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The Kappan Corner

University of Virginia Chapter

President's Corner

Dear Kappans,

It is my honor to welcome you to the University of Virginia Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. Our Chapter is dedicated to the ideals of PDK, promoting high-quality public education through leadership, research, and service.

Phi Delta Kappa is an international organization deeply rooted in several beliefs. We believe

- in publicly supported education,
- that high-quality education for all is essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life,
- in upholding the ethical ideals of leadership, research, and service.
- that leadership should be nurtured and developed, and
- that a dynamic organization incorporates the needs of its members, is responsive to the environment and trends, and changes as needed.

The University of Virginia Chapter is committed to maintaining these beliefs, whether it be by performing philanthropic activities, providing opportunities to hear speakers in the field of education, staying current with educational research, and providing social get-togethers.

Our Chapter is comprised of members from diverse backgrounds and experiences. The association with the University of Virginia provides the opportunity to be closely linked with faculty members and students who are actively involved in learning and current research. A number of PDK members are employed by or associated with the local public school divisions as administrators and teachers, both active and retired. The close relationship between the University and the local school divisions provides a natural link between research and leadership.

During this year we encourage you to become an active member in this growing organization. Please check our website <http://pdk.edschool.virginia.edu/index.html> on a regular basis for information about upcoming induction ceremonies, speakers, social events, and other service-related activities. Additionally, the PDK International website (<http://www.pdkintl.org>) provides a plethora of information regarding the organization, current research, and opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding our Chapter or ideas for activities that support the ideals of PDK, please do not hesitate contacting any of the board members.

On behalf of the board of the University of Virginia Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, I welcome you to an exciting and fulfilling year in our organization.

Sincerely,
Clare Keiser
Co-President
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Membership News...

Calling for Nominations...

Nomination forms can be obtained at
<http://www.pdkintl.org/forms/form102.pdf>

All Nomination forms are due November 16, 2007

Applications need to be sent to:
Jeanette Orrock
orrock@k12albemarle.org

PDK honors the following members for their continued membership in PDK:

5 Years

Michele Del Gallo
Nancy Markos

10 Years

Cheryl Brown Davis
Michael Robinson

15 Years

Russell Houck
Eliza McCay
Roberta Wells

25 Years

Jeffrey Barkkovich
Stewart Roberson
Eleanor Smalley
Philip Worrell
Jonathan Zingales

30 Years

Karen Daguano
Donald Layman

35 Years

Frank Barham
Mark Form

40 Years

Robert Davis, Jr.

55 Years

Dr. William Carriker



FALL INITIATION AND SOCIAL

Sunday, November 18

Steve Nichols

Superintendent of Staunton City Schools will be the guest speaker

Public Schools
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Lower West Oval Room in the
UVA Rotunda

Light refreshments will be served

(See Dr. Nichols Bio on page 5)

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Fall Initiation: Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 1:00-3:00 in the UVA Rotunda, Lower West Oval Room, Dr. Steve Nichols will be the guest speaker. See his biography on page 4.



Toy Lift on December 7, 8, 9, 2007 (see page 6 for details)

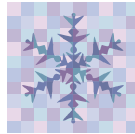


Cops and Kids
page 5 for details)



Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 (see

Winter Social Pool Party,
22, 2008, 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Baja Bean on the UVA Corner, February



March 19 or 26, 2007 Fundraising Dinner. Watch for more info.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN THE SPRING



Spring Banquet on be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30 at Greencroft Club. Our speaker will be

Carol Tomlinson. Be sure to mark your calendars!



Phi Delta Kappa
UVA Chapter 0026 - Fall Initiation and Reception
Sunday, November 18, 2007 - 1 to 3 p.m.
Lower West Oval Room in the Rotunda

Take a moment and invite a colleague or two to join our local chapter of PDK. Send me their email addresses, and I will extend an invitation to join PDK! Or, you can download an application from www.pdkintl.org and have them forward it to me. Deadline for new initiates is November 15, 2007. Thanks for supporting PDK, and I hope to see you and your nominee at the ceremony on November 18! Feel free to email with questions.
Jeannette – VP for Membership

Dr. Steven Nichols

Guest Speaker for the Fall Initiation being held on November 18, 2007

Dr. Steven Nichols, who is currently serving as Superintendent for the Staunton City Schools, received his doctorate from the University of Virginia in the areas of administration, curriculum and the supervision of instruction. Dr. Nichols has been involved in instruction for over thirty-five years, serving in numerous roles—as a teacher or administrator at all grade levels from kindergarten through university graduate programs. In fact, his first instructional position was that of a kindergarten teacher!

Dr. Nichols has served in a number of supervisory positions during his career primarily in Virginia, but has just completed a five year term as Superintendent in Jefferson County, West Virginia. Dr. Nichols has worked for school divisions in Fairfax and Culpeper counties, and the cities of Alexandria, Manassas, and Manassas Park. Dr. Nichols has made numerous presentations to both professional and lay groups in the areas of curriculum, student development, assessment; and law including: the National Middle School Association, Virginia Department of Education, Virginia State Board of Education, the Governor's Conference on Education, Virginia School Board Association, West Virginia State Board of Education, National Association of Secondary School Principals, American Association of School Administrators, and has served as a consultant to numerous school systems in the eastern part of the United States. Dr. Nichols is also an author with considerable research study in the areas of shared decision-making and the group dynamic process of leadership.

In recognition of his work with curriculum and instruction, Dr. Nichols served four years as Chairman of the Virginia Region IV Instructional Leaders Consortium, a group responsible for instructional planning for the twenty-two school divisions in the northern region of the state. Dr. Nichols is currently an adjunct faculty member of the University of Virginia, with instructional responsibilities in the area of educational law.

In 1999, Dr. Nichols was the recipient of the prestigious University of Virginia - Phi Delta Kappa Educational Leadership Award. Dr. Nichols has also served as the president of the University of Virginia chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa and serves on several University committees and boards.

Additionally, Dr. Nichols was selected to be a participant in the International Conference on Educational Leadership and Ethics held in Great Britain in March 2007 at Oxford University.

In addition to his work with public education, Dr. Nichols holds a degree in American Civil War history, and still conducts research into various aspects of that period of history—a life-long interest that began with his college years, while employed as a Park Ranger with the U.S. National Park Service.



Cops and Kids

Phi Delta Kappa has been asked by the Toy Lift Board to arrange for children to go shopping with police officers. This event will take place on Saturday, December 15, 2007. The cops and kids will meet at 11:00 for lunch at the Wood Grill Buffet. Following a delicious lunch, around 12:00, everyone will go to Toys R Us for shopping. The kids can purchase for themselves and their siblings/family members. Sue Davies is working with the police in Fluvanna County and Vickie Baker is working with the cops in Orange County to provide for this program. Unfortunately, due to new guidelines for Albemarle County police dress code, they will no longer be able to participate. If you would like to help with this program, please contact Vickie Baker at vbaker@ocss-va.org or sdavies@mail.fluco.org for additional information.



Our mission is to promote quality education, with particular emphasis on publicly supported education, as essential to the development and maintenance of a democratic way of life.



Kids Lift Foundation

Hello Toy Lift Supporters,

We need to get our Avon St. warehouse/distribution center ready for the lift. On November 17th starting at 10:00 AM we need volunteers willing to help clean, mow, replace tiles, and place tables that day. Due to the physical nature of this work (especially the mowing) we need volunteers 18 years and up. We need lots of tables for the warehouse. If anyone knows a company that will donate some please let us know. The evening of giving is coming up soon. It is at Fashion Square Mall Sunday, November 18 from 6-9. This is a great opportunity to give while shopping! Please contact us if you wish to buy tickets.

As part of our service to the community, Phi Delta Kappa volunteered to help serve the food for volunteers at this year's Toy Lift. Please sign up below and return the form to vbaker@ocss-va.org or call Vickie at 434-923-0688 (home), 434-825-2566 (cell), 540-661-4583 (work) to sign up. We need to have at least 2 people at each time. This year we will be helping with food on Saturday and Sunday. I will contact each of you to verify the time and location for your slot. A training session will be held prior to you working just to be sure we are following health guidelines for serving food. The date, time, and location will be arranged once we have volunteers. **MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER TO HELP SERVE THE FOOD.** (Sorry) See you there!!!

Dates and Times for the Weekend

- + SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2007 9 A.M.-8 P.M. at the distribution center on Avon Street Extended
- + SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2007 9 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at the distribution center on Avon Street Extended

Volunteer Times

Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the distribution center on Avon Street Extended

9:00-11:00 a.m.	_____	_____	
11:00-1:00 p.m.	_____	_____	
1:00-3:00 p.m.	_____	_____	
3:00-5:00 p.m.	_____	_____	
5:00-8:00 p.m.	_____	_____	(Clean up, too)

Sunday, December 8, 2007 at the distribution center on Avon Street Extended

9:00-11:00 a.m.	_____	_____	
11:00-1:00 p.m.	_____	_____	
1:00-3:00 p.m.	_____	_____	(Clean up, too)

