



# Kappa Kapers

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

**Kappa Chapter - Blue Ridge Coordinating Council**

**January 2024 Newsletter**

## **President's Message:**

Happy New Year Kappa Members!

Welcome to 2024! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and was able to enjoy some quality time with family and friends. I know I had a fabulous time kicking off my holiday season with some of you at our Secret Rose get-together. What a wonderful time we had eating, laughing and learning about each other's childhood favorite toys! Of course the best part was being able to donate all of the fabulous toys to the Toy Convoy.



By this time, you should have received an email containing a link for the Healthy Chapter Survey, prepared by the state Membership Committee. Our organization is at a pivotal point in terms of its membership. Our goal is to increase membership, retain current members and recapture former members. Please make every effort to complete the Healthy Chapter Survey by January 31st so the Membership Committee can help meet this goal. Responses are confidential and our chapter will receive a report specific for our chapter. If you have any questions or problems completing the survey, please let me know.

I hope to see everyone at our upcoming meeting on January 27th at Third Presbyterian Church. The meeting begins at 11:00. We will have lunch followed by an informative program entitled "Can I Trust that Email?" If you have not yet let Anne Perdue know you are planning to attend, please reach out to either myself or Anne so that we can have an accurate count for the meal. We need this count by January 17th. Cost of the meal is \$16. I hope to see you there.

Warmest Regards,

*Cheryl*



## **Kappa Chapter's Secret Rose Event**

Kappa Chapter's first Secret Rose event was a huge success! Ten members submitted their names and a clue about what they liked as a child. Each person received someone else's name and the clue provided. It was such fun to find a toy(s) that the person would have liked. Presents were wrapped and brought to Panera Bread on December 2 for the big reveal. We each told the clue that we were given and then participants tried to guess who submitted that hint. There was much anticipation, laughter, and surprise as each present was unwrapped. All toys then were donated to WHSV's Toy Convoy. Those in attendance decided that this should become a yearly event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7, 2024 (tentative date)!



## **Belk Charity Days**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Belk November Charity Days. We sold a total of 49 tickets for a total of \$245. This money will be split between the Downs-Ryerson Grant in Aid and the Margaret H. Shifflett Educational Stipend. Hope everyone finds lots of bargains!





**Cassy Maxton-Whitacre is directing a musical for Shenandoah Valley Governor's School!!!!**

**SYMPATHY JONES: The New Secret Agent Musical**  
Music, Lyrics, and Concept by Masi Asare, Book by Brooke Pierce

**January 25-28, 2024 at ShenanArts**

**Thursday-Saturday at 7:00 pm**

**Sunday matinee at 3:00 pm**

**Tickets: [www.shenanarts.org](http://www.shenanarts.org)**

**\$10 Students under 18, \$12 Senior citizens and college students, \$15 Adults**

**Recommended for ages 8 and up**

**Show Description:**

**Sympathy Jones is a darn good secretary, but what she wants to be is...a spy! She's tired of seeing male agents head out on secret missions while the most dangerous thing she gets to corner is a hot pot of coffee. She dreams of adventure, so she seizes the opportunity when a top-secret file lands on her desk at the enigmatic Agency. The Shenandoah Valley Governor's School, in association with ShenanArts, is proud to present *Sympathy Jones: The New Secret Agent Musical*, a 1960's-era comic adventure in the same vein as *Get Smart* and *Austin Powers*.**



**Cassy Maxton-Whitacre, a teacher at the Shenandoah Valley Governor's School, was accepted as a member of the Connected Arts Network Professional Learning Community for Theatre. More information about this professional learning community in the website listed. Kappa is proud of you Cassy! <https://learn.schooltheatre.org/edta-partnership-the-connected-arts-network-grant>**

## Journey Bag Project

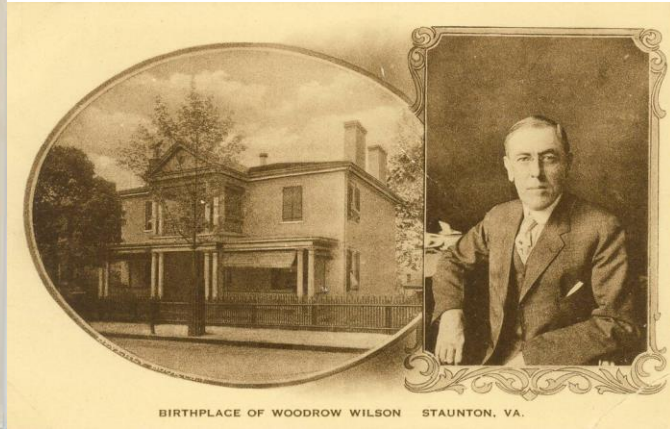
Kappa Chapter will again be gathering items for the Journey Bag project. A Journey Bag is a book bag filled with essential items that a child may need at the foster home placement. Each bag contains a pair of pajamas, an outfit, underwear, socks, toiletries, school supplies and again this year a Teddy Bear. Chapter members donate items, assemble the bags, and deliver them to the Shenandoah Valley Social Services for distribution.

A link Sign Up Genesis will be emailed to members in the next week. Sign Up Genesis will contain a list of specific items needed if you choose to donate. We will assemble the Journey Bags at our March meeting.



### November Meeting News from Scarlett Kiser:

We had 7 members (and four guests) for the November meeting of Kappa Chapter which was a guided tour of the manse at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and access to all the exhibits. Emily Kilgore and Linda Petze were a wealth of knowledge as the two bounced stories off each other. I picked up new facts and details even though I had been there before. For example, in 1912, as President-Elect, Wilson spent two nights in his birthplace home when he returned to Staunton to celebrate his 56th birthday. Or like the fact that Edith Wilson was instrumental in seeing that the manse was restored to the time of Wilson living there as a very young child (circa 1858) and FDR came to Staunton and dedicated the Woodrow Wilson birthplace museum in May of 1941 just months prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Another interesting twist was that the WWPL recently was able to recover and return an original bed to the manse and that Susan Dowdy provided a mattress that would fit the odd size bed. But I was also reminded that your birth order was also your bath order once a week and many other trivial details about life during this period. Following the tour, we scrambled in the parking lot to move our Thanksgiving dinner boxes for Wenonah Elementary into Anne Perdue's car. She delivered the 13 boxes that Kappa contributed the following week. Five of us went on to dinner at the Depot after our time together at the WWPL.



**Thank you for sharing Scarlett!!!**



### February Birthdays

- 20 - Judy Baylor
- 21 - Jean Liggett

\*Note: No January birthdays!

### Care and Concern

Kristin Quinn continues to battle Type 2 autoimmune pancreatitis and would appreciate prayers. Kristin.....Kappa is sending prayers!



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## Kappa Chapter January Meeting

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 11:00 am

Third Presbyterian Church

1313 Barterbrook Rd, Staunton, VA 24401

(Snow Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024)

Please respond to Anne Perdue ([adperdue1@gmail.com](mailto:adperdue1@gmail.com); 540-448-3611) no later than January 17 with your lunch reservation. The cost is \$16. Remember that you must have a reservation so that the ladies can prepare the correct amount of food. If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, please send a check (payable to Kappa Chapter) in the amount of \$16 to Sandy Proctor, 206 Hudson Ave, Staunton, VA 24401.

11:00 am-Program: Can I Trust That Email? and Internet Healthcare Fraud, presented by Shawn Smith, State Director of Virginia Medicare Patrol (Virginia Association on Aging)

Lunch will follow program. Menu includes Chicken Divine, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, tea, and coffee.