

Kappa Kapers

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

President's Message

Hello Kappa Sisters:

I heard the weatherman say today that no snow for the month of February. I wonder if March will be no snow also!

Thanks to each of you for attending the brunch in January. Dr. Kimberly Beckerdite talked about DKG Next 2019 Core Values. She made me think about the core values of DKG. I think we all need to be reminded about the values of this organization. I also want to congratulate our newest members, who were inducted in January. They are Kim Collett, Laurie Nistrath and Dr. Angela Wilson. These newest members are already becoming active. Welcome to Kappa Chapter! Kappa is so glad to have you as members.

Our March 10, 2020 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. The program will be given by Bill Kyger, who is a Rockingham County Board of Supervisor for District 4. He will be speaking about the Census 2020. He is a retired educator and I understand this is very informative and interesting. Hostesses for the March meeting will be Dee Hoy, Scarlett Kiser, Susan Doughty and Susan Schuckman.

Also during March, you still have an opportunity to sign up for the 2020 Leadership Development Seminar to be held on March 21st at ECPI in Glen Allen, Virginia. Registration is due by March 14, 2019. On May 5, 2020, Kappa will recognize the Downs-Ryerson Grant-In-Aid recipient at this dinner meeting. The 2020-2022 slate of officers will be installed. Finally, the DKG International Convention will be held in Philadelphia, PA on July 7-11, 2020. Some Kappa members will be attending. 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 10th meeting. Also, a huge thank you to Anne Perdue and Bea Morris for their work with the nominations for the next biennium. Thanks for your commitment to the Kappa Chapter. Remember to invite a fellow educator to a meeting.

Susan

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This framed Lisa Geiman print ("September") 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

Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Stewart Middle School
118 Fort Defiance Rd.
Fort Defiance, VA 24437

Hostesses: Susan Doughty
Dee Hoy
Scarlett Kiser
Susan Schuckman



Program – Census 2020 --
Bill Kyger, member of the Rockingham County
Board of Supervisors (District 4)



BLUESTONE VINEYARD SOCIAL

Join Kappa members at **Bluestone Vineyard 4828 Spring Creek Road Bridgewater, VA 22812** on **Friday, April 24** for a wine social. We'll begin about 4:00 but come whenever you can and stay as long as you want! Each member will be responsible for paying for her own wine. There will be savories to share and fun to be had.

Reservations aren't required but it would be helpful to know who might be coming so I can save enough table space for us. We'll try this again in the early Fall at a winery closer to the Staunton/Waynesboro area.

Happy Birthday

March

12 Kathy Martin

April

7 Scarlett Kiser, Ronda Reames

11 Stephanie Sebolt

12 Mary Etta Cornett, Emily Petkus

15 Roxanne OBrien

Highlights from last meeting...

Dr. Kimberly Beckerdite and her mother Jean were our guests for the January brunch. Kimberley, First Vice President of the Virginia State Organization, presented “DKG Next,” outlining her invitation as one of fourteen women to Austin, Texas, this past September. They were charged with brainstorming core values of DKG. Collectively they came up with the following five...collegiality, professional and personal growth, leadership, philanthropy and service, and international diversity. They then made sure the purposes were in alignment with the core values. In doing that they realized they couldn't come to a consensus for ranking the purposes and therefore they shouldn't be numbered as they were equally important. The next step was to align the standing rules. Additionally they reviewed the mission statement and the Strategic Plan for 2015-2025. Kimberly left members with a hand template to fill out and give to somebody who exemplified the core values of DKG. President Susan Schuckman presented her with a token of our appreciation.



Laurie Niestrath, Kim Collett and Dr. Angela Wilson were inducted at Saturday's meeting. Laurie is an adjunct faculty member at Piedmont Community College, specifically working with Plugged in Virginia as a Skilled Trades Adult Educator. Kim is the principal of Charterhouse School in Edinburg, Virginia. Dr. Angela Wilson is the Director of Teacher Education at Mary Baldwin University.



Membership Matters

Congratulations to Jennifer Floyd for receiving \$400 from the IOTA State Educational Foundation. Her award is being used for *We are Writers: Using Notebooks to Encourage Student Writing Outside the Regular Classroom*. Way to go Jennifer! Kappa is proud of you!



Sylvia Moore, a reserve member, recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. Please send a belated birthday card if you have a moment. Her address is:
1316 Woodland Park Circle
Harrisonburg, VA 22802-2433

Care and Concern:

Emily Morgan passed away February 6th.

2020-2022 Kappa Chapter Slate of Officers

The Nominations Committee of Kappa Chapter is pleased to announce the 2020-22 Slate of Officers. We will vote on the slate at our March 10th meeting and then install our officers at the May meeting.

President: Margaret Shifflett
First Vice President: Susan Doughty
Second Vice President: Cheryl Sams
Recording Secretary: Emily Petkus
Corresponding Secretary: Scarlett Kiser

We also will vote on the nominee to represent 2020-22 Blue Ridge Coordinating Council, Susan Schuckman. Bea Morris will remain as Recording Secretary and Lynne Carson as Treasurer.

Anne Perdue and Bea Morris
2018-20 Nominations Committee

2018-20 Officers

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