

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 difference a year makes! This time last year we were gripped with uncertainty, fear, worry and gloom. While these feelings are still in the backs of our minds, we also see hope and the "light at the end of the tunnel". Most of us have received our vaccines, have been able to visit doctors, feel more comfortable with grocery shopping and been able to spend time with family. Many classroom teachers have resumed in-person classes. Kappa has been able to participate in most of our projects this year thanks to our members. Fifteen members participated in a Walking Challenge last June. Kappa welcomed two new members in September. We collected items to fill backpacks for children in the foster care system and delivered them to social services. The MaDee Project Breakfast with Santa was canceled because of Covid restrictions but Kappa sent a monetary donation to show our continued support. Our virtual Christmas Cookie Recipe exchange was a fun social time together when we weren't able to be with friends and family in person. The Program Committee has planned informative meetings and speakers. We've begun a "Teachers as Readers" Book Club that has met over Zoom and hope to have more of you join us in the future. Our grant-in-aid will be presented in a few weeks and **best of all, we plan on meeting in person in May!** I appreciate all of you who have joined us on our Zoom meetings. Scarlett has kept those who couldn't join us virtually informed through our newsletters. There has been a really big learning curve with Zoom (especially for me) but we've done it. As we look to September and the coming school year, the hope is that we can again meet in person and enjoy our time together.

I hope that you will join us on Tuesday, May 4th at Christ United Methodist Church, 1512 Churchville Ave, Staunton at 6:15 for our meeting. We will be meeting **outside** at the church's picnic shelter. I hope the weather will be beautiful and we can have most of our meeting outside of the shelter but if needed, we can be under the shelter. There will be lots of hand sanitizer available and we'll be following Covid protocol by wearing masks and social distancing. If you can, bring a lawn chair but there will be extra if you don't have one or can't bring it. There are picnic tables that we can use for seating but you might be more comfortable in a chair. This meeting will be a celebration of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Kappa members and activities and presentation of our grants-in-aid. There will also be door prizes!

Thanks again to our Executive Board, committees and members who have worked hard to make this a successful, but different kind of year!

Margaret

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

Upcoming Meeting

Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
6:15 P.M.

Christ United Methodist Church
1512 Churchville Ave, Staunton

Bring a chair if you can. We will not be consuming food at the meeting.



Presentation of Grant-in-aid recipients by Finance committee members Susan Schuckman, Julia Van de Water and Sandy Proctor

Macie Nester – WHS – JMU
Annabelle Terry – BGHS - Bridgewater

Teacher as Reader Book Group-

There was a zoom meeting on April 18.

Facilitator: Laurie Niestrath

Topic: Select a book that has influenced you as a learner, has impacted your practice as an educator, parent or grandparent.

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



Happy Birthday

May

6 Anne Perdue
10 Karen OBrien
12 Dee Hoy

June

2 Shelly Moore
12 Lynne Carson
17 Betty Bennett
20 Jennifer Floyd

July

10 Wendy Hull
11 Julia C. Van de Water
13 Bea Morris
25 Ellen Abernethy
28 Susan Schuckman
29 Martha Chew

August

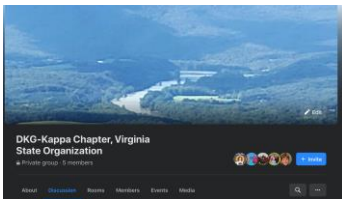
8 Sandy Proctor
17 Heather Cooper
23 Susan Doughty
27 Faith Ballew
29 Vrla Leach

DID YOU KNOW our Grant-in-aid is named after two deceased Kappa members? Grace Ryerson had been a French teacher at Waynesboro High School and Leona Downs was a Librarian in the Augusta County School system from 1968-1988. The Downs family contributed money towards the scholarship for years but in recent years the chapter members have fully funded the \$1,000 GIA. This year fundraising was so successful (a special thanks to Margaret's masks) that the selection committee is awarding two Grants-in-aid. Starting next year you will be able to contribute money in honor or in memory of someone and that will be recognized in the newsletters.

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:

A shout out to those teachers who made use of the Kappa Grant this past school year! I am sure we the chapter will continue the grants for the 2021-2022 school year! Start thinking about what you might need next year! The grant is for \$50 and no receipts are needed! It is a great deal for any working educator! Applications will be available in the August/September newsletter. Questions see Susan Schuckman or Margaret Shifflett.

Any member who has "adopted" a working teacher this year, let them know the year is also over and yes, they did make it! These teachers have made such a difference this year! Kappa Chapter certainly thinks each of you is outstanding for what you did this year during the pandemic. I am sure you probably did things so differently and in different ways! Each of you is amazing! It sounds like schools will be back to normal for fall 2021-2022. Let's hope so. Kappa Chapter says thanks again for the contributions you made this year to the children of our future!

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 Laurie Niestrath for starting and facilitating the Teacher As Reader book group.

Care and Concern...

Liz Nicholson – former Kappa member who moved to Texas - lost her husband

Glenna Hensdill – VA State Exec Secretary – lost her husband



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...

Ashley Ramey from the Library of Virginia gave us insight into the Pandemic of 1918. It was nicknamed the Spanish Flu because Spain was the first country to report a case of the influenza. Twenty to forty year-olds were most affected. It hit military bases first. Theaters, churches, schools, even the State Fair was closed down. Masks were worn but they were not very effective as they were made out of cheese cloth and gauze. It is still the worst pandemic with 675,000 American deaths and 50 million deaths worldwide.

DEAR TEACHERS.....

Field Secretaries Ennon G. Williams & C.R. Keiley wrote to United States teacher the following letter:

" Dear teachers:

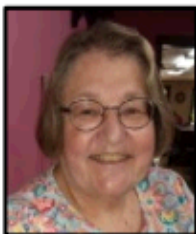
We want your earnest co-operation in efforts to prevent the a return of influenza this year; not only from a humanitarian standpoint, but to avoid closing of your school and absence on account of sickness. We know that influenza is transferred by fresh secretions of mouth and nose of person suffering from it, or those who have mild and unrecognized cases of from healthy carriers of the germ. We want every child and grown person to know this and avoid getting into the mouth secretions from the mouths of others. This can be done by teaching and practicing the two simple rule son the placard that has been sent you that you can secure by writing the State Board of Health. Please- 1. Post the placard in you school room, 2. Have pupils recite the rules daily for two weeks, and once weekly thereafter. 3. make observance of these rules part of school deportment, and have each child report daily his own observance or violation of them. Whether the schools are the safest place in the community or the most dangerous depend largely on the teacher.

Respectfully,
Ennon G. Williams
C.R. Keiley
Federal Field Secretary



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.

Nothing says summer like key lime and pineapple wine...

SUSAN DOUGHTY's KEY LIME PIE BALLS

! pkg. cream cheese, softened
 1 can sweetened condensed milk
 3 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
 3 tablespoons lime juice
 2 teaspoons grated lime peel
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
 ½ cup confectioners' sugar

In a large bowl, beat the first seven ingredients until blended. Shape into 1-in. balls. Toll cookie balls in confectioner's sugar...Refrigerate 30 minutes or until firm. Store cookies between pieces of wax paper in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Easy Pineapple Wine Punch



Easy Pineapple Wine Punch is a delicious party drink for any occasion. Just 4 ingredients go into this easy wine punch and it will instantly transport you to a tropical frame of mind!

Ingredients

- 750 ml Moscato Wine
- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 24 oz Sprite or lemon lime soda (I used Ginger ale)
- fresh pineapple for garnish *optional

Instructions

Add Moscato, pineapple juice, orange juice and sprite to a pitcher and stir until well combined. Chill until ready to serve. Can be served over ice. The pineapple juice will settle so give it a good stir before serving.

Single Serving (approximately 1/4 of above recipe)

1 Small bottle of Moscato wine (187 ml)
 1 6 oz. can pineapple juice (1/2-3/4 cup)
 ¼ cup Orange Juice
 6 oz. Ginger ale



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