

Kappa Kapers

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

President's Message

"The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry." Robert Burns

Well, September's meeting hybrid plan didn't exactly happen but I appreciate those that were able to attend via Zoom. Thanks to Scarlett and Cheryl, we now know that Zoom will work from Panera! So, we'll try again on Tuesday, October 12. Come for dinner at 5:30 and then join us in person or with Zoom for our 6 pm meeting. Our program will be presented by Katie Bowman, counselor at BMMS. Katie will tell us about "Move this World"—a program that they are using with their students every day.

We will also be assembling our **JOURNEY BAGS** on October 12. Remember the items that you signed up to bring. Our meeting room is available at 5 so you can come earlier to have time to eat and begin work on Journey Bags.

One of the things that I had planned for our September meeting was to work in small groups and discuss the strengths of Kappa Chapter, our challenges and what dreams we might have for Kappa. I invite you to email me with your thoughts on these three things. I will be sending a separate email about this and hope that you will share your ideas with us. I'll write the suggestions/ideas on stars and attach them to a board so we will have a record of ideas on the future of our chapter. Together we can have an active and growing chapter but we do need your ideas.

School has been in session for weeks and I know that you are so busy in your classrooms. Remember the positive impact that you are having on your students and their families. Kappa is here to support you—please ask us for help. I firmly believe that we will get back to "normal" eventually, just keep plugging and rest and relax when you can. Our \$50 stipends are still available—just ask.

Margaret

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Upcoming Meeting

Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

6:00 P.M. IN PERSON meeting (come earlier to eat)

Panera Bread - Waynesboro

OR

Join [Zoom](#) Meeting (link open at 5:30)

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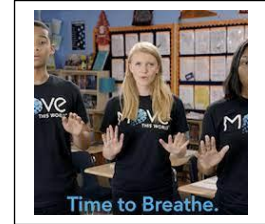
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Program: Move this World

Presenter: Katie Bowman,
BMMS Counselor

Save the Dates:

Tues, Nov. 9

*Dec 4 (MaDee
Project)*

Sat, Jan. 29

Tues, March 22

Happy Birthday

October

11 Margaret Shifflett, Sarah Nicklas

28 Erika Kancler, Kristin Quinn



Care and Conern

Jean Liggett - recovering from surgery

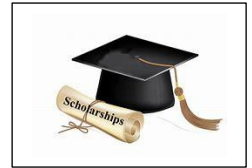
Cheryl Perry - having side effects from treatments

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. See below for other opportunities.

\$25 donation in memory of Susan Schuckman's mother, Carolyn (Anne Perdue)

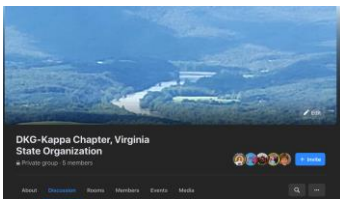
\$25 donation in memory of Eloise Franzysen, long time DKG VA member (Anne Perdue)



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

Kappa members,
I need to know how you would prefer to receive the DKG News and DKG Journal/Collegial Exchange (magazine). The default for DKG News is electronic delivery and the DKG Magazine by mail. If you want either of these changed, please send me an email as soon as possible. Otherwise, you will continue receiving them as always. If you are a new member, the DKG News will be delivered by mail for a year regardless of how it is currently set up.
Sandy

VA State Organization is using a new mass mailing email app called MailChamp. 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. For example, you might receive a notification and link from Executive Secretary, Glenna Hensdill, that the newest edition of *The Bridge* is available. They have attempted to update the email database so hopefully, everyone will receive this information.

Belk will be holding Charity Days October 28-30.

Anne Perdue will have tickets at the October 12 meeting and will be able to provide more details.





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!

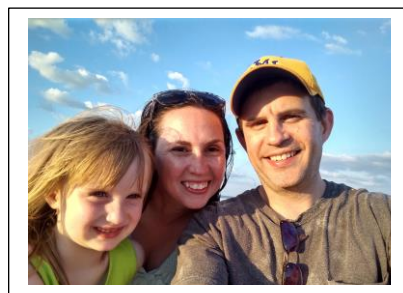
Susan Schuckman,
Chair Education Excellence Committee

Spotlight on new member - Cassy Maxton-Whitacre...

I'm Cassy Maxton-Whitacre, and I am the theatre instructor at the Shenandoah Valley Governor's School in Fishersville, Virginia. The SVGS Theatre Department is a community of students who are passionate about theatre and committed to artistic and academic excellence. It provides a collaborative, engaging, and fun environment with extended studio time and the opportunity to work with theatre professionals in our community. I currently teach Introduction to Theatre, Drama Theory & Criticism, and Studio Acting I & II. I love working with my passionate and talented students, and I enjoy being able to delve into challenging and specialized topics with them in all our classes. I have a BA in theatre and arts management from Miami (Ohio) University) and earned my teaching certificate in PreK-12 Theatre Arts through Mary Baldwin University. I am currently pursuing an MFA in Theatre Education from Mississippi University for Women.

In my classroom, you'll see empathy & support, creative risk taking, laughter (and sometimes tears), poster paper & scented markers, pride in our work, and love for each other.

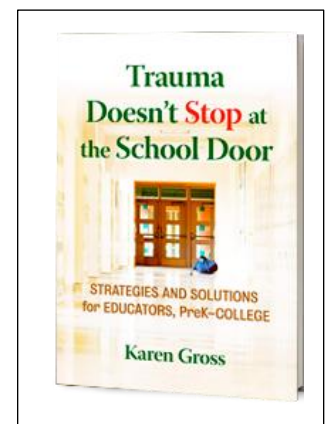
I live with my husband and daughter, and we like to travel and explore both near and far. I am involved with local theatre through Oak Grove Theater, ShenanArts, and Waynesboro Players.



Looking Ahead...

Karen Gross, the recipient of the 2021 DKG Educators Book Award, will be Kappa's speaker at our November 9 meeting. We are planning to meet at Panera Bread in Waynesboro, and she will join us 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–adult educational pipeline, provides clarifications of currently used terms and scoring systems and offers new and alternative approaches to identifying and ameliorating trauma and includes visual images to augment the descriptions in the text. Karen recommends reading Chapter 5 for this presentation. The book is available on Amazon.



Journey Bags...



Please remember to bring your Journey Bag Items to the October 12 meeting (Panera Bread-Waynesboro) as we will assemble the bags at that meeting. If you are unable to bring items to the October meeting, please contact Anne Perdue (adperdue1@gmail.com) to make other arrangements. Thanks so much for participating in this outreach project.

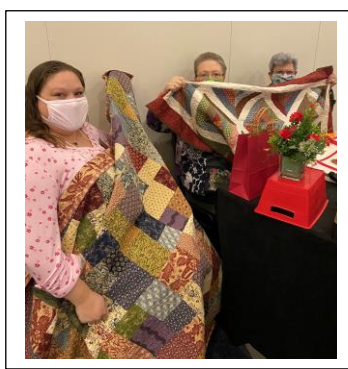
Laurie Nistrath highlights Fall Board...

To say that meeting in person was the highlight of the fall Executive Board meeting would not be an understatement! The Koger Center in Richmond was a sea of smiles, warm greetings, and lots of “air hugs” as women convened for the first time since September 2019. Members Marcia Elliott, Laurie Nistrath, President Margaret Shifflett, Susan Schuckman, and Dr. Julia Van de Water attended this meeting on Friday, September 24 through Saturday, September 25.

The Kappa Chapter engaged in the board meeting through-

Marketplace- Our chapter, to support the Grand-in Aid project, raised \$576 through a gift card raffle, the donation of handmade items, and books. Margaret’s handmade quilts found the optimum location for a sale- the Market Place corridor was so cold that they sold in record time.

A buffet “Meet & Greet” was an opportunity for members to socialize in person after a year of Zooming! The Buffet provided a delicious way in which to begin the First General Session.



Susan Schuckman shared her “First Time Impression” at the International Conference in San Antonio, July 2021. She and Margaret used the “divide and conquer” method in order to attend as many workshops and presentations as possible.

Laurie Nistrath is a new member of the Educational Excellence Committee, which comprises so many of the DKG programs and initiatives that drive the organization. It was an opportunity to dialogue about how the new biennium, 2021-2023, will proceed.

Saturday was a full morning consisting of break-out sessions, chapter president sessions, and a general business session. During the business session, Society Business, Mission, and Purposes presented an overview of the work of committees.

Kappa member, Dr. Julia Van de Water, serves on the Membership and Expansion committee. Her report highlights the current focus, *Recruit, Retain and Reclaim* members as a component of the Society's Business. (photo credit: Becky Riebeling, Webmaster.)

Member Marcia Elliott, along with her co-chair, Debbie Jessee, presented an overview of the goals and initiatives of the Legislative component of the organization.

A larger collection of images taken during the Fall Executive Board training are posted on the state Facebook page. (photo credit: Becky Riebeling, Webmaster.)

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Nistrath, member.



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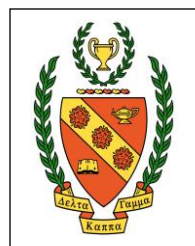
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