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Cocoa and Cookies for the Soul

By LOIS CATHERMANN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

"How may I help you?"

Receptionist, salesperson, airline attendant, teacher, nurse — how many workers offer their assistance each day? How many others are there who give aid without even asking?

When disaster occurs — earthquakes, floods, or a violent event like the Oklahoma City bombing — there is an outpouring of help from people all over the world. They may be members of an organized group like the Red Cross or they may be individuals whose personal standards move them to help those in need. Organized or not, they are all part of a group of indispensable persons. They are volunteers.

By definition, a volunteer is one who renders aid, performs a service or assumes an obligation of his/her own free will. In actuality, volunteers are the tens of thousands of people who see a need and move to fill it, who express their concern for others by taking action, who translate sympathy into caring deeds. Without them, the world as we know it now could not exist. With more like them, we can move mountains.

Where would we be without volunteers? National economists shudder at the thought. The cost of filling all volunteer positions with salaried personnel is immeasurable! But worse than the financial cost could be the cost to our souls and spirits. In a television discussion, a single father related details of his busy day — getting his son ready for school, work, evening chores, and time with his son — but went on to say that the time he spent as a volunteer for a community service organization wasn't a chore but a welcome change from the "must do's" of his life. His young son had begun to accompany him and was learning the joy of helping others. What a wonderful example for a child! The father expressed his feeling that jogging or aerobics are exercise for the body but volunteering is exercise for the soul. And it is equally addictive. The more you do, the more you want to do and the more you see instances of need.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of volunteers. In the beginning there were six young women who chose

to come together of their own free will. One hundred twenty-five years later there are approximately 140,000 women of all ages who continue the voluntary commitment to the ideals, standards, and philanthropic activities of the Fraternity. As "women supporting women," we are also women giving aid and support to others. From collegians who work with Special Olympics and campus date-rape

hotlines to alumnae whose garage sales and house tours raise funds to support shelters for battered women or day care centers for children of low-income families, Kappas volunteer their time, efforts, dollars, talents, and energy to helping others.

Recognizing that a legacy of volunteer efforts begins with training and tradition, the Fraternity structure is a model of volunteer efficiency. With only 30 full- and part-time salaried employees at Headquarters, the international scope of Fraternity activities is maintained by volun-

teers...thousands of them. The Fraternity Council, Regional and Province Officers, Standing and Special Committees, and Foundation personnel just begin the count. Add on Advisory Board and House Board members as well as chapter and alumnae association officers and the corps of Kappa volunteers totals close to 5,000 women!

In stating the purposes of Kappa Kappa Gamma our bylaws list "...the development of the nobler qualities of the mind and the finer feelings of the heart and mutual helpfulness in the attainment of individual and social excellence." Put in simpler terms, being a volunteer creates two benefits. For the recipient, there is a need met and the knowledge that someone cares. For the volunteer, the work provides spiritual nourishment, a change in the day's routine, and a good feeling of having been helpful and useful.

Be a part of the voluntary commitment that is Kappa Kappa Gamma, either in the local or global community or within the Fraternity structure. Help yourself to a large portion of hot cocoa and cookies for the spirit... VOLUNTEER!



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...with a helping hand, and a loving heart...volunteers truly make it all come together. *Cover design by Susannah Levin.*


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President's Message

*To look up and not down
To look forward and not back
To look out and not in, and
To lend a hand.*

This quotation could be a creed for volunteers. The words positively express the outlook volunteers have toward the work they do to make a difference in so many people's lives and in so many communities.

When volunteers reflect on their affiliations from the viewpoint of opportunities, it generates a sense of "jumping-in," in the true volunteer fashion. They are motivated to participate, thinking about exciting opportunities for growth and development on the personal and organizational fronts.

Kappas, who give so unselfishly of their time, talent, and treasures, make a huge difference in the spirit and organization of the Fraternity and Foundation. These women are like all volunteers. They want to gain personally from being a Kappa volunteer; they want to know about the goals and direction of Kappa Kappa Gamma; they want a variety of experiences and the resources necessary to do a good job; and they want another Kappa to look to for guidance and support.

Our challenge is to answer these needs for our volunteers, so they feel satisfied and appreciated for what they contribute. The Volunteer Recruitment, Training, and Retention Task Force's report includes recommendations to address these issues (see page 4). Implementation of the recommendations will begin in the 1996-98 biennium.

The Fraternity owes the ability to influence and change lives directly to the commitment of our members. Volunteering continues to change as volunteers keep pace with a world that demands new approaches to complex problems. Whether a Kappa volunteers her time with and for other Kappas or in her community, church, school, or social service agencies, she will lend a hand to make a difference in the lives she touches. She looks up, she looks forward, and she looks out, and she will forever improve the quality of life for others and for herself. 

JULIANA FRASER WALES, *Ohio State*
Fraternity President



Celebrate 125!

Kappa Kappa Gamma came to the shores of sunny California on April 1 as the Fraternity pledged 60 young women of the local sorority Zeta Kappa, and four alumnae, at Pepperdine University establishing the colony that should become **ETA BETA CHAPTER**. The pledging ceremony took place in the Pepperdine Chapel overlooking the Pacific Ocean.



The 60 members of the new colony at Pepperdine are looking forward to their affiliation with the Fraternity.

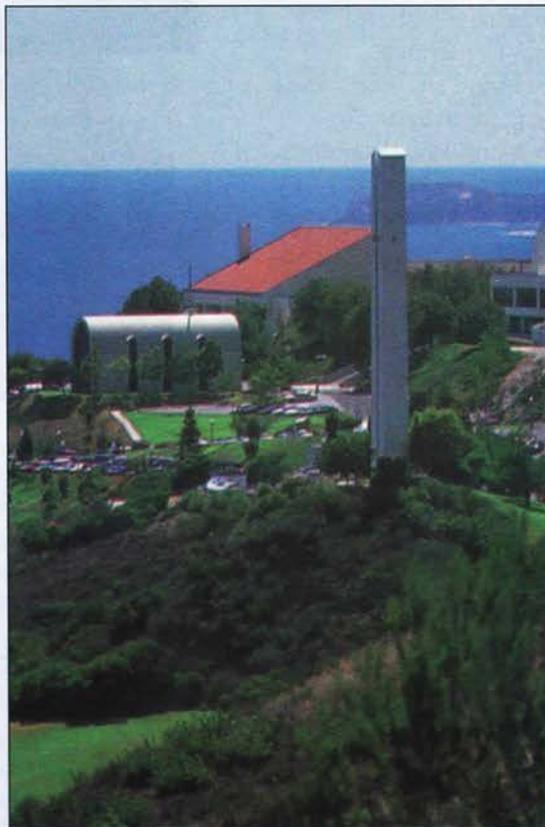


The hillside site of Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. allows for sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean.

Alumnae in the Malibu, Calif., area joined chapter members from **GAMMA XI, UCLA, DELTA TAU, Southern California, and EPSILON XI, Cal. State, Northridge**. Installation of the chapter is set for October. Eta Beta will be the Fraternity's 125th active chapter.

Before pledging Kappa Kappa Gamma, the group was a long-standing local sorority — the largest on campus. At the university's request, the entire sorority system sought national affiliation. Other National Panhellenic groups colonizing on the Pepperdine campus are Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Beta Phi, and Sigma Kappa.

Founded in 1937 by George Pepperdine, Pepperdine University is a private, nondenominational Christian university that includes an undergraduate liberal arts college and three graduate schools. Approximately 7,554 attend the Malibu campus on 830 acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean, coming from all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries. The school is well known for its departments of telecommunication and business administration, as well as for participation at the NCAA Division I level in baseball, water polo, and tennis. 



Mission Statement of The Key

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma links each member with the Fraternity. The mission of The Key is:

- to inform, inspire, and challenge
- to sustain and nurture membership loyalty and interest
- to recognize individual, group, and Fraternity accomplishment
- to provide a forum for an exchange of information and opinion
- to be a permanent record

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Looking Ahead: Task Force Recommendations

The Fraternity Council has accepted recommendations from the four task forces established in 1994.

Recommendations include:

Volunteer Recruitment, Training, and Retention

Chairman: MARJORIE MATSON CONVERSE, Purdue

- *Appoint a Chairman of Volunteer Services.
- *Fully utilize the Headquarters database of volunteers.
- *Develop an accurate job description for all volunteer positions.
- *Streamline communication and provide technical support to enhance efficiency for volunteer positions.
- *Develop a marketing strategy to recruit and retain volunteers.
- *Expand volunteer opportunities within the Fraternity.
- *Combine the current Chairman of Advisory Boards and Chairman of House Boards into one position titled "Chairman of Advisory and House Boards." This chairman will oversee a committee of six, one from each region.
- *Encourage the Education Committee to continue the development of training programs for the Fraternity.
- *Appoint a Chairman of Trainers to recruit and oversee a core group of 30 trainers to deliver training programs Fraternity-wide.
- *Make plans for an in-house, professionally staffed Education and Volunteer Services Department.
- *Establish a task force to explore current advances in and uses of technology, including ways for members to communicate via the information highway. (See "The Future Is Now")

Membership Task Force

Chairman: RAI KUNKLEMAN SCHMALZ, Syracuse

- *A Rushee must have a reference to pledge a chapter. A voluntary reference may be submitted by any initiated member, but a collegiate member may not submit a reference to her own chapter.
- *A voluntary reference may be the Membership Data Form or a personal letter of recommendation written by a member. Letters of recommendation from other sources may be used for information only.
- *Voluntary references may be sent directly to the chapter or to any Alumnae Reference Chairman or State Reference Chairman for forwarding to the appropriate chapter.
- *All voluntary references and letters of recommendation shall be considered valid and require no endorsement.
- *Chapter-sponsored references require a three-fourths vote of the chapter and may be done in a single vote taken prior to discussion and voting regarding bringing the Rushees to preference.
- *Telephone documentation and MIS forms are discontinued.

- *If a legacy is invited to preference, her name must be included on the bid list above the quota break.
- *Each state has the option of utilizing a State Reference Chairman as an advocate, clearinghouse, and educational source for all parties concerned.

Pledge Programming Task Force

Chairman: JOAN COOK COHEN, Colorado

- *New members should be assimilated into chapter life immediately after the pledging service. New members will attend informal chapter meetings, committee meetings, and program nights.
- *The Fraternity will develop an all-member education program that meets the needs of today's college women to reinforce Fraternity ideals throughout the undergraduate years. These needs include a sense of belonging, knowledge of the Fraternity and chapter expectations, understanding of Fraternity values, and knowledge of what a fraternal experience has to offer in today's world.
- *Chapters will be given assistance in maintaining the highest scholastic achievement.
- *A pilot "new member" program will be started in the fall of 1996 to put these recommendations into place and to measure results.

Alumnae Initiation Task Force

Chairman: VERA LEWIS MARINE, Colorado College

- *At this time there are no changes recommended in the procedure for becoming a member.

The Fraternity Council thanks the dedicated members who served on these task forces. The task force recommendations will be presented at the 61st Biennial Convention, June 26-30.

The Future Is Now

The Council has created a Technology Task Force, chaired by Executive Director DALE BRUBECK, *William & Mary*. Charges to the new task force include:

- *Evaluate ways to keep the Fraternity on the cutting edge of the information highway in an efficient, cost-effective, user-friendly way.
- *Evaluate existing technology capabilities.
- *Identify multi-faceted technology that will provide reporting, education, research, communicating, storing, and retrieving data among our members and appropriate publics.
- *Research and develop a plan to train users of the systems, including appropriate technical support.
- *Develop a five- to seven-year strategic plan to implement the task force recommendations.

Alumnae Achievement Award Recipients

In 1946 at the 36th Biennial Convention in Mackinac Island, Mich., Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity first presented Alumnae Achievement Awards recognizing the contributions of outstanding alumnae to their chosen careers and professional fields. The first three recipients were MARGARET CUTHBERT, *Cornell*, an executive with NBC who served as director of sustaining programs; VIRGINIA GILDERSLEEVE, *Barnard*, dean of Barnard College and the only woman delegate to the 1945 conference in San Francisco which drafted the United Nations Charter; and NORA WALN OSLAND-HILL,

Swarthmore, an internationally famous author and journalist who donated royalties from her books and speaking engagements to the Fraternity's Nora Waln Fund for Refugee Children which provided relief to families in England and Norway suffering from the devastation of World War II.

Fifty years later, the Fraternity continues to salute those alumnae who have risen to the top of their respective fields, who continue to excel in their careers, and who, in their pursuit of excellence, personify Fraternity standards and values.

Carrie Worcester: Tiny Miracles



Taking care of very little people is a big responsibility for DR. CARRIE CASE WORCESTER, *Oregon State*, Director of Neonatal Intensive Care at Children's Hospital, Orange County, Calif. Under her supervision, the hospital staff cares for critically ill and premature newborns, some born after only a 24-week gestation period.

Many of her small patients suffer from respiratory problems due to immature lungs, but she must deal with other problems including heart defects, and other complications from premature birth. Carrie credits advances in neonatology with increasingly optimistic outcomes for premature babies. "More premature babies have more good outcomes," she says. "We've been able to do so much in the way of prevention."

A lifelong curiosity and love of science attracted Carrie to medicine in the late 1960s. "I've always been

interested in science. That was my thing." While pursuing an advanced degree in biochemistry, she found she missed working with people. "It was interesting, but I felt isolated and lonely".

Upon completion of her master's degree, she attended medical school at the University of Oregon, completed her residency in neonatology at the University of California at Irvine, and has been on staff at Children's Hospital since 1985. She and her husband, Dr. Gary Mackie, who is chief of pediatric surgery at the same hospital, have a blended family of four children, including two Kappa daughters.

"It wasn't that I intended to go into neonatology," she says. "One thing just led to another. This was the right thing that came along at the right time."

Carrie acknowledges that in the late 60s and early 70s it was much more acceptable for a woman to pursue a medical career in pediatrics or obstetrics/gynecology than it was for a woman to study other specialties.

"It will be interesting to see this generation of young women go into medicine. Everything has totally changed. Now a woman can go into any field."

She advises young women interested in studying medicine to realize that being a doctor is more than just a job. "This is a way of life. Women need to think about it long and hard. There are many trade-offs you make, including quality time with the kids.

"It's kind of like becoming a minister. It's a lifetime process. People expect you to be there for them."

She is there for her tiny patients, while still sharing activities with her family. With three children at home (two still in school and one returned to the nest), Carrie finds "Tiffany, 13, and Chase, 14, another full-time job." She and Gary enjoy snow skiing, scuba diving, and power boating with the children, and the medical couple escapes for travel through France whenever possible.

Carrie has also attacked the question of how to provide quality care to her babies just born and gasping

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for air in an age of uncertainty in the medical delivery process. In addition to her many lectures and publications, Carrie has chaired the Managed Neonatology Care Task Force for the California Association of Neonatologists and is constantly involved in studying

ways of improving delivery of medical services.

But the pace of critical care keeps her attention focused on the smallest of patients, those born too soon or with too many problems, those waiting for the attention of a doctor who wants to make a difference.

Chris Cordes: Working with a Rainbow

History can repeat itself, thanks to the period design interpretations of **LOVERNE CHRISTIAN (CHRIS) CORDES, Purdue.**

With more than 30 years experience as an interior decorator, Chris specializes in historic restoration, working primarily with museums in presenting historically correct period displays, but she continues to be involved in residential and commercial design as well.

Her varied career has led to work for the Western Reserve Historical Society, the Detroit Institute of Art, and the Cleveland Museum of Art, in addition to work for Standard Oil of Ohio, numerous country clubs and private residences. She has often involved local chapters of the American Society of Interior Designers in raising money to complete period designs in area museums.

"I've had a very varied career," Chris says. "Every project is challenging."

Chris claims to have no favorite period. "I love any good period; I like contemporary as well as traditional. It is essential to have a good sense of color. I don't believe in trends. Good color is good color. I love working with the colors of the different periods."

When a job comes along, Chris first studies the time period in detail. Meeting with personnel of the museum, she talks with the knowledgeable staff about the pieces to be displayed, the interpretive theme of the display, and together they decide what to do with the room. She then pokes around the museum's archives and storage facilities to see what else could be used in the display. "I see what the textile division of the museum might have, what kind of hardware is on hand." She then orders wallpaper, carpeting, and other background items — all authentic to the period.

Chris also works with clients who want to decorate their home or business. "Your home should reflect your own taste, not the designer's," she remarks. "The designer isn't going to live there. The designer should sit and chat with the client to see what colors you are living with and what colors you like."

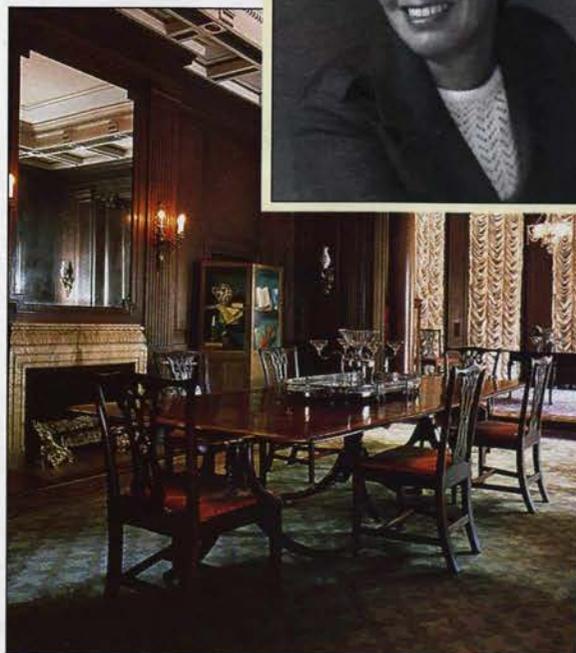
She adds that good materials and classic furniture can be less expensive in the long run because both the products and the style will last. "When you design a room you

have to live in it for 15 years or so. If it's done well it will hold up."

Her own home in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is done to suit the taste of her husband, Bill, a well-known designer on staff with Scalandre for years, "but, of course I've put my two cents in." Decorating runs in the family, as her son is with Brunschwig & Fils and her daughter also studied interior design.

A former board member of the American Institute of Interior Designers, Chris is a Fellow of the American Society of Interior Designers and is a professional affiliate of the American Institute of Architects. She is active in a number of professional and philanthropic organizations, including the Society of Collectors, the Society of American Furniture Collectors, the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, the Chagrin Falls (Ohio) Historical Society, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Chris Cordes' attention to detail is what draws many curators and homeowners to her business.



Kelley Yost: Classical Beauty

"I've always played the piano. I like the sound of the instrument. The piano is a very versatile instrument."

The talented fingers of **KELLEY FRIZELLE YOST**, Idaho, elicit a variety of emotions from this popular instrument. An accomplished pianist, Kelley went from piano teacher to recording artist and recording producer, all in her hometown of Twin Falls, Idaho.

When she released her first cassette tape *Piano Reflections* at the request of local businessmen in 1987, Kelley thought she might end up giving away copies for holidays and birthdays for decades. But as the orders kept coming in, Kelley and her husband Sam saw demand increase, first locally, then regionally, then nationally — and the inventory of tapes and CDs began to take over their house.

Sam quit his job as a banker to begin managing the business when the couple began stacking tapes in the living room. As *Piano Reflections* became an international success, Kelley quit teaching to begin work on her second recording, *Quiet Colors*, released in 1991. She recently finished work on a third recording, *Roses and Solitude*, which will be released this fall. All of her recordings are produced by the couple on their own recording label Channel Productions.

For Kelley, the recording business has provided her an opportunity to bring music that she truly loves to the public. Her music is described as "crossover classical," and the recordings are filled with soft renditions of Chopin, Mozart, Beethoven, and other master composers as well as "a few lighter pieces that speak to me," she says.

"The pieces are so familiar. They are pieces that a lot of people have played. It's quiet and gentle, nonintrusive music that appeals to classical connoisseurs as well as to people who think they don't like classical music."

Her music has a broad appeal. *Piano Reflections* has been endorsed by childbirth associations for use during labor to calm the mother, is used in schools to calm students after recess and to provide an inspiring background during creative writing sessions, and has been played by authors when writing books.

It takes Kelley almost two years to produce each recording. "I find I easily put in 100 hours per piece, and that's if it's fairly familiar to me.

"Recording is different than a live performance. There is only one medium to work with. Your audience cannot see you; there is no visual contact. Everything has to come across in a different way. I learned the hard way, through trial and error. I record the pieces and then listen to them. One thing I learned is that tape recorders don't lie.

"My goal is to keep the music clean, clear, and pure — pure of my ego. When I was able to pull that off for the first time it was a thrilling experience."



Experience with the piano is something Kelley has plenty of; she's been playing since she was six years old. In high school, her teacher emphasized technique — speed and virtuosity — two areas in which Kelley excelled. It was in college, however, that she learned to put meaning into her work.

"'Don't dazzle me with those fingers, young lady,' my professor would say. After all, I could play faster than he could. He insisted I play with integrity. If the music doesn't say something, then it doesn't mean anything. I learned to play with meaning, and that's what I emphasized in my teaching, the beauty and the depth of the music."

Kelley's remarkable ability to translate the meaning of the music has attracted other artists to her recording label. Her first album contained a rendition of "Jennifer's Song" and her second included "Anne's Song," both by Hagood Hardy, a Canadian composer, known for his soundtracks for *Anne of Green Gables* and *Anne of Avonlea* movies. Negotiations with Hagood for permission to record the songs led to mutual respect and friendship between the artists, and Channel Productions has now released three of Hagood's albums. In addition, the business has produced one recording by the classical guitar duo Mark Small and Robert Torres.

Despite suggestions that they relocate to be closer to the centers of the recording business, Kelley and Sam run their business from their hometown. The beauty of Idaho speaks to them, inspiring efforts to save the Snake River, hikes in the nearby hills, and the meaning of music as interpreted by the heart, soul, and fingers of Kelley Yost.

Zelma Long: Pathfinder in Enology



“Being a winemaker was the last thing I expected to do when I graduated from college in Oregon,” says **ZELMA REED LONG**, *Oregon State*. Indeed, Oregon was not noted as a wine-producing region. But winemaking is the field in which Zelma’s talents have flourished and where, as CEO of Simi Winery, she has blazed trails for other women to follow.

A double major in biological sciences and nutrition at Oregon State led Zelma to work as a dietitian. It was not until marriage and a move to the San Francisco area that she became interested in enology — the science of viticulture or winemaking. Even that was something of an accident, stemming from the grapes her in-laws planted on their ranch in 1966.

In the master’s program in enology at the University of California at Davis, Zelma enrolled as the second woman in the history of the program. Hired in 1970 by the Robert Mondavi Winery, she became head enologist in 1972 and continued to explore the centuries-old art and business of winemaking through both scientific inquiry and aesthetic intuition.

In 1979, Zelma was recruited to be winemaker at Simi Winery in Sonoma County, one of California’s foremost

wine-producing areas. She embarked on a mission to revitalize the 100-year-old winery, modernizing its facilities and designing and overseeing construction of a new state-of-the-art fermentation cellar, among other innovations. Within 10 years, Simi was producing Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc wines that rank among the best in the world.

“The artistic and agricultural nature of wines and their ability to reflect the soils that grow the grapes and the people who make the wine make the wine business very satisfying,” Zelma says. Her extensive travel to the world’s outstanding viticultural and winemaking regions, constant study of techniques, innovations and creative ideas have earned her industry-wide fame as a winemaker.

Ten years after joining Simi Winery, Zelma was named president of the company and a year later became CEO — setting overall goals for wine style and quality, and strategic business direction. For the parent organization, Moët-Hennessy/Louis Vuitton, Simi’s winegrowing and winemaking teams produce wines with an international reputation for excellence. Zelma’s professional activities and awards from industry organizations, along with her numerous scientific publications and lectures, continue to grow, attesting to her enduring quest for excellence.

“One of the real satisfactions of my career,” Zelma says, “is to be a pathfinder for women who follow in this field. As the first high-profile woman in the industry and as president of a company with an international reputation in the field, I am happy to be able to support women interested in winemaking.”

This support extends beyond those focused on wines. The head chef at Simi Winery is **MARY EVELY**, *Michigan*. Together, Zelma and Mary, both of whom have Kappa mothers, have hosted several events at the winery for the **SONOMA COUNTY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**. The first was a picnic in a grove of redwoods on company property. It is interesting to note that the trees were planted by Isabelle Simi Haigh who ran the winery in the early 1900s — planted to celebrate the end of prohibition!

Family, wine, and Kappa are intertwined in Zelma’s life. Her second husband, Phillip Freese, former viticulturist at Mondavi, owns a viticulture consulting company. Zelma was delighted to attend the 1992 Convention when her mother, **JEAN LOVELL REED**, *Whitman*, received her 65-year pin, and Zelma unexpectedly renewed friendships with many of the women in her pledge class. In turn, her mother will show Kappa pride and pride in her daughter’s achievements when Zelma receives an Alumnae Achievement Award at this Convention.

From Kappa pledge to honored alumna, from accidental entry into a career field to corporate leader, Zelma Reed Long demonstrates the intellectual curiosity, career satisfaction and role-model qualities to which all Kappas aspire.

Edith Mayo: Displaying the Contributions of Women

"It was so NEAT!" Recently returned from winter break, a collegian excitedly told her Kappa sisters about visiting the Smithsonian Institution and seeing a Kappa badge on the gown of **LUCY WEBB HAYES**, *Ohio Wesleyan*, wife of the 19th president, Rutherford B. Hayes. Her eyes widened and a soft "Oh!" escaped when she was told that the exhibition was directed and mounted by another Kappa, **EDITH PETERSILIA MAYO**, *George Washington*, curator/supervisor of the Smithsonian Institution's Division of Political History.

One of the most popular exhibitions in the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History, the collection of first ladies' gowns had always drawn an appreciative crowd. The collection was, however, something of a through-the-years fashion show, with artistically

arranged period settings displaying gorgeous gowns decked with lace and beads. Time took its toll on fabrics and trimmings and, much to the disappointment of grumbling visitors, the exhibit was closed in 1988 to clean and restore the clothing. At that time it was decided to update



Above: A portrait of **Lucy Webb Hayes**, *Ohio Wesleyan*.
Right: The frontispiece of the First Ladies exhibition.



not only the fabrics and accessories, but also the whole look of the exhibit. It took more than two years and the attempts of several curators to find the right touch — that of a political historian.

A Smithsonian staff member for 20 years, Edith's first exhibit in 1972 focused on a history of voting rights in the United States. Her interests extended to civil rights, social reform, and women's rights and progress in America. For the United States Bicentennial in 1976, Edith mounted an exhibition called, "We, the People." Next came "From Parlor to Politics: Women and Reform in America, 1890-1900" in which she explored the role of women in legislative and political reform at the turn of the century.



Edith Mayo guides First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on a tour of the exhibit.

Approaching the first ladies' exhibit, Edith wanted to reflect the contribution of these women to their times and how their role has changed during the years. "First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image" uses formal

gowns but also includes items from many collections to reflect a fuller picture of the first ladies against the background of their times.

Since its debut, amid accolades, the exhibition has taken on a life of its own. A beautiful color catalogue of the exhibit and a 14-minute video have been produced. Edith has spent the last 18 months working on an audio tour. "It's quite exciting," she says, "with computer technology that makes it almost interactive, allowing the listener to select in-depth aspects such as comments by the curator or interviews with recent first ladies." She is also working on a book about the exhibit for the Smithsonian Press.

As part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1846-1996, a traveling exhibit of "Parlor to Politics" will visit 12 to 15 sites in two years.

In a time of budget crunches and vanishing volunteer forces, Edith says, "Neither of the major exhibitions about women would have been possible without the support of women colleagues on staff. They gave up lunch hours and volunteered to help wherever they were needed. We wound up with an all-woman team, women who filled job categories outside their normal scope with a feeling of pride and camaraderie. Because of their help, especially with 'Parlor to Politics,' we were able to complete the project within budget."

From Martha Washington's view of her position as "the nation's hostess" to Hillary Rodham Clinton's advocacy for social change, we can be proud of our first ladies and of curator Edith Mayo who dusted off clouded images and showed the strength of women meeting the challenges of their times.

Wife, and mother of two grown daughters, Melanie and Monica who is a charter member of **ZETA MU**, *Virginia Tech*, Edith enjoys spending her rare free time listening to jazz and attending jazz concerts. And she also likes to visit other museums wherever she goes.

"I'm so excited and proud to be receiving an Alumnae Achievement Award," Edith says. "It is a wonderful recognition of what I've tried to do in my adult life — bring visibility and much deserved recognition and acclaim to the contribution of women to our past."

Lucretia Romey: Sharing Life's Spectacular Colors



"We slogged through the snow and ice in hip boots and I think I saw every penguin that ever was!"

Artist and quilter **LUCRETIA LEONARD ROMEY, Indiana**, captures the essence of places she visits in her sketchbook and later develops her sketches into watercolor paintings or colorful quilts. Last year's travel

opportunities included the semester-at-sea program through the University of Pittsburgh. During the around-the-world voyage Lucretia not only filled her sketchbook but also taught art classes while her husband Dr. William Romey, a geologist, taught oceanography.

After early retirement from his teaching career at St. Lawrence University, the couple took a five-month voyage in the Antarctic aboard the *Explorer*, a small ship that takes passengers and equipment to the research station. Denying that Antarctic colors are all snow-white or penguin-black, Lucretia says, "There are spectacular colors, blue sky and green sea, and you could see them so vividly since there were only two or three hours of darkness when we were there in their summertime."

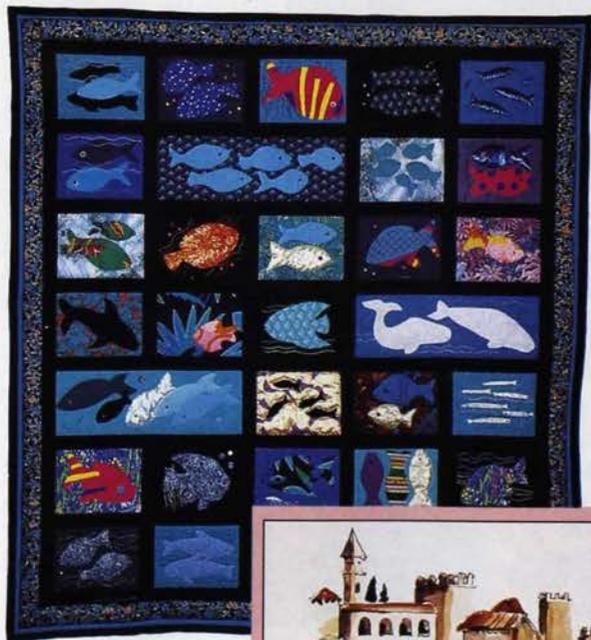
This year featured trips to the Mediterranean, the Falklands, Malaga, and Cartagena where Lucretia was impressed with ancient architecture. Her husband continues to lecture and write, while Lucretia devotes her time to her books on quilting and drawing — works in progress. The parents of three grown children, and grandparents of three, the Romeys have been fortunate to combine their enjoyment of teaching young people with their love of nature and travel.

Having spent some years summering on Cape Cod and spending the school year in Canton, N.Y., the Romeys are now permanent residents of the Cape where Lucretia has a gallery and has been featured in local arts and antiques magazines. Her work has been shown in numerous one-person and group exhibitions and is displayed in a variety of collections, including those of The National League of Cities, Washington, D.C.; Governor Mario Cuomo, and several universities.

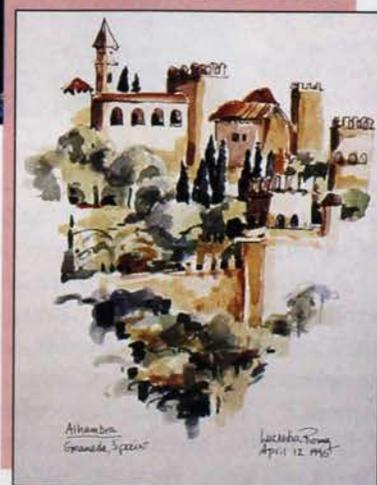
Lucretia has shared her talents with the Fraternity. Formerly a member of the **BETA BETA^Δ, St. Lawrence**, House Board, she has graciously illustrated a number of articles and two covers for *The Key*. Profiled in the

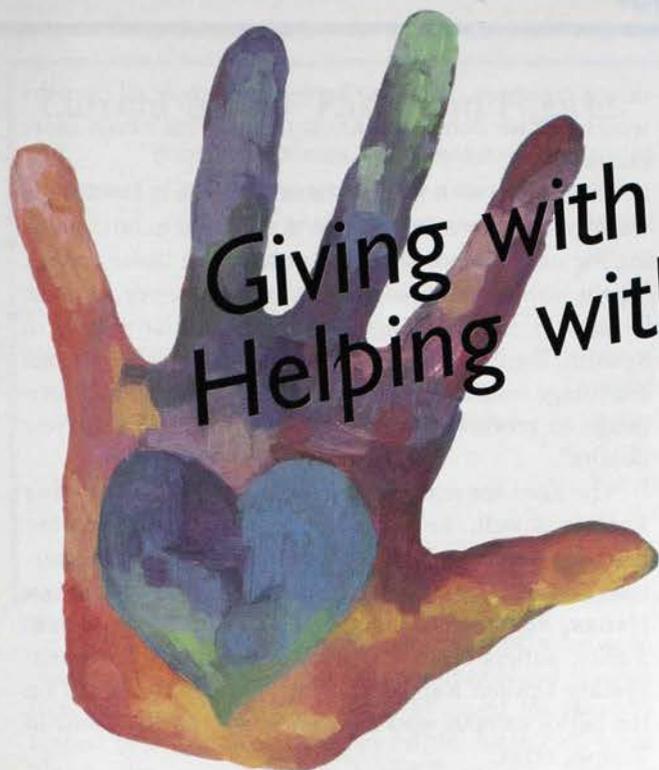
Winter 1989 issue, Lucretia described her quilts as "painting in fabric." Using an unusual style by reversing the manner in which the quilt is put together, she also may restructure traditional geometric patterns to portray various angles of architecture. Scenes from her travels come to life in brilliant colors showing Byzantine turrets, city skylines, country windows, or a "Field Guide to Fishes." By contrast, her soft watercolors suggest the beauty as well as the wisdom of the ages in her illustrations for the article, "The Greeks Knew What It Was: ETHICS" in the same issue of *The Key* in which she was profiled.

That article said, "Let others know the meaning of Kappa Kappa Gamma by the way in which we lead our live". As a recipient of the Fraternity's Alumnae Achievement Award, Lucretia Romey serves as a role model, giving artistic beauty through her paintings and quilts and sharing her teaching skills and appreciation of nature with all of us. 



Lucretia Romey's watercolor paintings and quilts are inspired by her world travel on land and sea.





Giving with her Heart, Helping with her Hands

Texan shows how one woman can make a difference

By JOANN BARTON VAUGHAN, *Virginia*

Many of us go through life with no clear purpose — but not **AMY BERTELSEN HILL**, *Baylor*. For the past six years she has devoted her energy, her spare time, and a corner of her playroom to raising awareness about the need for bone marrow donors, for tissue typing, and for tissue donors in the medical fight against leukemia.

If the bone marrow and surrounding tissue of the donor matches that of a leukemia patient, there is a 30 to 60 percent chance that the life of a patient can be saved with a transplant. There is only a 30 percent chance that a patient will find a match with a family member, so donors are sought throughout the world.

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that this is what I was born to do," Amy says.

Motivated by the illness of a young friend — and inspired by a story she read when she was 10, Amy has started Because I Care, a now international organization. Working from her bedroom telephone and the computer in the family room, Amy has been able to launch awareness drives around the world, including the United States, Canada, Israel, France, and the Czech Republic. When not working on the awareness campaign, Amy takes care of her two children, ages 13 and 10; and works two days a week as a speech pathologist. Her husband, she says, is very supportive.

"I try to do all my work during the day and turn the answering machine on at night. I value my family time, and the children are starting to realize the importance of this. My son has helped at donor drives, and my husband really picks up the slack for the family when I am not at home."

It all began with a local walk-a-thon in her home town of Longview, Texas, to raise money for medical expenses incurred by two friends who eventually died from leukemia. With community support, Amy raised over \$30,000 in three weeks, then gathered an additional \$6,000 to pay for tissue typing — hoping to find a marrow donor whose transplants could save lives.

"I didn't know what one person could do," Amy says.

Working with Jill Skupin, organizer of the bone marrow donor program for BloodCare in Dallas, Amy decided to expand her campaign. The first year, her newly incorporated organization sponsored a Texas-wide awareness day about the need for marrow donors; the next year she took the campaign to neighboring states, and by the third year the Because I Care program was nationwide.

Currently Because I Care programs help the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) increase awareness and public understanding of the need for unrelated donors. There are approximately 2 million donors in the NMDP registry. If a match is not found within the patient's family, the next most likely match is found with a donor of similar racial or ethnic background. "Right now there is a desperate need for minority donors, especially African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Native American," Amy explains.

"At first it was really a challenge. There was no money for the campaign.



Baylor Kappas, Amy Hill, Bronwen Hyden, and Gala Hyden help raise awareness of the need for bone marrow donors. Gala suffers from leukemia. Epsilon Upsilon Chapter, Baylor, has held two marrow donor drives.

Giving with her Heart, Helping with her Hands

Diseases Treatable by Bone Marrow Transplant

Marrow transplant has become the only real "cure" for many diseases. Of the 4,135 patients receiving NMDP-facilitated transplants, 76 percent had some form of leukemia. The following is a list of some of the diseases most commonly treated by bone marrow transplants.

- Acute lymphoblastic leukemia
- Acute myelogenous leukemia
- Chronic myelogenous leukemia
- Histiocytic disorders
- Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Inherited erythrocyte abnormalities
- Inherited immune system disorders
- Myelodysplastic disorders
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Other leukemias
- Other malignancy
- Other non-malignant diseases
- Plasma cell disorder
- Severe aplastic anemia

from the *National Marrow Donor Program*

I had to keep explaining the telephone bill to my husband. Most of the blood centers were not familiar with the marrow program.

"People didn't take me very seriously at first, but my feelings were so strong that nothing could deter me from my goal. Without the help, support, and dedication of the coordinators and volunteers at the participating blood centers my dream could never have become a reality."

Because of the campaign, more than 12,000 people world wide have been tissue typed and added to potential

donor registries. "We may have saved people all over the world and we don't even know them. That's even more exciting."

Amy works with marrow donation centers around the world to broadcast the need for donors and to raise funds for the information campaign and for the tissue typing. "Right now my wish list would include money to make T-shirts in more languages," she says. "We have shirts in Spanish, English, and Hebrew. By doing T-shirts we can encourage residents of other countries, in their own language, to promote the message for the need of marrow donors."

The need for marrow donors is a vital issue to other Kappas as well. **EPSILON UPSILON CHAPTER**, *Baylor*, has been very involved in promoting the need for marrow donors, inspired by chapter member **BRONWEN HYDEN**, *Baylor*, whose mother, **GALA DOUGLAS HYDEN**, *Baylor*, suffers from chronic myelogenous leukemia. Epsilon Upsilon Kappas have held two donor drives on the Baylor campus working with Scott & White Clinic in Temple, Texas.

"I hope other chapters will become involved in drives as well," Bronwen says. "It's so easy to do. You just have to get the word out." Bronwen contacted other fraternities and sororities, telling them about her mother, resulting in approximately 120 potential donors.

Because I Care events took place in April. Because I Care sponsored recruitment drives and fundraisers in four countries with bone marrow recipient Anissa Ayala-Espinosa serving as international ambassador. Ms. Ayala-Espinosa's story received public attention when her parents conceived another child who, against the odds, proved to be a match and donated life-saving marrow.

Ways to Help a Child in Need

Defining moments change our lives forever. **ELIZABETH BIRCHFIELD PUTMAN**, *Michigan State*, "Buffy" to all who know her, experienced such a moment in June 1993 when a doctor, following routine tests, diagnosed her three-year-old son, Nicholas, with leukemia. Buffy, an adviser at **DELTA GAMMA CHAPTER**, *Michigan State*, had started a new job



Buffy Birchfield Putnam, *Michigan State*, with her family: Nicholas, 6, husband Dan, and Jessica, 10.

with Okemos Community Schools in mid-Michigan less than two weeks before. Staggered by the doctor's report about Nicholas, Buffy faced the worst ordeal of her life.

Nicholas was hospitalized immediately. Buffy and husband Dan moved into the hospital with him. Daughter Jessica, age seven, needed to be cared for; the dog needed to be walked and fed; the lawn needed to be mowed. The Putmans didn't ask for help. But people volunteered, in innumerable ways, to assist them.

"I'm so thankful for the support of so many people, my Kappa friends especially. They demonstrated in countless ways that they know the true meaning of 'loyalty.' From the beginning, Kappas were there for us," says Buffy.

Yet there were people who held back, who didn't know what to do to help. A chance conversation between Buffy and her aunt, Margaret Cooke, became the seed for a new book. Buffy remarked to Margie about how many people

Current NMDP Facts and Figures*

Number of donors in the registry	2,099,927
Number of patients searching for a donor	2,000 (avg.) active searches of the registry at any given time
Number of NMDP transplants	4,314
NMDP transplants monthly	81 per month
Likelihood of finding a match	Approximately 30 percent of patients have a family member, generally a sibling, who is suitably matched and able to donate marrow. The chances of any two unrelated individuals matching vary widely.
Survival rates	Overall, survival rates are generally in the 30 to 60 percent range, depending on the disease of the patient, the stage of the disease, the age and condition of the patient, and the level of match between the patient and donor.

* as of April 1996

To be tissue typed, a potential donor must be between the ages of 18 and 60. A small amount of blood is taken from the donor and the sample is typed for markers (called HLA A and B antigens) on the surface of white blood cells. If the donor's A and B antigens match a patient's, the donor is asked to give a little more blood to compare other antigen markers.

If all six antigens match, and the donor decides to go through with the process, then surgery is scheduled. Under general or spinal anesthesia, two to five percent of the donor's liquid marrow is removed from the back of the pelvis through a special needle and syringe. The donor is usually kept in the hospital overnight for observation. While the donor may experience slight discomfort for a week or so, the marrow replenishes itself within a few weeks.

"Generally, if you have donated on a Friday, you can go back to work on a Monday," Amy says.

All of this occurs with no cost to the donor. Amy is constantly suggesting ideas to help blood centers raise funds to cover the cost of the tissue-typing test.

Sometimes we may wonder what difference one person can make in our complex world. Amy continues to show how dedication to a cause, hard work, and commitment can lead anyone from the corner of the playroom to the far corners of the world — because she cares. 

For more information,

call: U.S.: 800/MARROW-2
CANADA: 800/668-2866

or visit: the National Marrow Donor Program's on-line site at: <http://www.marrow.org>

or contact: Amy Hill, P.O. Box 6525
Longview, TX 75606.

had reached out to help during their crisis, a few she didn't even know well. Buffy said she often held back in similar circumstances, not sure how to respond, and had observed that reluctance in some of her friends. From this conversation grew a book that provides practical and helpful suggestions for ways to help when someone is ill. The book, *Ways You Can Help*, was published in Spring 1996, by Warner Books.

"Nicholas' illness has been a nightmare, in many ways," Buffy says. "Thankfully, we have come through this difficult time stronger as a family, and more appreciative of our friends and community."

"We will be continuing chemotherapy treatments through the summer. After that, if all goes well, I will look forward to getting back into my favorite Kappa activities."

— MARIE E. KINGDON, *Indiana*

How to Help When a Child Is Ill

(a few suggestions from *Ways You Can Help*)

- Call, fax, or send a card once a week
- Bring a balloon bouquet
- Lend audio or video tapes
- Send video or audio messages
- Bring pictures to show the child; let him use his imagination to tell stories about them
- Install a birdfeeder just outside the child's bedroom window

Gift Ideas:

- Funny slippers or socks
- Cassettes of cheerful music
- Coloring books, crayons or markers
- Doctor kit
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Bed sheets with favorite characters

Face the Challenge? "Volontiers!"

By GINGER HOLMES ROBINSON, *Missouri*

When I met my husband, Randy Robinson, I had no idea what life had in store for us. We married and I chose a career as a critical care registered nurse. He next got a dental degree...and then a medical degree. His residencies were in oral and maxillofacial surgery and general surgery. We somehow managed to have three wonderful children during this time, too.

After I financially supported many of his 10 years of post-graduate medical training, he asked how I wanted us to celebrate the completion of this long effort. I jokingly said I wanted to take a l-o-n-g trip. Within weeks, Randy received an unexpected call inviting him to do a craniofacial surgery fellowship in Paris, France with the world's "father" of craniofacial surgery, Dr. Paul Tessier. Long trip it was! We sold our house in six hours, liquidated our possessions, packed, and moved our young family to Paris in April 1990.

Dazed upon arrival, we "faced the challenge" of living in a refined culture where people took exquisite pride in their language. Despite a reasonable level of mastery in German, Latin, and ancient Greek between us — soup de jour, cul de sac, and rendezvous were about the extent of our French linguistic abilities.

Our requests for help were answered, "volontiers!" (willingly, gladly, or with pleasure).

We returned to the United States in April 1991, and moved to Denver, Colo. Moving to Denver was the other part of "the deal" to which Randy and I had agreed, when he once again felt a twinge of indebtedness for yet another year of surgical training. Actually, he owed me nothing.

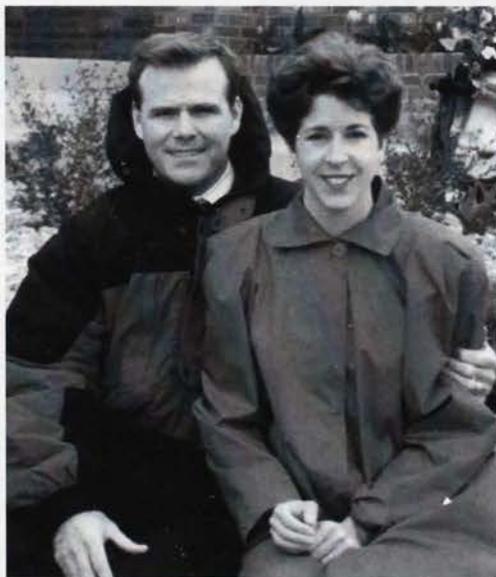
A desire planted in both Randy's and my hearts early in our lives was to serve people in need through our medical skills. Until late 1993 this desire remained a vague yearning. But we were approached by some Colorado

businessmen to establish a charitable organization, Face the Challenge, Inc., to provide pediatric facial surgeries for indigent children. Randy selected a board and asked that I be the executive director.

Early efforts included Randy doing surgeries in San Jose, Costa Rica and two trips to Sucre, Bolivia. While in Bolivia, Randy encountered three children whose facial deformities were so severe that he could not treat them in their own country. American Airlines graciously flew these three children and three of their parents to Denver in April 1994. A local hospital fully funded the expenses (about \$105,000) of their extensive surgeries (lasting 10 hours each). Randy teamed up with a neurosurgeon (brain) and an oculoplastic (eye) surgeon to do these craniofacial surgeries.

This time the language challenge was Spanish, but I was completely unprepared when I was broadsided by the tearful mother of a dear child who had had surgery. We held each other, melting in each others' arms, making a humming sound I can only describe as a "grateful groan."

What did all this change mean to her? Someone whom she had never met before flew her and her daughter to a foreign country to correct a horrible deformity (encephalocele) she never dreamed could be fixed. Countries where poverty is the norm are countries where people, especially mothers, succumb to hopelessness. But...now she had hope. She had hope that Cristina would see the light of day, instead of being forced to stay in the dark corners of her home away from the painful stares of the curious. She had hope that Cristina could now go to school...get a job...get married...enjoy life. Such are the dreams of all mothers.



Partners in good will, as well as marriage, Dr. Randy Robinson and **Ginger Holmes Robinson**, *Missouri*, enjoy the emotional rewards of their chosen careers.

Since our work with the Bolivians, a Face the Challenge surgical team traveled to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in February 1995. While there, the team did 70 pediatric facial surgeries in five days at two hospitals. Many of the surgical supplies, equipment, and medications, valued at \$200,000 were donated to Face the Challenge. By the United States' health care cost standards, the total expense for these surgeries totaled about \$1 million. But, by the grace of God, not a single child had any complications, we had adequate supplies, and there were no obstacles in this colossal effort!



Above: A young burn victim, Le Thi Thi, prior to her surgery.

Right: The same girl, with her mother, five days after surgery.



Case after difficult case, Randy was so moved at the determination of the parents and undying love they had for their children. Many of these people had traveled from provinces far away with only the clothes they wore and no food, enduring untold hardships, just to have their children screened for possible surgeries. What an absolute delight it was to be able to help 70 children. But it was almost more than Randy could handle to turn away those children whose conditions were too advanced or deformities too complex to try to correct in the austere Vietnamese hospitals. The waiting list for children in need of facial surgeries in Ho Chi Minh City alone stands at 1,000.

Vietnamese surgeons have invited a Face the Challenge surgical team to return in October 1996. Plans are to take a larger team of about 25 surgical specialists and do about 100 pediatric surgeries then. The waiting list of American health volunteers who desire to go on a trip with Face the Challenge approaches 100. What a "good dilemma" we are experiencing!

Early in my commitment as the volunteer executive

director of Face the Challenge, I saw my role as providing administrative support and coordinating these trips. I felt the best way to help this organization at this time was to remain behind with our children as Randy traveled. I long for the time, however, when I can join him to use my nursing skills. Right now, Face the Challenge is also considering invitations by Cuban officials in Havana and Chinese officials in Beijing to send surgical teams there.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has been such an integral part of my life since I pledged in 1976. Even now, Kappa Kappa Gamma is woven throughout our efforts with Face the Challenge. Many Kappas have generously funded our efforts to help indigent children in developing countries. We have

also encountered other Kappas at work in health professions. We are very encouraged by such broad-based support from women who tangibly demonstrate they care.

When I reflect on what volunteering means to me, I return to my study of the word "volunteer." It comes from the Latin "voluntas" meaning "choice." In French there is a phrase "avoir de la bonne volonté" that means "to be willing." In German, there is the word "freiwillig," or "free-willing." Put simply in English, to be a volunteer is to be "someone who performs or gives services out of her own free will" according to the *American Heritage Dictionary*.

There is no guarantee whatsoever of a reward for our efforts as volunteers. But I am willing to take such a risk — and have been rewarded richly.

I am proud to be a Kappa because I know so many other Kappas live their

lives in this very manner — willing and devoted to helping others. "Volontiers!"

For more information, contact: GINGER ROBINSON, 303/699-7970.



The Center "Regulars." Pictured are some of the Face The Challenge team and Vietnamese health professionals.

Everything Old Is New Again

Family values in community action

By LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

In a world where the opportunity to share our lives with those much older and younger than ourselves is increasingly absent, we risk losing many valuable gifts. We risk losing our history which holds important lessons for the future...losing the chance to learn about people who are different from us, who can dispel our fear and mistrust of the unknown...losing touch with both our children and our elderly who need the guidance, wisdom, and hope that come through service to each other."

This introductory statement in the 1994 Annual Report of Intergenerational Innovations sums up a philosophy shared among Kappas. It seems only natural, therefore, that the organization's co-founder and executive director is a Kappa, **MARY KAUFFMAN SCHEPMAN**, *Washington*.

After 25 years in the Minneapolis school system, the last 11 as a principal, Mary wanted to move back to the Seattle area to be closer to her family. Discussions with her brother about family values and wanting to be more interactive as a grandmother were the origins of establishing Intergenerational Innovations, a private, nonprofit organization described as "a forum for developing meaningful relationships between the ages." Founded in 1991 through a grant from the Kauffman Family Foundation, the agency operates with an annual budget of \$140,000 through contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations and government. Programs are performed on-site in elementary schools, nursing homes, retirement centers and community centers throughout Seattle and the surrounding county.

Mother of four and grandmother of five, ages one to 17, Mary focuses her exceptional energies on the agency's mission statement..."developing opportunities that bring



As co-founder and executive director of Intergenerational Innovations, **Mary Schepman** is committed to bringing people together of all ages.

generations together through service to each other and to our community."

Among its services are Caring Communities, a program that develops community relationships between schools and senior residences. Children develop an understanding of the value of giving while seniors have the chance to share the wisdom of their ages. In 1994, 400 children and elders were involved.

Kinder Korps pairs elementary school children with senior mentors and tutors. Working directly with schools and classroom teachers, 300 participants in the program strive to ensure the personal success of children through early intervention with older adults.

Computer Pals links children, youth and seniors through e-mail and includes building skills for the regular school curriculum. A pilot program begun last fall has resulted in many requests for extension. Locations in two Seattle schools link seniors in independent living with a third-grade class and nursing/assisted-living seniors with a fifth-grade class. Different levels of support are needed, according to the specifics of each group and computer contact sometimes leads to face-to-face interaction.

An intergenerational resource center opened last fall, offering resource materials for developing any age level of intergenerational programs, technical assistance, consultants, and a workshop place. Mary says, "This resource center represents the realization of the vision I had for the organization several years ago, of extending opportunities for community development through intergenerational programs by enabling schools and organizations to develop their own programs with support from our staff and resources."



Her Ph.D. candidacy is “on hold for now,” says Mary. Interests in the Fraternity, the arts, health and wellness for those over 50, keeping up with computer technology, and travel occupy any free time that doesn’t involve family. Former **BETA PI**, *Washington*, House Board President and current member, Mary cites daughter **Laurie Schepman Christensen**, *Washington*, Washington state assistant attorney general, among her Kappa “accomplishments.”

“A matter for circumstance and choice,” is Mary’s assessment of a woman’s role today. She feels lucky to have had her education and career, feeling that it is wonderful for a woman with the interest, opportunity, and support to be able to reach any level in her profession.

“Talk about a wonderful group of women, potential and support... that’s Kappa!” Mary says with feeling. And she returns much of that potential and support to her community for others to draw from as they reach toward fulfillment and the realization of their potential. 



The Tradition of Volunteerism

From our earliest days as pledges we learn about and practice the Fraternity’s value of volunteerism and philanthropy. This value is part of our Kappa legacy, it did not end when we became alumnae; it should not end when we become senior citizens. Volunteerism is one role that we need never give up.

Volunteerism is a major social force. Older volunteers, in particular, constitute a powerful force that contributes to our society. Over the last 25 years there have been dramatic increases in the numbers of older volunteers, and they are making miracles. According to a national estimate, older volunteers contribute about 3.6 billion hours of volunteer service to organizations every year. If valued at the minimum wage, this amounts to a contribution to American society of approximately \$15 billion.

There are many stereotypes of old age, but reality doesn’t support any of those images. Old age does not end productive, active lives. Many people in their 80s and 90s continue to volunteer. In talking about older workers, research shows that the great majority of older people are competent, have fewer accidents, miss fewer work days, and in the vast majority of cases need less supervision than younger workers.

While volunteering does not necessarily make older volunteers happier or healthier, there is a benefit that many volunteers, regardless of age, report. It is that special, intangible good feeling we get after doing something for someone else. This feeling comes from a sense of productivity, of contribution, and of feeling useful. In increasing numbers, older volunteers are offering their time and talents to help others in their communities for a myriad of causes.

The senior citizen is in a key position to volunteer. The older population is the most rapidly growing segment of our society. Moreover, older people today have more resources than previous generations. They are healthier and live longer, more educated, and less likely to be poor. Older people have time for the activities of volunteers; they have an accumulation of abilities, skills, and experiences to offer; and many have a driving need for meaningful and productive endeavors. At the same time the needs of our communities are often going unmet. It is time to mobilize this untapped potential and to tap into the values we and our older sisters learned as new members. It is also time to applaud the volunteer efforts — large and small — of our older sisters and their friends. 

— **KAY BANISTER SCHAFFER**, *Monmouth*

Kay is the co-author of *Older Volunteers: A Guide to Research and Practice*.

Changing the World

Foundation volunteers make the world brighter for others

“Volunteers change the world,” says VALERIE NELSON RENNER, *Indiana*, and as Rose McGill Confidential Aid Chairman Val does just that.

Rose McGill Confidential Aid is a program of the Rose McGill Fund to which alumnae can apply for assistance for a one-time emergency or for an extended period of time, depending on the situation and available funds. Val’s job is to verify that the need is real, to administer the benefits, and to follow up with the recipients as their situations change until assistance is no longer needed.

Val brings 17 years of valuable experience to her Foundation position from her work as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. Her work there is multi-faceted — as Congress changes laws Val must be sure she understands the regulations as they were written, can interpret the code, and can apply the policies that come from these laws in order to reach and write, appropriate determinations. Val makes referrals to appropriate agencies.

People-skills are important because she works with every socio-economic group, and even though the computer now does it for her, Val prefers to know how to tabulate benefits manually. This way she understands and can explain how the benefits work.

All of this experience and knowledge can be applied to her work with Confidential Aid.

The first few moments on the telephone with a prospective recipient can be extremely difficult; Val does her best to sound calm and understanding so she and the Kappa in need can work through the situation more effectively. Often she can direct the woman to other forms of assistance as well as advising when Rose McGill aid could jeopardize the woman’s chances of obtaining or keeping other benefits.

There is no typical Rose McGill Confidential Aid recipient. “Everyone’s situation is completely different.

That’s the same as Social Security. You can’t compare.” Some recipients are older Kappas without families to help them; others are single mothers trying to make ends meet. One recipient, who is very young, can work part time and remain active because Rose McGill funds pay for her chemotherapy treatments — she can’t afford to pay for this medical attention herself and working part time makes her ineligible for most forms of assistance. Not working at all could mean stagnating rather than healing.

Another recipient was pregnant and could no longer depend on her husband for assistance of any kind. Rose McGill helped her keep her home. In a letter to Val she wrote “I never realized how strong the Kappa bond is. I have never been more proud to be a Kappa...I will always remember this generous gift and hopefully return the favor.”

Val feels “extremely warm inside to be involved with a fund that helps my sisters in need.” When she started as Chairman, she was told to write her “family” every month. She didn’t understand this, but as time passed and recipients wrote to catch her up on their lives, and as she met and was able to help new ones, she did form a kind of family. “After all, we are sisters.”

Val had previously served as Regional Director of Chapters (1990–94), Province Director of Chapters (1989–90), and President of the Peoria (Ill.) Alumnae Association. Val also served as Regional Leadership Conference Liaison to Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity (1991–93) in presenting joint leadership training, presenting the Fraternity’s views, recruiting leaders, and reviewing the curriculum.

Val applauds those who work with the chapters. “Through Kappa, if you make a difference in the life of one young woman, you’re affecting the world. Mentoring young people is so important — that’s why having more alumnae work with chapters is important.”

Val also serves her local community. Her children attend a magnet school for the performing arts, so she works with the band/orchestra parents to raise money for tours, instruments, and uniforms. She is a Sunday School teacher, an acolyte, and a member of the altar guild and a greeter at church and has been a long-standing member of the local Junior League.



Val Renner at work in her office where she manages Rose McGill assistance requests.

Flexibility in her volunteer work is important to Val as her family comes first. Her son Mike, 14, and daughter Lisa, 12, are involved in many activities and this means a lot of running for Val. She says her husband, Mike, is a supportive Kappa husband. "I was Delta Chapter President, so he knew!"

What are her favorite Kappa memories? "Initiation, with my mother and sister there," and her first Associate Council Seminar where she discovered that "everyone there loves Kappa as much as I do."

The bottom line, Val says, is making a difference. "Volunteers change the world, and I get so much more from Kappa than I've ever given. It is a privilege to serve my sisters in any way I can." 



Our Own Antique Hunter

MARY KENDALL MHOON MAGINNIS, *LSU*, says she literally "grew up with antiques." Older furnishings were a valued part of her family's household.

Over the years her interest in antiques grew as she inherited many Victorian pieces and wanted to learn

more. She attended many seminars and, through experience and "osmosis," has increased her knowledge of antiques, especially from the Victorian era.

It was just by happenstance that at the 1994 General Convention in Atlanta, Mary Kendall learned of the Heritage Museum Committee's interest in acquiring additional Victorian furnishings to complete the Museum's collection. As she enjoys nothing more than browsing through antique stores in her Baton Rouge, La., community, Mary Kendall considers it an entirely selfish pleasure to have been appointed to the Heritage Museum Committee. It gives her additional justification for this special avocation.

"Since Victorian antiques are abundant in the Louisiana area and most can be acquired at a reasonable cost, Mary Kendall says she was the perfect volunteer to hunt for furnishings. Her search led to the acquisition of an *étagère* that now graces the entry hall of the Museum. Her next challenge is to locate two matching high back Victorian chairs to be placed on either side of the life-size portrait of first Grand President TADE HARSTUFF KUHN, *Butler*.

Being a Kappa volunteer is part of Mary Kendall's life. She has served as President of the New Orleans Alumnae Association and for years as an adviser to Delta Iota Chapter, *LSU*. She is a member of the Delta Iota Chapter's Mothers' Club (her oldest daughter is the outgoing President of the chapter), and also enjoys volunteer work with the Junior League of Baton Rouge and her children's school. 



Mary Kendall's latest find, an eight-and-a-half-foot tall Victorian *étagère*, enjoys its new home at the Heritage Museum.

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Questions and Answers

Changes in the membership reference process

This spring the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Council approved changes in the membership reference process. These changes were made with much thought, study, and discussion. In 1994, a Membership Reference Procedures Task Force was appointed to study the reference process. Its recommendations were adopted by the Council (see page 4) and will be in effect in the fall of 1996. It is important that all members, alumna and collegiate, become familiar with the new process.

What's the same?

A Rushee must have a reference to pledge a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

What's changed?

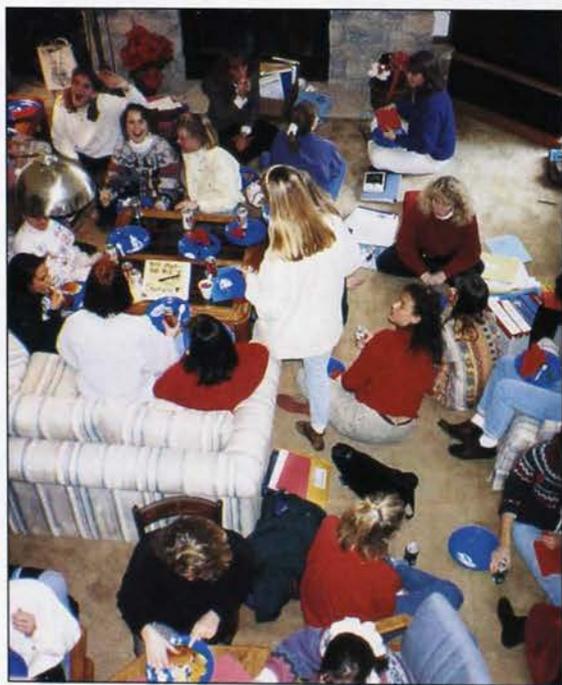
A voluntary reference may be the Membership Data Form (see page 2) or may be a personal letter of recommendation written by a member. A collegian may submit a voluntary reference for a young woman not participating in Rush at the collegian's campus.

What's the same?

Voluntary references may be sent directly to the chapter or to any Alumnae or State Reference Chairman for forwarding.

What's changed?

All voluntary references and letters of recommendation from initiated members shall be considered valid and require no endorsement.



What's the same?

If no voluntary reference is received for a Rushee, a chapter may sponsor a reference with a 3/4 majority of the chapter members in attendance and voting.

What's changed?

Because all voluntary references are valid, telephone documentation and MIS forms are discontinued.

Because all references are voluntary or chapter sponsored, the Arbitration Process is no longer necessary.



What's the same?

Legacies are considered a valuable resource to the Fraternity and will be given every consideration during Rush, however the selection of new members is the responsibility of the chapters.

What's changed?

If a legacy is invited to preference, her name must be included on the bid list **above** the quota break.

What's the same?

Chapters have the ultimate responsibility for the selection of new members. Alumnae play an important and valuable role in the membership process by recommending young women for membership and assisting the chapters in Rush.

What's changed?

Whenever possible, chapters are strongly encouraged to work in cooperation with alumnae associations to seek information on potential members by providing lists of registered Rushees to Alumnae Reference Committees.

Our Doors Are Always Open

Membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma is for a lifetime. The lives of new members are immediately linked with ours as these young women become representatives of the Fraternity on campus, in their communities, and throughout their lives.

While most new members are selected during a formal Rush period, it is important to note that new members may be asked to join at any time, if the chapter has not filled its membership quota during the formal Rush period or if the number of members of the chapter (new and initiated members) is below the chapter total set by the campus Panhellenic. If our chapters are not full, if there is room for growth, our doors should be open to invite in additional young women committed to the same values and high standards of excellence in scholarship, leadership, community, and personal development.

The membership selection process is a shared responsibility of all members. According to Fraternity *Policies*, "Active members have the responsibility for selecting members of their choice; alumna members have the privilege of providing reference information on qualified young women." All members should take their responsibilities to heart.

Collegians should know that they are selecting the future of our organization; the young women who join Kappa Kappa Gamma this fall will be leading the Fraternity well past the mid-point of the next century. Alumnae should be finding outstanding young women in their communities and proactively sending references on these qualified young women to the chapters.

All members should strive to keep our doors open to outstanding young women. Our commitment to excellence is one to be shared. These young women are waiting outside our doors; they hope to be invited in; let's work all year long to keep our doors open.

— MARTHA HAY STREIBIG, *Indiana*
Director of Membership



GAMMA PI, *Alabama*

Legacies Link Fraternity and Family

Put yourself in her shoes...

Alumna

"I hope my daughter chooses Kappa and Kappa chooses her. I sent a reference prior to Rush, so now it's all up to the chapter and her. I just hope my daughter finds the group that's right for her!"



Legacy

"I'm nervous about Rush. I know my mother would love for me to pledge Kappa and share this bond with her. I hope the Kappas will take time to get to know me and that I'll feel comfortable with them."



Collegian

There are many Kappa legacies going through Rush. I hope I get the chance to meet them all; they seem to have a deep appreciation for Kappa. This sure will be an exciting, yet exhausting, week!"

A legacy is a special rushee because her sister, mother, grandmother, or great-grandmother is a Kappa. Based on this relationship, Kappa Kappa Gamma expects that each chapter will grant every courtesy and thoughtful consideration to these young women who have a special link to the Fraternity through their family. In order to better understand the sensitive issues legacies bring to Rush, Kappas must look at Membership Selection from three different perspectives:

1. **THE MEMBER**, whose great-granddaughter, granddaughter, daughter, or sister goes through Rush, may feel strongly about sharing the Fraternity with her loved one. Some alumnae vow to try not to influence a legacy, but many hope to pass on their love for Kappa to other members of their family. If you've ever witnessed the tears of

joy when a mother pins her badge on her newly-initiated daughter, or an active member's smile when she welcomes her own sister into the chapter, it's easy to imagine the special bonds that develop.

2. **THE LEGACY** has an interest in Kappa because it is already part of her family — and isn't that what Kappa is — a family? While a legacy may have her heart set on pledging Kappa and sharing the experience with loved ones, hopefully she will be encouraged to keep an open mind and consider all options.

Legacies often have a built-in loyalty to the Fraternity and a basic understanding of the principles of membership and the value of Greek affiliation. Leadership, good scholarship, school and community participation, and congeniality, all qualities looked for in Kappas, are often learned in a Kappa family. Legacies bring with them strength and continuity and deserve thoughtful, serious consideration by chapters.

3. **THE CHAPTER** may include members who are legacies and members who may not understand the importance of legacies. When considering the chapter's perspective, it is important to understand current campus Rush situations to prevent unreasonable expectations that often preclude pledging all legacies. Now that the Fraternity is in its

Legacy Policies

- A legacy letter will be sent to the Rushee's closest Kappa relative provided the Rushee's reference has been received 10 days prior to the first day of Rush.
- To protect a legacy's privacy, chapters are not expected to notify her Kappa relative if she is not invited to a party or extended a bid.
- The **newly revised** policy regarding legacies states that if a legacy is invited to the final party (preference), her name **must** be included on the bid list above the quota break.

second century there are growing numbers of Kappa legacies participating in Rush. On a number of campuses the number of legacy rushees is equal to or greater than the Panhellenic pledge quota. It is important to consider that chapter members will also have highly qualified, non-legacy friends they desire for membership. According to the Fraternity *Policies*, "Active members have the responsibility for selecting members of their choice; alumna members have the privilege of providing reference information on qualified young women."

A chapter gains the interest and

support of family and friends through pledging a legacy. When a member gives time, interest, financial support, and moral backing to the Fraternity over the years, her contributions are rewarded and affirmed when her sister, daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter is able to share the Kappa experience with her. With the newly revised membership reference procedures (see page 20), which have been streamlined and simplified, chapter members will have more time to focus on Rush, especially conversation and interpersonal communication skills.

Each chapter must decide on a procedure to allow the most equitable consideration of each legacy and consider the sensitive issues which legacies bring to Rush. Alumnae in turn must understand and accept the decisions of the chapters.

Through Rush, chapters choose the Fraternity's future leaders. These leaders include the sisters, daughters, grand-daughters, and great-grand-daughters of current members who bring home-grown leadership qualities and loyalty to the chapter they pledge and the Fraternity at large. The strength of Kappa Kappa Gamma for more than 125 years has been in the character and loyalty of its members. The Fraternity expects that each chapter, in its special privilege of membership selection, will grant every consideration to our legacies.

Legacy Notification

To assist our chapters in identifying Kappa legacies (sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters), please complete this coupon and send it to the chapter address as listed on the poster inserted into this issue of *The Key*.

Please note: This notification does not replace a Membership Data Form, or voluntary letter of reference.

Date: ___/___/___ This is to advise you that my daughter sister granddaughter great-granddaughter will be attending _____ this year.

College/University

Alumna Information:

Legacy Information:

First Name Middle Maiden Married

First Name Middle Last

Street Address

Street Address

City State Zip Code

City State Zip Code

Chapter / /
Initiation Date

High School Attended



THETA, University of Missouri



EPSILON PHI, University of Florida



GAMMA ALPHA, Kansas State University



LAMBDA, University of Akron



EPSILON BETA, Colorado State University



DELTA KAPPA, University of Miami

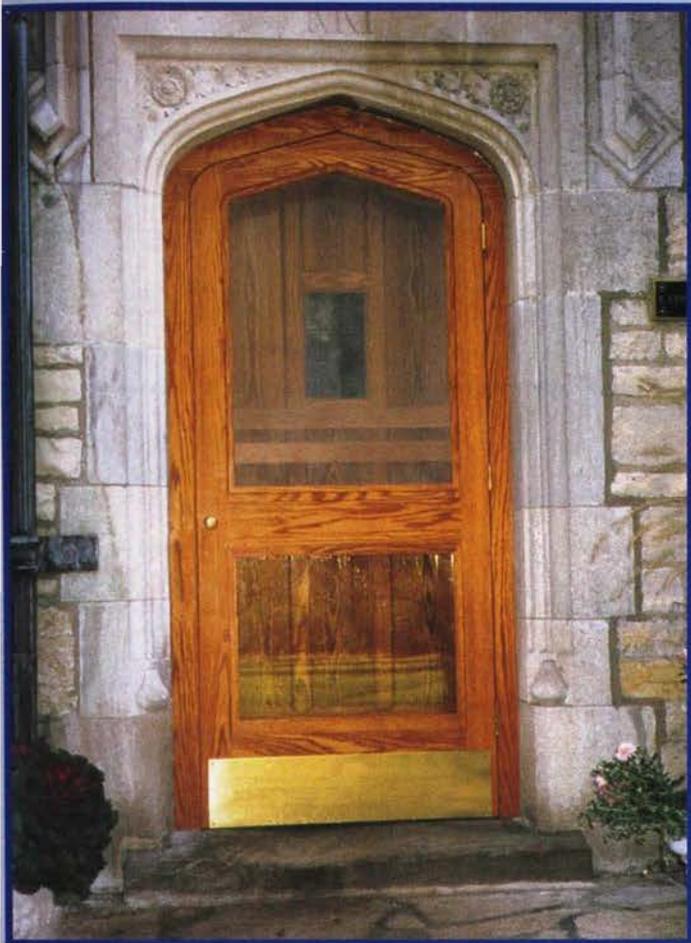


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KAPPA
GAMMA



Our Door
Always



UPSILON, Northwestern University



BETA NU, The Ohio State University

**KAPPA
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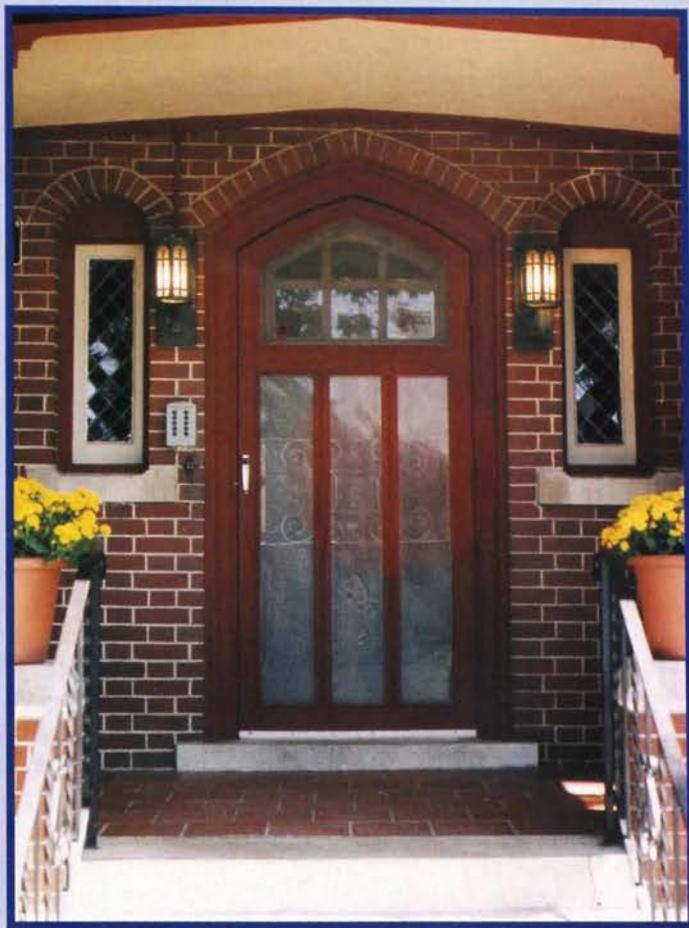
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Open!*



GAMMA BETA, University of New Mexico



BETA UPSILON, West Virginia University



GAMMA THETA, Drake University



DELTA PSI, Texas Tech University



ALPHA, Monmouth College



Membership Data Form

(To be used by members of Kappa Kappa Gamma only)

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(OPTIONAL)

Name of Rushee _____

Last

First

Nickname

Hometown _____

College or University Attending _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Home Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Home Phone Number _____

Kappa Kappa Gamma Legacy

Sister _____ Mother _____ Grandmother _____ Great-Grandmother _____

Name _____

Last

First

Maiden

College or University Attended

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Other Kappa Relatives _____

Other NPC Connections _____

A chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma may pledge a woman student who... has demonstrated qualities of group and personal responsibility, congeniality and academic interest. *

*Fraternity Bylaws, ARTICLE IV, Section 1, A., 5

Academic Interest

High School _____ Location _____ Yr. Graduated _____

Scholastic Average _____ Class Rank _____ Number in Class _____ SAT/ACT _____

School(s) attended after high school, if any _____

Scholastic Average _____ Number of Terms Completed _____ Class: Fr. So. Jr. Sr.

_____ Honor Roll _____ National Honor Society

_____ Scholastic Award(s) _____ Enrichment Program

Check if involved in any of the above. List additional academic achievements.

Helen Geis Westland

Building Hospice a Home

"It is interesting to watch an organization start from just an idea," says HELEN GEIS WESTLAND, *Kansas*. It's even more interesting when you are the person turning the idea into reality.

For almost 20 years, Helen has been a driving force behind Hospice of the Central Coast in Monterey, Calif. Through her hard work and uncanny fundraising ability, she turned an organization run from a "funny little five-bedroom house in Carmel Valley" into a state of the art hospice provider, which last year served 1,415 patients in their homes and 383 patients in the newly-built Hospice House.

Her interest in hospice, which provides care and comfort for terminally ill patients and their families, began when she was president of the volunteer auxiliary at the local hospital. Someone spoke to her of the need to form an organization to provide care for dying patients and asked if she knew anyone who might be interested in serving on the board. "They needed someone with money, of course," Helen explains. "I told them I knew a couple of women who might like that. So I invited the ladies to lunch, and neither one of them would do it."

But Helen was not to be deterred. She helped form the new hospice — the second inpatient hospice in the United States — became a member of the board in 1978 and has stayed on the board ever since. As chairman of the Development Committee, she spearheaded the capital campaign to raise \$8.5 million for the new 28-bed facility that overlooks Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean, securing two gifts of \$1 million each in the opening days of the endeavor.

Despite her success, Helen says she finds fundraising very difficult. "It's very hard to ask people for money. I'm surprised that I'm a good fundraiser. So I went to one of my friends who contributes a great deal of money to the community and asked her how to ask people for money.

'Never start anything with dear friend,' she told me, 'and let people do their own thinking.' So that's what I do. I talk about hospice. I let people know what it is and what their money is going to do. Then I leave donors alone and let them do their own thinking."

Helen has seen the hospice go through bad times and good. Twice, when the organization was in severe financial straights, she found the funds to keep the doors open, and she turned to her friend, MARY WOLFE BOGUE, *Ohio Wesleyan*, for help. When fundraising for the new hospice facility began, she again asked for Mary's help and gratefully received funding for the children's playroom at Hospice House.

Assistance of another kind came from JO CLOUGH BARTON, *Oklahoma*, chairman of the hospice building committee. As the building committee supervised the planning and construction of the \$8 million facility, "we didn't know what the devil we were doing," Helen says, "but Jo did. She would get very, very firm. Who would ever dream that two Kappas would end up doing this."

Her determination to get things done has been a life long habit. As one of six children growing up in Salina, Kansas, during the Depression, she learned to share and think of others. In 1944, she shipped out with the American Red Cross, and her travels overseas took her to Europe, Guam, Japan, and China. "Say hello to Uncle Ike," her Omega Chapter sister PATRICIA EISENHOWER (FEGAN), *Kansas*, told her. Helen was able to do that many times after World War II after she met and married U.S. Congressman Jack Westland, a Republican from Ebert, Wash., who was a former U.S. Amateur Golf champion and a favorite golfing buddy of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Her commitment has never wavered. After 20 years on the board, Helen can still be found daily at her desk at Hospice House, contacting potential donors, writing thank you notes, completing jobs both large and small that have raised the money to provide a home for Hospice of the Central Coast. 

— JOANN BARTON VAUGHAN, *Virginia*



Above: **Helen Westland** has worked tirelessly to raise funds for hospice House. Left: **Mary Bogue** in the playroom that she donated.



Kathleen Henry

“There’s no U-Haul on the hearse”

“If I see a need, I do something about it. I have ideas and I start things rolling.”

This is the philosophy of KATHLEEN HENRY, Wyoming, who in her nearly 70 years as a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma epitomizes Fraternity qualities of loyalty, sincerity, and friendship. From a child on an isolated ranch to a vivacious 92-year-old, Kathleen has touched many lives with her generosity and concern for others.

Her career of service began as a teacher, specializing in the English language and improving the lives of students for 43 years. Her career as a philanthropist began after years of frugal living and wise investing left Kathleen in the enviable position of being able to give money as well as her time to the causes she loves. Her church is the recent recipient of a handicapped-accessible restroom, a new dishwasher, copier and printer; the YMCA received funds for a furnished play room and “a few thousand” for a program to involve problem juveniles in community projects. “Better thousands now than millions later for bigger prisons,” Kathleen quips.

Not limited to groups, Kathleen continues to assist individuals when she sees a need — a laptop computer for a busy director of a local charity or houses for homeless families.

“You can’t take it with you — there’s no U-Haul on the hearse,” Kathleen laughs. “In my 90s, my chief exercise is writing checks.” Through the Kathleen Henry Foundation she provides funds for more than 23 non-profit beneficiaries. Funding is provided to a foundation or endowment fund for each beneficiary, according to the requirements of the trust.

But Kathleen puts her heart and soul into projects — and well as her funds. Her can-do attitude led to the donation of her 10-bedroom family home as a youth crisis center for girls. Projects she helped start include the Blue Ribbon Health Fund which promotes heart disease, cancer, and mental health awareness and hospice services;

the annual Friends of the Library book sale; Central Wyoming Counseling Center services; the Retired Teachers Association; a 55-Alive driver’s course; the Natrona County Health Fair; the Association of American University Women’s local chapter; and a local hospital auxiliary where she contributed over 6,000 hours.

Collecting books for the Wyoming prison system and state mental hospital has also been an endeavor. In addition, she continues to serve on many local boards and volunteers at the Fort Casper museum.

“I learned to live on nothing during the Depression,” Kathleen notes. “I am making more money today than I ever did teaching school. A good broker helps. The phrase ‘Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return to you manifold’ is true.”

Kathleen also raises money for charity through the sale of her autobiography *Kathleen’s Book*, detailing a lifetime of memories.

“I forgot I was 92 and ordered 1,000 more books!” she laughs. “Some people came from a small Wyoming town to ask for money and I sent them home with 10 books to sell.”

Her commitment to her community echoes her commitment to the Fraternity. A member of GAMMA ZETA, Arizona, colony, Kathleen returned to the University of Wyoming in 1927, the year after her graduation, to be initiated as a member of GAMMA OMICRON. She fainted during the initiation and “when I came to, I had a rose in my fist and a key on my chest.” She has been honored as a 50- and 65-year member and looks forward to receiving her 75-year pin.

While her life is full of friends who care, there are thousands of people who have no idea the effect this vivacious lady has had on their lives. Kathleen truly has made her lifelong goal “to live up to all that is fine in life and thought and character.” 

— JACQUELINE NOTT ELLIS, Wyoming



Anne Stetler

All Work Becomes Play

"I'm scared."

"I won't let you fall."

"It hurts."

"If you need my help, I'm here."

"What if I can't?"

"You can."

This might be a conversation between Kappa sisters during collegiate days, but these words are shared with young students with disabilities when they're teetering on the balance beam, swinging on the uneven bars, twirling on the dance floor, and splashing around in the swimming pool.

A world of activity is opening to children with disabilities through a new company called Play Options Unlimited founded in 1995 by ANNE STETLER, *Texas A&M*.

Children with special needs often feel excluded because they cannot participate in normal activities like running, jumping rope, riding a bike and ice skating. Therapy, a way of life for children with disabilities, can often be tedious, boring, and painful. Play Options Unlimited offers children with special needs a way to combine traditional therapy treatment with fun: playful activities to strengthen muscles and develop gross motor skills.

Anne started her professional career as a corporate athletic director using her degree in exercise technology. While coaching gymnastics and studying physical therapy at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Anne saw an opportunity to combine gymnastics with traditional therapy. She thought what fun therapy could be for children if they could safely stretch, hop, dance, jump, and swing in a non-competitive and caring environment. Dancing, swimming, gymnastics, and drama classes seemed to be great ways to exercise and keep muscles limber.

"It means so much to me to share my experiences with children who otherwise would never have the chance to master a somersault, a cartwheel, or swing from the uneven bars."



Because traditional therapy is expensive, not all families can afford to provide the extensive treatment needed for their child. Therapy, through Play Options Unlimited, is a third of the cost of hospital charges.

The children have a fun-filled hour of therapy, while laughing and smiling. "They're at those ages when their work needs to be play and that's what this is to them," Anne says. As with any therapy treatment, students feed off of enthusiasm. "No one is allowed to say I can't. We ask for help or ask to take a time out. We encourage a positive attitude and discourage negativity."

For the first time in their lives, these children are doing what normal kids get to do every day. They cheer each other to victory as one jumps off the diving board and another builds enough courage to jump on the trampoline. This shared excitement helps children reach new plateaus — not only in their flexibility and strength but also in their social interaction and self-esteem.

The improved self-confidence and self-esteem that these children gain from mastering control over their bodies and sharing friendship impacts every aspect of their lives. They feel it in the gym and at home.

Anne is devoted to making the future brighter for these children and their families. Her creative approach is helping children build better tomorrows. 



— LAURA SHOCK SCHERER, *Bowling Green*

Mary Lou McGee

Reading for the Blind

In September 1976, MARY LOU LEHMAN MCGEE, Allegheny, was driving her two-year-old to nursery school and heard on the radio that a new Recording for the Blind studio in Washington, D.C., was looking for volunteers to read academic books. "I've done lots of public speaking in high school and college," she thought, "so this might be of interest to me."

She remembers the exact date, October 4, 1976, when she walked into the recording studio and volunteered. Technicians showed her how to operate the reel-to-reel tape machine as well as cue and stop the reader to make corrections. After a few weeks of monitoring the recordings, she auditioned and became a reader. She volunteered each week for two hours and because she was so reliable, she contributed more volunteer hours than any other volunteer.

Twenty years later, Mary Lou McGee is chairman of Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic's national board of directors, a position she will have for three years.

"I can't imagine life without Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic," she says. "I've learned so much about the needs of the people with disabilities we serve. I've met people all over the country. It has given me a chance to set goals, organize and identify persons' strengths and help them use them in the best way. I think of RFB&D as a job I love. I love it at all levels."

Her first year in office has been a significant year of transitions and growth. The name of the organization, Recording for the Blind, which was established in 1948 to provide recorded textbooks to veterans blinded in World War II, was changed to Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, to reflect the fact that in 1995, 61 percent of the people using RFB&D's services have learning disabilities, primarily dyslexia.

RFB&D is the only national nonprofit organization that provides educational materials in recorded and computerized formats at every academic level. Last year, over 4,400 volunteers, working in RFB&D's 30 recording stu-

dios around the United States, gave 345,000 hours of their time to produce taped or computerized books.

There are many reasons why RFB&D is so successful with its volunteers and why they are attracted to this organization. From Mary Lou's point of view, "Many kinds of volunteer jobs — although needed — are menial, repetitive, and boring. Reading, monitoring, and marking books are exciting. The cause is non-controversial. It is a service where you can see how it benefits the borrowers. Students express their appreciation in notes and calls. RFB&D brings out talents of volunteers that make them feel special."

Mary Lou began to learn her leadership skills at Allegheny where

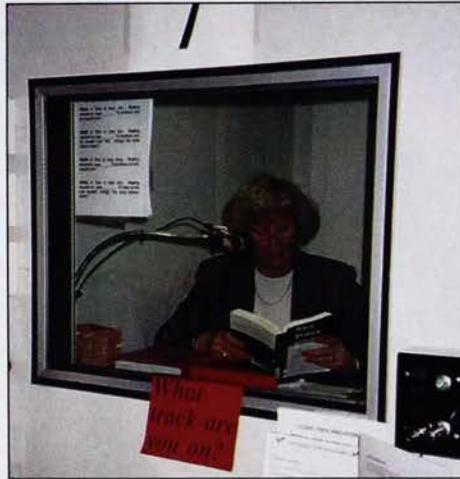
she was Treasurer of GAMMA RHO and organized many campus activities. After graduation she continued her education and service to the Fraternity as a Graduate Counselor at BETA UPSILON, West Virginia. She remembers the organizational skills she learned at Fraternity Headquarters during her counselor training. "Kappa did a good job of being proactive with their chapters. Kappa taught me to address problems quickly." Today Mary Lou continues to give service by helping to read the applications for rehabilitation scholarships that Kappa gives.

Mary Lou has enjoyed recording with and getting to know many volunteers in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., studio of RFB&D. SUZANNE PRESTON ULMAN, George Washington, shares Mary Lou's enthusiasm. Sue lived and volunteered for RFB&D studios in New Haven, Conn., and Princeton, N.J., before moving to Washington, D.C. After 25 years of RFB&D service, she continues to volunteer in the D.C. studio.

"My husband teases me," Mary Lou says, "and asks if we would live anywhere else when we retire. The rule is we can never retire to any place that doesn't have an RFB&D studio. But that leaves a lot of choice." 

— COURTNEY ROBERTS ARNOLD, Missouri

For additional information about RFB&D, call 800/803-7201.



Virginia Myers Shaw

This Woman's Place Is in the Home

As a college student, without the benefit of "the big picture," I did not understand the importance of the philanthropies with which we Kappas were involved. "What does this really have to do with me?" I wondered. The question remained unanswered and was soon forgotten as I began a busy and successful career as an elementary school teacher and administrator. I was far too busy with my own life to be concerned with volunteering my time for others.

This continued until, after a nine-year career, I became a mother. For many, this is a truly significant and life-altering event. My experience was heightened by the decision to leave my career for a while and stay home to raise my son.

I had never worked so hard in my life. To make matters more difficult, I did not know any other mothers who stayed home with their children, and I had certainly never worked alone before: no one else to converse with for hours and hours on end. My heart loved being with my son, but my head longed for more intellectual company.

The search began, and a dear friend told me about a nation-wide organization called FEMALE, Formerly Employed Mothers At the Leading Edge. Not only did this group provide a humorous and informative monthly newsletter, but also maintained local chapters which held bimonthly meetings at night (without children) and playgroups during the day.

I contacted them immediately and eagerly awaited my local chapter information, only to find that there was not a chapter within 200 miles of my home.

The idea of philanthropy began to creep its way back into my way of thinking — should I start a chapter of this organization for other women who, like me, are having a difficult time making the transition from full-time career to home-based mothering?

I did. And when my husband took a job in another city four months after that chapter was formed, I founded



another chapter of FEMALE in that new city.

My hours of service to FEMALE cannot be counted. Nor can the great gifts I have received from the giving of those hours. I have gained friendships that are solid and true. I have seen many women's lives transformed — no longer feeling alone in their new role as mothers at home.

The question from my college years can now be answered with clarity. "What does philanthropy have to do with me?"

It has everything to do with me because we, as humans, are linked. In the words of Marian

Wright Edelman, "Service is the rent we pay for living."

What we do for ourselves, we are able to do for others, what others do for themselves, benefits us as well as our children and their children. Somewhere, someday my son will need support or assistance or comfort or companionship — or just a place to feel welcome. Someone will be there for him due, in some small way, to the volunteer work I did during those years at home. —

— VIRGINIA MYERS SHAW, Kansas

FEMALE (Formerly Employed Mothers At the Leading Edge) is a national nonprofit organization based in Elmhurst, Ill. It is a support and advocacy group for women dealing with the transition from full-time professional to full-time parent. Many women experience isolation, as well as a loss of identity and self-worth as a result of their decision to be at home. Local chapters provide bimonthly meetings held at night, without children and focus on women's adult issues. Many chapters also provide playgroups, Mom's Nights Out, Babysitting Co-ops and whole-family events. For more information, contact FEMALE National Headquarters, P.O. Box 31, Elmhurst, IL 60126, 708/941-3553.

Lynda Hare Scribante

Doing It All, Having a Ball

She was the first woman member of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Board of Visitors, served on the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Commission, and helped write legislation covering "living wills" as a member of the President's Commission on Medical and Bio-Medical Ethics. And **LYNDA HARE SCRIBANTE**, TCU, has enjoyed every minute of it.

"I've never thought of myself as a volunteer," she says, "maybe more as a responsible citizen. I do what I want to do and I'm involved in the things that I like.

"My parents taught me responsibility and the need for a balanced life — balanced spiritually, socially, physically, and mentally. I want to give as much as I can so that when I die, I'll be all 'gived up.'"

Lynda credits her participation with the Fraternity, first at **EPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER**, TCU, and later at **BETA XI**, Texas, with raising her awareness of her own skills. Since then, Lynda has been giving her time and her talents in many remarkable ways. "Kappa helped me learn as a young person the importance of being involved and working to make a difference. I always felt that the growth and personal development Kappa gave me would help me reach my goals."

Her goals have been lofty indeed. In 1964, living in Colorado Springs, Lynda helped organize a group of Republican women in support of Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater. Her efforts in his presidential campaign led to a personal friendship and to Lynda's involvement in politics.

She was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the USAF Board of Visitors and to the Commission on

Medical and Bio-Medical Ethics, where she represented the general public as the only "lay" person on the commission. In addition she is a founding member and serves on the board of Women of Our Hemisphere, a nonprofit organization that helps to promote programs for children's education in North America and Latin America; works with the Environmental Defense Fund; and continues involvement with the Air Force on the Board of the USAF Academy Foundation.



Lynda Scribante serves as a board member of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship for Excellence Foundation.

She is especially proud to be a board member of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship for Excellence Foundation, in honor of her friend. She has lectured around the world, trained with the U.S. military, and spent a day on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier — landing and taking off at sea.

Lynda is supported in all her efforts by her husband, A.J., their six children, and five grandchildren. Lynda and A.J. make their home in Omaha, Neb.

Grateful for the opportunities she has been granted, Lynda hopes that younger Kappas will recognize the need for their involvement in the world around them — and hopes she can help a few along the way. "I always had mentors growing up," she says. "I'd like to leave a legacy for others to live by." ◀

— JOANN BARTON VAUGHAN, Virginia

Jane Miers Dooley

The True Meaning of Giving

Every family has its Christmas traditions — trimming the tree, eating a special meal, caroling around the neighborhood. For the family of JANE MIERS DOOLEY, *Mississippi*, Christmas traditions include filling red plastic bags with gifts for others.

Jane first became involved with the Red Bag Project through the school her children attend in Overland Park, Kansas. There, Jane became a volunteer in a project called Christmas Families, started 11 years ago by a local power company employee. Volunteers fill a red plastic bag for children in need of a little extra help during the holidays. Over the years, the project has become well known in the Kansas City area and in 1996 brought holiday joy to more than 150 family members as well as 1,308 foster children.

While others are decking the halls, Jane is busy taking telephone calls from groups and individuals around the city who want to help those in need. Working with social workers in three counties to obtain a name, a size, and one wish for each of the children needing help, Jane then matches these children with those desiring to fill a red bag and help a family. The calls keep coming and one trip to the grocery store can leave the answering machine with as many as 16 calls that must be returned.

Jane's family no longer has an ordinary Christmas holiday. Her husband, Dan, is most supportive of the program and helps any way he can. The children know Mom's telephone calls come first and family activities will be cut to a minimum until all the red bags are collected. Decorating for the holidays is a little more sparse than it used to be. Jane says that the first year she didn't have any idea how much time and effort would be involved, and her family was surprised at how their Christmas had changed. But on that first Christmas morning "Oh the feeling of joy we all experienced when we knew so many who would otherwise have had no packages to open were having a wonderful day! We hoped the gifts these children and families receive help them know that someone really cares."

Jane's involvement led to acquaintance with some of the families she helps each year. One woman is Granma Ina who is raising her five grandchildren on a fixed income. In the fall of 1994 Sean, one of the grandchildren,



Jane Miers Dooley, along with her daughter, Lauren Dooley, SMU, make volunteerism a family affair.

was killed in a drive-by shooting. Shortly after that, Granma Ina's home burned. Jane helped find furniture for the new home and then helped wash the windows and freshen the paint. Another of her special friends is Rachel, who has five children and is evicted from her home every two or three months. With the help and encouragement from Jane and others who care Rachel now has a job and is keeping a stable home.

The most touching letter Jane has received — and one of the reasons she continues to spend her holidays in this way — is from a girl who had been sexually abused by her mother's boyfriend. The caseworker was able to move the girl to a home with an older woman. One Christmas the red bag held a beautiful doll wrapped and tied with a red ribbon. The girl wore the red ribbon to church as a way to show how much the gift meant to her. She wrote to Jane many years later to say that she is getting out of the foster system and making a life of her own. The Red Bag Christmas Families meant so much to this girl because she had been forced to move so many times and the doll — with the ribbon — was her only tie to show that someone still cared about her.

The project has excited the spirit of many like Jane — volunteers who have learned the true spirit of giving. 

— NANCY WALL COLE, *Kansas State*

I N M E M O R I A M

Names which appear in this listing are from information received by Headquarters from January 9, 1996, through April 2, 1996.

***ADELPHI COLLEGE**

Penn, Joan Davis, '30,d.12/95
Schloss, Dorothy Wetzler, '31,d.12/95
Terry, Gwynne Wilson, '31,d.12/95

AKRON, UNIVERSITY OF

Firestone, Martha Kennedy, '37,d.12/95
Gregory, Mary Firestone, '40,d.2/96
Hager, Tamara Moore, '81,d.2/96
Hampel, Dorothy Cooper, '32,d.11/91
Montgomery, Clara Doyle, '33,d.12/95
Ochsenhirt, Rose Botzum, '34,d.2/96
Shank, Ruth Rabe, '32,d.10/87

ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Cason, Dorothy, '28,d.3/95

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Myers, Clarissa Duff, '32,d.3/93

ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF

Fisher, Mary Watson, '36,d.1/95
Giesecke, Geraldine Fitzgerald, '32,d.1/96

ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Honeycutt, Ann Scaife, '51,d.3/95
Trotter, Nell Hamilton, '25,d.2/96

BRITISH COLUMBIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Halse, Jean Lowrie, '34,d.12/95
Willcox, Eleanor Green, '36,d.11/95

CALIFORNIA, U. OF AT DAVIS

Marshall, Michelle, '86,d.10/95

CALIFORNIA, U. OF AT LOS ANGELES

Blanchard, Jacqueline Trueblood, '40,d.2/96
Slane, Mary Givens, '83,d.2/96

CARNEGIE-MELLON UNIVERSITY

Corey, Dorothy Stauff, '44,d.12/95
Horn, Mary Shaw, '44,d.3/96

CINCINNATI, UNIVERSITY OF

Newman, Frances, '22,d.11/94

COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF

Earlougher, Jeanne Storer, '36,d.2/96
Ellsworth, Nan Butterworth, '55,d.11/96
Mulhall, Jane Martin, '34,d.11/95

CONNECTICUT, UNIVERSITY OF

Kingston, Ruthe Cunningham, '44,d.9/94

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Simon, Gwladys Hughes, '30,d.3/96
Whitehouse, Marien Burton, '26,d.10/95

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Beckett, Mary Baker, '08,d.1/96
Candler, Sarah McCray, '31,d.2/96
Kellogg, Ruth Brown, '36,d.12/95

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Bodin, Rachelle Chader, '43,d.2/96
Paul, Sally Martin, '35,d.11/95
Root, Ruth Bailey, '31,d.3/96

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Harper, Dorothy Hudson, '34,d.3/96

FLORIDA, UNIVERSITY OF

Smith, Margaret Traylor, '84,d.2/96

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Dougherty, Anne Diffenderfer, '47,d.1/96

Koons, Mary Sisson, '31,d.3/96
Ruddell, Julianne Hall, '49,d.12/95

GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Wells, Jean Hess '48,d.4/96

GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Donaldson, Julie, '95,d.12/95

***GOUCHER COLLEGE**

Vollmer, Grace, '34,d.3/81

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Davis, Elizabeth Browne, '37,d.3/96
Johnston, Margaret Galloway, '35,d.11/82
Wagner, Virginia Beagle, '33,d.3/96

ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF

Eastman, Ruth Liggett, '16,d.2/96

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Zink, Lois Ingalls, '41,d.1/96

IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF

Donohue, Susan, '70,d.11/95
Pughe, Jane Hart, '37,d.3/96
Smith, Eleanor Williamson, '28,d.2/96

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Hedges, Robina Manley, '23,d.2/96
King, Curtis Watts, '21,d.4/92
Settle, Dorothy Judy, '36,d.3/96
White, Dorothy Allen, '27,d.11/91

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Cagle, Maralee McWilliams, '37,d.12/95
McCracken, Ada Watson, '49,d.1/96
Zimmerman, Kari Ness, '24,d.2/96

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF

Davis, Elizabeth Jewell, '36,d.1/96
King, Adalade Klock, '39,d.2/96

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Weaver, Elizabeth Drew, '61,d.1/96

***MANITOBA, UNIVERSITY OF**

Speers, Anna, '28,d.2/96

***MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF**

Hershberger, Rachel Atkinson, '37,d.2/96
Thompson, Dorathea Freseman, '29,d.1/96

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Sexauer, Betty Von Schrenk, '40,d.1/96

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Lehner, Jeanne Andrews, '31,d.10/95
Rosenberg, Elizabeth Armstrong, '37,d.10/95
Smith, Catherine Broadwell, '40,d.11/95

MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF

Keydel, Miriam Reid, '21,d.12/95
Mitchell, Phyllis Cantwell, '56,d.8/94

MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF

Ainley, Jean Parks, '30,d.1/96

MISSISSIPPI, UNIVERSITY OF

Carlisle, Lisa Franklin, '85,d.4/95

MONMOUTH COLLEGE

Chapman, Alice Hart, '42,d.10/95
Corkell, Dorothy Ferguson, '51,d.3/96
Martin, Jean Morrison, '39,d.3/96
Peters, Margaret Waddell, '34,d.12/95
Pickens, Edith Shimmim, '34,d.2/96
Young, Shirley Gray, '48,d.1/96

MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF

Egan, Sylvia Harrison, '54,d.3/96

NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF

Inman, Elizabeth Clarke, '22,d.1/96
Kieselbach, Charlotte Easterday, '28,d.1/96
Summy, Frances French, '24,d.1/96

NEW MEXICO, UNIVERSITY OF

Parker, Robbie Mullins, '36,d.1/96
Trump, Ruth Glasebrook, '45,d.2/96

***NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Bayer, Alys Hetland, '34,d.1/96
Simpson, Lillian, '29,d.1/94

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Cook, Elizabeth Baumann, '39,d.1/96
Knight, Dorothy Edwards, '19,d.2/95
Larson, Caryl Nelson, '55,d.1/96
Rossiter, Suzanne Hastings, '40,d.3/96

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Calhoun, Louise Bond, '23,d.9/95
Dinsmore, Jane O'Shaughnessy, '33,d.12/95

OHIO, UNIVERSITY OF

Evans, Frances Davis, '23,d.3/96
Hamilton, Ardis North, '21,d.2/96
Moyer, Mary Keller, '36,d.8/95
Porter, Joanne Pettit, '40,d.11/95
Rowe, Sarah Weaver, '28,d.12/95

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Boschart, Mary Motherwell, '36,d.2/96
Goubeaux, Generose Schreel, '26,d.12/95
Hughes, Bettina Beach, '29,d.3/96
Peterson, Margaret Righter, '39,d.2/96
Sharp, Catharine Blackburn, '27,d.1/96

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Holmstrom, Mary Miller, '60,d.3/96

OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Miskovsky, Patricia Fisher, '61,d.2/96
O'Neal, Virginia Thweatt, '36,d.12/95
Phillips, Nan Burg, '42,d.2/96
Risler, Dorothy Rhees, '52,d.2/96
Wilson, Barbara Taylor, '34,d.1/96

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Bell, Ruth Cleland, '24,d.3/96
Zumwalt, Miriam Spruill, '54,d.8/95

OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF

Duff, Elizabeth MacDuff, '30,d.12/95
Flegel, Dorothy, '16,d.12/95
Wallace, Mary Haycox, '47,d.10/95

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

McGettigan, Dorothy Long, '41,d.12/95

PITTSBURGH, UNIVERSITY OF

Appel, Ruth, '20,d.6/95
Follansbee, Lois, '34,d.7/95
Jenney, Florence, '31,d.8/95

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Bryant, Betty Wickard, '37,d.1/96
Stafford, Bonnie Barrett, '47,d.2/96

ROLLINS COLLEGE

Howden, Sara Harbottle, '32,d.2/96

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Moore, Jessie Lockitt, '38,d.2/96
Scribner, Katharine Hartwell, '21,d.1/96
Shaw, Katherine Neavling, '25,d.10/95

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

McCarthy, Barbara Murphy, '35,d.1/96
Sims, Jane Loomis, '32,d.2/96

***SWARTHMORE COLLEGE**

Bauer, Elizabeth Weaver, '31,d.12/95
DeGroot, Elizabeth Pratt, '23,d.1/96

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Ibbotson, Martha Ames, '34,d.1/96
Park, Anne Hart, '18,d.9/94

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Fitzsimons, Joy Trentman, '58,d.3/94

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Baker, Betty Lindsey, '53,d.12/95

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Hairston, Mary Pitts, '36,d.12/95
Nelson, Sadie Scovell, '17,d.8/95
Schmid, Suzanne, '54,d.9/95

TORONTO, UNIVERSITY OF

Harris, Ethel Bowles, '24,d.1/96

UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF

Moslander, Ginger Jex, '53,d.10/95

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Harsch, Orlena, '25,d.12/95
Hein, Florence Porter, '29,d.1/96

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Cullenbine, Jean Williams, '27,d.12/95
Kratz, Helen Ustick, '34,d.1/96
Shirley, Martha, '43,d.12/95
Warner, Margaret Parman, '37,d.12/95

WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF

Palumbo, Ashley, '92,d.9/95
Pulliam, Margaret Bovington, '61,d.2/96
Trenholme, Ruth, '18,d.3/96

WILLIAM & MARY, COLLEGE OF

Haley, Nancy Jones, '33,d.10/95
White, Anne Whitehurst, '37,d.6/95

WISCONSIN, UNIVERSITY OF

Bartholomew, Eleanor Marling, '29,d.1/96
Woodworth, Beatrice Hardon, '33,d.12/95

WYOMING, UNIVERSITY OF

Drey, Hollis Kistler, '43,d.1/95
Martin, Margaret Smyth, '56,d.11/94
McIlvaine, Ruth Prout, '27,d.7/92

* inactive chapter

MARY MILLER HOLMSTROM, '60 Oklahoma, died in March. She served the Fraternity as a Province Director of Alumnae 1991-95.

CORRECTION

In the Winter issue, **SIBYL WATTS**, Kansas State, was incorrectly listed as deceased. *The Key* apologizes for the error.

In order for names to appear in "In Memoriam," verification and date of death must be sent to Fraternity Headquarters and Foundation Office, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038. Memorial gifts may be sent to the KKG Foundation, attention: Marilyn Jennings. 

JEAN HESS WELLS, *Georgia* 1928-1996

An appreciation for the past often leads to a great future. A large oak tree has deep roots; its spreading canopy reaches ever higher.

The grace, the intelligence, the vitality that is Kappa Kappa Gamma was personified by Jean Hess Wells. Jean loved our history, our traditions, our ritual. She exemplified our highest ideals. The Fraternity is deeply saddened by her death on April 24, 1996.

Best known for her enduring commitment to Kappa Kappa Gamma's traditions and ritual, Jean wrote that her appreciation of the Fraternity's history and ritual began at her initiation as a charter member of **DELTA Upsilon, Georgia**. Her commitment to the future of the Fraternity was unwavering as Jean served as Province Director of Chapters (1962 - 1967), Assistant to the President (1967 - 1970), Vice President (1970 - 1972), Director of Chapters (1972 - 1976), and President (1976 - 1980).

Throughout her life, Jean reinforced the importance of Fraternity history in the lives of current members. As Vice President she began a Fraternity awareness program that eventually led to the first Fraternity Education program. During her term as President, Jean was able to promote the importance of Kappa Kappa Gamma's past through the founding of the Heritage Museum. It began with "the realization that while Kappa was old, it was still young enough to collect historical material and pull it into a museum," Jean wrote. "There was this architecturally wonderful house where Kappa is headquartered in Columbus...The time seemed right to pull it all together. [Today] it is a beautifully restored historical home, an efficient business facility, with archives devoted to collecting, restoring, and preserving Kappa's history." Jean served as the first Chairman of the Heritage Museum Board in 1980, and continued as a board member for 10 years.

The importance of Fraternity Ritual, not just a ceremony but as a lifetime philosophy, was a meaningful gift from Jean to Kappa Kappa Gamma. Jean studied the Greek philosophy behind the ritual. It was her dedicated purpose to share her understanding of the ritual and love of these traditions with members, especially in the chapters. As Fraternity President, she presided at the reinstatement of **Psi⁴ CHAPTER, Cornell**, and **Beta Eta⁵, Stanford**; and at the installation of nine new chapters: **Epsilon Sigma, Virginia**; **Epsilon Tau, Mississippi State**; **Epsilon Upsilon, Baylor**; **Epsilon Phi, Florida**; **Epsilon Chi, Dartmouth**; **Epsilon Psi, UC Santa Barbara**; **Epsilon**



Omega, Dickinson; **Zeta Alpha, Babson**; and **Zeta Beta, Lafayette**. She served as Fraternity Ritualist from 1980 until her death; at General Conventions, a Ritual Award is given in her honor.

Jean shared her dedication and wisdom not only with members of the Fraternity, but also with the 26 member-groups of the National Panhellenic Council. Since 1977 she has served as a member of the Fraternity's NPC delegation, most recently chairing the conference's long-range planning committee. Her excellence was recognized by the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference with an educational forum named in her honor and was named Panhellenic Woman of the Year by Pi Beta Phi Fraternity.

In return for her dedication, diligence, and desire for excellence, Kappa Kappa Gamma presented Jean with the Fraternity's highest honor, the Loyalty Award, in 1988.

In addition to her legacy to Kappa Kappa Gamma, Jean left a family legacy as well. She is survived by her husband, Robert, their two children Jere and Cathleen, and four grandchildren.

It has been said that when Jean walked into a room, every Kappa sat a little straighter. Her own standards of excellence inspired others to set higher goals. 

Kappa Volunteers

From the Olympics to community service to assisting a Kappa sister, Kappa volunteers act out the Fraternity's commitment to "mutual helpfulness in the attainment of individual and social excellence" as found in the Preamble.

Lifetime of Service

Perhaps the volunteer with the most years of service is Sarasota, Fla.'s **HELEN ATWOOD HARWOOD**, *St. Lawrence*. At age 98 she is still the chief costumer for the Sarasota Players Theatre, which requires some skillful work with needle and thread, and a volunteer at the Women's Exchange. Having been a Kappa for 80 years, she never misses an alumnae association meeting. When Convention convenes this month, Helen will be a volunteer.

Recycling Pays Off

A friend indeed is what **NANCY SMART MOORE**, *Kansas*, of Scottsdale, Az., is to her Kappa sister **PATRICIA (PATTY) GLOVER KNUPP**, *Kansas*. *The Key* featured Patty in an article in the Winter 1994, issue describing her physical and financial trials since she was afflicted with polio in 1954. She is a quadriplegic and dependent on a respirator. Nancy took it upon herself to assist Patty financially by collecting aluminum cans and turning them in for cash.

The first year Nancy struggled to make money just collecting aluminum cans, earning only \$10 the first six weeks. After that she expanded to include tin cans, frozen food foil containers, and copper wiring from construction sites. The wiring requires hours to strip away its rubber coating. She has enlisted the help of friends all over the Phoenix area who are gleaning construction sites, tennis clubs, schools, offices, and gatherings of large crowds. With all this effort, Nancy can now contribute \$80 each month.



At age 98, **Helen Harwood**, *St. Lawrence*, will set aside her costuming duties with the Sarasota theater long enough to attend Convention.

Honored Torch Bearers

JUDY PORTER BRANDHORST, *Iowa State*, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of 33 runners from Michigan to carry the 3.5-pound Olympic torch one kilometer as part of the Olympic Torch Relay. The Relay spans 15,000 miles, traveling through 42 states in 84 days.

Judy has been an advocate of children's issues for more than 20 years. She volunteered in the Boy and Girl Scouting programs in Iowa and Illinois; with the TASK (Take A Stand for Kids) program in Pennsylvania; with TAG (Talented and Gifted) education in 10 communities throughout the Midwest; and is a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer.



Her trunk filled to overflowing, **Nancy Smart Moore**, *Kansas*, turns trash into cash for a Kappa sister by scouring the roadside and construction sites each week.

Bearing the torch down the California coast was **PRISCILLA PARTRIDGE DE GARCIA**, *Southern California*, of Ventura County. Priscilla was selected because of her extensive community service. She is the 1995-96 chairman of the United Way; president of the Ventura County Leadership Academy; and chairman of the Women of Distinction Luncheon for the Girl Scout Council.

Award-Winning Volunteers

Two Kappas are in the forefront of Dayton, Ohio, projects, and each has co-chaired her particular project with her husband. After serving United Way for 13 years, **MARGERY TODD ANDERSON**, *Duke*, headed the successful 1995 campaign, which resulted in her being named among the Top Ten Women of the Year in Dayton.

"I think this is not so much for me but for the thousands who volunteer in the community," Margy says of her honor. She insists that her volunteering has given her much more than she's given. "I've had the opportunity to



Mary Huggens Taylor, *Tulsa*, received a Senior Citizen's Merit Award from Texas Attorney General Dan Morales for her work with Keep Texas Beautiful.

work with the top leaders in the community. I've helped shape decisions and I've never been bored...it all is more selfish than it seems."

Margy and her husband share a philosophy that future funding lies not with large corporations but with small-to-medium-sized businesses.

Margy has also devoted time to the arts, an AIDS philanthropy, and a teen parenting and pregnancy prevention program. The mother of three children, one a member of **EPSILON SIGMA CHAPTER, Virginia**, she received the J.C. Penney Volunteer Award in 1991.

DORIS HUMES PONITZ, Michigan State, is planning Dayton's 200th birthday party, and that means coordinating more than 400 events plus raising the money to fund them. While this is a new responsibility, Doris brings experience from past and present involvement in 25 local organizations from the League of Women Voters community advisory board to the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra chorus. She has been recognized for previous accomplishments with the Governor's Award for Volunteerism.

Take a Break, Sister

Eleven members of the **SCOTTSDALE (AZ.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** reach out to a Kappa sister with personal, loving care. Every Tuesday they take turns coming to the home of **NANCY EARLY SCHLEMEIER, Iowa State**, giving her an afternoon break from caring for her bedridden husband.

Austin Helpers

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Kappas have chaired the Children's Hospital Gala for the past three years and together have raised \$600,000 to benefit state-of-the-art programs and equipment for cancer treatment and research for children. **CAROL COVERT CROWLEY, Texas**, **JULIE JONES OLES, Texas**, and **SHERI SHELBY KRAUSE, SMU**, have worked to benefit Breckenridge Children's Hospital, the only hospital for children in central Texas.

Their fellow Austin alumna **MOLLIE VILLERET DAVIS, LSU**, gained a firsthand acquaintance with learning disabilities when she realized



Kappas, with husbands and friends, enjoyed a tour of Jekyll Island, Ga., as part of the **KappaTravel Antebellum-Golf Cruise** in March aboard the Nantucket Clipper. The cruise included visits to Charleston and Beaufort, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., via the Intercoastal Waterway.

her own son's problem. From this experience, Mollie has advanced the identification of learning disabled children and the development of more appropriate teaching methods. A committed Kappa volunteer, she and her husband recently endowed a professorship in the College of Education at the University of Texas to support academic pursuit in the area of learning disabilities. Mollie's son now holds a master's degree and has a successful career.

Fashion Show Helps Stop Child Abuse

The **ATLANTA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, in conjunction with Lenox Square mall, hosted its 34th annual "Fashions & Diamonds" fashion show and luncheon in March at the Swissotel in nearby Buckhead.

Nearly 300 people attended the popular event, raising \$6,500 for the Healthy Families program of the Georgia Council on Child Abuse (GCCA), a nonprofit, statewide agency that deters child abuse through prevention and advocacy programs. The goal of the Healthy Families program is to help new parents get off to a good start and prevent child abuse before it happens.

Every 30 minutes one child is the victim of confirmed abuse in Georgia. Child abuse includes neglect and physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. "GCCA is grateful for the support of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The generous donation will continue to help us keep this exciting program up and running," said Sandra Wood, executive director of the GCCA.

The festivities kicked off with a reception, followed by a luncheon and fashion show, directed by nationally known Marilyn Sparks Productions. The dazzling event featured spring fashions and accessories from Lenox Square merchants.

The event was co-chaired by **DOROTHY NEWMAN PALMER, Penn State**, and **CHRISTINE LAMPE CARAGHER, Auburn**.



Christi Caragher and Dottie Palmer co-chaired Atlanta's "Fashions & Diamonds" event.

Top Women's Sports Award Goes to Kappa

Olympic swimmer and ABC broadcaster **DONNA DE VARONA**, *UCLA*, received the Women's Sports Foundation's highest award at the 10th Annual Congressional Awards Ceremony for National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD). Members of Congress, the news media, and prominent sports figures such as Billie Jean King, Pam Shriver, Phil Niekro, and Kathy Smith paid tribute to Donna and 18 other champion female athletes. The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the Flo Hyman Award, which went to Donna.

Flo Hyman was captain of the 1984 U. S. Olympic Volleyball Team and worked tirelessly with Congress on issues involving amateur athletics before her death in 1986 of Marfan's Syndrome. NGWSD was established in her honor by a Congressional resolution designating the first Thursday in February as a day to provide national recognition of female athletic achievements. The Flo Hyman Award has been given annually since 1987 to a female athlete who exemplifies the dignity, spirit, and commitment to excellence of Flo Hyman.

At age 13, Donna was the youngest member of the United States Olympic swimming team at the 1960 Olympics in Rome. By age 17, she had broken



Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NJ) and Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) presented **Donna de Varona**, *UCLA*, with the coveted Flo Hyman Award for dignity, spirit, and commitment to excellence in sports.

18 world records in swimming and won two gold medals at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. That same year she was voted Most Outstanding

Female Athlete in the World by both the Associated Press and United Press International. She went on to co-found the Women's Sports Foundation. In presenting the award to Donna, Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK), known as the Father of Title IX, said, "For those of us who were fortunate to work together on crafting the Amateur Sports Act, Donna de Varona holds a special place of honor. Her insight and understanding were important in assuring that the Act met the needs of time.

"As a young Olympic athlete and gold medalist, as a member of the President's Council and the team that worked on the Amateur Sports Act, as a founder of the Women's Sports

Foundation and a member of the Olympics Committee, as a wife, a mother, and a sports broadcaster, Donna has been the best. She exemplifies all that the Flo Hyman Award represents."

For her accomplishments Donna has been inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame, and the San Francisco Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame. She was a three-time nominee for the Sullivan Award, given annually to the nation's most outstanding amateur athlete. In 1980 she was presented with the Fraternity's Alumnae Achievement Award.

Donna served on President Gerald Ford's Commission of Olympic Sports and President Jimmy Carter's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. In addition, she served as a consultant to the U. S. Senate from 1976-78 and was instrumental in Congress' passage of the 1978 Amateur Sports Act and Title IX legislation, which promotes parity in spending between men's and women's collegiate sports.

She is currently a sports broadcaster for ABC.



Celebrating Northwestern University's first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1949 and their own 50th birthdays were six Upsilon Kappas from the class of 1967, now residents of six different states.

Hoots and Salutes

Missouri Supreme Court Judge **ANN KETTERING COVINGTON, Duke**, was named Statesman of the Year, an award for the state of Missouri's outstanding public servant.

GRETCHEN HAGEMAN BULLOCK, DePauw, is the first woman to serve as mayor of Oakwood, Ohio. She has spent nine years on the city council.

DONNA JACKSON BOLES, Oklahoma, of Niceville, Florida, learned Latin through summer visits with her grandmother. Now she has been recognized as Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year and Florida Latin Teacher of the Year. Her students have won 164 awards in the National Latin Examinations.

CARE COMIX was developed as a teaching tool by **MARGARET CASTONGUAY GOLDMAN, New Mexico**, to address concerns of high school teenagers, and now students across the country are using these insightful comic books to stimulate discussion



Past President **Helen Andres Steiner, Washington**, greeted current President **Juliana Fraser Wales, Ohio State**, at a joint meeting of the **Palo Alto, San Jose, and San Mateo (Calif.) Alumnae Associations** to celebrate the Fraternity's 125th birthday.

of issues such as body image, peer pressure, sexual harassment, and underage drinking. In recognition of her commitment to the empowerment of women and elimination of racism,

the Phoenix YMCA honored Margaret as Outstanding Educator at its annual Tribute to Women luncheon.

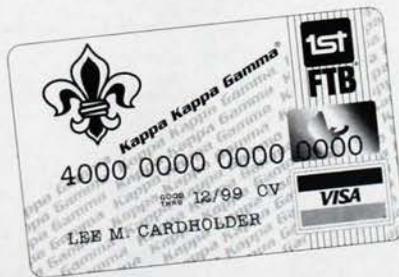
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Bombing Survivor Focuses on Healing

(Condensed from The Tulsa World)

One minute **POLLY PUCKETT NICHOLS**, Oklahoma, was holding a stack of papers in her office. The next minute she was crawling, trying to stay alert while bleeding from a gash in her throat.

The executive director of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence considers herself blessed to have survived the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Polly was in her office in a building across the street from the federal building when the bomb exploded.

"For the rest of my life, I will be Polly Nichols, survivor of the bombing," Polly said. "It doesn't get old, and I don't believe it will get old. It's part of me, and I'm fine with that. I hope I remember it and learn from it. I remember my priorities, which are family and relationships. Sometimes we go through life fast and don't pay attention to our relationships."

Polly's healing process includes coping with the death of her cousin who died in the federal building that day. "Sometimes I ask, 'Why did I survive and she die?'" Polly said. "It's more of an inward concentration and healing of one's self. It's getting through each day, as opposed to concentrating on the bombing itself. It's more of a looking inward for strength."

Polly spent 11 days in the hospital after surgery repaired her esophagus, an artery, and a vein. But she suffers from a paralyzed vocal cord.

She was able to get medical attention after someone carried her down two flights of stairs and found a doctor.

"The worst thing was hearing the sound of a gas pipe leaking, then I realized it was me," Polly said. "At that point I knew we needed to get out of there. I got down one flight of stairs, and I just couldn't go any



Joining with KΑΘ alumnae is an annual tradition for La Canada (Calif) Kappas. Starting as a luncheon years ago, it has become a "Bring a Greek" evening party popular with husbands and friends. These active alumnae help build a float for the Rose Bowl parade each year.

further. The next thing I remember is being in the middle of the street, and it was really noisy. I was fortunate that a doctor came by at that time and determined I needed quick assistance, and left his medical technician while he got an ambulance.

"I feel bad being concerned about

losing a vocal cord when so many others lost much, much more." Polly could not speak for a month after her surgery.

She received hundreds of cards, letters, phone calls, flowers, and many visitors encouraging her recovery. Gifts and notes came from people she



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had not seen in years and from people she had never met. "It was hard for me to take, but I knew people needed to reach out to somebody. There is survivor's guilt, and that's hard." All the messages are dear to Polly, and she still looks through them occasionally. "It's like my grandmother's wedding dress," she said. "I have it, and I won't ever part with it. It was a long process going through all the mail."

Polly continued to work with the foundation through her recovery. It is a nonprofit organization started in 1986 to recognize outstanding public school teachers, students, and programs within Oklahoma.

Polly said, "I'm a firm believer that public education is crucial in preventing something like this from happening again. We need to do a good job in forming connections between people and communities... We need to be able to touch people and show how much they owe their communities. We need to help in building bridges for the students to the community and fellow man."

Kappa Member in Race for Congress

The youngest woman ever to serve in the Massachusetts State Senate is trying to prove that young, talented women can be elected to federal office. **JANE MARIA SWIFT**, *Trinity*, was 25 years old when she defeated an incumbent and became the first woman to represent 45 cities and towns in her district. Now she is 30 and running for Congress. Her opponent is a two and a half term incumbent who has held elective office for more than 30 years.

Jane characterizes herself as a moderate Republican who is liberal on some social issues and fiscally conservative. She says that while it is still early in the campaign, she has raised a substantial level of support.

Good Ideas

Calling herself an "old alum," **JUIN WHIPPLE FORESMAN**, *Illinois*, says young alumnae are the project of the **SADDLEBACK/CAPISTRANO VALLEY (CALIF.) Alumnae Association**. The association sent flyers and sponsored a Saturday event targeting young singles, professionals, mothers, and newlyweds.

RICHMOND, VA., alumnae made a video to use as a commercial for the **Rose McGill Fund** at one of their meetings.

The **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY** alumnae journeyed into New York City to a favorite restaurant and later up to Poughkeepsie to visit the new chapter at Marist College.

SOUTHERN ORANGE COUNTY (CALIF.) alumnae members of the **House Board, ZETA ETA CHAPTER, UC Irvine**, hand stenciled a fleur-de-lis border on the hallway walls at the Kappa house.

BOSTON INTERCOLLEGIATE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS programs vary from bowling to making crafts to sell at Convention to a talk about understanding personalities.



Two Kappas are wearing keys as the symbol of their offices with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. **Jane Anne Haymaker Rehl**, *Butler*, is historian general, and **Georgane Ferguson Love**, *Mississippi*, is first vice president general.



Jackson, Miss., Kappas surround former Council member and Field Secretary **Jan Singleton McAllister**, *Mississippi*, at the KKT-KAG 125th birthday party.

High Ropes Make High Hopes

DELTA LAMBDA, *Miami (Ohio)*, Chapter Council officers participated in a high-ropes course designed to develop group leadership and effective communication skills. A camp director worked with chapter officers to tailor a session that would fit the chapter's budget and time constraints. After a fun and challenging four-hour session, they all agreed that effective communication is the key to working well together.

Good Ideas

BETA BETA^Δ, *St. Lawrence*, promotes positive public relations by delivering carved pumpkins in the fall and Valentine's Day treats in the winter to other campus groups. The chapter also sends care packages to members spending the semester abroad.

BETA OMICRON, *Tulane*, raised \$170 for the American Cancer Society by washing cars for an afternoon.

A group of **BETA CHI**, *Kentucky*, members and pledges carpoled to Columbus, Ohio, for a day trip to visit and tour Fraternity Headquarters and the Heritage Museum.

BETA RHO^Δ, *Cincinnati*, enjoyed an all-chapter Bid Day sleepover at a member's home, away from campus distractions.



Epsilon Psi, *UC Santa Barbara*, members volunteer as parking lot attendants at the Santa Barbara Lemon Festival.

The **BETA UPSILON**, *West Virginia*, Recording Secretary posts a sign in the foyer of the chapter house that shows the percentage of participation in chapter and campus events to promote attendance.

BETA PHI, *Montana*, volunteers with the Missoula Graffiti Task Force to help paint over unsightly graffiti throughout the city.

BETA XI, *Texas*, puts names on chairs for assigned seating to during chapter meetings.

GAMMA ALPHA, *Kansas State*, raised \$1,000 during its "Earthball" game, a soccer-style game using a ball six feet in diameter. The money was donated to the Manhattan Emergency Shelter.

GAMMA ZETA, *Arizona*, members volunteered as "carhops" at a local drive-in restaurant. The chapter earned a portion of the evening's profits and donated the money to help fight Lou Gehrig's disease.

DELTA ETA, *Utah*, raised \$700 for the Y.W.C.A. with its "Greek Row Dinner."

DELTA PHI, *Bucknell*, planted flowers around the grounds of the Laurelton Center for developmentally-disabled individuals.

The **DELTA OMEGA**, *Cal. State, Fresno*, House Chairman presents an etiquette tip during each chapter meeting.

Book Week Promotes Reading

ALPHA^Δ, *Monmouth*, encourages children to read during its annual "Book Week" philanthropy. Prior to "Book Week," the chapter advertises the event throughout the community. Children are encouraged to come to the local public library during "Book Week" to pick out their favorite books and get their pictures taken. The photographs are later posted in the library. Kappas then read the books to the children or the children can choose to read a book to the Kappas. The entire chapter participates by working at the library during one-hour shifts. Chapter members say they enjoy providing something positive and different for children to do after school that promotes the importance of reading. They also say "Book Week" is a fun and easy way to make an impact in the community, and that the library truly appreciates the positive publicity.



Alpha^Δ, *Monmouth*, members read books to children at the local library during the chapter's annual "Book Week" philanthropy

The **DELTA SIGMA**, *Oklahoma State*, Fraternity Education Committee plans "Kappa Family Feud." Kappa families compete by answering questions about the chapter and the Fraternity.

EPSILON BETA, *Colorado State*, co-sponsors a candlelight vigil during Red Ribbon Week, a local extension of a national drug awareness and prevention effort. Speakers share personal experiences and honor the memories of loved ones who lost their lives due to drug and alcohol abuse.

ZETA ETA, *UC Irvine*, developed the "Fleur-de-lis Sisters" phone buddy system to pair up members who live in the chapter house with members who live out in hopes of improving communication within the chapter.

ZETA NU, *UC San Diego*, joined Pi Beta Phi for a "Monmouth Duo" event which involved visiting elderly care homes and a picnic.

ZETA PSI, *Wake Forest*, plans weekly optional sisterhood activities such

Zeta Tau, *Washington and Lee*, members prepare for Rush in their new chapter suite.



Two collegians from **Zeta Iota**, *Villanova*, volunteered with the Mission de Amistad program in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

A Mission of Friendship

Two members of **ZETA IOTA**, *Villanova*, left the comforts of home for a week to serve as volunteers for the Mision de Amistad (Mission of Friendship) program in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. **LINSEY SERAFINO** and **STACEY AKERS** worked with individuals and families in a small poverty-stricken village, where most live in thatch huts with dirt floors and subsist on a diet of beans, rice, and tortillas.

Linsey and Stacey say they were overwhelmed by the gratitude of the villagers who opened up their hearts and homes. While life is a matter of survival there, Linsey and Stacey were encouraged by the generosity, joy, and peace they witnessed. They say they were deeply touched by their adventure and encourage others to challenge themselves through volunteering.

as attending campus plays or musicals, athletic events, and movies.

ZETA OMEGA, *Waterloo*, members randomly choose meeting dates for which they prepare a short sister-

hood activity using the SEEK (Self-Esteem for Every Kappa) program.

The **ZETA SIGMA**, *North Texas*, Fraternity Education Committee gave out plastic eggs filled with candy and Kappa facts during a chapter meeting. Members read each fact out loud so everyone could learn more about the Fraternity.



Zeta Xi, *Yale*, members bake cookies for Rush.



Gamma Nu, Arkansas, Chapter Council officers work together on a collage during "Wrap Up" with their Traveling Consultant.

Popular Balloon Pop

RHO^A, Ohio Wesleyan, raised \$470 during its annual Balloon Pop fundraiser. Chapter members sell balloons with raffle tickets inside at a university football game. At half-time the balloons are popped and winning tickets are announced. More than 20 prizes were donated from local businesses. The money has been donated to the National Kidney Foundation of Ohio to send children with kidney disorders to Kappa Kidney Kamp, a

week-long summer camp tailored to meet the medical needs of the campers.

Ghost-Out Gets Message Out

A group of **GAMMA OMICRON, Wyoming,** members participated in the third annual "Ghost-Out," a university-wide alcohol awareness project. Ten members were paid \$5 each to paint their faces pale white, dress entirely in black clothing, and walk silently around campus for part of the day. Their only form of communication was a card that said, "I am a ghost. I am one of the 10,000 college students who are killed by a drunk driver each year."

The volunteers donated the combined \$50 they earned to the Albany County AIDS Project.

Chapter Adopts Students

EPSILON UPSILON, Baylor, participates in the Adopt-A-School program. Chapter members serve as tutors for students at Parkdale Elementary School in areas such as reading, math, deaf education, and special education. The Kappa tutors each volunteer at least one hour per week. 

Epsilon Nu, Vanderbilt, sponsors an Easter egg hunt for children from inner-city schools.

UPSILON, Northwestern, members get up early for the optional Inspiration Period "Sunrise Viewing." After a group of members and pledges watch the sunrise, they enjoy hot chocolate and doughnuts.

SIGMA, Nebraska, rents its parking spaces during athletic events and donates the proceeds to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: We are delighted to be receiving so many letters but regret that we are unable to print each one. Please keep writing to *The Key* and know that we appreciate your input. Letters are edited for clarity and length.

A Pat on the Back

The Spring 1996 edition of *The Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma has reached my desk and I cannot let another day go by without congratulating you on such a splendid effort.

Over the years one of the "tests" I have applied to fraternity and sorority journals is to decide whether I would read the publication if I were not a member. Obviously I'm not a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma (I'd flunk the physical), but I certainly find the publication most readable. This particular issue is especially interesting and certainly meets my personal and professional "test."

Congratulations on your excellent work.

William D. Jenkins, *CFRE*,
Executive Vice President
Phi Kappa Tau Foundation

More Pats

I would congratulate the editorial staff for the Spring 1996 edition of *The Key*. I enjoyed the "Talking About My Generation" article and the article on saving and investing. Thank you for your work.

PAMELA KEMP BROWN, *Nebraska*
Nebraska State Senate, Sixth District

My Spring *Key* arrived today and I just want to tell you and your obviously talented staff what a superior publication you are producing. Having been a Kappa for over 50 years I've perused and trashed many a boring *Key* over the years but recently "our" magazine has been of outstanding quality. So — thank you, thank you! Perhaps just returning from our quarterly alumnae luncheon was impetus to write and let you know that though there are many who don't take the time to let you know, your efforts are appreciated silently.

Keep up the good work. You are appreciated.

ELIZABETH ROGERS LOSEY, *Berkeley*

Writing this letter is quite out of the ordinary for me. As a 1993 graduate I have been skimming the magazine for the past three years. I was recently hospitalized for four weeks and my mother brought *The Key* for me to read. Although I still didn't read the entire magazine, I was amazed to actually read three of the main articles and fully enjoy them. "Healthy Choices," "Empty Nest," and "The Third Little Pig Was Right" were not only interesting but actually pertained to matters that many 24- to 26-year-old recent college graduates want to know more about. And so not only do I want to congratulate myself for finally taking the time to sit down and read *The Key*, but I want to

congratulate the magazine for filling the Spring issue with a plethora of current, up-to-date and — most important — interesting articles. Keep up the good work.

DANA NOVER, *Michigan State*

Key Find

What a terrific treasure MARY WELLS RATHBONE found in that antique store in Indiana! I received a real treasure for Christmas last year. My son, in Cheyenne, Wyo., sent me an almost perfect copy of *The History of Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1870-1930*. It was published by the Fraternity in 1932. Although it has the official Fraternity book plate stamped on the inside of the front cover, there is no name written in and no indication anywhere of who might have owned the book originally. He found the book in a shop that specializes in old and rare books.

Since the book has 887 pages of small type, I haven't finished yet. It is very interesting reading and I'm probably learning more history of Kappa Kappa Gamma than I ever knew before.

JANE WHISLER KALBUS, *Oklahoma State*

Views on Vietnam

I have really enjoyed *The Key* and applaud the new format. I especially enjoyed the article on Vietnam as I traveled there myself last year and had some of the same fascinating experiences as CLAUDIA HARTMAN. I just want to clarify one point, however, which might have shocked Kappas with weak stomachs. Many people in Asian and Southeast Asian countries chew betel-nuts, and betel-juice gives their teeth and gums a bloody-red appearance. Betel-nuts are not very pleasant to our tastes, but probably far better than beetles, which as far as I know produce neither edible nuts or juice! A very minor correction to a very interesting, well-written article about a fascinating and intriguing country.

PAMELA MITCHEL, *Rollins*

EDITOR'S NOTE: While producing the Spring 1996 issue, "Generations," the following information came across my desk. I thought all Kappas would find this generational information interesting.

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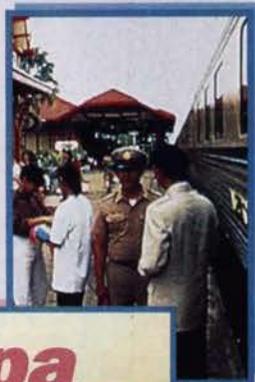
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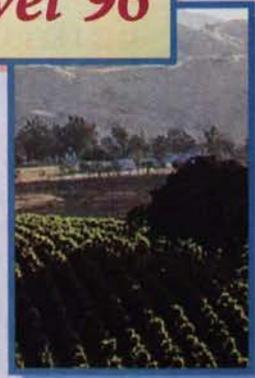
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