kappa Singers, Kappa Chapter's Choral Ensemble.

Kappa Singers is currently composed of Lynne Carson, Mary Etta Cornett, Susan Doughty, Bea Morris, & Ronda Reames. Our accompanist is Dee Hoy.

Responsibilities include leading the singing of the Response to the Collect for chapter dinner meetings & performing one or more selections during our Induction Ceremonies. Occasionally, the group is asked to perform for other special DKG events as well. Rehearsals are generally slated a half hour prior to the scheduled dinner meeting time.

If you are interested in adding your voice to the group OR possess piano skills, please speak with any member of Kappa Singers. We'd love to have you join us!

Music Committee Chair – Ronda Reames

Happy Birthday

November

21 Courtney Hallacher



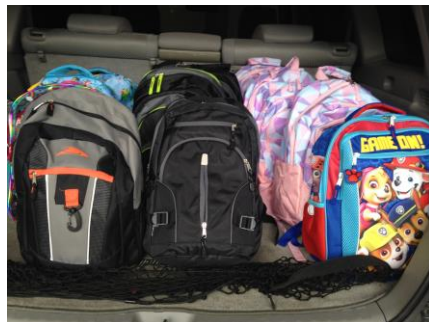
Highlights from last meeting...



Juan Pablo Berrizbeitia, Executive Director of the Blue Ridge CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), spoke during our October meeting. Established in Waynesboro in 1994, and expanding later into Lexington and Rockingham County, its vision is that every child who is the victim of abuse/neglect has a volunteer advocate. The goal is to serve 300 children annually, up from 83 children just five years ago. The idea is to assign volunteers to real cases and then the volunteer makes recommendations solely on the child's needs. Judge David Soukup was the architect of the concept. A national study indicates that kids with an advocate has 50% less chance of a second removal from the household. Getting to meet with the child once a month, the volunteer would be responsible to research and prepare a report that the judge would consider. A number of problems are associated with early trauma such as not finishing school, not being able to hold a job, and a shorter life span. That is why teachers, counselors, therapists, and friends are all vital to the child's success. Members were encouraged to volunteer, even teaming up to take on a case. The average time commitment for a case is 8-15 months. Thirty-six hours of training is required. CASA is funded by Federal Grants, state money, other grants, individual donations and fundraisers.

Journey Bags

Kappa Chapter assembled and delivered 12 Journey Bags to Shenandoah Valley Social Services on October 17. Thanks to everyone who donated money and items to make this project possible!



Membership Matters

***Rose Buddies:

Scarlett Kiser – Amy Cerminara

Susan Doughty – Heather Cooper

Anne Perdue – Angela Wilson

Sandy Proctor – Kristin Quinn

***Please make sure you have set up your profile on the International website. Username is your 6 digit society ID number. After signing in click on “My DKG” and then “My Account.” If any of your info changes be sure to update it. Contact Scarlett Kiser if you need the password to get started or have questions. You can then change your password but seven letters and numbers are required.

****The Bridge* (Virginia State Organization newsletter) will now only be available digitally. It is posted quarterly on the State website but be aware that section is password protected. Corresponding secretary, Scarlett Kiser, will forward to members in case you are not already getting it from the State via email. Editor, Lynne Carson, welcomes feedback on the new digitized newsletter.

***Want to purchase a DKG badge? Contact Glenna Hensdill at glenn@naxs.com. Her chapter sells them as a fundraiser.

If you know of a prospective member send Shelly Moore (smmoore@augusta.k12.va.us) the info by November 1st or go directly to [Prospective Members](#) and fill it in.



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