

# KAPPA KAPERS



**The Virginia State Organization Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**Kappa Chapter - Blue Ridge Coordinating Council**

**May 2024 Newsletter**

## **President's Message:**

Hello Kappa Members;

I hope you are enjoying the warm days of spring. This is always a beautiful time of year and of course, the end of school will be coming soon for those educators still in the classroom. Some are retiring and some will be returning for another beginning next school year. Summer is always the time to renew and refresh for another school year.

The next Kappa Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Panera Bread located in Waynesboro, Virginia. PLEASE be sure to place your order with Anne Perdue by April 30, 2024. Anne sent out an email to each member with the choices for the meal. If you didn't receive an email, please be sure to contact Anne at [adperdue1@gmail.com](mailto:adperdue1@gmail.com). Also, this would be a great time to invite a prospective member. They will be able to observe the installation of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium as well as the awarding of the grant-in-aid recipient. A short Founders Day Program will be presented. I hope to see you at this meeting.

If you have not paid your dues, Sandy Proctor's address is included in the newsletter as well as how much dues are for active and reserve members. Please make sure your dues are to Sandy by June 15, 2024 as she has a deadline to meet with Virginia State Organization DKG.

Belk Charity Days will be held on June 7-9. Details are on last page of this newsletter. All ticket proceeds go towards Kappa Special Projects.

Please let Scarlett Kiser know of any program ideas for the next biennium. Also, our chapter meetings are a great time to invite a prospective member. The Virginia State Organization as well as the DKG Society International are working hard to recruit new members or if a previous member would like to rejoin.

Again, I hope to see each of you on May 7th at Panera Bread. Congratulations to the officers for the 2024-2026 biennium. Thank you for taking on a leadership position. It is very much appreciated and I look forward to working with you.

Warmest regards,

*Cheryl*

## March Meeting Highlights



Back row, l-r: Natasha Peterson, Linda Pool, Joanne Lozar Glenn  
Front row, l-r: Nadine James, Katherine Nutt, Dianne Hennessy King



Nadine James, member of Alpha Nu Chapter, zoomed in to bring us our program for the evening. Nadine and the five ladies she collaborated with to co-author Memoir Your Way had no idea it would be five years from the time they first met with the idea to the publication of this book. Finding a publisher was the biggest challenge. They had made a pact with each other that it would be all or nothing but, in the end, they persevered and got what they wanted as the final product.

The book outlines ideas of how you can tell your story through a variety of channels. Nadine's chapter of the book "Nurturing the Young Storyteller," focuses on her specific project of 2nd graders interviewing their grandparents with questions like "What was school like for you at my age?" and then creating a "museum" where the students served as the docents. This project truly bridged the generational gap and facilitated the use of oral history, some even going as far as creating a video to leave behind to their families.

Other chapters focused on actually taking on the challenge of writing a book. The advice was to be selective and find the true story within you. Or even going the graphic novel route, as cartooning is a unique form of self-expression. Another chapter was how to create a food memoir by basically outlining a family food story through recipes representing your family legacy or even travel memories. This could be a great wedding or graduation gift to give somebody. You could also consider a collaborative effort of say a church cookbook or even a DKG chapter collection.

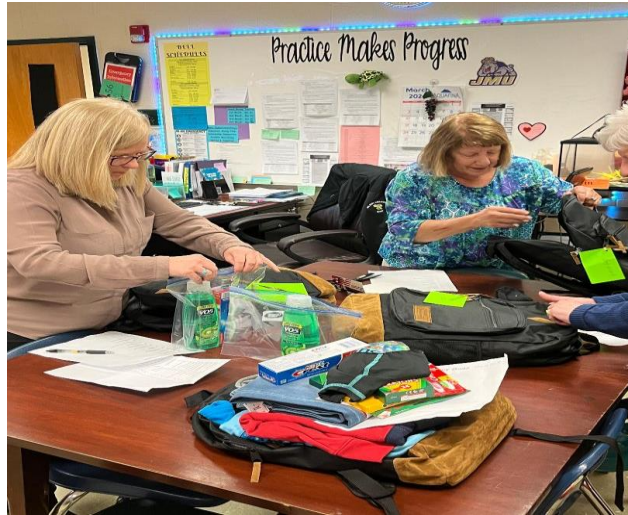
Another chapter tried to put a new spin on scrapbooking to give memoiring a visual appeal, giving step by step ideas, for those people who may be better with their hands than their words. There is a chapter dedicated to quilting, with the idea that you can transform memories into cloth memories to be handed down. It can be as simple as ironing on decals to a pillow case to a more talented proposition of sewing or quilting. The author of this chapter shared a personal story of her brother passing away and how she took his t-shirts from all the places he had traveled and made them into a quilt with pockets that contained handwritten entries from his travel journal but also including these messages typed and adhered to the fabric.

Nadine has had many life experiences that enabled her to embark on this project. She has taught in Belgium, loves to travel, has walked marathons, has earned her master's degree, and has collaborated with the Smithsonian Institute and the National Park Service. She can claim to be a retired reading specialist but has actually been rehired to support literacy at Annandale Terrace Elementary School.

We thank Nadine for helping us embrace the VSO biennial theme of storytelling!

## Journey Bags

Once again, Kappa Chapter members have graciously donated to the Journey Bag Project. Between the donations and the monetary donations of \$180, we were able to donate **7 Journey Bags** to Shenandoah Valley Social Services. Since 2017, Kappa has provided 67 bags including this year's donation. Thanks to everyone who participated. See picture below.



President Cheryl Sams (left) and Journey Bag Chair, Anne Perdue (right) pack Journey Bags.

## Virginia State Organization Leadership Seminary “Write the Next Chapter: Tell Your DKG Story”

Kappa Chapter of the Virginia State Organization Delta Kappa Gamma attended a Leadership Seminar entitled "Write the Next Chapter: Tell Your DKG Story" held on March 9th at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. Members Anne Perdue, Cheryl Sams and Susan Schuckman attended workshops on Sustainability of our Chapters Through Marketing, Recruitment and Philanthropy, The Many Uses for Canva, Open Discussion with Virginia State President Katina Keener, and many more.

Please consider attending a state meeting. The Virginia State Organization Fall Executive Board meeting will be on September 27 & 28, 2024 to be held at The Virginian Hotel in Lynchburg, VA.



President Cheryl Sams with Kappa's GOLD KEY AWARD!!!



**Virginia State Organization Leadership Seminar:  
"Write The Next Chapter: Tell Your DKG Story:"**

## Dues

Sandy Proctor is currently collecting dues for 2024-25. Again, they are \$90 for Active Members and \$35 for Reserve Members. (Please make your check payable to Kappa.) You may pay at our May meeting or mail Sandy your dues to 206 Hudson Ave, Staunton, VA 24401. Deadline is June 15. Please adhere to this deadline so Sandy can enter accurate information in the portal.



### May

6 - Anne Perdue  
10 - Karen OBrien  
12 - Dee Hoy

### June

12 - Lynne Carson  
17 - Betty Bennett  
20 - Jennifer Floyd

## July

10 - Wendy Hull  
11 - Julia Van de Water  
13 - Bea Morris  
25 - Ellen Abernathy  
28 - Susan Schuckman  
29 - Martha Chew

## August

8 - Sandy Proctor  
17 - Heather Cooper  
23 - Susan Doughty  
27 - Faith Ballew  
29 - Vrla Leach

\*\*Note: Summer birthdays are printed as a newsletter will not be published until September 2024.

### Care and Concerns

Kristen Quinn reports that she will be going to John Hopkins on May 8th. She reports she has not been back in the hospital, but still does not have the answers she is looking for. She is working from home for UVA as an early childhood mental health consultant. She reports that she is working with a physical therapist and occupational therapist to gain strength. Kristen also shared that she has made a wall of hope with all the cards and well wishes she has received. It fills my heart and gives me hope, she said. Kappa Chapter is sending prayers and hugs for answers and relief. We miss you and pray for answers on May 8th!

### Retirement

Scarlett Kiser is retiring from Beverly Manor Middle School! She has been at BMMS for 30 years. Congratulations! Kappa wishes you the best during your retirement.



### Kappa Chapter Officers - 2023-2024

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**\*\*Note: The fundraiser at Mt. Crawford Creamery for June 15, 2024 has been canceled!**



## **Kappa Chapter May Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:00 pm**

**Panera Bread**

**1011 Red Top Orchard Road**

**Waynesboro, VA 22980**

Please be sure to submit your dinner order on the Google Form that you received no later than April 30.

### **Program**

Recognition of the Downs-Ryerson Grant-in-Aid  
Installation of 2024-2026 Kappa Officers  
Founders Day Program

### **Dues Payment**

2024-25 dues (\$90 for active members; \$35 for reserve) are due no later than June 15, 2024. Sandy Proctor will collect dues at the May meeting. If you are unable to attend, please send a check (made to Kappa Chapter) to her (206 Hudson Ave, Staunton, VA 24401) prior to June 15.

**There is still time to register for the 2024 International Convention, July 7-13 which will be held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.**

## Belk Charity Days-June 7-9, 2024

- Tickets are redeemable on those dates in store only
- You may pre-buy May 28-June 6 and then pick up in store June 7-9
- One ticket per customer per transaction. Ask that transactions be rung up separately.
- Tickets cost \$5 and are redeemable for \$5 off (no brand exclusions) **plus** an extra 25% off rarely discounted designer brands.
- If you would like some tickets for this event, please let Anne know how many and she will mail them to you. Tickets will also be available at the May 7 Kappa meeting if you want to pick them up there. You can send the money (checks made payable to Kappa Chapter) to: Anne Perdue, 117 Oak Ridge Lane, Staunton, VA 24401.