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February Meeting

Initiation Ceremony and Luncheon

When: February 11, 2012 (Snow date-
February 18)-Wear a hat, gloves,
charm bracelet
Where: Third Presbyterian Church,
Barterbrook Road, Staunton
Time: 12:00 Initiation Ceremony,
12:30 Luncheon
Collect: Becky Park
Purposes: -To honor women who have
given or who evidence a potential for
distinctive service in any field of education.
-To advance the professional
interest and position of women in
education.
-To stimulate the personal and
professional growth of members and to
encourage their participation in appropriate
programs of action.

Program: "My Mother's Charms"-Susan Doughty
Music Director: Cindy Bolin
Accompanist: Dee Hoy
Hostess Committee: Bobbi Poats & Ginny
Coffey - Collect money
Provide favors-Bev Wise

**We will be collecting paper towels, toilet
paper, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to benefit
the Churchville Area Churches Food Pantry**

Reservations will be made through Kappa Callers.
Deadline is February 6.

Will Kappa Officers please email Christi
Almarode, calmarode@augusta.k12.va.us, to let her
know if you will be present for the February 11th
new member initiation service? Please contact
Christi by Monday, February 6th.

Presidents Corner

We had an enjoyable breakfast and productive
Executive Board meeting at Rowe's Restaurant with
thirteen officers and committee chairs in attendance
on January 14th. Joining us were four of our five new
initiates. Bev Wise led the new member orientation
segment of the meeting, using a PPT and brochure to
acclimate these women to the many facets of Delta
Kappa Gamma. Some of the other highlights of the

meeting included a proposal to keep dropped members on our email list, giving them the status of “Kappa Friends.” Ginny Coffey has been successful in her mission to find and retrieve Kappa Chapter’s old scrapbooks. We now have in our possession our entire history. Older volumes will now move with the President’s box and newer volumes will be housed by the History and Archives Committee. Bea Morris reminded members of Legislative Day on February 6. Anne Perdue reminded members to wear hats, gloves and charm bracelets to the upcoming meeting. Susan Doughty announced the leadership seminar in Bowling Green was scheduled for March 10th. Liz Nicholson asked that our chapter make some one minute video clips of “why people joined DKG/ what they are getting out of DKG” to send to International for a membership project. She will be looking for some volunteers, particularly those having been a member 1-5 years, at the February meeting to share their thoughts. The chapter’s SAP was voted on. It is attached at end of newsletter and is posted on our chapter website. Finally, there was discussion of the International Convention July 24-28 in New York City with Bev Wise, Anne Perdue and Scarlett Kiser throwing their hat in the ring. Please let me know if anyone else is interested so we can coordinate travel and accommodations. Information just came out in the DKG News regarding convention registration and sightseeing excursions.

Leadership Lesson

Leading From the Front by Angie Morgan and Courtney Lynch – (pages 44 -45)

I recognized that had I been decisive and taken action regarding his poor performance weeks ago, Schroeder might not be in as much trouble now. That was my fault. Decisions that affect other people are often the hardest to make, but they are also the ones where time is of the essence. Waiting and hoping that the situation would resolve itself was not leadership behavior, and I knew it.

But I also knew that my actions were stereotypically female. In general, women are raised to be consensus builders and peacemakers, not conflict makers. We’re expected to help keep situations harmonious, rather than taking steps that may cause conflict and discomfort. And that was what PFC Schroeder was facing – conflict and discomfort. Fortunately, my gunny helped me recognize that the conflict was Schroeder’s doing, not mine, and that, as a leader, it was my responsibility to try and bring him back in line. He also reminded me that while my peacemaking efforts were often valuable, they weren’t productive when they caused me to be indecisive.

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Dates to Remember


- February 6th – Legislative Day
- March/April – Leadership seminars in Abington, Bowling Green and Tidewater
- July 24-28 – International Convention – NY City

Kappa’s Favorite Things

Our Down’s-Ryerson Grant-In-Aid fundraiser this year, Kappa’s Favorite Things, is a different twist on the auction idea. Members are asked to fill gift boxes with items. The boxes with “contents unseen” will then be auctioned off at the March 20 meeting. Use your imagination as you (or a group of members) fill a box...gift cards, lotions, baked goods, trinkets, books...the ideas are endless. Remember that all proceeds fund Kappa Chapter’s Grant-In-Aid award to a high school senior who plans to pursue a degree in education.

Join us on March 20 at Shenandoah Valley Governor’s School at 6:00 pm for refreshments and Kappa’s Favorite Things event. Friends and family are encouraged to attend.

Complete the card below with a three word clue as to the contents and attach it to the outside of the box.



Donated by _____

Care and Concern

Betty Bennett’s mother is recovering from a stroke.

Thank You

\$280 was raised for Schools for Africa over the past 6 months. Thanks to all who contributed to this International Project.

Calling Kappa Singers

Please plan to join us for our initiation dinner on February 11, 2012. If you can be at the church by 11:30 to run through the two numbers, that would be wonderful!!



Kappa Chapter's Strategic Action Plan

*Goals aligned to chapter committees (who is responsible)

Membership and Leadership Development

Initiate 5 new members (membership as a whole and Initiation committee)

Have a new member orientation 6 weeks prior to initiation. Do this in conjunction with the breakfast and board meeting in January (Membership committee)

Improve attendance at meetings by

- sending out letters ...we missed you, here is what we will be doing this year (Membership committee)
- having interactive meetings (Program committee)
- having programs that deal with current educational / social issues, comedy relief (Program committee)

Promote global understanding: potential program - differentiation for the English Language learner – practical strategies for classroom use... starts by giving teachers a brief taste of the unique difficulties ESL's face every day (Program committee)

Nominations

To encourage a diversified pool of officers (committee)

Legislation

Have small group discussions with individual legislators (membership as a whole)

Publicity

Continue to send pictures and articles to Waynesboro and Staunton newspapers (committee) Link newsletter to chapter webpage (committee)

Yearbook

Continue to update yearbook and publish yearly to distribute during the November dinner meeting (committee)

Continue to get birthdays to add to each member's profile (Yearbook and Membership committees)

History/Archives

Figure out where and how to maintain scrapbook so history of the chapter is accessible to members and is not misplaced or lost (committee)

Music

To consider some special music for one of the dinner meetings (committee)

Continue the response to the collect and music for Initiation ceremony (committee)

Think about some fun things to include music- just 5 minute ditties at business meetings (committee)

Projects

Increase awareness of our International Project "Schools for Africa"program for November meeting, collect money (Program and Projects committees)

Books for Ray of Hope Library in Kenya (committee)

New Member Information

Laura Desportes, PhD lives in Grottoes, Virginia. She is an Associate Professor and Department Head of Exceptional Education at James Madison University. She has been involved in education at all levels for 32 years. Laura holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology with concentrations in Reading Education and Educational Research from the University of Virginia. Laura has served as a consultant, has made numerous presentations throughout the United States and in India and is published in her field. Currently Dr. Desportes is involved in several research projects in the fields of special education and mental health. She has traveled extensively in India doing research and lecturing and has spent time in Mexico, Hungary, Spain, and Equator teaching and observing. Laura volunteered as an AYSO soccer coach for eight years, has served on the Valley Community Services Board and has done staff development for Vector Industries. Currently she provides staff development to middle school teachers in Augusta County and is a CASA board member.

Cheryl A. Griffin lives in Mt. Sidney, Virginia. Cheryl is an adjunct faculty member at Blue Ridge Community College and is Community Relations Manager for the Massanutten Regional Library. Cheryl earned a B.S. Degree in Journalism from West Virginia University.

Cheryl has taught nursery school, junior high and high school both in Virginia and West Virginia. Real estate agent, TV host and owner/manager of a bed and breakfast are among Cheryl's other work experiences. She was elected to the Greenbrier County Board of Education in West Virginia, served on the Mary Baldwin Parent Council, participated in Greenbrier Valley Theater and is a member of the Valley Greeters in Harrisonburg.

Marshelle K. Moore lives in Staunton, Virginia and is the Band Director at Beverley Manor Middle School. Shelly's education career spans 14 years including ten years as band director at Riverheads High School. Shelly holds a B.A. Degree in instrumental music k-12. Shelly has served as the chair for the Augusta County Band Directors Association, the 2000 Fine Arts Festival Committee and the Beverley Manor Middle School Challenge Champion Program and co-sponsors the BMMS SCA. Shelly is currently working to implement a recycle program for Beverley Manor Middle School. As director of bands Shelly has had the opportunity to perform for numerous community organizations and area fund drives. She has also assisted with events sponsored by the Children's Art Network and is an annual participant in Relay for Life.

Sharon B. Spalding lives in Stuarts Draft, Virginia and is currently the Athletic Director at Mary Baldwin College. She has been involved in the field of education for 30 years. Sharon holds a Masters Degree in Health Administration. She formerly directed VWIL at Mary Baldwin College and currently serves as their cross country coach.

Sharon is a member of the Mint Spring United Methodist Church where she has served as a lay leader. Volunteering with the Helping Hands Food and fund raising for the AHC Bridge Fund are two of the community projects with which Sharon is involved.

Brenda M. Walton lives in Stuarts Draft, Virginia and is currently Assistant Principal of Wilson Middle School. She has been a professional educator for fifteen years. Brenda holds a Masters Degree from the University of Virginia and is nearing completion of her doctorate in Education Administration from Shenandoah University. Brenda is currently an adjunct faculty member at Blue Ridge

Community College, served as assistant principal of Stuarts Draft Elementary School and taught at both Shelburne and Stuarts Draft Middle School. Brenda is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Stuarts Draft Middle School Parent Organization, and the Quarterback Club.

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Legislative note from Bea

I hope all you Kappa members have been reading the Legislative Updates and have been contacting your senators and delegates. Please share the information with others in your schools and with friends. Passing good bills and defeating bad ones requires lobbying from their constituents. We must not have a defeatist attitude. We must be positive, persistent, prepared, and persevering! Crossover date is February 14, and the General Assembly is scheduled to end March 10. We have time to make our voices heard.