

# 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 Ladies**, welcome to 2021-2022! I know that many of you have been in the classroom for several weeks and hope that all is going well. We remember those first weeks of the year with its challenges and the exhaustion that goes along with it!! Please know that we are willing to help you if we can. The \$50 stipends are still available this year so if you need something for your classroom, please send Susan Schuckman a message and she'll get you an application.

Your executive committee has been hard at work and has exciting programs and projects for 2021-2022. Our first three meetings will be hybrid. For those who are able, we will meet at **Panera Bread in Waynesboro**. We will have a private room; it's located right off I-64; and, there is plenty of parking. We will begin to gather about 5:30 if you are interested in ordering a snack or dinner. **Our meeting will begin promptly at 6:00**. I will send a **ZOOM** link for those who prefer to be at home so you can still join us. Hopefully, we'll have a volunteer to help with the technical aspects of this but we'll do the best that we can!!

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January 29, 2022 will be the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of our chapter. Kappa should be proud of these years of being an active chapter. We plan on a special celebration for this occasion so watch for more details as we get closer to January!! You might want to start looking for a hat to wear!

The VA State Organization theme for this year is ***"Embrace, Inspire and Lead the Change."*** Kappa will do our best to live up to these ideals. If you know a member who hasn't been active, invite them to a meeting and provide a ride. Check-in with a member who hasn't been able to attend our meetings. We are willing to help with ZOOM technical issues if that has been a problem. As always, we welcome new members. Invite someone on your team or another teacher at your school or in your neighborhood to attend a meeting with you. Share you DKG passion with those around you. You are a key woman educator and can inspire others in your school, your community and worldwide.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday, September 14 at Panera Bread in Waynesboro.

*Margaret*

# Upcoming Meeting

## Business Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

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

Panera Bread - Waynesboro

OR

Join [Zoom](#) Meeting

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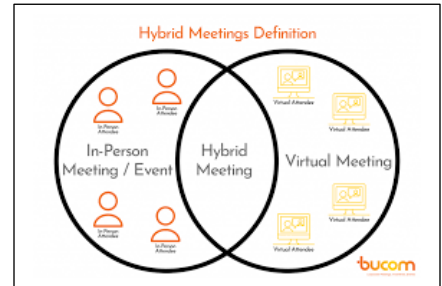
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### Save the Dates:

Tues, Oct. 12

Tues, Nov. 9

Dec 4 (MaDee Project)

Sat, Jan. 29

Tues, March 22

Tues, May 10

# Happy Birthday

**September**

7 Cheryl Perry



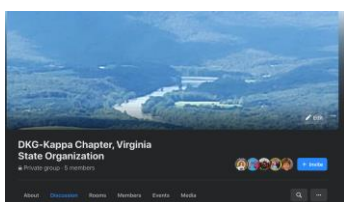
**DID YOU KNOW** We are starting again to raise money for our Grant-in-Aid. Now you will be able to contribute money to our GIA in honor or in memory of someone and that will be recognized in the newsletters. See below for other opportunities.



## 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 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 will be trying 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. We have attempted to update the email database so hopefully, everyone will receive this information.**

### Fundraiser for Grant-in-Aid

Kappa Chapter will be raffling off a collection of gift cards at Fall Board on September 24th & 25th. We need members to donate \$10 gift cards from businesses that can be found all over Virginia. Here are some ideas: Starbucks, McDonalds, WalMart, Wendy's, Cracker Barrel, Target, Chick Fil-a, Subway, Barnes & Noble, Panera's, etc. Any gift cards of a \$10 value would be appreciated. Please bring it to our September 14th meeting. I will be collecting any donations. If you prefer not to purchase a gift card, you are welcome to give me money and I will be glad to purchase! Thanks for your assistance in meeting our goal for our Grant-In-Aid scholarship goal! If you have any questions, let me know. Susan Schuckman



## 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!

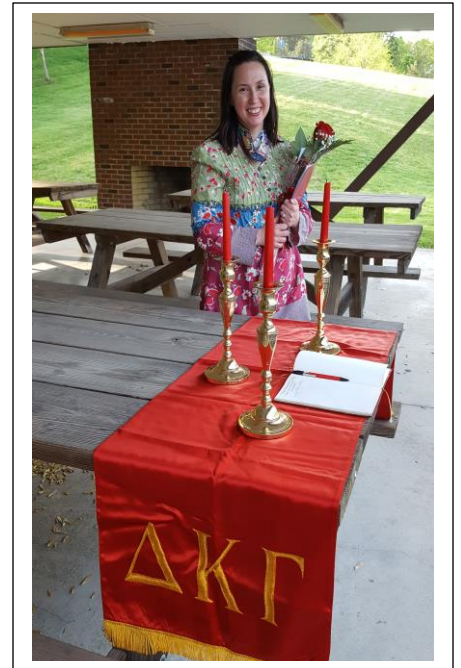
Susan Schuckman,  
Chair Education Excellence Committee

## Highlights from our last meeting...

At the May meeting two area students were awarded the Downs-Ryerson grants-in-aid. Annabelle Terry, a recent graduate of Buffalo Gap, and Macie Nester, a recent graduate of Waynesboro High School, were recognized for their accomplishments and presented with a \$1,000 check to go towards their study in the field of education, which is a criterion for the scholarship. Terry is planning on attending Bridgewater College with the career goal of teaching high school history and theater. Nester has chosen James Madison University to pursue her study in elementary education. Both recipients shared how they were inspired by their own mothers who are educators.

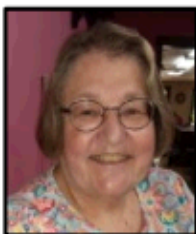
Susan Shuckman and Julia Van de Water served as the selection committee and made the presentations. Sandy Proctor presented checks to recipients.

Kappa Chapter also inducted a new member. Cassy Maxton-Whitacre is the Theatre Arts Lead at the Shenandoah Valley Governor's School. Welcome Cassy! A bio will be shared in the next newsletter. Her email is maxton@svgs.k12.va.us.



## Serving at the State Level...

### 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.

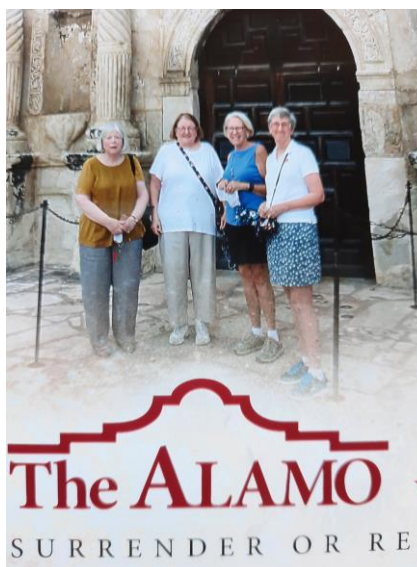
*When I worked with high school students, many did not recognize their leadership potential. Many times, when I was working with them, the students would share their dreams and goals. After telling me what they wanted to do, I was able to work with them to achieve these goals and help them to recognize 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.*

## Journey Bags...



Each member has received an email from Sign Up Genius to donate to our Journey Bag project. If you would like to participate in filling Journey Bags for foster children (Shenandoah Valley Social Services), please indicate the item and quantity using the link provided. Please sign up no later than September 20. Items can be brought to the October 12 meeting (Panera Bread-Waynesboro) as we will assemble the bags at that meeting. Monetary donations are always welcome (Kappa Chapter, PO Box 34 Mint Spring, VA 24463). If you are unable to bring items to the October meeting, please contact Anne Perdue ([adperdue1@gmail.com](mailto:adperdue1@gmail.com)) to make other arrangements. Thanks so much for participating in this outreach project.

## Some pictures from International convention...



Kappa reps: Margaret Shifflett, Susan Schuckman and Julia Van de Water (along with Marcia Elliott)



## CONNECTING WITH VIRGINIA DKG

Use our websites and social media to make connections:

1. Virginia State Organization Website: <http://www.va-state.org/>  
Becky Riebeling, Webmaster
  - Go to **Member Login . . . Register**
    - Complete the User Registration NOTE: If you get a message that your email has been used, **do NOT register** by choosing another email address. You are registered already in the system because you have used the online store.
    - Remember your username and password.
  - Virginia State Bylaws and Standing Rules 2019 are found under **Governance**
  - **Forms and Information** will have almost all the forms you need.
  - **Online Store** used for making online payment for registrations of state events.
  
2. International DKG Website: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)  
**MyDKG** – your personal profile – Requires log-in/password:  
**Login: Your membership #**  
**Password: dkg2014society (if you have not set a unique password)**  
Check information and make updates as needed. Especially, be sure there is a correct email included.
  
3. Virginia DKG Facebook page: **VA IOTA State Organization, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
Facebook group: **DKG Virginia Women Educators**  
Members should feel free to post independently and to provide pictures/information for us to post by contacting Becky Riebeling (becky.riebeling@hotmail.com).
  
4. Twitter: **Virginia, IOTA DKG** and **@DKG\_Virginia**. Members should feel free to post and tag us with **#DKG\_VA**.

37,000 pages by 17 members

## Kappa's Summer Reading List

### FICTIONAL FAVORITES:

***Dead in the Water (A Cal Murphy Thriller)*** by R.J. Patterson

***Rattle His Bones (A Daisy Dalrymple Mystery)*** by Carola Dunn

***The Cheltenham Square Murder*** by John Bude

***Death in Damascus: The Heathcliff Lennox Series*** by Karen Baugh Menuhin

***Silver Birches*** by Adrian Plass

***The Return*** by Nicholas Sparks

***Slow Waltz at Cedar Bend*** - Robert James Waller

***The Irish Heart Series*** - Juliet Gauvin

***My dear Hamilton, A novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton*** by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

***Monticello: A Daughter and her Father*** by Sally Cabot Gunning

***America's First Daughter*** by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie

***The Venice Sketchbook*** by Rhys Bowen

***Where The Crawdads Sing*** by Delia Owens

***Death at Wentwater Court: A Daisy Dalrymple Mystery*** by Carola Dunn

***Gone West: A Daisy Dalrymple Mystery*** by Carola Dunn

***Sooley: A Novel*** by John Grisham

***Eternal*** by Lisa Scottoline

***Red Comet*** by Heather Clark

Favorite Fiction Authors

Lisa Scottoline

John Sanford

Robyn Carr

John Grisham



NON FICTION FAVORITES:

***The Secret Life of Bletchley Park*** by Sinclair McKay

***Daughters of Yelta*** by Catherine Grace Katz

***The Romanov Sisters*** by Helen Rapport

***Last Days of the Romanovs*** by Helen Rapport

***Code Girls*** by Liza Mundy

***The Randolph Women and their Men*** by Ruth Doumlele

***Three Days at the Brink*** by Bret Baier

***Martha Jefferson Randolph, Daughter of Monticello*** by Cynthia A Kierner

***The Secret Token: Myth, Obsession and the Search for the Lost Colony of Roanoke*** by Andrew  
by Andrew Lawler

***The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of the Little Bighorn*** by  
Nathaniel Philbrick

***Mr. and Mrs. Madison's War: America's First Couple and the Second War of Independence***  
by Hugh Howard

***The Jamestown Brides: The Bartered Wives of the New World*** by Jennifer Potter

***A Promised Land*** by Barack Obama

***Gut: The Inside Story of Our Body's Most Underrated Organ*** by Giulia Enders

***Wasps: Their Biology, Diversity, and Role as Beneficial Insects and Pollinators of Native Plants***  
by Heather Holm

***Forgiving What You Can't Forget*** by Lyse Turkurst

***Dirt: Growing Strong Roots in What Makes in Broken Beautiful*** by Mary Morantz

***Writing to Change the World*** by Mary Pipher

***Pursued: God's Relentless Love for You*** by Jennifer Cowart

***Uncovering the Logic of English*** by Denise Eide



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