

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 Sisters,

Well, we made it to 2022 and I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Kappa has some exciting things planned for this new year. Our meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 29th will be held virtually on Zoom—Covid just won't give us a break!! Kimberly Beckerdite, VA State Organization President, will be joining us as our speaker. This year, 2022, is Kappa's 75th anniversary and we had hoped to celebrate together in January but this meeting will be just "Part One" of our celebration. Please invite perspective members to join us as we take a look at Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Chapter. I am keeping my fingers crossed that we will be able to meet in person in March and May.

Are you interested in learning more about DKG and VA State Organization? Are you thinking about a leadership opportunity in our chapter or the State Organization? If so, plan on attending DKG's Leadership Seminars. (There is money available to pay for your registration. Just let Sandy know and she will reimburse you.) There are three sessions available. Some of us will be attending the session in Richmond on Saturday, March 26. There is information in [The Bridge](#) and registration is on the state website. Not sure about attending? Give me a call or email me and I will be glad to give you more information. One of us will be glad to give you a ride to Richmond, too.

Kappa will sponsor a team for the **Augusta Relay for Life** to be held on Saturday, April 30, 4 to 10 pm. Whitney Minnick, executive director of Augusta County ACS, has agreed to be the speaker for our March 22 meeting. Cancer affects all of us—personally, family, friends, team members at work and Kappa Chapter members. Please consider being an active participant, supporting our Chapter "walkers" or helping with fund raising for "TEAM KAPPA". I hope that we will have Kappa members who are cancer survivors join in the Survivor's Lap. We'll be there to cheer you on!

Thank you for being flexible as we maneuver this new surge of Covid. Stay well and warm. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, January 29 at 10 am on Zoom.

Margaret

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Upcoming Meeting

Business Meeting and Program

Saturday, January 29, 2022

10:00 A.M.

[ZOOM](#) Meeting ONLY

Meeting ID: 815 6796 0796

Passcode: 672260

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We will begin our celebration of Kappa's 75th anniversary with this meeting.

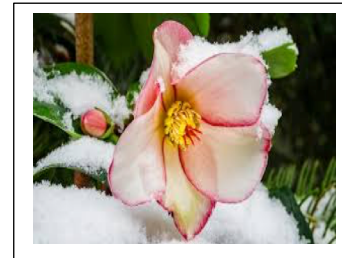
**Speaker: Dr. Kimberly Beckerdite,
Virginia State Organization President**

Happy Birthday

February

20 Judy Baylor

21 Jean Liggett



Care and Conern

Cheryl Perry continues to have side effects from cancer treatments.

Vrla Leach has melanoma of the eye and will have surgery February 1. A radioactive plaque patch will be put on the eye and that will be covered by a lead patch which will be taped on. During the 7 days to 6 weeks the patch will be on, she will be confined to her house and yard. During this difficult time, she would appreciate our prayers and support.

Judy Baylor had triple bypass surgery in June and has recovered well. In November she had hip replacement surgery. When she finishes PT for the hip, she will resume PT for the heart. She also would appreciate our prayers and good wishes.

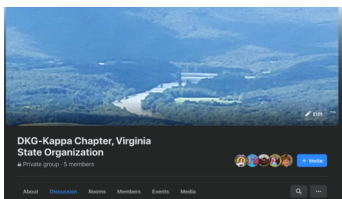
DID YOU KNOW We are starting again to raise money for our Grant-in-Aid. Now you will be able to contribute money to our GIA in honor or in memory of someone and that will be recognized in the newsletters.



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 Education Excellence Committee...

I just want to remind everyone funds from Kappa Chapter are available for stipends. The application is simple to fill out. You can get \$50 by filling out the application and emailing it to me at slschuckman@aol.com. No receipts are necessary. Application is enclosed in the newsletter.

For those teachers who are working and to those who are substituting, you all are doing a great job! My hat is off to each of you and you have my utmost respect! Keep up the good work! I know I appreciate each of you in so many ways!

Susan Schuckman

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!



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

Celebrations...

Jennifer Floyd recently got engaged!

Margaret Shifflett was one of nine women from VA to be chosen by the DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury to be featured in the fall edition. Her quilt "Northern Stars" will be part of this collection. She has graciously donated some of her quilts to our journey bag project in past years. And speaking of that, we got a "shout out" in The Bridge about that project. Thanks to Anne Perdue for coordinating this project from the beginning.

Susan Doughty has agreed to fill a vacant spot on the State Rules committee. She joins Susan Schukman, Nominations committee, and Anne Perdue, chair of Personnel committee, in her leadership at the state level.

Kappa will be represented by at least five from Kappa at the Leadership Development Seminar: Margaret Shifflett, Anne Perdue, Laurie Niestrath, Susan Doughty and Susan Schuckman.

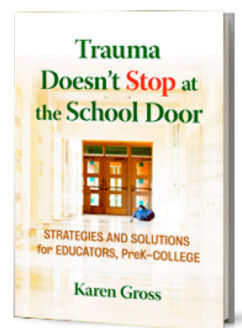


Bea Morris continues to keep us up-to-date on the working of the General Assembly! Get on her "list" if you aren't already getting her communications.

Susan Schuckman and Dee Hoy have the travel bug! Hopefully they will share about their adventures in the next newsletter.

Highlights from last meeting and social...

Karen Gross, the recipient of the 2021 DKG Educators Book Award, was Kappa's speaker at our November 9 meeting via Zoom. Karen described her work as focused on solutions to help students, educators and their institutions to thrive, not just survive. First and foremost, she recommended teachers taking care of themselves during these challenging times.



Savory Snacks Recipe Exchange

Though our numbers were small, those of us who attended Kappa's Savory Snacks for the Season (S cubed) Recipe Exchange on December 12 enjoyed a festive afternoon. Recipes for snacks were shared with actual examples shown via Zoom. We played several games including "Naughty or Nice." Our esteemed president turned out to be the most naughty.





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