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Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



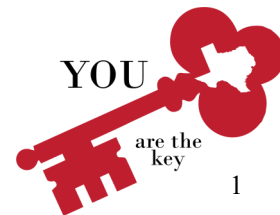
From the President's Pen

This is the last newsletter of the year for Kappa Phi, and with it comes my last article as president. As we approach the end of the 2018-2020 Biennium we end the current terms of office for our officers and committee chairs. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the members of our Executive Board for their service the last two years. What a great job you have all done! It has been a pleasure to serve with you all. And a heartfelt thank you goes to the membership for your participation; you are truly the key. It has been a pleasure to serve as your president.

Never in a million years could I have imagined ending my term like this. Until now, I have never conducted meetings online or experienced the challenge of social distancing while trying to stay connected at the same time. This has been a challenging time for us all. We have been blessed to have a membership that is willing to step into the future of technology and has continued to be in good health. When I look back over the two years of my term this will be what I remember most. We have had excellent programs and activities. (Patti Belknap, our current state president, presented the most memorable program on a very stormy evening.) And we have added outstanding new members, some of whom will be serving on the next Board.

Congratulations to the new Executive Board who will serve for the next two years. My prayer for all is that you continue to thrive and grow in service to DKG and Kappa Phi. Regretfully, we will not be installing officers at the May meeting, but rest assured, the new Board will begin their duties on July 1. Best wishes to all!

Lee Niticholas, Kappa Phi President, 2018-2020



Notice: Look for an email from Lee with the link and password for our May meeting. Many sisters voiced a request last week to start our meeting at a later time than usual since we are not having dinner and they need to take care of families. So we will begin at 7:00 PM.

See you Thursday at seven!



\$\$ Money Matters \$\$

Hi, this is Roberta Gould. May greetings!

I would like to remind everyone that the annual dues of \$90.00 for next year need to be received no later than May 31, 2020. Since the Kappa Phi meeting for May will be using Zoom due to our current health concerns and social distancing, you can remit your check payable to Delta Kappa Gamma for \$90.00 to me. You can mail it to me at the following address shown below or if you prefer to submit remittance using an Electric Fund Transfer, I've sent up a Venmo account for our organization. The user name is DeltaKappa-Gamma.

The following members have summitted dues for 2020-2021 as of May 1, 2020: Vicky Herr, Jan Waggoner, Pat Bielamowicz, Roberta Gould, Susan Price, Mary Funk, Marilyn Marsh, Chris Little, Celeste Craig, Linda Anderson, Barbara Taylor, and Jennifer Berrier-Barnett.

Financial activity for Kappa Phi in the month of April was a deposit of \$1080.00 covering dues for 12 members. There was no other activity. The current account balance is \$12,391.36.

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If you have any questions I can be reached at 972-989-8457 or RobertaAnnGould@gmail.com.

Roberta Gould, Treasurer

Kappa Phi Executive Board 2018-2020

President. Lee Nitcholas	1st Vice President. Marilyn Marsh
2nd Vice President. Mary Funk	Recording Secretary. Chris Little
Corresponding Secretary. Sally Saar	Treasurer. Roberta Gould
Parliamentarian. Nancy Shaheen	



Kappa Phi April Zoom meeting

Early Educator Grant

Vicky Herr touched base with our Grant recipients, and below are the replies to her email.

Good morning! :)

With Kappa Phi's amazing generosity, I was able to purchase 4 wobble stools for my classroom. My kiddos were so very excited when they arrived, and the stools quickly became a favorite seating choice in my room. I could immediately see the benefit of being able to wiggle and move for my active learners. I noticed an increase in attention and engagement in the learning experiences. I am so thankful for Kappa Phi's support of my students, and I cannot wait to use them in my classroom for years to come!

*Thank you kindly!
Kaitlin Burns*

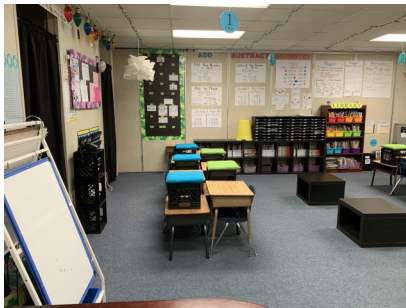
Hi, Vicky.

Thank you so much for checking in! I hope you are doing well and staying safe during this crazy time.

I want to first say thank you so much again for the opportunity you have given us this year. I was able to purchase several different math manipulatives and instructional supports with the grant money. The main resource I was able to purchase was a class set of leveled math cards that support 6 different instructional topics that I will be able to scaffold throughout the year. Unfortunately, I was not able to get a strong routine started using these resources before everything happened. However, I hope to start the year next year with a plan set up in place to use these effectively to support our districts initiatives for math instruction. I have also added a few pictures of my classroom so you can see what my world looks like.

I hope things settle down so you are still able to host your May meeting. Stay well and stay safe!

*Best,
Lance Powell*



LAST CHANCE



Hurry, Hurry last chance to fill out the 2020-2021 Survey for input as members for next year's meetings! This will be the last opportunity before the planning meeting for the Executive Board. I now have 12 surveys but that still leaves 14 left to respond. The link below will take you to the survey and then just click on submit! You do not have to go to Google forms.

Thank you to all for your cooperation and participation to help make the next Biennium the best ever!!

<https://forms.gle/o9bxZR3ci2X8ZGtW8>

Marilyn Marsh, 1st Vice President and Incoming President

Take 🎵 of These Dates

Thursday, May 7 Chapter Meeting
Sunday, May 31 Dues Must Be Paid
July 7-11, 2020 International Convention, Philadelphia
September 19, 2020 . . . Area 9 Workshop, Region 10 ESC, Richardson
October 24 Reception for Patti Belknap
June 16-18, 2021 TSO Convention, Denton

Happy Birthday to You!



Marci Matlock	May 10
Linda Anderson	June 13
Chris Little	July 1
Mary Funk	August 8
Elsa Ashley	August 19

Making Masks for Health Care Agencies

Some of our Kappa Phi sisters, including Laura Harbin, Marilyn Marsh and Debbie Moss, volunteered to help make fabric face masks along with a group led by Liia Harmon, who works with Dispatch Health. She gave us a goal of 700 masks. As of this week our group has provided about 600 masks to 8 to 10 very happy health care agencies.

We have also made masks for some of our Kappa Phi members and their husbands, for our family members and for our neighbors.

I know that we are seeing stores and restaurants open up gradually, but now is the time, more than ever, to be vigilant about wearing masks, washing out hands, and social distancing. I have attached a short article entitled, "How to Protect Yourself from COVID 19 While Running Common Errands."

Be safe, everyone.

Debbie Moss



https://www.dispatchhealth.com/blog/how-to-protect-yourself-from-covid-19-while-running-common-errands/?fbclid=IwAR1Xb5WvEzxNq4aLC_kTGoFCJ4oMTVidTmck0zN-SZtuHVOgezLnc2RjH8o



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Catching Up on Our Members While “Sheltering At Home”

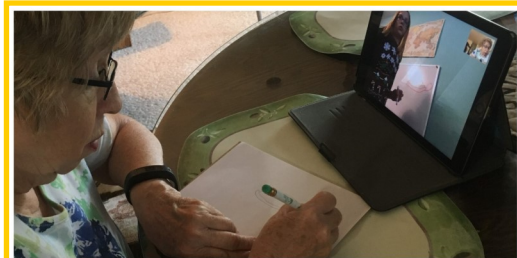
Besides the usual washing dishes, washing clothes, cleaning the house, and grocery shopping, our Kappa Phi members are managing to make excellent use of their time at home!



Ever the “foodie,” Lee has enjoyed cooking more elaborate recipes than usual. The above photos show her chile rellenos and the delicious Mexican dinner with them as the focus!



Jan was fortunate to be able to see the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels practicing for their flyovers for #America Strong. Jan lives in Gulf Shores, AL



Susan spends several afternoons each week Face Timing with her grandchildren. They read to each other and play games. She and Sterling spend a lot of time in the yard, but occasionally (as in this pic) they do watering at BIND (Brain Injury Network of Dallas), since they recently had a raised garden put in for the members. They also do a lot more cooking and inside projects that have long been awaiting attention, like scanning photos and organizing files and closets.



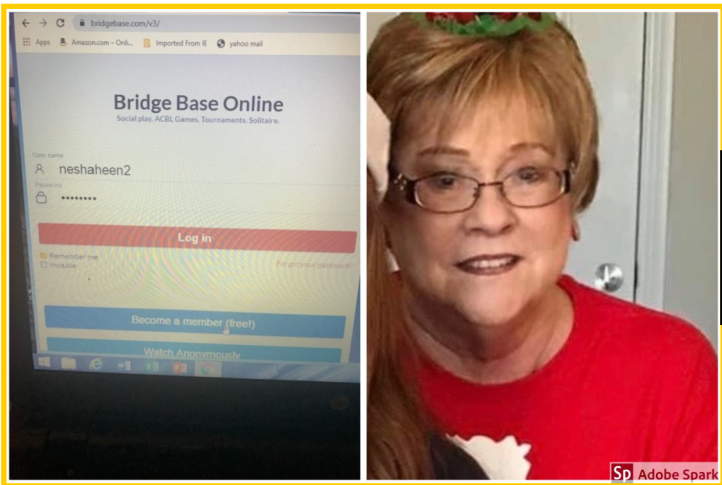
Laura has been making masks, gardening, and reading *The Decameron*, besides the usual cooking and cleaning.



Roberta has been doing lots of reading. It looks like she has the perfect reading nook!



Debbie has enjoyed spending time with her grandson Max and working in her garden. She has been spending 3 to 4 days each week with her 99-year-old mother. She has been cooking and even tried her hand at making beef jerky. She also has enjoyed going on walks and taking pictures. On top of that, she has found time to make lots of masks for health care workers, family, and friends.



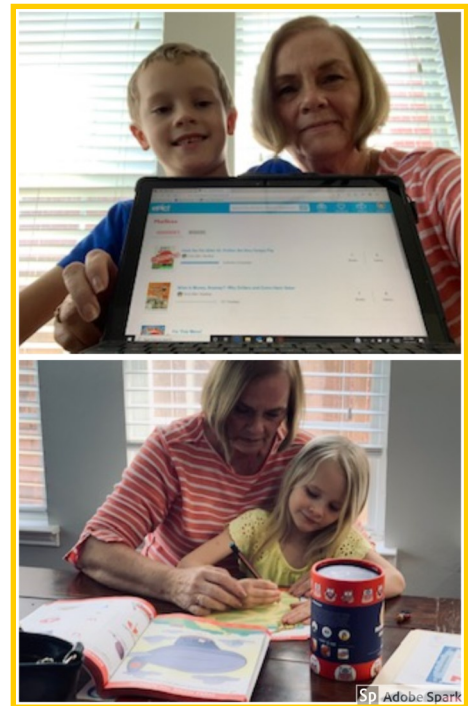
Nancy has learned how to play Bridge online with her Bridge group and has enjoyed doing that.

Marilyn helped her granddaughter Haley celebrate her 6th birthday with a car parade of friends and neighbors. She has also been sewing masks and has been a big help with that project. Don't you love her cute new bike? She bought it to get outside during the pandemic.





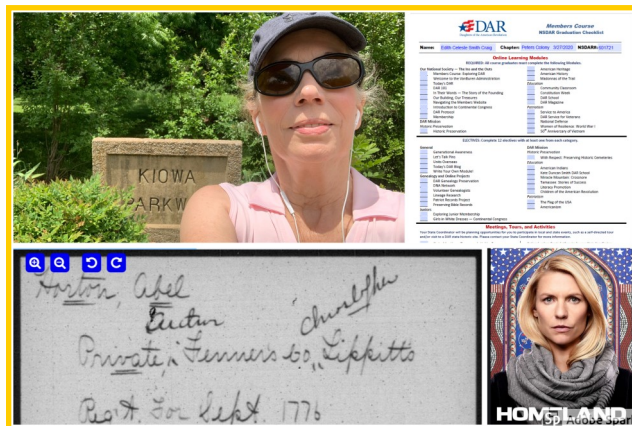
Sarah has been creating lesson plans for online teaching, homeschooling her own children, and having Zoom meetings with her whole family. This has kept her very busy!



Mary spends 2-3 days a week at her son's house in Frisco helping her grandchildren, Connor (1st grade) and Ryan (preschool) with their school activities. Both her son and daughter-in-law are working from home.



Linda has enjoyed going for long walks and working in her beautiful garden. She has also been looking for new recipes and doing lots of baking/cooking.



Celeste has been enjoying walks in the neighborhood, working on several DAR projects (one which includes transcribing Patriots' names from muster roles into the DAR database), and binge-watching *Homeland*.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INTERNATIONAL KAPPA PHI CHAPTER

Delta Kappa Gamma International Kappa Phi Chapter MINUTES April 16, 2020

Meeting location: all members participating from their own residences *via Zoom*

Members present: Linda Anderson, Pat Bielamowicz, Celeste Craig, Mary Funk, Roberta Gould, Laura Harbin, Vicky Herr, Chis Little, Marilyn Marsh, Debbie Moss, Lee Nitcholas, Susan Price, Ida Ribbik, Nancy Shaheen, Jan Waggoner

Guests: none present

Welcome: President Lee Nitcholas welcomed all members to our first meeting utilizing Zoom in compliance with the social distancing requirement due to the Corona Virus pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 with Lee inviting the members to join in *via Zoom*. Each attending member briefly recounted their activities and shared how social distancing was affecting their lives.

Inspiration: none given

Secretary's Report: Chris Little was reminded to report on the Executive Board meeting from the previous week. Lee offered to send the agenda so the notes could be a part of the official record for Kappa Phi chapter.

Treasurer's report: The new treasurer, Roberta Gould, reminded members to send in their dues of \$90. She indicated that she had received 4 checks to date. She reminded us that her address was included in the last newsletter and then also included it as follows:

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Old Business: Mary Funk reported on 2 potential members, although neither has officially accepted membership. She reminded us that once a prospective member paid her dues, she was not required to go through the orientation process and could be formally initiated at a later time. Prospective members were Carol Stacy and Jennifer Barrett.

New Business: The Executive board voted to donate \$100 to the Cora McFarland Fund to replace money which would have been raised by the silent auction at the CCDC Spring Luncheon. A motion was made and seconded to follow the Executive Board's suggestion to donate the \$100. The motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Program: Debbie Moss discussed making face masks which could then be donated to various organizations which needed face coverings as they worked in various medical facilities. She noted that she, Marilyn, and Laura had been working on the project making fabric face masks. Debbie encouraged any other members to participate. Debbie sent members an email containing a video with instructions for making the face masks. All are encouraged to participate. Contact Debbie, Laura, or Marilyn for details.

Several members requested masks for themselves or members of their families.

Announcements: The chapter still needs a representative for the Cora McFarland committee. According to an email from Lee, the DKG Convention has been canceled.

We will meet again on **Thursday, May 7.** *via Zoom.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P. M.