

Kappa Kapers

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

President's Message

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What a wild ride 2020 was for all of us--upending vacation plans, cancelling extended family get-togethers, having virtual visits with friends, virtual and hybrid classroom plans, worries about our health and safety. I hope that 2021 will be a better and improved version for us. I appreciate everyone's flexibility as we maneuver these challenges and try to stay connected with each other. Kappa Chapter has had a busy Fall and we have some wonderful plans to begin 2021. Our first meeting of this calendar year is planned for Saturday, January 30. Dr. Mary Mehaffey, Virginia State president will be our speaker. This meeting is normally a brunch meeting and birthday celebration for Kappa. (Birthday cake for brunch might just be the thing to eat as we meet virtually--it's never too early in the day for cake!)

Virginia State Organization Convention is scheduled for April 23-25. Plans still have not been finalized as to location or if it will be in person or virtual. A Virtual Fine Arts Gallery will be held in conjunction with the convention. I hope that you will consider submitting to showcase talent in Kappa Chapter. Applications are due by January 31. I know that some of you have talents that we don't know about and we really would like for you to represent Kappa with your work.

Virginia State Organization is offering a \$500 2021 Professional Enrichment Stipend for members. Applications are due on January 20 and information is on the VA State Website under Latest News. A scholarship for graduate work is also offered and that application is also due on January 20. This doesn't give you much time but keep them in mind for the future.

Don't forget that there is still time for you to apply to get Kappa's \$100 grant to use in your classroom this year. It is our way of supporting our members who are in the classroom. Only a few have taken advantage of this but we want to help you in as many ways as possible. The grant could be for teacher or classroom supplies, a professional book that you've been wanting or needing, a book to be enjoyed as a read along with your class, earbuds/headphones for your class, or anything that you can imagine.

As we begin a new year, keep safe, wash your hands, wear your mask and be kind. (I know that you are but it never hurts to have a reminder.) I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, January 30 at 10 am.

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." Lao Tzu

Margaret

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Upcoming Meeting



Business Meeting and Program

Saturday, January 30, 2021
10:00 a.m.

[Click here](#) to join the meeting by Zoom on computer.

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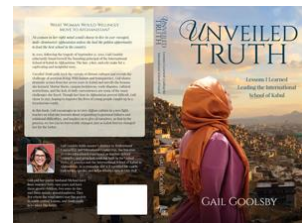
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Teacher as Reader Book Group-



You met Gail in November as our featured guest presenter (and DKG member). Join members in a discussion of Goolsby's book, Unveiled Truth. <https://www.gailgoalsby.com/buy-book/>

Date: Sunday, Feb. 21
 Time: 4-5 pm

Meeting format: Zoom (a link will be provided via email)
 Facilitator: Laurie Niestrath

Note: Questions for consideration will be provided. Allow them to guide your reading, if useful. No time to read right now? That's okay. Come and listen, ask questions of those who've read the book.

If you have a suggestion for another book later in the spring contact Laurie or Margaret.

Happy Birthday

February

20 Judy Baylor
 21 Jean Liggett



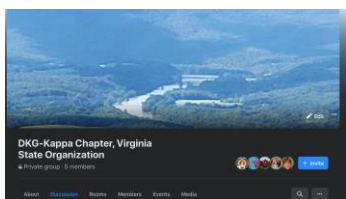
DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know there are more than 2,200 chapters in DKG around the world?

Facebook



Chapter Public Facebook Page-We are now live with a chapter FB page. Join others in sharing Kappa with those in your Facebook Feed. When you like us, information about the group will automatically post to your page. The information on this site is for the public and is a way in which to showcase the work of the chapter as well as to welcome possible new members.



Chapter Group Facebook Page-Please join others from this chapter in a private group chat. You can do so by sending a request to join through Laurie Niestrath on FB or by sending an email to her. laurieniestrath@gmail.com

From the Educational Excellence Committee:

Thanks to the retirees for "adopting" a working teacher! I have had some wonderful comments from the working teachers! If you are a retiree and still would like to participate, please let me know at your earliest convenience! You can contact Susan Schuckman at slschuckman@aol.com.

In recognition....

President Margaret Shifflett gave a "Stepping up" award to Scarlett Kiser for her work on the chapter newsletter.

The DKG IOTA State Educational Foundation awarded Dr. Jennifer Floyd \$400 last year for her project: "We Are Writers: Using Notebooks to Encourage Student Writing Outside the Regular Classroom." The last submission deadline for the 2020-21 year has just been extended to Feb. 15, 2021. The application is posted on the Virginia State Organization website (www.va-state.org). Contact Dr. Julia C. Van de Water, ISEF Chair, if you have questions.

In appreciation....

Pam Landes shares.... I am so grateful for the cards and positive messages of encouragement I have received from members. This school year is such a challenge, and many of the cards have arrived at just the right moment.



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: _____

Kappa Chapter Stipends

Greetings! The chapter has had two requests for supplies! The supplies requests were for ear buds, paintbrushes, magnify glasses, play dough, etc. Remember, all you have to do is fill out the application, which will take you two minutes top! Send it to me at slschuckman@aol.com and I will work with Sandy Proctor, Treasurer to get you a check! You don't need to turn in receipts, etc. Email your application soon! Kappa Chapter is here to help you!

Susan Schuckman,
Chair Education Excellence Committee

Highlights from our last meeting...



Kappa's first Virtual Cookie/Dessert Recipe Exchange on December 13...

Faith Ballew shared recipe link for coconut snowballs...

https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/creamy-coconut-snowballs/?_cmp=stf

EASY Chippy Butterscotch & Chocolate Peanut Butter Cookies

Rebecca Cannaday

Ingredients

- 1 Bag of Peanut Butter Cookie Mix
(follow the egg, water, & oil recommendations on the mix)
- 1 Bag of Semisweet Chocolate Chips
(I like the mini chips, but any size of chips works)
- 1 Bag of Butterscotch Chips
- Melted Butter, if needed

Procedure

Mix all ingredients - yes there are a lot of chips (worth it). If you need additional moisture, add melted butter to the mix (no more than 2 tablespoons). Roll out 2 inch balls and then gently squish them down with a fork. Be careful not to push too much or chips fall out.

Bake according to the directions on the package.

Wait until these are cooled down - they are best when they have cooled off.

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