

Kappa Kapers

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

President's Message

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It's been a long time since we've been together in person at our last meeting in March. This has been and continues to be a trying time with lots of uncertainty and unanswered questions. As we start a new school year and a new biennium for our chapter, I welcome you back. This year will look different for all of us--those in the classroom and those of us who aren't any longer. We will continue to be flexible and get through this together. Our meetings will be different (at least for the near future), our projects will continue (in slightly different ways) but as a chapter we will keep moving ahead and fulfilling the DKG purposes.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm via ZOOM. You will be receiving an email ZOOM invitation (thank goodness we have tech savvy members who can walk us through all of this). It will be a "packed" informational meeting with initiation of new officers, welcoming new members, finishing up business from last year and a look ahead for this coming year's projects and programs. Please join us! If you do not have the capability to join our ZOOM meeting because of slow internet, an older computer or other reason, please let me know and we'll do our best to connect you in one way or another.

Sixteen Kappa members connected in the early summer by participating in a "walking challenge" during the month of June. Together, we logged more than 1,117 miles. It was a good way to get safely out of the house and enjoy the fresh air. I know that some members have continued walking each day and I hope that we can do this again and have others join us.

To support those of you that are still actively teaching, Kappa is offering \$50 grants to use to purchase needed supplies, books, teaching materials or in any other way that you need for your class. This includes all levels of education--preschool through higher education, special ed, resource teachers, administrators. You might not know how to spend the \$50 now so you'll be able to apply later in the year as your needs become more obvious. Susan Schuckman will be the contact for these grants. There is an application in this edition of Kappa Kapers. Fill it out and email or "snail mail" to Susan S. **Teachers are heroes and essential workers, too** and we want to help you as much as we can.

Another way that we hope to support you is by assisting you in classroom tasks that others could do at home. We are good at collecting items, too. (I often say when I'm recycling items that it is something that I could have used for an art project or other classroom activity--my husband thinks that I'm crazy!) Kathy Glass has tried to contact the current teachers and will be the "coordinator" to match you up with someone who can help you. It might be cutting out lamination, putting together consumable books for your students, making charts, doing a virtual story time. Let your imagination run wild and we'll see if we can match you up with a retired educator.

The Virginia State Organization will be holding a virtual Fall Executive Board meeting on September 25-26. Originally scheduled for Roanoke, this virtual meeting will include something for everyone. **It is for all members of DKG** (not just presidents and officers) and will provide a variety of workshop options. There is no registration fee, no traveling, no lodging costs, no need for a "special outfit" to wear. I should have specific information about this for our September meeting but mark your calendars. I hope that you will plan on attending.

I look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday, September 15. Good luck and best wishes to those who are beginning a new school year--virtual, hybrid or in person. Stay safe and keep washing those hands.

"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."

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Margaret

Upcoming Meeting

Business Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020

7:00 PM

[ZOOM meeting link](#) (click here when it is time to meet). An additional email will be sent closer to date.

Be on the lookout for a Google or Word document folder that will have agenda and other handouts for our first meeting. This will be something that you can print off if you like but we will also try to screen share to project items as we are going through the agenda. If you are new to zoom consider reading about set up and etiquette in [Iota Inspirations July 2020](#) or [Iota Inspirations Aug. 2020](#) prior to the meeting.



On the agenda...

Installation of officers
Induction of new members
Honor our Own Recognition

Save the Dates for 2020-21 meetings (tentative)....

Oct 20 - Zoom 7:00 - Program: Self Care-How to manage stress and protect your immune systems; informal chat conducted by Kathleen Dubovsky

Nov 17 - Zoom 7:00 - Program: Gail Goolsby, author of the 2020 DKG Educators Award, Unveiled Truth. (see additional information in newsletter)

December 5 - Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the MaDee Project; Stonewall Jackson Hotel (8:00 am and 10:30 am); This will be a COVID friendly event. Kappa will provide the prepackaged craft. More information forthcoming.

Jan 30 - This meeting may be in person (10:00 am-brunch). If that is not possible due to the pandemic, it will be held virtually. Program will be provided by Virginia State Organization President, Mary Mehaffey.

Mar 16 - person or virtual, details forthcoming-

May 4 - In person or virtual, details forthcoming

Happy Birthday

September
Cheryl Perry - 7



Spotlight on new member...Rebecca Cannaday

I graduated from Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and worked as a US Patent Examiner before returning to JMU to earn my M.S. in Education. I began my teaching career at Wilson Middle School where I taught life science for 13 years. This past year was my first year as an ITRT where I have served at WMS and NRE. I love working with both teachers and students!



Spotlight on new member...Wendy Ball Hull



I graduated from Virginia Tech in 2007. I started teaching that fall at Buffalo Gap High School. I taught Algebra that year. I then transferred to Beverley Manor Middle School where I taught 6th grade math for the next 7 years. I am currently teaching 8th grade math at Stewart Middle School. This will be my 6th year there, for a total of 14 years!! I absolutely love middle school age students and enjoy working with them daily.

My husband is an Assistant Principal at Valley Career and Technical Center. My father, mother, brother, mother-in-law, and father-in-law all were or currently are teachers. It obviously is in our blood!!! I have a step-daughter, Jessalynne, that will be starting her sophomore year at Longwood University. My step-son, Max, will be a junior at Fort Defiance High School this fall. My daughter, Sawyer, will be entering her last year of Pre-K in the fall and can not WAIT until she gets to start school in 2021.

I like to go to sporting events at Virginia Tech (we have football season tickets). I am the middle school volleyball coach at Stewart Middle School after coaching JV and Varsity at Fort Defiance for the last 12 years. I enjoy time with my family, visiting my dad at the Brightview Memory Care Unit (he was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's 14 years ago), reading, eating, and traveling. I'm excited to get involved with DKG!!!

Spotlight on new member...Karen Fansler-Ryan

Hi! I am Karen Fansler-Ryan and I am re-instating my membership. I became a member of Beta Xi when Marcia Elliott was president. After the chapter dissolved, I couldn't join the Kappa Chapter, but now that I am retired I am re-instating my membership. I was inducted with current president of Kappa, Margaret Shifflett. I earned my degree in education from Eastern Mennonite College, now university. I taught special education in Page County and then moved to Harrisonburg City Schools, where I taught Family and Consumer Sciences for many years. An opening came up at Stonewall Jackson High School in Shenandoah County so I applied. This was like going home as I graduated from Stonewall as well as my home is in Shenandoah County. I taught for several years at Stonewall then Harrisonburg High School wanted me to come back, so I did. After three years, I decided it was time to retire so I turned in my paperwork and will be officially retired sometime in September. I am married, have three grown "men", daughter in laws as well as grandchildren. I also love dogs and currently have a Bull Mastiff named Princess. She is my pride and joy. I love to cook, sew, spend time with the sons, daughter in laws and my grandkids. My grandkids are so much fun! I am looking forward to meeting the Kappa members and attending the meetings!



Membership Matters



DKG magnetic name tag and ribbon pin holders:

VA Chapter Gamma Pi in VA Beach is selling these. Proceeds are used for scholarships to support students planning to become educators. They are less expensive if we order together (5 or more \$22 each) or \$25 if they are sent to separate addresses. Members can email Margaret Shifflett if they would like to order and she will place a bulk order. She will pay for them and members can pay her back when they arrive. Or she can send you the link if you are interested in ordering yourself.

Emergency Fund: Need assistance after a natural disaster? Did you know this exists? Did you know Kappa Chapter donates \$50 to this fund each year? Click on the link to learn more about this international program.

Membership Matters continued

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 install our officers during the September Zoom meeting.

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

Margaret has appointed Sandy Proctor to remain as Treasurer and Bea Morris to remain as Parliamentarian.

Susan Schuckman will represent the Blue Ridge Coordinating Council for 2020-2022. Bea Morris will remain as Recording Secretary and Lynne Carson as Treasurer.

Care and Concern:

- *Good health and safety for all members during COVID-19
- *Healing to both of Scarlett's parents (Dad broke elbow in accident and mom had knee replacement surgery)
- *Sympathy for Laurie Niestrath for the loss of her sister

2020-2021 Dues: A message from Sandy

I want to thank all of you for sending me your dues on time this year. I was concerned about this since we couldn't have our last meeting, when many of you pay, but you came through for me! We have 39 active and 3 reserve members. We have a challenging year coming up, but our board is working hard to plan relevant and



interesting meetings. Stay safe and mask up!



Facebook is coming....

Laurie Niestrath and Wendy Hull are going to put Kappa Chapter on the Facebook map. More to follow.





KAPPA CHAPTER

The Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is offering mini grants not to exceed \$50.00 for current members who are still teaching. You can apply for consumables, books, wipes, sanitizers, markers, crayons, zip lock bags, etc. It is whatever you need for your classroom to be successful during this coming, 2020-2021, school year. Kappa Chapter realizes each of you are facing new challenges in teaching this year and these grants will help you get the supplies you need. Kappa Chapter is excited to help current educators.

Please fill out the short application below and email it to Susan Schuckman at slschuckman@aol.com. Questions, let me know!

APPLICATION

Name: _____

School: _____

Description of what you need: _____

Approximate Cost: _____

September 25-26

Virtual Virginia State Organization Fall Executive Board

This is an opportunity for all members. No registration fees, no travel, and no lodging fees!

Virginia State Organization Fall Executive Board Meeting September 25-26, 2020

Tentative Schedule

Friday, September 25, 2020

- 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Welcome and Business
 - Welcome
 - Business by Dr. Mary Mehaffey, State President
- 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker
- 9:00 p.m. Closing
- State committees are encouraged to meet between now and mid- September for committee chairs to report on September 26, 2020.
- State coordinating council representatives are encouraged to meet between now and mid-September for state chair to report on September 26, 2020.

Saturday, September 26, 2020

- 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. New presidents' training
- 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Workshop options (3 options)
- 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Workshop options (3 options)
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Committee reports
- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch (provided by you) and Keynote Speaker
- 1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Workshop options (3 options)
- 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Workshop options (3 options)
- 3:45 p.m. Closing



Journey Bags

Each member will receive an email from Sign Up Genius to donate to our Journey Bag project. If you would like to participate in filling Journey Bags for foster children (Shenandoah Valley Social Services), please indicate the item and quantity using the link provided. Please sign up no later than October 15. Pick up locations in Harrisonburg and Staunton will be arranged since our fall meetings will all be virtual. Monetary donations are always welcome (Kappa Chapter, PO Box 34 Mint Spring, VA 24463). Thanks so much for participating in this outreach project.

Lisa Geiman September Print

A Google Sheet was shared with chapter members in August so that bidding could begin on the Lisa Geiman September framed print that hung at VA State Organization's Headquarters. This was given by Kappa Chapter in honor of Jean Smith as she completed her state presidency. It is beautifully matted and framed.

We are conducting this as a Silent Auction. You add your name and bid and continue to check back to add another bid, if desired. The bidding is scheduled to close on September 17. Arrangements will be made to deliver/pickup the print to the highest bidder.

If you want to bid and prefer not to use Google Sheets, please email your bid to Anne Perdue and it will be added to the sheet. The minimum bid is \$50.

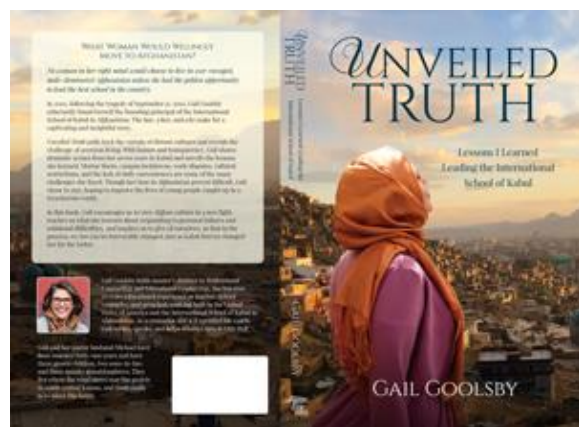
Educator's Book Award

Gail Goolsby, the 2020 DKG Educator's Book Award recipient, will be Kappa's program on November 17, 2020. This will be a virtual presentation. Her book, *Unveiled Truth*, is based on a unique collection of experiences and memories when she lived in Afghanistan.

If you would like to purchase an **autographed** copy of *Unveiled Truth*, the cost is \$12 plus \$3 shipping on her website.

The link to the order information is:

<https://www.gailgoolsby.com/buy-book/>





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