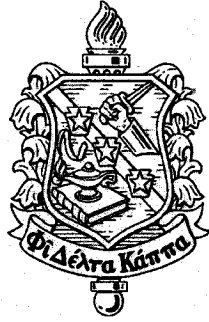
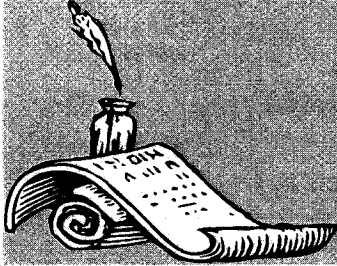


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The Kappan Corner

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President's Corner

Dear Fellow Kappans:

Once again, we educators are enjoying a precious gift persons working in other professions don't have the opportunity to experience. That is, the chance to begin anew with a clean slate. Each year, new faces, new challenges, and new opportunities give us that chance to start fresh. That is but one of the many benefits of being an educator.

Another benefit is working with professional colleagues and friends to make our schools and school divisions the best they can be. The best way to do that? Become an active participant in the activities of the University of Virginia chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a listing of events for the year, information on membership, and other material useful in making the most of your professional association. I challenge each member to become more active, and make every effort to participate in the events and activities of our chapter.

Working in the field of education can, at times, be most challenging. It is only through sharing our experiences and generating support from colleagues that we can feel less professional isolation. The relationship members of this chapter enjoy include working with outstanding fellow educators, utilizing the resources of the University of Virginia, and support for our personal commitments to excellence. These make ours an especially strong PDK chapter. Best wishes for a most successful school year. See you at PDK events!

Steven Nichols
President

E-Mail Update...

We are continuing to update our membership list for e-mail communication. This is the fastest way to keep you informed about upcoming events.

Please send your e-mail address to Regina Kirk at

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Hope to hear from you soon!

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PDK Area and 8E Leadership Conference

On Saturday, April 28, 2001, Jeannette Orrock and Alton Taylor attended the PDK Area and 8E Leadership Conference in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The program opened with remarks by Dr. George Kersey, Executive Director, PDK International. He described teacher and leadership needs being addressed by PDK but expressed concern regarding declining memberships in professional groups, including PDK. He recommended a book for us to read, *Bowling Alone*, to help our understanding of the current concerns of organizational group membership, such as PDK.

Dr. Kersey informed us of the Bessie Gabbard Scholarship fund. In 1993, PDK established an endowed scholarship fund in honor of Bessie Gabbard and awards are made annually from the earnings on the fund. Bessie Gabbard was the first woman initiated into PDK in 1974. She distinguished herself as a teacher, principal and supervisor in Cincinnati Public Schools and was a devoted member of PDK for over 27 years.

Next on the program was time for networking followed by leadership sessions on VP-membership, VP-programs, research, historian, past president/advisor, secretary, treasurer, delegate, foundation representative, newsletter editor, and creative leadership. These sessions were very helpful in obtaining ideas for next year's program. Later individual chapters met to work on reports for their plans for next year. Projects and programs concluded the program part of the meeting. Projects were grouped around topics of obtaining authors/lecturers from international, ethics conferences, PDK webpage, fastbacks, pathways to teaching, Kappan core, creative leadership, and professional development institute. These sessions were very exciting and produced many ideas to consider when planning for next year's program.

The program concluded with prizes... Jeannette won a PDK pad and Alton won a T-shirt. The program was informative and highly recommended to the officers for next year.

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Fall Initiation

November 4, 2001

1:30 p.m.

**University of Virginia
Dome Room**

**Applications for membership due October
to Keith Hammon**

**Woodbrook Elementary
School**



PDK Scholarship Information

The University of Virginia chapter is pleased to announce the awarding of \$500.00 scholarships to two outstanding area high school graduates planning a career in teaching. The recipients are Justin Roberts, Albemarle High School, and Carrie Keyser, Western Albemarle High School. Thirteen area public high schools are within our district and scholarship applications are sent to the respective guidance departments in the fall. These applications are due to the chapter by January 31st. Recipients are then selected for the chapter awards with the possibility of one being forwarded to International for competition at that level. We proudly honor our commitment to public education by encouraging prospective new teachers in their chosen career.



**Archives for University
Chapter of PDK**



We are continuing to update the archive for the University Chapter of PDK. We would appreciate receiving materials from any active or retired PDK members which describe events from our past such as newsletters, photos, minutes of meetings, and the like. Please send to Alton L. Taylor, 210 Miller Hall, University of Virginia.