

Kappa Kapers

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

President's Message

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Kappa has continued to adapt, change and connect to each other and our community during this long year. Who would have imagined this time last year that we would still be wearing masks, socially distancing and adapting our classrooms to deal with this pandemic? We have adapted and changed our meetings and get-togethers to virtual Zoom sessions, attended virtual conferences and conventions, lobbied legislators virtually, worn masks and other PPE to be able to have children in our schools--some in person and some virtually and we've still been able to connect to the larger community by supplying Journey Bags to foster children, supporting the MaDee Project and providing a high school senior with a scholarship. We'll look back on this "pandemic year" as a time of stress, anxiety, fearfulness but also as a time that we have stepped up and done our best. It's been a learning year for all of us (with our families, our schools, our community and, also, our chapter). I appreciate everyone's patience as we've made mistakes, learned new skills and rallied around each other.

What can we see in our future? Warmer weather, vaccines to protect us, reconnecting in person with family and friends, vacations and trips to new places, reopening of all schools, renewed social interactions with friends for our children, grandchildren and students and Kappa meeting together in person. I am hoping that our May meeting will be in person but we will keep you posted as we get closer to that time. In the meantime, how can you stay connected to us? Read your DKG publications, attend virtual Kappa meetings, participate in the VA State Organization Convention in April, support other members with encouraging notes and cards, participate in fundraising activities, visit the VA State Organization and DKG International websites, apply for DKG scholarships, identify colleagues that would become active Kappa members, step up and volunteer for an activity or event. Hopefully, we can see "the end of the tunnel." Keep hanging in there!!

Margaret

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**Registration deadline of April 19 for State convention on April 24.*

Dues(\$90) for 2021-2022 are due to Sandy Proctor by **JUNE 12.*

Upcoming Meeting



Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
6:30 social time
7:00 meeting

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

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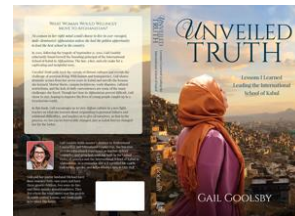
Presenter: Ashley Ramey, community outreach specialist with Library of Virginia

Topic: "Pandemic of 1918"

Teacher as Reader Book Group-

Members had a discussion of Goolsby's book, *Unveiled Truth* (<https://www.gailgoolsby.com/buy-book/>). She is featured in the EDUCATORS BOOK AWARD section of the latest edition of *COLLEGIAL EXCHANGE* pp.50-53. Even if you haven't had the opportunity to read the book, take a few minutes to read about Gail and her experience in Afghanistan.

Facilitator: Laurie Nistrath



Your next opportunity to hear Gail is at the State convention luncheon on April 24 at 12:00.

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



Happy Birthday



March

6 Karen Fansler-Ryan
12 Kathy Martin

April

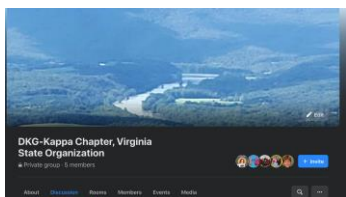
7 Scarlett Kiser, Ronda Reames
11 Stephanie Sebolt
12 Mary Etta Cornett, Emily Petkus
15 Roxanne OBrien

DID YOU KNOW that Kappa is a Gold Key Chapter? DKG's Gold Key Chapter Incentive Award is awarded each year to chapters that meet certain criteria to show that they are a responsible part of the International Society. Chapters are awarded points for meeting deadlines in submitting forms and fees, holding at least four meetings each year, having programs that carry out Society purposes, send representatives to meetings and conventions, publish a newsletter, induct new members, adopt a service project, contribute to International and State funds. Congratulations to Susan Schukman, executive board and 2019-2020 members. Kappa's award application for 2020-2021 has been submitted to VA State Organization. Thanks to all who have helped us continue to receive this annual award.

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 Nestrath on FB or by sending an email to her. laurienestrath@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.

VA State Organization will be trying a new mass mailing email app called MailChamp in the next few days. Be on the lookout for it and, please, do not unsubscribe. If you unsubscribe, you will not be able to receive notices or information that is shared from the state. We have attempted to update the email database so hopefully, everyone will receive this information.

In recognition....

President Margaret Shifflett gave a "Stepping up" award to Emily Petkus and Martha Chew for sitting outside in the dark and cold to be able to zoom for the November meeting.

In appreciation....

Pam Landes shares.... I am so grateful for the cards and calls of encouragement and the gift delivered to the school last week. Teaching this year has definitely been a challenge, and at times I feel like a first year teacher. It has been amazing how when I seem to hit a low point, a card arrives that lifts my spirits. The gift last week was perfectly timed with the end of the semester and all of the craziness that entailed. Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and words. I look forward to when we can meet again in person.

(***Other working teachers would agree with Pam!)



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: _____

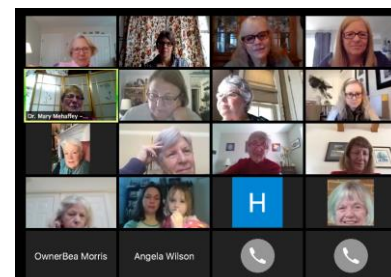
Kappa Chapter Stipends

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...

Dr. Mary Mehaffey, Virginia State president, questioned us in her January program as to whether we would focus on “headlights” or “taillights.” Would we keep looking backwards? If so, we would not have had virtual meetings, we would have stopped our service projects, and just waited for things to get back to normal. Instead, she complimented Kappa on looking forward by converting to zoom meetings, teaching new technology to reluctant members, installing officers, inviting new members, and finding a new normal. Mary herself reflected that she feels she has had a greater flexibility in some respects during this pandemic. She has been able to spend more time on her tree farm in North Carolina while still performing the functions of Virginia State president. Mary challenged us to place our “high beam” on the future.



In Memory...

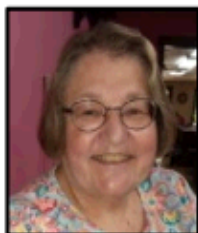
Long time Virginia State Organization Delta Kappa Gamma member, Eloise Franzysen recently passed away after a battle with Covid-19. Eloise was active in her chapter and state activities. Many of Kappa members knew and loved Eloise. She was the woman who introduced our own Susan Schuckman to DKG when Susan lived and taught in the Richmond area.

A connection from the past...

Bea Morris read an article in the *Mountain Courier*, a community newspaper published once a month from Woodstock, that is of interest to Kappa members. The article was about Melissa Moore, the youngest of Sylvia Moore's four children. She is a doctor in Boston who in 2016 went to work for Moderna. "As chief scientist for platform research, Melissa oversees 120 people who are working two to three years out, she explains, inventing future technology. The formula for the vaccine was invented in her group, she reports. Other areas of research hold promise for treating cystic fibrosis, congenital hearing loss, and cancer." She was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2017. The article also tells about her as a child and has pictures and comments by two of her teachers in Shenandoah County, and really gives insight into her personality. There also is a picture of Sylvia and the whole family at her 90th birthday celebration in 2016. Sylvia was a long time member of Kappa chapter and passed away.

Looking towards the future...State Officer Nominations

Nominations Committee



Susan Schuckman
Kappa Chapter
Blue Ridge CC

Society Vita: Served as chapter president and recording secretary. Currently Blue Ridge Coordinating Council chair and member of Virginia State Organization Scholarship Committee.

Personal Vita: Served as career and technical education teacher, learning disabilities teacher, high school guidance counselor for 32 years. Is a member of the Port Republic Historical Society. Past president of the Jaycee Women. Active in church serving as youth Sunday school teacher, choir member, care committee chair.

When I worked with high school students, many did not recognize their leadership potential. Many times, when I was working with them, the students would share their dreams and goals. After telling me what they wanted to do, I was able to work with them to achieve these goals and help them to recognize their leadership potentials. I think a lot of our members do not recognize their leadership potential and I would like to reach out to those members who are quite capable to run for an office. Virginia State Organization needs members to step up and serve the organization.

Another recipe from the cookie exchange...

FORGOTTEN COOKIES

These were my favorite cookies growing up and I still love them.

I mix these up in the evening because they will stay in the oven overnight!

PREHEAT OVEN TO 350°.

2 egg whites (room temperature works best) (The egg whites won't beat if there is any yolk mixed in, so I usually crack one egg at a time into a small bowl and then add it to the mixing bowl. When cracking the egg, if some yolk gets in when you are separating, just save that egg for scrambling in the morning and try another!!)

2/3 cup granulated sugar

1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup miniature chocolate chips

Colored sugar (optional but adds a festive look)

Using a mixer, beat egg whites and cream of tartar until they become foamy. Gradually add sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, and continue beating on high until egg whites are stiff. Using rubber specula, strap sides of the bowl to make sure all the sugar has dissolved and been mixed in. Add vanilla and stir. Fold in miniature chocolate chips (other options could be Andes mint pieces, mini M&Ms, chopped nuts, but I love the chocolate chips best!) Drop egg white mixture onto a prepared cookie sheet (I usually cover mine with parchment paper or you can use PAM spray) using two teaspoons. (You can put cookies close together. I can usually get them all on one sheet). You can sprinkle with colored sugar if you want, but I usually just leave them plain.

PLACE SHEET INTO **PREHEATED OVEN. CLOSE DOOR AND TURN OFF THE OVEN.** I usually turn on my oven light and leave it on for just a little extra heat. **DO NOT OPEN THE OVEN DOOR** (even to peek) until the next morning. I usually make my cookies in the evening and leave them overnight. If you are in a pinch, you can make them anytime during the day but leave them in at least 4 hours.

Store in an airtight container and enjoy!!

Margaret Shifflett



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