

# Kappa Kapers

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

## President's Message

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### **EMBRACE, INSPIRE AND LEAD THE CHANGE**

I am so sorry for the “debacle” for October’s meeting. We did our best to send an email and messages but we didn’t reach everyone. Luckily, our speaker will join us for our March meeting. I appreciate your understanding—we did our best. Panera Bread along with many of restaurants are having staffing and supply issues. Because of this, we have decided that November’s meeting will be **virtual only**. Our speaker will be joining us virtually so we thought that it was easier to meet that way. Keep your fingers crossed that we’ll be able to get together in person for January’s 75<sup>th</sup> Kappa Anniversary. This would be a good meeting to invite prospective members or even a former member to join in the celebrations. We are searching for options as to locations available for us. Keep your fingers crossed for beautiful January weather on that day.

The first marking period is completed for those of you in the classroom. I hope that you are feeling less stressed as the year progresses. Our November speaker is Karen Gross, the 2021 DKG Educator’s Book Award winner. Her book, [Trauma Doesn’t Stop at the Door](#) should be of interest to classroom teachers, administrators, college faculty and those of us no longer in the classroom. I hope that you will be able to join us on Tuesday, November 9. The business meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and the program portion at 6:30 pm so please log onto Zoom a few minutes before we begin.

Kappa’s December project is our craft for the MaDee Project at Breakfast with Santa at Hotel 24 South. Hopefully, we will have more information to share with you at our November meeting. In past years, we were able to be in attendance to help with the craft but Covid protocols are still being followed so we will have to see. If we are able to be there in person, it’s a really fun morning and well worth your time.

As the holiday season approaches, I hope that you will have time to relax, enjoy your family and friends and have time to breathe. We are still planning on our December social activity on Sunday afternoon, December 12 so be watching for information. It was fun last year!

*Margaret*

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## Upcoming Meeting

### Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

6:00 P.M.

[ZOOM](#) Meeting ONLY

Meeting ID: 827 3189 0517

Passcode: 429485

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Dial by your location-

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Join author and educator, Karen Gross, this Tuesday as the speaker for this month's meeting. Gross is the recipient of the Educators Book Award, by Delta Kappa Gamma, International for 2021.

**Reminder to fill out the goggle form TODAY!**



## Happy Birthday

**November**

10 Laurie Nistrath



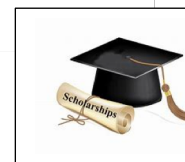
## Care and Conern

Jean Liggett - recovering from surgery

Cheryl Perry - having side effects from treatments

Anne Perdue - recovering from a fall (broken foot bone and ankle bone)

**DID YOU KNOW** We are starting again to raise money for our Grant-in-Aid. Now you will be able to contribute money to our GIA in honor or in memory of someone and that will be recognized in the newsletters.

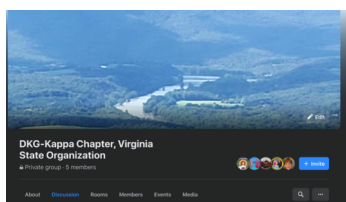


Belk Charity Days: Thanks to everyone who participated in the Belk October Charity Days. We sold a total of 49 tickets which resulted in \$245 for Kappa Chapter's Grant-in-Aid. Hope everyone found lots of bargains!

## 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](mailto:laurieniestrath@gmail.com)

### **Kappa Stipend & Virginia State Stipends/Scholarships:**

Any working educator may apply for the \$50 stipend given by Kappa Chapter. NO receipts are necessary. The application form is very simple to fill out and can be found on page 4 of the newsletter. Email it to Susan Schuckman at [slschuckman@aol.com](mailto:slschuckman@aol.com). Thanks in advance to those who have taken advantage of these funds!

If any member is interested in applying for a Virginia State Stipend or Scholarship, the deadline will be January 20, 2022. Applications have not been posted on the Virginia State DKG website. If you need assistance, I would be glad to help!

### **Save Your Dimes:**

The Educational Excellence has two water bottles that will be passed around at each meeting. Hopefully, Kappa Chapter will be able to meet in person soon! When the water bottle is full, it will be \$100.00. One bottle is for the Downs-Ryerson Grant-in-Aid Scholarship and the other bottle is for the MaDee Project. Any questions, let Susan Schuckman know! Thanks for collecting those dimes!

### **The Chapter receives a card from Cheryl Perry (Susan Schuckman has it!)**

Sending warm wishes your way for a happy Halloween and a beautiful autumn! Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards as I hurdle through these post cancer treatments. Your thoughtfulness and kindness means a lot. I have my good days and not so good days. But I'm fighting the good fight. I look forward to getting back to you soon.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Journey Bags...



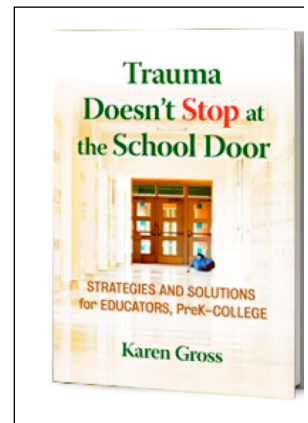
Once again, Kappa Chapter members have generously donated to the Journey Bag project. Between the donations of items and monetary donations (\$180), we were able to donate **12 Journey Bags** to Shenandoah Valley Social Services. Since 2017 (including this year), Kappa has provided 60 Journey Bags. Thanks to everyone who participated.

## More about this week's meeting program...

Karen Gross, the recipient of the 2021 DKG Educators Book Award, will be Kappa's speaker at our November 9 meeting. We will meet via Zoom. Karen describes her work as focused on solutions to help students, educators and their institutions to thrive, not just survive. She also writes children's books (*Lady Lucy Series*).

*Trauma Doesn't Stop at the Door* focuses on trauma within the early childhood through adult educational pipeline, provides clarifications of currently used terms and scoring systems. Karen will share a short reading from her book and then discuss her writings.

As education award recipient, she was honored at the International Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, July 2021. On several occasions, her participation in the strategies and solutions engaged by educators, was a learning opportunity for members prior to the opening of the academic school year.



### Virginia State Organization Personnel Committee Anne Perdue, Chair

Are you good with numbers?

Do you have expertise in accounting?

If so, Virginia State Organization Needs You!

The Virginia State Organization is presently looking for an Assistant Treasurer. That person's primary function would be to provide assistance for all financial accounting at the state level and to participate in mentoring offered by our State Treasurer.

Basic qualifications include being a member in good standing and active in the Virginia State Organization, understanding of financial accounting and possessing competencies in computer skills. A complete job description is found on the Virginia State website.

If interested, please contact Anne Perdue ([adperdue1@gmail.com](mailto:adperdue1@gmail.com)) for an application. The deadline for application submission is January 20, 2022.



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