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March Meeting

Business Meeting and Program

When: Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Where: Shenandoah Valley Governor's School
Time: 6:00 pm Social Hour
6:30 Business Meeting
Program: Kappa's Favorite Things-Grant-In-Aid (Downs-Ryerson Grant) Gift
Boxes for Auction
Auctioneer: Betty Bennett

Hostess Committee: Elaine Almarode,
Chairperson
Shirley Crawford
Ginny Coffey
Kathy Morzark

We will be collecting pop tarts and breakfast items to benefit Katie's Snacks sponsored by Churchville area churches, Girl Scout troop and Lions Club

Presidents Corner

Now is the time to be thinking about how you can serve in Delta Kappa Gamma for the next few years. Sign-up sheets will be available at the March and May meetings for you to choose which committee you would like to serve on for the next biennium as well as responsibilities at meetings for the 2012-13 school year. Several of us are planning on being involved this summer by attending the International Convention in New York City. We have been researching travel and activities. Please let me know if you are interested so I can add you to the email conversations. Those who have proven longevity in membership in DKG throughout the state will be awarded membership certificates at the Leadership Seminars held in March and April. We will recognize these women from our chapter at our March meeting. Congratulations to Judy Baylor (Oct 1, 1987) and Cindy Cox (Nov 1, 1987) for being members for 25 years and Martha Hamrick (Nov 1, 1972) for 40 years of membership. And finally in regards to members who give 110% a want to thank Susan Doughty for all her hard work on organizing the IOTA leadership seminars and Bea Morris who has practically been eating, sleeping and breathing the business of the General Assembly for the past two months.

Leadership Lesson

(Pg 63)As a leader, you must take responsibility for your team's actions, whether you collectively succeed or fail. By communicating your willingness to assume that responsibility, you will create a climate in which trust and success thrive and blaming and finger-pointing are viewed as pointless.

(Pg 66)Don't ignore problems; instead, make it your personal responsibility to find solutions. Even generally accepted difficulties or roadblocks can be overcome. When you approach something as your problem, you'll be more focused on solving it.

(Pg72) Leaders who spend more time worrying about meeting their own needs than about the needs of their constituents are almost guaranteed to face difficulties. When subordinates feel that they receive no respect or loyalty from those in charge, the organization's moral and culture are bound to suffer. There is frequently no camaraderie and no sense of team, and little effort is expended to assist the leader in his or her quest for glory.

(Pg 76) Recognizing the work of those around you, rather than claiming credit for yourself, is the sign of a true leader. Such selfless acts produce gratitude, loyalty, and respect, which can make you an even more effective and successful leader in the long run.

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Dates to Remember

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.



Care and Concern

Betty Bennett- loss of her mother
Kim Norman – loss of her mother
Ellen Abernethy – mother-in-law recovering from broken pelvis
Angie Clymore – husband recovering from health problems

Happy Birthday and Belated Birthdays to You!!

- Ginny Coffey – January 3
- Cindy Cox – January 22
- Bev Wise – February 2
- Jean Liggett – February 21
- Margaret Stables - Mar 2
- Kathy Martin - Mar 12
- Kim Norman - Apr 2
- Scarlett Kiser - Apr 7
- Ronda Reames - Apr 7
- Roxanne O'Brien - Apr 15
- Bobbi Poats - Apr 15

Legislative Information from Bea

Thank you to all who read the Legislative Update emails and follow up on them! I'm glad that many of you are passing them on to nonmembers. We hope this will encourage them to want to know more about Kappa Chapter.

Coming to Kappa Chapter next fall: Kappa Friends Communication List.

We have situations where long standing members of Kappa are no longer able to maintain their memberships. One of these is where a member moves into a nursing home, particularly in another area. We want to keep in touch with our older members. So we are starting Kappa Friends where we will continue to send them the newsletter and minutes of meetings. These ex-members would stay on the list indefinitely or until they asked to be removed.

On occasion, women drop their membership because of changes in their personal situations, such as becoming a full time caregiver or a major health event. We want to support them and keep them informed of Kappa business and encourage them to rejoin when their circumstances change. This part of the list would be revised regularly.

Bobbi

