

Kappa Kapers

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

President's Message

I do hope everyone had a wonderful, happy and healthy holiday season. Many of you are now back to school, work or enjoying retirement. With that being said, the Kappa Chapter Executive Board met on Saturday, January 4th. Board members held a brunch and orientation for two prospective members, Wendy Hull, who teaches math at Stewart Middle School and Rebecca Cannady, who is an ITRT specialist at North River Elementary and Wilson Middle School. These ladies will be invited to our January brunch as well as our March and May meetings. Also, Angela Wilson, who joined in September, came to the orientation as she wanted to learn more about Delta Kappa Gamma. Thanks to Lynne Carson for securing the location and to those board members who attended. Your commitment to Kappa is greatly appreciated.

Here are some upcoming dates to be aware of the deadlines. Scholarship and stipend applications are due January 20, 2020. All of the applications are on the Virginia State DKG website. Also, international scholarship applications are due February 1, 2020. The application for the international scholarship is on the international website. Lobby Day will be held on January 28th in Richmond (see page 5 for registration form). The DKG Leadership Development Seminar will be held March 21, 2020 in Glen Allen. Deadline for registration is March 14, 2020. The application is in The Bridge winter edition newsletter. Lastly, the DKG International Convention will be held July 7-11, 2020 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The international website has information regarding this opportunity. I do hope you will take advantage of these opportunities the state and international is offering. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

I want to remind everyone of the upcoming brunch meeting to be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Third Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be Virginia State DKG 1st Vice-President Dr. Kimberly Beckerdite. Dr. Beckerdite will speak about "DKG Next". An induction ceremony is planned as well as a very short business meeting. Reservations are due January 19th. The Kappa Callers will be in touch soon! I do hope to see you on the 25th. If inclement weather is forecasted, we will make a decision by January 23rd.

Lastly, the nominations committee will be contacting you asking you to become an officer for the 2020-2022 biennium. It is a great experience and I have learned so much about the organization.

Again, I do hope to see you on the 25th. Think about inviting a teacher friend to the brunch. DKG has so many opportunities to offer and Kappa Chapter is just the beginning of these new opportunities.

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This framed Lisa Geiman print that was donated to state headquarters by Kappa Chapter in honor of Jean Smith will be up for bid among Kappa Chapter members. More details coming soon.

Upcoming Meeting

Brunch Meeting and Program

Saturday, January 25, 2020

10:00 a.m. Induction (please arrive at 9:45)

Third Presbyterian Church
1313 Barterbrook Road
Staunton, VA

Make your reservation through your Kappa
Caller by Jan. 19. The cost is \$14.



Program: "DKG Next" – Dr. Kimberley
Beckerdite – Virginia State Organization First
Vice President

*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

December

13 Cheryl Sams
15 Sylvia Moore
18 Angela Wilson
31 Kathy Glass

February

6 Amy Cerminara
20 Judy Baylor
21 Jean Liggett

Highlights from last meeting...



<https://www.projectgrows.org/>



Megan Townley (Food Access Manager) and Nichole Barrows (Education Manager) from Project GROWS presented at the November meeting. This 10 acre farm in Verona opened in 2010 with the mission of giving the community easy access to healthy foods and wanting kids to know where these foods come from. With childhood obesity and diabetes on the rise, Project GROWS is trying to change the diet of area students. And impacting students they are as they served 5,900 students in 2019, really getting to know the kids and building trust for them to try new things. They collaborate closely with Waynesboro and Staunton Public Schools but we have seen them first hand at Beverley Manor Middle School. The farm grows 40 different vegetables and fruits throughout the year and sells wholesale to schools. They also facilitate tastings and cooking classes at schools as well as fieldtrips out to the farm at no cost during the months of April, May, September and October. They work closely with the Boys and Girls Clubs and make donations to the food bank. And finally they hold a farmers market at several locations. In addition to just two paid full time positions and some paid part-time staff, the farm relies on volunteers. Over 500 people gave their time to this effort in 2019. Will you be part of that in 2020? The farm hosts garden work parties every Thursday from 2-7pm during the summer months. Project GROWS offers one-week summer camps (at a cost) for students ages 5-8 where kids would get to help with whatever needs to be done at that particular time of the growing season.

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Breakfast With Santa

We estimated 75 kids made the ginger bread ornament craft at the Madee Project Breakfast With Santa event at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel on Dec. 9. Lynne Carson, Margaret Shifflett, Kathy Glass, Susan Schuckman, Margaret Shifflett, Amy Cerminara and Scarlett Kiser were the crafting elves this year. A very special thanks to Anne Perdue who organized the shifts and Margaret Shifflett who prepared all the materials. Next year's theme as already been set for the nutcracker.



Membership Matters

Rose Buddies:

Scarlett Kiser – Amy Cerminara

Susan Doughty – Heather Cooper

Anne Perdue – Angela Wilson

Sandy Proctor – Kristin Quinn

Congratulations:

Courtney Hallacher received a Valley Alliance for Education grant "Turning Fish Poop to Food: Integrating Aeroponics." She was also the recipient of the Headwaters, Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Educator of the Year award for 2019, as well as The 2019 Virginia Conservation Educator of the Year in the secondary education division.

Cheryl Sams received a VAE grant to purchase tablets to integrate technology and coding into her math enrichment classes. Another way WMHS is bringing 21st Century skills to the classroom!



Care and Concern:

Sandy Proctor -mother passed away

Cheryl Perry – having surgery January 15th

Susan Schuckman – recovering from recent surgery

Shelly Moore – recovering from recent surgery

Marcia Elliott – improved health



*Check out these
Busy "Bea" Retirees*

Hope some of you are considering attending DKG Lobby Day on Tuesday, January 28. Many of you have new delegates for the first time in ten or twenty years and this would be an excellent time to meet them and/or their legislative assistants. See the schedule on the accompanying flyer. It would be good to make an appointment to see them and I will send out their addresses just as soon as I get them. Plan to spend Monday night with us at the Holiday Inn. We will have a nice dinner and get to know each people from other chapters. The information you need is on the flyer, but let Bea know if you have questions.

Lobby Day, January 28, 2020, Richmond

Join the conversations about the 2020 Legislative Session:

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. briefing at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
- 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. appointments with legislators
- 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. viewing of a legislative session
- 1:15 to 2:00 p.m. lunch and debriefing at St. Paul’s Church

Registration due by January 15

- Lodging at Holiday Inn Express Downtown at 201 East Cary St.
@ \$124.00 plus 13.3% tax (includes continental breakfast and shuttle service)
Parking is \$12.00 per night. Call 804-788-1600 by 1/15/2020 to ask for the block rate.
- Event registration @ \$20.00 (includes boxed lunch, room rental, and briefing materials) by 1/15/2020.

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR LOBBY DAY: Detach and send with a check for \$20.00 payable to Virginia State Organization by 1/15/2020 to

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Name: _____ **First Time?** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Chapter: _____ **Coordinating Council:** _____

Check boxed lunch selection (includes bottled water, sandwich, salad, dessert):

_____ roast beef and cheddar _____ chicken salad

_____ country ham _____ Hanover club _____ veggie wrap

Spending the night at the Holiday Inn Express: Yes _____ **No** _____

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www.va-state.org

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