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Four outstanding women from a variety of fields are recognized as the 2008 Alumnae Achievement Award Recipients. These Kappas are sure to inspire current and future generations.



## Invest in Every Kappa—Page 22

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation announces the \$5 Million Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign, which began with a \$2.5 million challenge gift from The Walton Family Foundation. All gifts to this campaign will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$2.5 million! Nearly 77 percent of the goal has been reached, but we need your help to make this dream come true!

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

- To inform, inspire and challenge
- To promote leadership, scholarship and friendship
- To sustain and nurture loyalty and interest
- To recognize the accomplishments of individuals, groups, the Fraternity and its Foundation
- To provide a forum for an exchange of information and opinion
- To be a permanent record.

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# Expect Excellence

Excellence can be achieved by anyone who is willing to put in extra effort. This spring I met with a grandfather who is raising his grandson. During the meeting, he shared with us that he tells all of his grandsons, "Excellence never goes unrecognized." He expects excellence from his grandsons and they rarely disappoint him. Last year, one of his older grandsons graduated from high school. This grandson was the first person in the family to complete high school and enroll at a four-year university. At the end of the graduation ceremony, his grandson handed him a crumpled envelope. A letter verified his acceptance to the University of Oregon on a full scholarship. As the grandfather read the letter, his grandson said, "You always told me 'Excellence never goes unrecognized.'"

This quote is true for all aspects of life and especially Kappa. During my two years as President and the past 19 years as a Kappa officer, I have had the pleasure of recognizing excellence throughout our organization. During the creation of the Strategic Plan, many of you shared comments and ideas to ensure that the Fraternity continues to strive for excellence into the future. Three key points emerged: Relevance, Innovation and Commitment to the Larger World.

Today, life is moving at such a rapid pace that we need to constantly update our structure to make sure Kappa remains relevant for undergraduates and alumnae. We must carefully determine the best way to utilize the time and talents of our alumna volunteers. Our goal is to make all volunteer jobs meaningful, so our members will continue to volunteer.

Another way to stay relevant is through innovation and staying on the cutting edge of technology. During the biennium, we have made immense progress in reducing our paper reports by utilizing electronic media and improving our Web site. In addition, we are pursuing online training, micro sites, improved databases and e-blasts.

Kappas have demonstrated a willingness to support each other through the years. This past biennium members gave \$4,800,000 to the Foundation and more than \$400,000 to local charities while volunteering 60,000 hours of service to their communities. Our members have expressed a desire to avoid being insular

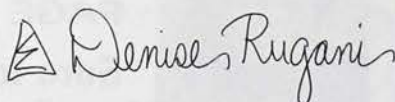
and reach out to help the larger world. It is this sort of commitment to serving the greater good that demonstrates members of our organization do not settle for mediocrity, but instead strive to set the standard on our campuses and in our communities.

It is our obligation to shape the future of Kappa Kappa Gamma and continue to be recognized for our excellence. Excellence can be attained if ...

*You care more than others think is wise.  
Risk more than others think is safe,  
Dream more than others think is practical, and  
Expect more than others think is possible.*

I look forward to recognizing the continued excellence of all of our members.

Loyally,



DENISE RUGANI, UC Davis  
Fraternity President  
drugani@earthlink.net





## Fraternity Headquarters Welcomes Interns

**KIMBERLY TAFT**, *North Carolina*, is the 2008 Catherine Schroeder Graf Heritage Museum Intern. A history and journalism/mass communication double major, Kimberly received her bachelor of arts degree in May. She served **EPSILON GAMMA**, *North Carolina*, as Co-Philanthropy Chairman and was co-president of the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society. She also was an education assistant at the University's Ackland Art Museum. During the summer of 2007, Kimberly worked at Historic Stagville in Durham, N.C., as a docent.

Kimberly arrived at The Heritage Museum and Fraternity Headquarters in May and is working closely with **KYLIE TOWERS**, *Simpson*, Archivist/Curator. They attended the General Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, where they assisted the Museums Committee with the Heritage Exhibit and two history workshops. Throughout the summer, Kimberly's projects include research on Kappa Kappa Gamma and women's history, as well as the development and installation of an exhibit at Headquarters.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Headquarters Summer Intern is **NATHALIE CONCEPCION**,

*North Carolina*. Having just completed her sophomore year at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Nathalie is working toward a bachelor of arts in psychology. She serves as Public Relations Chairman for Epsilon Gamma and will serve as a recruitment counselor during fall Membership Recruitment.

A member of Alpha Phi Omega co-educational service fraternity, Nathalie has worked for the past two years in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for the University of North Carolina as a records assistant.

Her summer duties include helping with the General Convention, assisting the Finance Department with year-end projects, working with the Education Department on Leadership Academy preparation, as well as assisting with special projects and staff support as needed.

The Catherine Schroeder Graf Heritage Museum Internship is generously funded by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. Both internships are 12 weeks and qualified Kappas may apply through Fraternity Headquarters by February 1.



**KIMBERLY TAFT**, *North Carolina*



**NATHALIE CONCEPCION**, *North Carolina*



## Work for Kappa!

Interested in serving as a Kappa Kappa Gamma Field Representative after you graduate? Applications for Leadership Consultant positions and Chapter Consultant scholarships are due November 20, 2008, for those interested in serving during the 2009-2010 school year. Visit [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) to apply. For further information, contact **BETH SHARP**, *Penn State*, Field Representatives Chairman, at [bsharp@aerosoles.com](mailto:bsharp@aerosoles.com).



## Legacy Policies

Legacies shall be voted upon at a time determined by the chapter and after the members have had an opportunity to meet the legacy.

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

If a legacy's reference has been received at least 10 days prior to the first day of formal Recruitment, acknowledgment shall be sent to the legacy's closest Kappa relative (mother, sister, grandmother or great-grandmother).

To protect a legacy's privacy, chapters are not expected to notify a legacy's closest Kappa relative if the legacy is not invited to a recruitment event or extended a bid.



## Legacy Notification Form

To assist our chapters in identifying Kappa legacies, please complete this form and send it to the chapter address listed in the membership directory at [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org).

*Please note: This notification does not replace a Membership Reference Form or letter of reference.*

This is to advise you that my ☐ daughter ☐ sister ☐ granddaughter ☐ great-granddaughter will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ this year.  
College or University

### Member Information

First Name Maiden Last Name

Street Address

City State/Province Postal Code

Chapter

Initiation Date

Telephone

E-mail

### Legacy Information

First Name Middle Last Name

Street Address

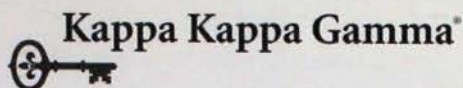
City State/Province Postal Code

High School Attended

Academic Class Entering



# membership recruitment



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## MEMBERSHIP REFERENCE FORM

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

ATTACH  
PHOTO  
(OPTIONAL)

Name of Potential Member \_\_\_\_\_ Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Nickname) (College/University)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Class Size \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

School(s) attended after high school, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Terms Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Class: Fr. ☐ So. ☐ Jr. ☐ Sr. ☐

*Fraternity Bylaws' academic requirements are as follows: A woman student matriculated in any college or university having a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma may be elected to membership in this Fraternity provided that she has demonstrated academic interest and has attained at least a "B" average or its equivalent under any other grading system from high school or at least a "C+" average or its equivalent under any other grading system for the previous completed term as a full-time student at a college or university. In extraordinary cases, the chapter may petition the Director of Membership for an exception.*

**Kappa Kappa Gamma Legacy:** ☐ Sister ☐ Mother ☐ Grandmother ☐ Great-grandmother

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Nickname) (College/University Attended)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Other NPC Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check one of the following:

☐ Close KKG connection (i.e. aunt, cousin, stepmother, stepsister, other) \_\_\_\_\_ years

☐ Personally known the potential member for \_\_\_\_\_ years

☐ Personally known the potential member's family for \_\_\_\_\_ years

☐ Do not personally know potential member; information from \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby endorse this potential member for membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma.**

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Print First Maiden Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Street Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Initiation Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach school, athletic, community and leadership activities and honors. Comment on special interests, talents and work experiences.

☐ **PLEASE SEND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT MY REFERENCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE I HAVE INCLUDED WITH MY REFERENCE FORM.**





## New Chapter and Association Web Sites Available

Chapters and alumnae associations now have an opportunity to create their own unique Web sites easily and at no cost by hosting through and working with a template created by Fraternity Headquarters. To see samples of Kappa's new chapter "microsites," go to <http://chapters.kkg.org/mu> or <http://chapters.kkg.org/zetaupsilon>. For associations, you can view templates at <http://associations.kkg.org/blue> or <http://associations.kkg.org/irises>.

Based on a template with predetermined menus, each Web page has some pre-filled information to help you determine what kind of content to include. Additional public and private pages can be added by the chapter or association administrator. For more information, contact **KATIE MOONEY MINISTER**, *Richmond*, Director of Web Site Services, Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Headquarters, at [kminister@kkkg.org](mailto:kminister@kkkg.org) or 866-KKG-1870.

## Hosting Available

If you already have a Web site, Fraternity Headquarters can now host most Web sites at no charge. You will receive a folder on our server with FTP access to upload and maintain your site. If you have purchased a domain, for example [www.richmondkappas.com](http://www.richmondkappas.com), and would like to keep it, that is also easy to do.

## Focusing on Seniors

Senior year in college is a time of change and challenge. Focus moves from classes and campus to employment and apartments. Kappas are no exception. Last fall, a focus group met at Fraternity Headquarters to discuss means to keep seniors involved and interested. The results of their study and discussion were presented at the General Convention.

Chaired by **AMANDA LANTZ**, *Butler*, Region 1 RDC, the group included members from seven chapters, a recent graduate, a Province Director of Chapters and **CAROLYN BYRD SIMPSON**, *Texas Tech*, former Director of Chapters. Specific challenges to senior involvement were noted: a rise in abroad programs; "senioritis" and a lack of involvement in chapter leadership; living off campus; and internships. From these challenges, the group formed four goals:

- ▶ Create a bookend to active membership in the form of a senior program and make chapter life relevant to them as they consider a new phase of their lives.
- ▶ Provide a six-week senior program with five relevant topics chosen by the seniors, with the final program being alumna education.
- ▶ Allow seniors to choose how they want to be involved during Recruitment.
- ▶ Conduct two one-on-one conferences for each senior with Standards Committee.

The Education Chairman is responsible for the program. She conducts a Senior Survey in the spring of the junior year in which the members choose five topics that will be most relevant as they enter "the real world." Such things as establishing credit, house or apartment hunting and obtaining insurance might be listed for workshops to be presented during chapter meetings.

Seniors meet with Standards to review and sign the Senior Agreement regarding their responsibilities in such areas as finance, attendance and teamwork. Workshops for seniors cover topics they listed and in the final presentation the seniors are made aware of the benefits and responsibilities of alumna status.

The local alumnae association describes some of the types of alumna activities, ways to join an association, serving as an adviser, etc. and conducts the ceremony welcoming the seniors into alumna life.

Kappa truly is for a lifetime and as collegians graduate into alumna life we can all join in celebrating good times, sharing at all times and supporting one another through our bonds of sisterhood.



## Keys Overseas ... Connecting Kappas Abroad

At last ... a Kappa forum that will give members living abroad a way to communicate. Keys Overseas is a free online forum where Kappas who are living outside the United States and Canada can meet, get to know one another and get instant access to shared messages, photos, group events and more.

There are many ways to use this forum—you could offer and receive suggestions on travel, hotels and restaurants, as well as places to live. You will get a sense of security with this information coming from a Kappa sister. If you find someone in the same town, you could call them for a cup of coffee! But most of all, it is a secure means to stay connected to Kappas no matter where you are.

Invitations to the Keys Overseas forum along with instructions on how to join have been sent to all Kappas living abroad for whom Headquarters has a good address. If you believe that you should have received an invitation but did not, send an e-mail to **CAROLINE POOLE CAMERON**, *Florida State*, at [camerocaroline@gmail.com](mailto:camerocaroline@gmail.com). Let's widen our net of Kappa support all over the world!

## Attention "Snow Birds" and "Sun Birds"

If you would like to visit an alumnae association and meet Kappas while you are traveling away from your primary home, please contact the "Owls Out on a Limb" Chairman at [kappaowls@kkg.org](mailto:kappaowls@kkg.org). She will direct you to the nearest alumnae association so you can enjoy Kappa activities all year round.

## Welcome New Associations

The Fraternity welcomes the **DOTHAN (ALA.)** and **BALDWIN COUNTY (ALA.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS**. To join, please contact:

- Dothan  
**MILLIE BOWMAN ARMSTRONG**, *Alabama*  
[millieba@earthlink.net](mailto:millieba@earthlink.net) or 334-794-6984
- Baldwin County  
**KATHERINE DEXTER ALLEN**, *Alabama*  
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## You're an Alumna— Now What?

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Council extends best wishes to all 2008 graduates and encourages you to stay connected to Kappa by joining your area alumnae association. Friendship, support, mentoring and leadership opportunities await you as an alumnae association member.

Are you relocating after college? Check to see if an alumnae association is available in your new city. Submit the "Owl Out on a Limb" form on Page 9 or visit [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) for information on how to join an alumnae association.

When you pay dues to your local alumnae association, you are considered a dues-paying member of Kappa Kappa Gamma in good standing. If an alumnae association does not exist in your area, please don't forget to send your annual alumna dues of \$17 directly to Fraternity Headquarters. You will feel great knowing you are supporting the development and distribution of Kappa Kappa Gamma's educational programs to collegians and alumnae. You will also be providing resources for continued improvements in technology and member services, including *The Key* and the official Web site, [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org).

Please send your dues along with the form below to Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Headquarters, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038. Thank you for your support!

## Association and Chapter Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following alumnae associations and chapters celebrating milestone anniversaries. For contact information, visit [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) or call Fraternity Headquarters at 866-KKG-1870.

Four Corners, Colo. ....	08/22/1998	..... 10 years
Oak Park-River Forest, Ill. ....	09/26/1943	..... 65 years
Walla Walla, Wash. ....	10/05/1918	..... 90 years
Beta Tau, Syracuse ....	10/19/1883	..... 125 years
Epsilon Gamma, North Carolina ....	11/08/1958	..... 50 years
Eta Theta, Harvard ....	11/15/2003	..... 5 years
Greater Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	12/12/1903	..... 105 years
Omega, Kansas ....	12/17/1883	..... 125 years
Rochester, N.Y. ....	12/20/1928	..... 80 years

## Pay It Forward

### *Kappa Can Count on Me!*

Name (first, maiden, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter & Initiation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$17 payable to Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity for alumna dues.  
(Dues are not deductible for federal tax purposes.)

☐ Please charge my VISA/MasterCard (circle one)

My credit card # is: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

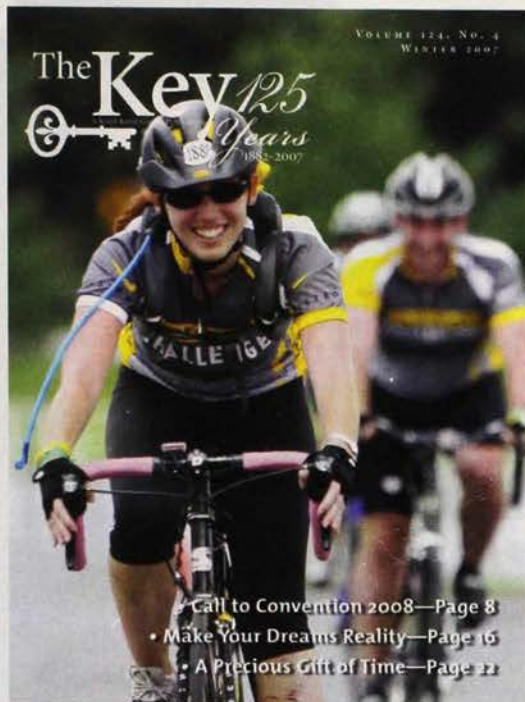
☐ I would like to be contacted by the nearest alumnae association.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Letters to the Editor ...

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We are delighted to receive your 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.



## Cover Story Sparks a Kappa Connection

Your terrific article regarding JENNIFER MILIKOWSKY, North Carolina, and her 100-mile bike ride for the Lance Armstrong Foundation LIVESTRONG Challenge couldn't have been better timed! After reading Jennifer's story, I made a commitment to raise \$5,000 and ride 100 miles in Philadelphia in August for this worthy cause.

In 2004 when my parents were diagnosed with cancer, cycling was my escape. It helped me deal with the realities of my parents' cancers and, later, my father's death. I have many fond memories of cycling with my dad—getting caught in the rain, fixing flat tires, discovering new places and enjoying ice cream after a hard ride. When I heard about the LIVESTRONG Challenge, which benefits the Lance Armstrong Foundation, I knew I had to participate.

Through the help of *The Key* staff, I've been able to contact Jennifer. Having a connection with a Kappa sister as a mentor for this challenge will be invaluable.

—SIOBHAN CAMPBELL BLAKE, *Bowling Green*

## Are You an Owl Out on a Limb?

### Continue the Kappa Experience...

*by enjoying the friendships and fun that come with participation in an alumnae association.*

Please provide the following information via e-mail to [kappaowls@kkg.org](mailto:kappaowls@kkg.org) or complete the form below and send it to CAROLINE POOLE CAMERON, *Florida State*. She will put you in touch with the alumnae association nearest you or with your Province Director of Alumnae.

**YES! I want to know more about Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae association opportunities near me!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Chapter/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Init. Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

☐ New Address? ☐ New to Area? E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to work with a chapter in an advisory position.

Mail to CAROLINE POOLE CAMERON, *Florida State*, 1612 Leaf Cove, Jonesboro, AR 72401 ([kappaowls@kkg.org](mailto:kappaowls@kkg.org)).





# From the Drafting Table to Her Own Design Show,

*"This is a special community of women you don't find elsewhere in life ... they are forward-thinking, gracious, well-rounded ... I'm so proud to be a Kappa."*

**CONSTANCE RAMOS,**  
TCU/Kansas State,  
formerly a designer on  
ABC's *Extreme Makeover:  
Home Edition*, is now the  
host of *Color Correction*  
on HGTV.

*All photographs courtesy  
of HGTV, Copyright 2007  
HGTV*



Constance reveals the result of a fresh color palette to homeowners on *Color Correction*. Look for Constance on HGTV's Summer Showdown special this summer and the 2008 *Color Correction Christmas Special*.



# Constance Ramos Creates a Blueprint for Success

— By JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER, *Bowling Green*

**A** multit talented TV personality, **CONSTANCE RAMOS**, *TCU/Kansas State*, has achieved success by merging her two passions—architecture and performing arts. Viewers who were touched by Constance's compassion and creativity on ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* now enjoy her as the dynamic designer/host of *Color Correction* on HGTV.

Constance's success is no surprise to her mother, a performance artist, and father, an architect and owner of Ramos Design Consultants in the Kansas City area where Constance grew up. The fifth daughter out of six, Constance is the only one of the Ramos children to follow in their father's footsteps. By age 14, she was drafting tile patterns for one of her father's clients, AMC Theatres. "I loved being around the passionate and creative individuals at my father's firm," says Constance, adding that by the time she finished high school she had gained as much experience as those half-way through architecture school.

Eager to gain some independence, Constance enrolled at Texas Christian University where she pledged **EPSILON ALPHA CHAPTER**. "Kappa was an invaluable experience as I started a new life doing everything on my own for the first time," says Constance, who left TCU after one year to enroll in Kansas State's architecture program. The Kappas of **GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER, Kansas State**, welcomed Constance with open arms.

Constance is thankful for her Gamma Alpha sisters who offered support and encouragement. "Architecture school was tough. ... With the intense workload, there was little time for other things," says Constance, who enjoyed retreating to the Kappa house whenever possible to escape the pressures of her male-dominated architecture classes. "Kappa helped me discover who I am, what my values are, and how to make choices I can be proud of.

"Kappas are so accomplished," adds Constance. "This is a special community of women you don't find elsewhere in life ... they are forward-thinking, gracious, well-rounded ... I'm so proud to be a Kappa."

After graduating with an architecture degree, Constance continued to work with her father. One of their most memorable projects was designing a shopping center in Venezuela. On the side, Constance taught at the Miller-Marley School of Dance & Voice in Overland Park, Kan., where she had spent many years performing during

her childhood. "Shirley Marley, the school's founder, taught me the power of praise and encouragement, and there is no greater honor than to teach and mentor young people—you learn so much about yourself," says Constance, who often boasts about her students who went on to perform on Broadway.

Before heading to California to start a design firm, Constance put her dancing skills to work as a cheerleader for the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. Her love for the theater drew her to many regional theatres where she worked as a production designer, technical director, wardrobe designer, and set carpenter and painter. Constance's performance art background landed her roles in TV movies including *Gone in the Night* with Shannon Doherty and Kevin Dillon.

In 1997, Constance formed her own architectural firm in Los Angeles, working primarily on residential projects but also as a consultant to corporations including Mattel®, Sony®, Walt Disney Imagineering and renowned architect I.M. Pei. Her work also included designs for interiors, graphics and even rock concerts for recording artists such as Todd Rundgren and Erykah Badu, as well as commercials for Wal-Mart®, Hallmark Cards and Kodak®.

Although she enjoyed her work immensely, Constance was given the opportunity to compete on HGTV's *Designers' Challenge* in 2002. Shortly after winning the competition, she heard that ABC was searching for a designer for a new show, *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. Within a week of applying, Constance was selected as the final member of the design team—a role they had been trying to fill for eight months.

Little did Constance know that this career move would change her life in more ways than one. She not only gained the fame that comes from an Emmy-Award-winning TV show, but she also found romance.

It all started when a man named J.J. Carrell, a senior agent for the U.S. Border Patrol, nominated his friend Martha Walswick, a widow, and her nine children for





Constance shows a homeowner a tip for faux painting, as seen on HGTV's *Color Correction*.

*"Life is not about whether you have ever walked the red carpet. We can all create a life with our God-given gifts and have far-reaching influence. Discover your mission and just go for it and don't get sidetracked by wanting more stuff."*

*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, which builds dream homes for families in crisis. Like Martha, J.J. had lost a spouse, too, (his wife, Kelley) to cancer.

Deeply touched by the video J.J. sent in about the Walswick family, Constance couldn't wait to meet this "sincere" and "articulate" man. After meeting him on the construction site, Constance was "smitten."

During the week-long construction and design of the Walswick home, Constance says she often worked on her projects in a neighbor's garage out of fear that everyone would notice her attraction to J.J. But despite hiding out, two of Kelley Carrell's cousins who were helping at the project site noticed Constance's fondness for J.J. and encouraged them to talk. The two began dating and were married in 2005. They reside in Southern California and Constance says, "J.J. is the blessing of my life."

As a newlywed, Constance found that working 42 weeks a year at a grueling pace for *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* was difficult on a marriage. "I knew it was time to say good-bye to the show," explains Constance, who had begun exploring new opportunities. That's when HGTV offered her the opportunity of a lifetime—her own show. "Now I can see him (J.J.) on the weekends!"


On her series, *Color Correction*, Constance tackles color disasters for homeowners across America

by identifying the problem and creating the right "color fix," including paint tones, flooring, window treatments, accent pieces and lighting to create the look and feel the homeowners wanted but couldn't accomplish on their own.

On her show and at her firm, the Southern California-based Constance Carrell Design, Inc., Constance teaches homeowners how to use their favorite colors in ways that are exciting and inviting but not overwhelming. "Color can be an emotional thing," explains Constance. "I've actually seen clients cry over color choices."

Constance is grateful for opportunities to help people improve their homes and lives. "Life is not about whether you have ever walked the red carpet," says Constance. "We can all create a life with our God-given gifts and have far-reaching influence. Discover your mission and just go for it and don't get sidetracked by wanting more stuff."

Additional advice Constance offers Kappas seeking their dreams is to understand the power of encouragement especially when seeking or becoming a mentor. "Many will tear you down but few seem to understand how a little praise can make you feel as if you can scale a mountain."

Having scaled her own mountain, Constance's view from the top is full of happiness and success. 



# Meet Our 2008 Alumnae Achievement Award Recipients

**A** biennial tradition since 1946, Alumnae Achievement Awards recognize individual excellence in volunteer and professional pursuits on a national or international level.

*In 2008, at the 67th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Ariz., four women were recognized for their impact on thousands of lives.*

*Congratulations to **DEBORAH OATES ERWIN**, Arkansas, medical anthropologist; **SARAH (SALLY) IVES GORE**, William and Mary, human resources/education; **HOLLY DUNN PENDLETON**, Kentucky, victims' advocate; **DENISE DREISESZUN RESNIK**, Arizona State, autism awareness advocate. These four inspiring women truly embody Kappa's Tradition of Leadership.*





**DEBORAH OATES ERWIN, *Arkansas***  
**Medical Anthropologist**



# Medical Anthropologist Works to End Health Disparities

—By LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

**F**or people without health insurance, living in rural areas, unable to read or act on health warnings, the research of **DEBORAH OATES ERWIN, Ph.D., Arkansas**, points the way toward better prevention and health care. Her community-based research is aimed at reducing, eliminating and preventing health disparities in vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

Recalling her college years, Deborah says she realized what she wanted to do by figuring out what she did not want to do, by discovering a passion for something and developing it into a career. Enrolled in an anthropology course, she found she loved it and an accompanying interest in health care led to her master's and doctoral degrees in medical anthropology at SMU.

During undergraduate years in the **GAMMA NU CHAPTER, Arkansas**, house, Deb enjoyed the diversity of ideas in the house and discovered cultural differences. "I had a period of personal growth, becoming more sensitive to social justice issues," says Deb. "It was also the time of the feminist movement and I learned about living and governing in a house full of women."

Focusing her research on minority health disparities in Arkansas, Deb co-founded the Witness Project, a breast cancer education and screening intervention program for African American women. Developed in rural Arkansas, the Witness Project now functions at more than 30 sites in 22 states. Her work has resulted in an award from the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, from the American Cancer Society and from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Author of numerous articles and book chapters, Deb is a member of several cancer- and health-related organizations and is immediate past president of the American Association for Cancer Education.


A year ago, Deb was named director of the Office of Cancer Health Disparities Research, Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, N.Y. Deb sees the need to wed

social and behavioral research with basic science. For example, genetic studies show that actual differences related to ancestry and screening can be tailored for prevention education aimed toward a better focus of treatment.

Deb's colleagues speak of her drive and compassion for people, and her thoughtful advice, support and gentle humor with friends and acquaintances facing cancer. She is also noted for her ability to focus intently and completely on whatever she is dealing with at the moment.

There is pride in Deb's voice as she speaks of her daughter, a CPA and recently married, and her son, a junior at Colorado State. Family support is important and Deb notes that "... David Weeks, my wonderful husband of six years, left his friends and job with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service in Arkansas to come with me to Buffalo. He is now an environmental scientist with Ecology & Environment here, helps me be successful and is a wonderful complement to me."

Many Kappas knew Deb's mother, **WILLETTA (WILLIE) LONG OATES, Arkansas**, famous for her collection of spectacular hats. Deb and Willie incorporated the hats into humorous, thought-provoking skits about breast cancer (Hats Off for Health).

With accomplishments that have had a major influence on education and screening of women for breast cancer, with a joyful zest for life and a strong sense of ethics, Deb continues her research to aid the vulnerable and underserved. 



# Human Resources Innovator Is Committed to People

—By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

In everything she does, SARAH (SALLY) IVES GORE, *William and Mary*, has been committed to improving life for others.

Sally recently retired as global head of Human Resources for W.L. Gore Associates, a business started by her husband's family, best known for the invention of Gore-Tex. She has been the force behind child-care centers at Gore and at William and Mary, as well as a major contributor to a Kappa Kappa Gamma scholarship fund and classroom buildings at both her and her husband's colleges.

Upon graduating with a bachelor's in English, Sally taught elementary school. But later, while struggling to raise three children alone after a divorce, and with help from the Rose McGill Fund, she returned to graduate school to earn a master's in counseling psychology from the University of Delaware. In Delaware, where she worked with delinquent adolescents, she was instrumental in the startup of the Option Program for disruptive high school students in the New Castle County schools.

After her marriage to Robert W. Gore, chairman of W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc., in 1977, Sally at first stayed home to raise their blended family of seven children. Three years later, Bob asked her to analyze the firm's human resources needs. From there, Sally developed one of the country's first flexible benefits plans, plus a child-care center.

With Sally at the helm of human resources, Gore has repeatedly been named one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in the United States by *Fortune*. It also has been named as one of the top companies to work for in the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany. Gore has a unique organizational structure where no one reports to anyone else and no one has a title, except those required by law. Sally has been quoted as saying that "businesses have a responsibility to be flexible because we've got to take care of our society." Sally is writing a book of the personal


accounts from employees on the impact this type of corporate culture had on their lives.

Sally and her family created the I Have a Dream Foundation of Delaware, a program for disadvantaged youth. She also is excited about her latest work to start a school in Wilmington for high-risk girls in fifth through eighth grades.

Sally and Bob have recently made a major gift to William and Mary to fund a new Integrated Science Center to provide a laboratory and teaching space for the departments of biology, chemistry and psychology, replacing outdated facilities. Sally remembers the encouragement of a professor who wanted her to consider majoring in chemistry. Her mother's reaction was "Girls don't major in chemistry." Sally now encourages young women to seek degrees in science and technology.

Sally is a major supporter of the GAMMA KAPPA, *William and Mary*, Sapphire Scholarship, which the WILLIAMSBURG ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION began in 2001. Through her donations, the initial goal of \$100,000 was raised in less than three years. Sally believes the Fraternity is a "grand training ground for leadership, teaching one to think independently and work well with others."

Sally serves on many boards, including the Advisory Board of Independence School and the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary. She is also vice chairman of William and Mary's Endowment Association and Chairman of its Development Committee.

Surprised by the Alumnae Achievement Award, Sally will describe herself as "just an ordinary person." But her accomplishments and generosity are extraordinary. 





SARAH (SALLY) IVES GORE, *William and Mary*  
Human Resources Innovator



HOLLY DUNN PENDLETON, *Kentucky*  
**Victims' Advocate**



Sen. Richard Lugar presents  
**HOLLY DUNN PENDLETON**,  
*Kentucky*, with the Jefferson  
Award for outstanding  
community service.

## Victims' Advocate Speaks Up and Reaches Out

—By LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

Having survived a violent sexual assault, **HOLLY DUNN PENDLETON**, *Kentucky*, understands the feelings of victims and how to talk with them. And talk she does, relating her story as an advocate for victims' rights, safe options for their recovery and prevention for others.

In August 1997, while Holly and her boyfriend, Chris, were walking along the railroad tracks near the University of Kentucky campus, they were attacked by a serial killer known as the "Railroad Killer." Raped, beaten and left for dead, Holly survived the attack—the only survivor of this notorious killer—but Chris did not. Gagged and bleeding, Holly dragged herself to a nearby house where 9-1-1 was called. Despite a broken eye socket and with her jaw wired, Holly soon began her advocacy efforts.

Speaking publicly about the attack and sharing stories of victimization has aided Holly in reclaiming her life. She has become a certified sexual-assault advocate and trainer of police officers and other first responders on how to talk with, and listen to, victims of assault.

Joining forces with Detective Brian Turpin of the Evansville, Ind., Police Department, Holly has worked to establish a victims' advocacy center. Named Holly's House in her honor, she is excited about the opening this year. Their



collaboration earned them the U.S. Attorney's Award for outstanding contributions to the rights of victims. Further honors awarded to Holly include one from the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Jefferson Award for community and public service, and the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for Greatest Public Service Benefiting Local Communities.


Having found a location for Holly's House, the building needed extensive renovations. As executive director and sole employee, Holly has been overseeing the renovations and working to raise funds, establish operations and engage a board of directors. She mentions particularly that GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER, *Wyoming*, made a donation toward the more than \$300,000 needed to finish the renovations and cover the first year's operating expenses.

As hard as she is working for Holly's House, Holly also has been working for Kappa. A Field Representative in 2000, Holly has been an officer in several alumnae associations, served as a Kappa trainer, and is currently Delta South Province Director of Alumnae.

"Kappa has played a huge part in my life," Holly says. "Kappa helped develop me into the woman I was before the attack ... an outgoing, confident, community-minded young woman with amazingly supportive sisters. All these qualities assisted me after the attack. I could not have returned to college and graduated without the support of my BETA CHI CHAPTER, *Kentucky*, sisters."

Continuing to offer support and advice to others, Holly says, "My advice to women is to be aware and to trust your instincts. Find a way to empower yourself regarding safety—like take a self-defense class."

And to those who come in contact with victims, Holly urges, "The best way to give support to a sexual assault victim or any attack victim is to listen. They are putting trust in you by telling you [of their experience]. Show them the respect and support they need."

Through her leadership, bravery and determination to help others, and her will to turn a tragedy into an opportunity to serve the greater good, Holly is a model of how to impact a community and the world. 



## Holly's House

### *Helping Victims, Encouraging Survivors*

After four years of development, HOLLY DUNN PENDLETON, *Kentucky*, is proud to announce the grand opening of Holly's House, a child and adult victims' advocacy center in Evansville, Ind. Opening its doors on September 1, 2008, Holly's House will provide a safe reporting environment for victims of intimate crimes, their families and communities while providing support, promoting justice, and preventing violence.

### What special services will Holly's House offer?

In a typical police environment, victims often feel exposed and vulnerable—using the same waiting area, interview room and offices as the general public uses for all types of police business. Holly's House will have separate areas for adults and children, and will promote a private setting for the interview process. Since all departments will be under one roof, victims will be interviewed one time by the police, prosecutors and child protective services.

### How Can You Help?

Visit the Web site at [www.hollyshouse.org](http://www.hollyshouse.org) for more information and join the Holly's House cause on Facebook. To reach Holly, e-mail her at [holly@hollyshouse.org](mailto:holly@hollyshouse.org).



# Perseverance Leads to Progress in Autism Programs

—By JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER, *Bowling Green*

Upon graduating cum laude with a business degree in 1982, DENISE DREISESZUN RESNIK, *Arizona State*, began her quest to “have it all.” Shortly after getting married, she and husband, Rob, became successful entrepreneurs. A few years later they welcomed two healthy children into the world: daughter, Ally, and, 17 months later, son, Matthew.

Life was sweet until they noticed 1-year-old Matthew retreating into his own world. Instead of learning new words, he seemed to forget the ones he had acquired. He avoided eye contact and appeared not to hear, but he was not deaf. Additional tests revealed he had autism, which at that time was diagnosed in one out of every 10,000 children.

Now, 15 years later, it is estimated that one out of every 150 children will have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), which obstructs language and social development at varying degrees.

Doctors suggested they institutionalize Matthew, but Denise knew there was a better way. So, the 32-year-old president of her own PR firm wasted no time executing a plan to help bring Matthew out of his world and back into theirs.

In the efficient, organized and passionate way Denise approaches all of her endeavors, she found a team of therapists to work with Matthew. She also formed a support group but was increasingly troubled by the lack of resources and growing number of autism cases.

“Managing his program drove me to exhaustion as I realized there was always more to be done, and, for the first time, I felt as though my ability to visualize and plan for the future was beyond my control,” Denise explains. “We needed more answers, we needed more support and since it wasn’t available, we were determined to do it ourselves.” And so, the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center was born ([www.autismcenter.org](http://www.autismcenter.org)).

Co-founded in 1997 by Denise and two doctors, SARRC was created to find the causes and most promising therapeutics for individuals with ASDs and

provide early intervention, training and long-term residential options. Denise served as the SARRC board chairman from 1997-2007 and now serves as board development chairman.


Matthew is now 16 and attends high school. While limited socially, he excels in science and math. “We’re fortunate Matthew is a happy kid most days,” says Denise. “One of our biggest frustrations comes when he wants to communicate with us, but can’t find the words.”

Their daughter, Ally, is headed for college and Denise describes her as “eager to roll up her sleeves and give back to the community.”


“I couldn’t ask for a more loving and supportive family,” says Denise who has been married to Rob, an attorney, for 24 years. “Even on the toughest days, Rob’s quick wit and wonderful sense of humor bring much laughter into our home.”

Denise also values her Kappa friendships and enjoys connecting with Kappas through her business and extensive philanthropic and civic work. Her long list of honors includes an award from the Autism Society of America and L’Oreal’s Women of Worth Award.

A longtime member of the SCOTTSDALE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, Denise served EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER as Philanthropy Chairman before becoming ASU’s student body president.

While Denise admits the rate of ASDs is alarming, she wants parents to know there is hope for children with autism and there can be rewarding careers for adults with autism. Thanks to people like Denise, hope for a cure is stronger than ever. 



A color photograph of Denise Dreiseszun Resnik, a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a red and black striped top and a red cardigan. She is leaning on a railing, with her hands clasped. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a white railing.

**DENISE DREISESZUN RESNIK, *Arizona State*  
Advocate for Autism Programs**



## The Time Is Now

In 2005, Foundation representatives went to Bentonville, Ark., to meet with **LYNNE McNABB WALTON**, *Arkansas*, daughter-in-law of **HELEN ROBSON WALTON**, *Oklahoma*, wife of Sam Walton of Wal-Mart®. We shared with Lynne the number of Kappas we have helped since the Foundation officially began in 1989.

Subsequently, the Walton Family Foundation agreed to provide the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation with a \$2.5 million challenge grant to endow Leadership Academy. This gift will be given in \$500,000 increments for five years, provided that the Foundation has raised at least \$500,000 to match the gift each year.

The five-year clock began ticking on January 1, 2007. A dedicated group of volunteers and staff began the quest to raise \$2.5 million. Here you will read about a few of the generous donations, but **WE NEED YOUR HELP**.

Please consider a gift to Leadership Academy. Every gift for this program is matched dollar for dollar. For example, if you give \$1,000, it will be doubled by the Walton Family Foundation to become \$2,000. You also can make a pledge over five years. If you pledge \$2,500 and make your first pledge payment of \$500 simultaneously, your entire gift will be counted now, even though you have only paid \$500 toward your pledge. To make a gift, visit [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) and click "Donate." For more information, call 866-KKG-1870.



Loyally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerrie Murray".

KERRIE QUINN MURRAY, *Idaho*  
Foundation President

# \$2.5 Million Challenge

## Walton Family Foundation Impacts Kappa Kappa Gamma Leadership Academy Endowment

—By **COLLEEN PERRY KEITH**, Director of Development, Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation

In an unprecedented opportunity for Kappa, The Walton Family Foundation, once headed by **HELEN ROBSON WALTON**, *Oklahoma*, is offering a \$2.5 million challenge gift to the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign. At the 2008 Convention, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation launched the public phase of this campaign and announced the impact of this challenge—all gifts to this campaign will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$2.5 million, by The Walton Family Foundation, bringing us to our ultimate goal of \$5 million! In addition to Helen, Kappas in the Walton family include: **LYNNE McNABB WALTON**, *Arkansas*, and **ANNIE WALTON**, *Wake Forest*. When The Walton Family Foundation was approached about a challenge gift, Lynne responded, "When I was a Kappa in college, I was amazed that someone saw leadership potential in me that I didn't see in myself." Lynne went on to serve as President of Gamma Nu Chapter from 1969-70.

### Kappas Are Up for a Challenge

You, too, can participate in the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign. Your gift or pledge, of any





**HELEN ROBSON WALTON, Oklahoma**

amount, will be matched by the Walton Family Foundation challenge and will help us reach our \$2.5 million challenge goal! If you choose to make a pledge, it can be paid over five years. The size of your gift does not matter, and there is no minimum required to participate in this campaign. You can learn more about how to make a gift to the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign by going to the Kappa Web site, [www.kkg.org](http://www.kkg.org) and clicking on the Foundation drop-down menu. Help us to continue Kappa's Tradition of Leadership for years to come!



**DARCY HOWE, Indiana, and PATSY BREDWICK LEVANG, North Dakota, Co-Chairmen, Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign.**

*All gifts to this campaign will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$2.5 million, by the Walton Family Foundation, bringing us to our ultimate goal of \$5 million.*

## **\$250,000 Kicks Off Leadership Academy Endowment**

**R**OSALYN KEMPTON WOOD, *Emory*, of Andover, Mass., pledged the first lead gift to Kappa Kappa Gamma's Leadership Academy Endowment campaign. Her gift of \$250,000 is a thrill for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, but Rosalyn's generosity is no surprise.

A Gold Key level donor, Rosalyn supports the Louise Loomis Memorial Scholarship she established in memory of a Kappa friend who died in a plane crash in the 1960s. She also is a regular supporter of Rose McGill confidential aid. What prompted her to pledge such a large amount to Leadership Academy?

"To me, matching money is a no-brainer," says Rosalyn. "When it is offered you have to go after it for the simple reason that once the challenge is met and an endowment is established, then that frees up other Kappa money to be used for scholarships and Rose McGill aid." Rosalyn hopes that once the Leadership Academy is fully endowed, Kappas will work together to endow our other programs.

Supporting Leadership Academy also is a way for Rosalyn to show her appreciation for the friendship and leadership training she has gained through Kappa. "Our Tradition of Leadership is certainly one of our greatest strengths on campuses and in our communities," Rosalyn states. "Our values are the things that we must keep passing to our chapters."

A charter member of **EPSILON EPSILON**, *Emory*, Rosalyn served as Marshal and went on to hold a number of alumna leadership positions including Province and Regional Director of Alumnae.



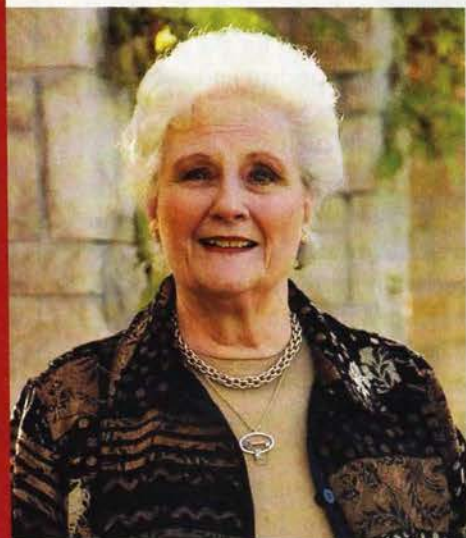
**BONNIE BARRY DEWATERS**, Pittsburgh, President of **INDIAN RIVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, **PATSY BREDWICK LEVANG**, North Dakota, Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign Co-Chairman, and **JANET CRAWFORD BAINES**, Miami (Ohio). Indian River also is a contributor to Leadership Academy.



Currently she serves the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation on the Development Committee and the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign Committee.

"It has been a great privilege to be a [Fraternity] officer," says Rosalyn. "I can truly say that I have very dear sisters from coast to coast and from north to south including Canada." The depth of her Kappa friendships was revealed more than ever when her husband, Cornelius (Connie) Ayer Wood, Jr., died three years ago. A longtime member of Kappa's **BOSTON INTERCOLLEGIATE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, Rosalyn says the outpouring of love and support from Kappa sisters was overwhelming and gratifying.

Rosalyn hopes that her gift to Leadership Academy will help inspire others to participate in the endowment campaign and that, eventually, Kappa will be able to offer a scholarship or emergency aid to every Kappa who applies.



**ROSALYN KEMPTON WOOD**, Emory

## \$300,000 Ensures Success for Leadership Academy

**JANET CRAWFORD BAINES**, Miami (Ohio), and her late husband, Elliot Baines, believed so strongly in values-driven leadership training that they pledged \$300,000 to help kick off Kappa's Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign.

Sadly, Mr. Baines died (at age 87) not long after. Despite her grief, Janet was willing to be interviewed about their gift because it meant so much to them. Janet also wanted to share her appreciation for the love and concern her Kappa friends have shown her.

"Kappas here have been wonderful," says Janet, who is a member of the **INDIAN RIVER (FLA.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**. "They have been the backbone of my support."

Janet says Elliot was supportive of her involvement in Kappa and gave the alumnae association a gavel that had once been used by a member of Congress. "We used to joke about making Elliot an honorary Kappa!"

Janet believes a "natural thread" connects Kappas. "We can identify with each other, especially when moving around ... you can locate an alumnae association near you," says Janet. "You feel like sisters the moment you meet. This is even more important as we get older."

Believing that Kappas represent the highest ideals and standards, Janet and Elliot agreed that Leadership Academy helps young people carry out their lofty ambitions. "Elliot believed in the Leadership Academy as a way to encourage and empower young women at a crucial time in their lives," says Janet. "We wanted to offer moral and financial support to help Kappas continue to be a good influence well into the future."

Other organizations that Elliot and Janet have supported include the local Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice House, Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, a number of schools and universities, and the Indian River Medical Center to name a few.

Elliot, known for heroic military endeavors in the U.S. Navy, enjoyed a successful business career and a large family, including many Kappas. Elliot's first wife of 50 years, **MARTHA (MARTY) ASHCROFT BAINES**, Cornell, who died in 1997, was a Kappa as was her mother, **EMILY MOUNT ASHCROFT**, Adelphi. Elliot and Marty had four sons, and two granddaughters are Kappas.

In addition to the generous lead gift for the Leadership Academy Endowment, Elliot arranged for an estate gift, which is being used to support the campaign.



# Dallas Leads Alumnae Associations in Leadership Academy Support

The DALLAS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION has given \$29,000 to the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign. Due to a record-breaking fundraising year in 2007, the Dallas Association has given a total of \$190,000 to many worthy beneficiaries in the past year.

The annual Dallas event known as Tablesapes brings local designers together to create elegant tabletop designs with proceeds from ticket sales and underwriting benefiting local charities. Held in October, the event showcases the creations of 60 of the area's most innovative designers and features a much-anticipated guest speaker.

"Each year, community members wonder how a designer will top his or her last creation, but they never cease to amaze—there is truly something for everyone," says 2007 Tablesapes Chairman **JENNIFER HILTON SAMPSON**, *Baylor*.

Proceeds from underwriting and ticket sales to the Tablesapes cocktail party and luncheon benefit the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and local nonprofit organizations nominated and selected by Dallas-area alumnae.

Since its inception, Tablesapes has raised more than a million dollars for more than 35 organizations. In addition to Kappa's Leadership Academy Endowment, the 2007 beneficiaries included American Foundation for the Blind, Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts, Community Partners of Dallas, Jeffries Street Learning Center, Mothers against Drunk Driving, Park South YMCA, Pastoral Counseling and Education Center, and West Dallas Community School.



Pictured left to right are: **EILEEN MALONEY OLANDER**, *Kansas*; **SARA WINKLEMAN**, *Arizona*, (granddaughter of Eileen); **BRIAHN SIMONS**, *Arizona*, (great-granddaughter of **MARIE NELSON SIMONS**, *Kansas*); and **MARILYN MALONEY RIGGS**, *Kansas*, (sister of Eileen Olander). They are proud to have 20 Kappas in their family.

## Giving Opportunities

**EILEEN MALONEY OLANDER**, *Kansas*, and her sister, **MARILYN MALONEY RIGGS**, *Kansas*, are thrilled to support the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign. Eileen made a pledge to be paid over five years. Marilyn made her gift with a charitable rollover from her IRA.

Marilyn said, "The charitable rollover from my IRA was the perfect vehicle for me. My husband was so smart, thinking ahead, for these IRA funds to be spent any way we wanted. It is fun to make gifts while I am alive so I can see how the money is used. By giving to the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign, I know the money is going for something wonderful and I can see the results."



**KAY SCHOLBERG WEEKS**, *Bucknell*; **JILL POWELL GOLDBERG**, *Ohio State*; **CYNTHIA HEABERLIN BEAIRD**, *Tulane*; **JOAN LAPRELLE ELEAXER**, *SMU/Texas*; Chairman **JENNIFER HILTON SAMPSON**, *Baylor*; William Yeoward, 2007 Tablesapes Speaker; **KELLI FORD**, *St. Lawrence*; Kirsten Fitzgibbons of Madison; and **LAURIE COLEMAN TOWNS**, *SMU*.



**TORONTO ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** members and friends strike a pose at the barre after a tour of Canada's National Ballet School.



**BAILEY WEBB, LAURA BIEDIGER and JENN GUERRA,** all North Carolina, prepare to ride Macy's Pink Pig, a Christmas tradition in the city.



Friends from **ETA, Wisconsin**, representing new member classes from the late 70s to the early 80s gather in Chicago for a reunion.



**ERIN SAGE THOMAS**, *Texas Tech*, and husband, Abe, (right) relax with *The Learning Channel's Moving Up* host, Doug Wilson, on the completion of filming the renovation on their new home in Dallas. They spent three months renovating and filming, completely remodeling four rooms.





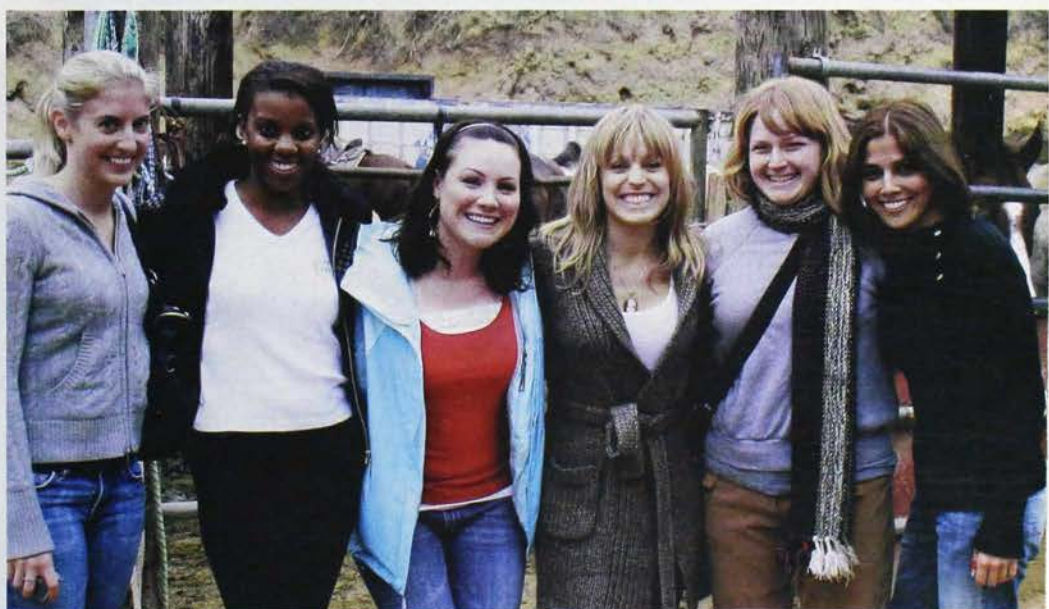
**EPSILON BETA, Colorado State**, alumnae gather in the Rose Garden at the White House during a visit to Washington, D.C. From left are **BRIE COOK, MONICA OWENS**, a scheduler for Vice President Dick Cheney, **LARISSA LINDBERG** and **KEUZIE PAUP**.



**UPSILON, Northwestern**, alumnae enjoy a reunion celebrating their 45th anniversary.



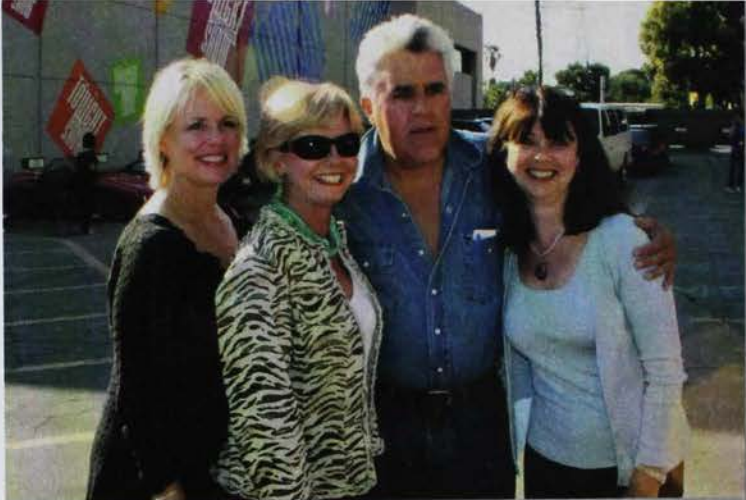
Kappas gather at the Cape of Good Hope, the most southwestern point of the African continent, during the Kappa Travels trip to South Africa last spring. See Page 52 for more about the Kappa Travels program.



**LOS ANGELES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** members enjoy horseback riding at Sunset Ranch in the Hollywood Hills.

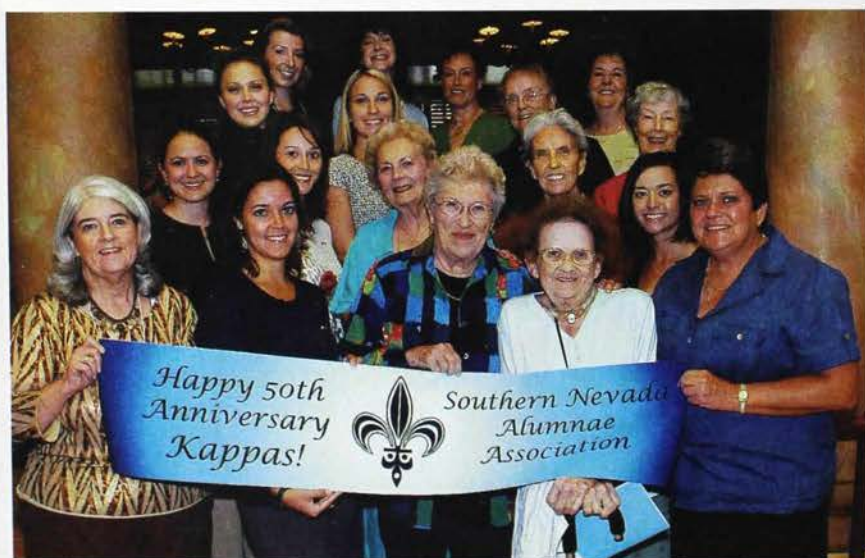


LEANNE KNOWLES HELMERICH, MELINDA BLAIR FRENCH and PEGGY CREWS JONES, all *Arkansas*, meet Jay Leno at the NBC studio in Burbank where Melinda's daughter, Sarah, works as a page.



Three best-selling authors and Kappa friends meet regularly for lunch in San Francisco to brainstorm new plots for their novels. From left are **MONICA ANN CANTY McCARTY**, *USC (Calif.)*; **PENELOPE PROCTOR WILLIAMSON**, *Idaho*; and **CAROL KRUEGER CULVER**, *Illinois Wesleyan*.

**THETA, Missouri**, initiates from the classes of 1956 and 1957 enjoy a mini-reunion in Kansas City.



The **SOUTHERN NEVADA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** celebrates its 50th anniversary. During the luncheon at a Las Vegas restaurant, the "**HELEN PEDERSON Honorary Award**," which annually recognizes a member who exemplifies Kappa ideals, was presented to **CAROLL GOMMEL MUELLER**, *Arizona*.







Twelve members of the **BETA NU, Ohio State**, new member class of 2002, enjoy a mini-reunion at Lindey's Bistro in Columbus, Ohio.



Members of the **LA GRANGE (ILL.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** bring books to a holiday party in support of RIF. The books were donated to the children of women seeking temporary housing at a local shelter, along with gift cards to local stores for those mothers to use.



More than 100 **EPSILON KAPPA, South Carolina**, alumnae gather to celebrate the chapter's 40th anniversary with a weekend of events including a social at a local restaurant, a Saturday brunch hosted by the chapter and a semi-formal party on Saturday evening.





**NANCY ACHESON MCGAAN**, *Monmouth*; **JANET MILAND SMEDLEY**, *San Jose State*; and **JANE BRODNAX PATTERSON**, *Illinois*, enjoy the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, Maine. These members of the **NEW HAMPSHIRE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** enjoy summer getaways at a member's vacation home in Maine.



Alumnae living in the Wenatchee Valley (Wash.) area enjoy their annual Christmas luncheon.



Former Field Representatives **SUNNY BACKLUND**, *Nebraska*, and **CRYSTAL MARCUM**, *Oklahoma*, reconnect with former Chairman of Field Representatives, **LINDA PRICE PATTON**, *Oklahoma State*, as they meet for lunch in Linda's hometown of Nowata, Okla.

**GAMMA PI**, *Alabama*, alumnae gather for a reunion luncheon at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Ala. They are members of the new member classes of 1952-1955.





**MEGHAN O'CONNOR**, *Michigan State*, and **MEGAN MARCHESINI**, *North Texas*, with a friend, **Brian Lindenberg**, deliver toys and gifts to a needy family at Christmas. The **NEW YORK ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** "adopted" a New York family for the holidays and provided \$200 in gift cards and 10 bags of groceries, which included a complete Christmas dinner.



**NANCY BRENNAN**, *UCLA*; **LOUISE STEIN**, *McGill*; and **SUE BRENNAN**, *UC Santa Barbara*, team up to perform in the South Bay Coastliners' barbershop show in Hermosa Beach.



Sisters from the 1963 new member class of **ETA, Wisconsin**, gather at the home of **PAULA SNORF HENDERSON** (center front in black top) in the Cotswolds, England. The author of *The Tudor House and Garden*, the hostess organized tours of the most famous homes and gardens in the area. The next reunion is scheduled for 2009 at the home of **DEEDEE GALE MAYER** in Colorado.





**LISA D'AROMANDO**, *William and Mary*, center, is shown at William and Mary's 2007 Spring Fashion Show featuring her BellAmore clothing and jewelry designs. Modeling are chapter sisters **JULIE MAY DEWBERRY**, left, and **KYLE KEARNEY**.

## Recent Grad Builds a Business with Jewelry Designs

As an undergraduate, **LISA D'AROMANDO**, *William and Mary*, enjoyed designing jewelry while taking classes on entrepreneurship, marketing and art. When chapter sisters began asking her to design customized jewelry to match their formal dresses, the idea to create her own business, BellAmore Jewelry Designs, was born.

As a junior she was accepted into an honors entrepreneurship seminar and began to develop a formal business plan. This led to opportunities to showcase her designs in various events, including the William and Mary Spring Fashion Show, where she used chapter sisters to model designs.

Currently living and working in Washington, D.C., as a marketing coordinator, Lisa specializes in jewelry consultation services for weddings and other events. Her designs use Swarovski crystal, sterling silver, freshwater pearls and semi-precious stones. In designing for wedding parties, she will consult with the bridal party to coordinate designs compatible with the dresses.

As a longtime participant in the Susan G. Komen 5K Race for the Cure in Virginia Beach, Lisa has created an awareness bracelet of Swarovski crystal pearls and rose-colored crystals with a pink ribbon charm to symbolize the cause. She donates all proceeds on this line of bracelets each October to teams of women running in the Susan G. Komen races. For more on Lisa and her jewelry, visit [www.bellamorejewelry.com](http://www.bellamorejewelry.com).

**CAROL McCLURE CROCKER**, *Washington State*, and **SUSANNE WOLFF VANDER HEYDEN**, *Washington State*, Director of Alumnae.



## Dreams Can Come True

A dream has come true for **CAROL McCLURE CROCKER**, *Washington State*. As a young girl Carol and her two brothers lived at the Hutton Settlement Children's Home in Spokane, Wash., after their parents were killed in an automobile accident. She stayed until she went to Washington State College, where she pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Due to a lack of funds, Carol was forced to drop out of college. She went to work and then married a career Air Force serviceman. They were the parents of one son, Ryan Crocker, who is currently the U.S. ambassador to Iraq.

While Carol's life has been full, she still dreamed of being initiated into Kappa. Three Kappas, **MARY JANE SHEA**, *Whitman*, a friend of Ryan's from their college days, **CAROL RIGSBY WENDLE**, *Idaho*, a Hutton Settlement board member, and **PATSY KJOSNESS GOTTSCHALK**, *Idaho*, a Hutton Settlement staff member, arranged for a special Initiation to take place, proving that even at age 93, dreams can come true.

—Excerpted in part from  
Overlake Alumnae Panhellenic Newsletter



# 61st Wedding Anniversary Made Possible by Kappa

As **BETTY ANN EDDY SHORETT**, *Washington*, and her husband, John, approached their 61st wedding anniversary on September 2, 2007, they had not seen one another for two months.

Betty Ann, a longtime member of the **LAKE WASHINGTON ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** near Seattle, was living in a nursing facility on Mercer Island, suffering from Parkinson's disease. John had been hospitalized in Seattle with congestive heart failure. They were both determined to celebrate their matrimonial milestone and members of the Lake Washington Association stepped in to make it happen.

John, though too ill to travel, helped in the planning. He ordered a corsage for Betty Ann and specified carrot cake. The Lake Washington alumnae arranged for a special "cabulance" to transport Betty Ann to the hospital, where staff had provided a day room with a view of the Seattle skyline. A daughter, visiting from Eugene, Ore., rode in the cabulance with Betty Ann and another daughter, visiting from Chevy Chase, Md., met them at the hospital.

Betty Ann and John, sitting side by side, opened cards sent by well-wishers, ate carrot cake, called a daughter in California and sat holding hands, admiring the skyline and enjoying their big day, thanks to the assistance from the Lake Washington Kappas.

John died peacefully four days later and Betty Ann soon after, but her Kappa friends found joy by providing a memorable occasion for the special couple.

Thanks to the Overlake Alumnae Panhellenic Newsletter for sharing this story.



**BETTY ANN EDDY SHORETT**, *Washington*, and husband John, enjoy their 61st wedding anniversary.



**STACIE RASMUSSEN BLANEY**, *Florida*, with son Sean, her inspiration for developing a new baby product and business.

## Toddler's Antics Inspire New Baby Product

The time-worn saying that "necessity is the mother of invention" couldn't be truer for new mom **STACIE RASMUSSEN BLANEY**, *Florida*. As her son, Sean, developed from infant to toddler and learned to throw things, she was constantly picking up tossed cups, bottles and toys. When one day Stacie was hit by a flying cup from the back seat of the family car, she began experimenting with a variety of existing products designed to strap items down. She soon found that most of the existing products didn't deliver as promised.

With her husband, Michael, Stacie set out to design a strap that would secure Sean's bottle or cup and keep it easily accessible wherever he was—in his car seat, high chair or even a shopping cart. Her trial-and-error project yielded a new product that Stacie and Michael call SippyPal, assuring customers that it is "Baby-Sean proof."

Stacie's new company, **PBandJ Baby, Inc.**, was launched in the fall of 2007 and is currently developing products to add to the SippyPal line ([www.sippypal.com](http://www.sippypal.com)).

Stacie is especially proud **PBandJ, Inc.**, is supporting Autism Speaks, the nation's leading nonprofit organization devoted to autism research and support. Since Sean has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, the Blaneys are fully committed to helping other families overcome the hurdles of autism.



## Kappa Connections Last for Life

Nobody knows better than **BARBARA COVERT RICHARDSON**, *Texas Tech*, how the bond of friendship stretches across the years and includes strangers who immediately become friends.

Barbara experienced this sort of friendship when she received a terrifying phone call at 4 a.m. and quickly boarded a plane from Dallas to Pensacola, Fla., with little but the clothes on her back. Her only daughter, Mimi, who had been vacationing with family friends, had been on her way to the airport for an early morning flight home. The phone call had come from the father of the family Mimi had been staying with. Stopped at a red light, the father saw a truck approaching at a high speed. Intuitively he took his foot off the brake, knowing the impact was inevitable. It was a drunk driver who did not slow down.

Asleep in the third row of the mini-van, Mimi suffered the worst of the impact and was care-flighted to a Pensacola hospital. Barbara remembers the phone call. "My head was spinning, my only thought, crying all the way to Pensacola, was that Mimi would wake up in a strange place without anyone she knew beside her."

Barbara, widowed when Mimi was seven, is principal of Brinker Elementary in Plano, where there are three other women who were **DELTA PSI**, *Texas Tech*, members with Barbara. **DEBI GLOVER MEANS** and **DENISE HARVEY EVANS** have children in the school and **JULIE DILLINGHAM BARNARD** is a teacher. Learning of the accident and that Barbara was all alone in a strange city, Debi rallied the Kappas to collect restaurant and store gift cards, reading material, anything they could think of that Barbara and Mimi might need.

Debi recalls wondering how they would get the items to Barbara, since she was living at the hospital, and worried that a package might not find its way to her. Debi says, "Surprisingly, it was my husband, Michael, who suggested, 'Aren't there any Kappas in Pensacola? Isn't that what Kappa is all about? Surely you can locate someone who would deliver things to Barb and give her a Kappa friend in the city.'"

She contacted **ELEANOR GODWIN**, *Florida State*, then President of the **PENSACOLA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, who volunteered to take the packages to Barb. She became just the friend Barb and Mimi needed, offering them a place to stay, a ride to the airport when it was time to return to Dallas—a sister in a strange city.

Barbara says she was touched by "this spirit of friendship and sisterhood." She says it is amazing how the "Kappa ties can carry on for many years." She says Mimi is fine now and made the Junior Varsity tennis team at her school. Both of them realize the significant role that others play in their lives. Barbara says she has always been proud to be a Kappa. She says Kappa history is rich with strong friendships that last a lifetime. "I got to see this first hand and it made me proud to be connected to these very special people."



Kappas help **BARBARA COVERT RICHARDSON**, *Texas Tech*, when a tragic accident finds her suddenly staying in an unfamiliar city. The *Texas Tech* sisters from left are **DENISE HARVEY EVANS**, **DEBI GLOVER MEANS**, **BARBARA** and **JULIE DILLINGHAM BARNARD**.



The car where Mimi was pulled from the back seat severely injured.



**ELEANOR GODWIN**, *Florida State*, a Kappa friend to Barbara and Mimi in an unfamiliar city.



Barbara and Mimi today, back home. Mimi is fully recovered and recently made the junior varsity tennis team.





# A Trip to the Orient Turns into a Thriving Business

—By **MELISSE CAMPBELL**, *Mississippi*

When art teachers **BEE EWIN FITZPATRICK**, *SMU*, and Dabney Jacobs funded their 1978 vacation to the Far East by having a trunk show after returning home, they never dreamed it would be the beginning of a successful business.

Now Bee and Dabney are partners running Orient Expressed, an international children's clothing design and décor business headquartered in New Orleans ([www.orientexpressed.com](http://www.orientexpressed.com)).

For the first few years, they kept their day jobs, traveled throughout Asia and brought back antiques. They held trunk shows and participated in Junior League shows.

When Dabney's daughter was a year old, they sent a baby dress back to China to be hand-smocked. They loved the quality and beauty of the dress so they purchased more hand-smocked clothing in China. When these items sold well at their shows, they readjusted their business model from antiques to children's clothing. "Dressing children is one of life's great pleasures," says Bee.

Through the flexibility of their business, they were able to raise their families while working and

traveling. Bee has two daughters, one is a Kappa, and both of Dabney's daughters are Kappas. "We come from families with a lot of women, strong women," says Bee. "We both heard from our families that we 'could'."

"In business, we often heard, 'You can't do it that way,' which made us want to do it that way that much more!" Dabney says.

As the business grew, Bee resigned from teaching in 1980 to work full-time at Orient Expressed. Dabney followed later. In 1993, they bought their current building and have continued to expand. Bee is in charge of design and production while Dabney is in charge of the business side. Orient Expressed employs 40 women and there is strong camaraderie that can be likened to a sorority.

Bee, who has always loved to sew, is inspired by fabrics and, now, Orient Expressed is designing their own clothing line. Once the fabric is chosen, she can envision the piece and its place in their product line. "I like to shut myself in the design room and let the creative process start. Sixties music is great for designing!" says Bee.

"Kappa stressed doing your best and living up to your potential," says Bee, who served as New Member Chairman for two years and is a member of the **NEW ORLEANS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**. "I stretched myself more than if I had not had the Kappa experience.

Bee and Dabney travel about 20 times a year for shows, buying trips and supervising production throughout Asia and South America. In addition to their New Orleans retail storefront, Orient Expressed holds home shows throughout the United States with 300 sales representatives. They also have a thriving catalog and Internet business.

"The fun part is dreaming up new things to do and making it happen!" says Bee. 🗝️



**BEE EWIN FITZPATRICK**, *SMU* and **DABNEY JACOBS**, longtime friends and co-owners of Orient Expressed.



## Key Achievements



✦ **ERIN MULLINS ATHERTON**, Kansas, has created a line of affordable limited-edition satchels and messenger bags adorned with quirky street sign designs. Her inspiration came one day while hiking in Tucson when she saw a sign depicting a biker going headfirst over handlebars, which she describes as dramatic and hilarious. The idea led her to launch her line of bags adorned with funny fake street signs. "Durtbagz" was born and launched online where the designs are voted on by visitors to her Web site, [www.durtbagz.com](http://www.durtbagz.com).

✦ **MICHELLE FINNEGAN**, Massachusetts, uses her artistic talent to benefit charitable causes through her online organization, [EssentialArt.org](http://EssentialArt.org). Her full-time mission is to sell art and art products to raise money for nonprofit causes that promote education and community. For one project, she paints the hands of people with a variety of themes and turns them into her "Prints of Freedom" collection, the proceeds of which go to civic organizations in Naples, Fla. Last year during National Mentoring Month she painted the hands of mentors in the community to help promote the Governor's Mentoring Initiative. She and her mother, **HILDEGARD HESSE FINNEGAN**, Michigan, President of the **COLLIER COUNTY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, hold paintings showing her mother's hands forming the leaves and hers forming the rose plus an iris, representing Kappa and Rose McGill.



✦ **CINDY MILLER MUSTARD**, Missouri, received 14 community awards in recent years including three in 2007, one of which is the Outstanding Faculty-Alumni Award for contributions to the Columbia, Mo., community and the university. She also received the League of Women Voters' Citizen of the Year Award, and the Central Missouri Community Action Cecile Griswell Award. Among Cindy's previous honors are The Altrusa International Service Award, the Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Association Service Award, and the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award among others. Cindy has been the executive director of the Voluntary Action Center in Columbia, Mo., for the past 17 years and a member of the **THETA**, Missouri, Advisory Board for 20 years, twice being voted Adviser of the Year.





✦ **REBECCA ROBBINS TILDEN**, Iowa State, vice president and general counsel of Applebee's, has been named a top-ten woman executive in Kansas City. Ingram's Business Magazine featured the 10, including Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, in the October issue. Rebecca was quoted in the article as saying, "I'd like to believe most young girls today realize that there are no predestined limits on their careers or their futures ... all of our young people should be challenged to reach high and dream big. I credit my parents (who) consistently said two things: Be yourself (trying to do otherwise is exhausting anyway!) and always do your best."



✦ **KAREN PSZANKA LAYNG**, Illinois, has been elected chairman of the litigation group for the law firm, Vedder Price P. C., Chicago. She will head a group of 53 commercial trial attorneys, composed of 30 shareholders and 23 associates. Karen has served on the firm's board of directors since 2001, most recently serving as chairman of the Compensation Committee. She counsels clients in sophisticated commercial manufacturers litigation and has extensive experience before federal and state courts, representing major companies such as GMAC Commercial Finance, Reynolds Metals and The Chicago Transit Authority. She is a former president of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association.



✦ **DR. SERENE JONES**, Oklahoma, has been selected to become the 16th president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and the first woman in its 172-year history to hold the position. She comes to Union after 17 years as professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School. At present she serves as chairman and faculty member of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Yale. She has held faculty appointments at Yale Law School and in the Department of African American Studies and Religious Studies. She also is an ordained minister in the Christian church, Disciples of Christ, and the United Church of Christ.

✦ **ERIN BRUMMETT KLEIN**, Kansas State, moderator and executive producer with Voice of America, visits with Cal Ripken, Jr., legendary Baltimore Oriole infielder and Major League Baseball Hall of Famer. Cal was Erin's guest for VOA's new Web chat T2A (Talk to America.) The VOA chat brings a wide range of international newsmakers and personalities to a global audience. Erin will be taking her chat to both national Presidential nominating conventions in late summer. Participants can reach the Web chat through [www.voanews.com](http://www.voanews.com) or submit questions via e-mail to [chat@voanews.com](mailto:chat@voanews.com). The Voice of America debuted in 1942 and is broadcast in 45 languages.



Cal Ripken, Jr. and ERIN BRUMMETT KLEIN, Kansas State

**CORRECTION:** In the spring 2008 issue, Page 32, the photo caption for the 105th birthday celebration of the LAWRENCE (KAN.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION erroneously identified the center person as PAMELA MILLS CASAGRANDE, DePauw. It should have read JEANNE MCGREW ELLERMEIER, Kansas. We apologize for the error.



**ARIELLE CHIKOVSKY**, *Miami*, models American Eagles Outfitters clothing after winning an online essay contest. She donated her \$25,000 prize to Hope for Vision, which is dedicated to eradicating blindness.

## Florida Kappa Donates Prize to Vision Charity

**ARIELLE CHIKOVSKY**, *Miami*, is the winner of a "Live Your Life" essay contest sponsored by clothing retailer, American Eagles Outfitters. She has donated her \$25,000 prize to Hope for Vision, a Washington, D.C.-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to eradicating blindness.

Arielle deals with the challenges of a double disability. She has faced extensive hearing loss since age 2 and, early in law school, was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, or night-blindness and loss of peripheral vision. The combination is known as Usher syndrome, an incurable hereditary disease, which might eventually take away all of her hearing and sight.

Instead of self-pity, Arielle has literally "jumped into life," graduating cum laude from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich., and passing the Florida Bar Exam. Not taking life for granted, she makes ambitious goals for herself and took the time to realize a dream, sky diving in New Zealand and scuba diving in Australia.

Noticing an Internet ad for the "Live Your Life" essay contest, a program encouraging young adults to achieve great things by following their dreams, Arielle entered the day before the deadline, knowing exactly what she would do with prize money. She wrote of her disabilities and her hope to help save children from experiencing blindness and deafness. To her surprise she was one of 12 finalists out of 20,000 entrants. Visitors to AE's Web site, 4.7 million of them, then voted on the final six winners, who each won a \$25,000 prize to make his or her dream a reality.



In honor of her donation, Hope for Vision has created Arielle's Dream Fund. Her goal is to help raise \$11 million to spur research and to make treatments available. At present there is no facility to offer the testing needed to diagnose this specific gene mutation. A recent fundraising dinner raised more than \$800,000. More information about Arielle's Dream can be found at [www.hopeforvision.org](http://www.hopeforvision.org).

Recently Arielle served as a panelist for the Law Students with Disabilities Workshop at Florida International University College of Law in Miami. She has been featured in the University of Miami alumni magazine, the *Palm Beach Post* and *South Florida Sun Sentinel*. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., congratulated her as part of the House of Representatives Congressional record.

Arielle is currently a civil attorney at her father's law office, Chikovsky, PA, in Hollywood, Fla., and has applied for a job with the Broward County Public Defender's office. Although both her hearing and vision have not worsened, they can degrade over time. She is comforted in the knowledge that genetic testing shows that none of her three brothers and four sisters will likely develop Usher syndrome.


Arielle credits her father as her biggest mentor, giving her the viewpoint not to ask "why." She says she believes that "this is life, this is how it is" and looks at the situation as an opportunity rather than a disability. She is living her life to make the world a better place for others like her. 





Photo by  
Neil Shipman,  
The McKenzie  
County Farmer

Children at the Mandaree School on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota receive new books thanks to Reading Is Fundamental.

## RIF Provides Books for Indian Reservation


When school counselor **PATSY BREDWICK LEVANG**, *North Dakota State*, found out that the school where she works on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota was losing funding for much-needed books, she knew instantly where to go for help.

"I knew that Kappa had chosen Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) as its official philanthropy," says Patsy, who contacted a RIF representative and explained the situation at the school.

Reading Is Fundamental, Inc., works to build a literate nation by helping young people discover the joy of reading. RIF's highest priority is to serve at-risk children and families through literacy programs and campaigns that motivate youth to read regularly.

"RIF was eager to get involved because of its Multicultural Literacy Campaign focusing on increasing literacy among Native Americans, as well as African Americans and Hispanics."

Patsy and the other counselors and teachers at the Mandaree School work with students of three Native American tribes: Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara. The school is located in a remote area of one of the most rural counties in Western North Dakota. The school is 100 percent Native American with 185 students in K-12 and another 15 in the Headstart program.

"We put together a group of staff and parents and then began the process of qualifying for RIF funding," says Patsy. The school was soon notified that it had qualified for assistance thanks to a corporate gift from Macy's Department Stores. After receiving the check, the school placed an order for 500 books. "This will be a great blessing to the children of the reservation," says Patsy. 

### Here's How You Can Help

- Check out [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) or [www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org) for detailed information about RIF's literacy promotion campaigns.
- Remember—Kappas do not need to stop supporting local philanthropies in order to support RIF. And, a chapter or alumnae association's RIF partnership should not alter their continuing support of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.
- Send an e-mail to [kappa@rif.org](mailto:kappa@rif.org) or call 877-RIF-READ, ext. 3520 (877-743-7323). Canadian chapters and alumnae associations that want to get involved in a literacy promotion project near them may go to the following Web sites for information on literacy groups in their area: [www.literacyalberta.ca](http://www.literacyalberta.ca), [www.on.literacy.ca](http://www.on.literacy.ca), or [www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org).
- If you or your chapter or association is involved in a literacy program or special event, please send pictures and information to *The Key* at [kstyers@kkg.org](mailto:kstyers@kkg.org).
- Help RIF build support for its funding by contacting your members of Congress asking them to support RIF during the appropriations process. RIF is asking Congress to appropriate \$26 million to fund its book distribution program for some 4.6 million underserved children and families in 2009. The funding is critical to support RIF's reading motivational programs at nearly 20,000 locations nationwide. Visit [www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org) for more information.





Children at Camp C.O.P.E. blow their bad feelings into balloons and then release them, as they learn how to cope with the trauma of having an injured parent return from military duty.

## Camp C.O.P.E. Helps Veterans' Children

SARAH BALINT BRAVO, *North Texas*, is the co-founder of a camp devoted to helping the children of wounded military veterans cope with the trauma and transitions incurred when a parent comes home injured. In the United States, there are 700,000 children with at least one parent deployed and 19,000 of those children have had a parent injured since 9/11.

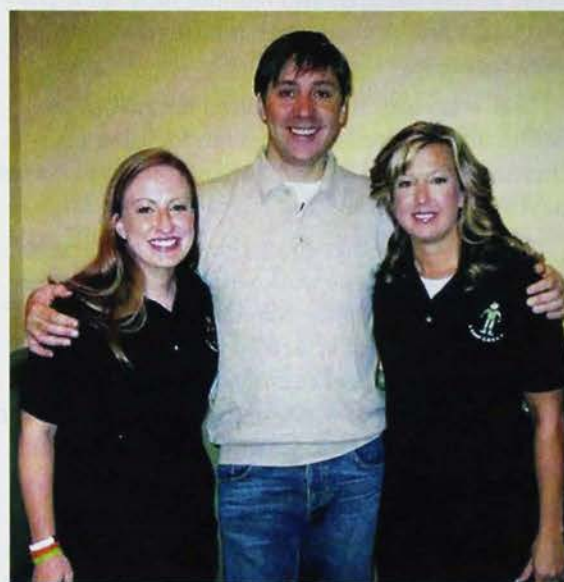
Sarah, a licensed professional counselor, has a private practice in Dallas specializing in anger management and play therapy and has created a therapeutic tool, "The Anger Box," to help children learn healthy ways to express anger ([www.feelingboxes.com](http://www.feelingboxes.com)).

Created with co-founder Elizabeth Reep, a clinical social worker with expertise in working with children, Camp C.O.P.E. provides interactive small-group counseling designed for children of deployed or injured service members. Here, the children learn how to cope with the effects of war on their parent, whether it is separation, an injury or post-traumatic stress syndrome.

The program consists of four sessions conducted over two days. Each session is themed corresponding to the C.O.P.E. acronym. The first hour covers C. for Courage, the courage to accept the changes in their lives. The second hour is themed O. for Optimism, the opportunity to see that it is tough right now but things will get better. The third hour is titled P. for Patience, that it will take time to adjust to the changes and E. for Encouragement, to help others in similar situations. Each hour also consists of a large group activity, a small group activity and an energizing activity like blowing all their bad feelings into a balloon, then releasing them by popping the balloon.

Designed for children ages 5 to 17, the curriculum written by Sarah and Elizabeth is currently being published so that it will be available for others. During a Camp C.O.P.E. program at the "Road to Recovery" conference for veterans in Orlando, Steve Hartman from *CBS Evening News with Katie Couric* did a feature on the camp. (The interview and slides from Camp C.O.P.E. can be seen on [www.campcope.com](http://www.campcope.com)).

Sarah, whose mother, sister and aunt are all Kappas, is currently taking Camp C.O.P.E. on the road thanks to Kellogg's and LeAnn Rimes, who sponsored the first three camps this year. 🗝️



SARA BALINT BRAVO, *North Texas*, co-founder of Camp C.O.P.E. (left) is shown with Steve Hartman of *CBS Evening News with Katie Couric* and co-founder, Elizabeth Reep, when they were featured as part of a program focusing on returning veterans and helping children cope with a parent's injuries.



# in memoriam

These names were submitted to Fraternity Headquarters between January 19, 2008, and May 22, 2008.

## \* ADELPHI COLLEGE

Ashcroft, Emily Mount, '18, d. 02/93

## \* ADRIAN COLLEGE

Moeller, Miriam Croft, '19, d. 11/07

## AKRON, UNIVERSITY OF

Hollingsworth, Betty Brown, '47, d. 06/07

## ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Branyon, Mary Leyden, '43, d. 11/07  
Mallette, Jean Shannon, '55, d. 03/08

## ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF

Dehne, Ona Condron, '38, d. 03/08

## ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Benton, Lena Newton, '36, d. 03/07  
Howard, Jeanne Wolf, '50, d. 07/06  
Kays, Billie Hill, '63, d. 03/08  
Oates, Will Etta Long, '39, d. 03/08

## BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

McCall, Mary Wilson, '77, d. 05/84

## BOWLING GREEN STATE U.

Kramer, Lena, '97, d. 02/01

## BRITISH COLUMBIA, UNIV. OF

Mansell, Velma Tyler, '32, d. 03/08

## BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Ehrensberger, Helen Myers, '35, d. 03/07  
Hardin, Elizabeth Parker, '43, d. 02/08  
Lodge, Mary Main, '64, d. 12/07  
Parry, Barbara Bran, '42, d. 03/08  
Scheleen, Alice Phillips, '29, d. 03/08  
Smith, Georgia Cowen, '44, d. 04/08

## CALIFORNIA, U. OF, BERKELEY

Campbell, Jodi, '83, d. 03/08  
Hanson, Jean Campbell, '38, d. 01/08  
Wuerthner, Mary Swift, '50, d. 02/08

## CALIFORNIA, U. OF, LOS ANGELES

Bay, Marlys Bray, '52, d. 02/08  
Caldwell, Phila McFie, '35, d. 01/08  
Cousins, Mary McBride, '38, d. 11/07  
Cunningham, Isabel Stewart, '34, d. 02/08  
Woodward, Adelaide Reps, '47, d. 05/08

## CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Currie, Sarah Hulick, '46, d. 01/08

## CINCINNATI, UNIVERSITY OF

Ernst, Carol Reif, '50, d. 12/07  
Reider, Gaile Longeway, '69, d. 08/07  
White, Alice Steiner, '33, d. 10/07

## COLORADO COLLEGE

Haft, Florence Gilles, '43, d. 04/08  
Rutterford, Betty Britain, '32, d. 10/05  
Timm, Louise White, '38, d. 02/08  
Uptegrove, Josephine Kurie, '45, d. 03/08

## COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Gossenauer, Eloise Moreland, '62, d. 03/08

## COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF

Clark, Jean Mac Lellan, '44, d. 04/08  
Durkee, Dorcas Dunklee, '39, d. 10/07

## CONNECTICUT, UNIVERSITY OF

Katz, Elizabeth Prann, '62, d. 02/08  
Potter, Joan Service, '47, d. 01/08

## CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Baines, Martha Ashcroft, '41, d. 06/97  
Mayhew, Bette Limpert, '38, d. 01/08

## DENISON UNIVERSITY

Beardsley, Janet Shock, '37, d. 09/07  
Brownell, Martha Merselis, '62, d. 03/08

## DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Boynnton, Elizabeth Veit, '48, d. 01/86  
Deater, Barbara Bieser, '56, d. 02/08  
Harris, Mary Deprez, '36, d. 04/08  
Wolf, Marian Gregory, '45, d. 05/08

## DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Goodrich, Virginia Davis, '26, d. 07/02  
Janss, Marion Sloan, '35, d. 05/06  
Pabst, Mary Jenkins, '31, d. 04/08  
Schlau, Jean Martin, '39, d. 04/08

## DUKE UNIVERSITY

Ayerst, Jane Ruffin, '51, d. 03/08  
Oldham, Judith Hamel, '61, d. 06/07  
Schreiber, Althea Nolde, '35, d. 03/08

## EMORY UNIVERSITY

Miller, Holly, '67, d. 07/01

## GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Dorsey, Betty Brown, '35, d. 04/08  
Watson, Geraldine Walker, '37, d. 01/08

## GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Hamrick, Grace Van Ness, '50, d. 05/02  
Harvey, Linda Lee, '70, d. 05/07

## \* GOUCHER COLLEGE

Kovall, Marion Pinder, '33, d. 09/07

## HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Ashman, Constance Miller, '44, d. 01/08  
Smith, Kathryn Morrison, '61, d. 03/08

## IDAHO, UNIVERSITY OF

Acuff, Doris Dingle, '38, d. 07/00  
Campbell, Ruth Caple, '47, d. 03/08  
Gamble, Katharyn Nicholson, '32, d. 02/08  
Moon, Shirley West, '44, d. 01/07  
Northrop, Julie Davis, '34, d. 11/07  
O'Leary, Harriet Hitchcock, '34, d. 02/08  
Rogerson, Jane Douglass, '41, d. 12/07

## ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Allen, Lois, '31, d. 02/08  
Robling, Charlotte Fitz Henry, '35, d. 02/08

## ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF

Cornell, Jane Munsterman, '52, d. 03/08  
King, Marjorie Steele, '33, d. 04/08  
Stivers, Jeanette Carlson, '41, d. 06/06  
Wilkins, Barbara Armstrong, '38, d. 05/08

## INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Montgomery, Billie Cash, '36, d. 03/08  
Shortle, M. Catherine Haworth, '31, d. 02/08

## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Baty, Susanne Birdsall, '67, d. 12/07

## IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF

Hood, Dorothy Rambo, '36, d. 01/08  
Nash, Sally Clearman, '47, d. 04/08

## KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Harvey, Jewel, '71, d. 09/01  
Spurrier, Lucile Lafferty, '38, d. 12/07

## KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Higgins, Mary Connell, '38, d. 02/08  
Trotter, Ann Jeffords, '36, d. 03/08

## KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF

Arterberry, Rissa Hieronymus, '33, d. 02/08  
Bahr, Mary Farbach, '41, d. 03/08

## LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Stafford, Kendall, '93, d. 02/08

## \* MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF

Beckett, Diana, '72, d. 03/93  
Donnelly-Watson, Lisa Donnelly, '82, d. 08/07  
Gallotta, Jane Brownell, '51, d. 04/07

## MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Bland, Constance Thomson, '38, d. 01/08  
Mallek, Phyllis Horn, '38, d. 04/08

## MIAMI UNIVERSITY (OHIO)

Johnson, Frances Hasemeier, '60, d. 09/07

## MIAMI, UNIVERSITY OF

Askew, Jane Heard, '40, d. 02/08

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Crane, Teresa Vanduzer, '48, d. 12/06  
Hart, Rita Kasper, '37, d. 12/07  
Hilborn, Margaret Talbot, '39, d. 04/08  
Kemerling, Janet Bjornseth, '59, d. 12/07  
Lucas, Ruth Minogue, '48, d. 01/08  
Lund, Kathryn Krauthaim, '41, d. 03/08  
McFarlane, Mary Nelson, '52, d. 05/07  
Micklish, Rosemary Dursema, '42, d. 04/08  
Watson, Patricia Brown, '43, d. 12/07

## MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF

Pilliod, Margaret, '42, d. 02/08  
Walz, Catherine Kelder, '24, d. 02/08

## \* MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

MacFadden, Patricia Kane, '41, d. 08/07

## MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF

Henderson, Holly, '70, d. 02/08

## MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF

Chase, Marilyn Fable, '48, d. 05/08  
Robertson, Emilee Burnett, '39, d. 09/07  
Swearingen, Virginia Stafford, '57, d. 02/08

## MONMOUTH COLLEGE

Chittenden, Patricia O'Connor, '44, d. 03/08  
Jamieson, Jean Hutchison, '37, d. 02/08  
Mitchell, Glenna Angove, '43, d. 02/08  
Park, Nancy Barden, '52, d. 02/08  
Smith, Mary Wilson, '34, d. 05/04  
Wills, Sina Lu Beach, '39, d. 04/08

## MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF

Farrington, Jane Leonard, '33, d. 01/08  
Hosie, Noreen Kiley, '59, d. 06/07  
Smith, Joann Middleton, '40, d. 12/07

## NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF

Dieringer, Frances Radford, '42, d. 04/02  
Eldred, Martha Miller, '29, d. 02/08  
McClymont, Ann Kenner, '48, d. 01/08  
Purvis, Alyce Blaufuss, '38, d. 04/08  
Smith, Zoe Desch, '45, d. 12/07

## NEW MEXICO, UNIVERSITY OF

Moulton, Marilyn Thompson, '35, d. 04/08  
Nations, Janet Barnes, '53, d. 03/08  
Stamm, Martha Lee, '43, d. 01/08

## \* NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Keup, Margaret Moser, '35, d. 03/08  
Ross, Dorothy Cone, '36, d. 12/06

## NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Covert, Muriel Clayton, '30, d. 02/08  
Fellows, Virginia Fick, '46, d. 04/08  
Skilling, Alice Welsh, '60, d. 02/08  
Stembridge, Annette Jernberg, '38, d. 06/05

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Berry, J. Patricia, '41, d. 04/08  
Hollister, Emily Houston, '27, d. 01/04  
Mattimore, Jean Meyer, '38, d. 04/08

## OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Tuthill, Jean Gibson, '45, d. 03/05

## OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

McFarland, Gloria Grimes, '56, d. 03/08  
Underhill, Sarah Polk, '51, d. 07/07

## OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Bixler, Lelia Fleetwood, '38, d. 04/08  
Dobbins, Judith Jones, '60, d. 09/03  
Gallimore, Patricia Powers, '38, d. 03/08  
Lawton, Eula England, '63, d. 11/07

## OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Edwards, Patricia Herron, '42, d. 03/08

## OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF

Fitzgibbon, Irene Francis, '41, d. 11/04  
Haycox, Mary Hesse, '50, d. 03/08  
Palmer, Constance Baker, '29, d. 01/08  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Drum, Ruth Reynolds, '38, d. 01/08  
Munro, Mary Callahan, '45, d. 11/08

## \* PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Ballinger, Elizabeth Massey, '43, d. 01/08  
Green, Virginia Ross, '36, d. 01/07  
Pursell, Anna Roberts, '38, d. 02/08

## PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Duncan, Patricia Potter, '39, d. 04/08  
Jahsman, Nona Simi, '46, d. 03/08  
Jamison, Sara Callison, '28, d. 05/08  
Olson, Jacqueline Wells, '41, d. 01/08  
Taylor, Rita Ricke, '47, d. 03/08  
Wright, Jane Thomas, '39, d. 01/00

## ROLLINS COLLEGE

Goff, Georgia Tainter, '43, d. 06/01  
Hathaway, Nancy Huff, '51, d. 08/06  
Noyes, Patricia Posten, '50, d. 01/08  
Rhodes, June Mosher, '32, d. 03/08

## \* SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Daseking, Bernice Janssen, '49, d. 02/08  
Risko, Jo Ann Keeler, '49, d. 04/08

## SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Jarrell, Barbara Cullum, '38, d. 03/08

## ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Brown, Anne Stoughton, '61, d. 10/07  
Burkhart, Barbara Hillman, '46, d. 02/08  
Duncan, Susan Becker, '52, d. 04/08

## STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Challman, Margaret Meadowcroft, '44, d. 05/08

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Schutt, Louise Hennemuth, '39, d. 06/07

## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Miller, Cheryl Collins, '57, d. 02/08

## TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Courtney, Shirley Leach, '51, d. 02/05  
Fish, Janet Long, '39, d. 04/08  
Harkrider, Maria Bevil, '31, d. 02/08  
Hurlbert, Mary McNeill, '48, d. 04/08  
King, Mary Red, '51, d. 11/07  
Larison, Perla Wolford, '23, d. 06/00  
McGrew, Martha Hamblen, '51, d. 11/07

## TORONTO, UNIVERSITY OF

Gillies, Mary Wilson, '42, d. 04/08  
Kellam, Edith Russell, '39, d. 04/08

## TULANE UNIVERSITY

Heuer, Catherine, '78, d. 03/08  
MacIn, Jane Emerson, '50, d. 04/08

## TULSA, UNIVERSITY OF

Grigsby, Frances Rudy, '67, d. 03/08  
Jones, Mary Alfried, '48, d. 02/08  
Keeling, Jeanette Ferguson, '47, d. 02/08

## UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF

Carroll, Nelda Olson, '46, d. 11/07  
Powell, Marjorie Bybee, '43, d. 07/07

## VIRGINIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Trent, Margaret, '80, d. 01/00

## WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Hall, Margaret McKelvey, '32, d. 01/00  
Landt, Erma Minnick, '35, d. 03/08  
Webber, Lorraine Sellereit, '45, d. 05/08

## WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Wiperman, Jane Dewinter, '43, d. 04/08

## WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF

Evans, Jane Stocker, '40, d. 03/08  
Luplow, Sally Proctor, '41, d. 05/08  
Pattullo, Patricia Simpson, '43, d. 02/06  
Shoret, Betty Eddy, '42, d. 12/07  
Travis, Helen McDonald, '55, d. 05/08

## WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Bane, Barbara Coombs, '36, d. 05/05  
Fitzgerald, Margaret Barker, '50, d. 05/08  
Keener, Sue Price, '51, d. 12/07  
Smith, Patricia Loudon, '48, d. 05/08  
Troutman, Aldene Morris, '36, d. 04/08

## WHITMAN COLLEGE

Cooper, Myrtle Burdick, '27, d. 12/01  
Garrett, Noel Howard, '50, d. 02/08

## WILLIAM AND MARY, COLLEGE OF

Turner, Ann Brower, '46, d. 04/08

## WISCONSIN, UNIVERSITY OF

Lynch, Louise Weigel, '56, d. 02/08  
Maurer, Doris Burghardt, '37, d. 01/08

## WYOMING, UNIVERSITY OF

Bogensberger, Andrea Sorensen, '54, d. 01/08  
Hubbard, Lillian Helsing, '27, d. 03/08  
Johnson, Larue Abercrombie, '38, d. 03/08  
Ross, Joanna Shillinglaw, '58, d. 11/07

\* Indicates inactive chapters.

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 KKF Foundation.



**KNOX COLLEGE.** On a cold March morning, members of **ETA KAPPA CHAPTER** take the Polar Plunge at Lake Storey, Galesburg, Ill. With a minimum pledge of \$75 for an icy dip, more than \$23,177 was raised for Special Olympics Illinois.



**WILLIAM AND MARY.** Stephanie Fitter, Whitley Aamodt and Patricia Carr visit Peruvian ruins at Machu Picchu. Whitley and Trish co-founded Medical Outreach: Peru, a student organization that recently took 14 students to Cusco, Peru, to work in clinics.

**FLORIDA STATE.** These recent graduates have enjoyed four years of membership in **EPSILON ZETA CHAPTER** and look forward to alumna life in Kappa: Stephanie Padro, Hailey Mello, Nicole Remele, Sara Long, Caitlin McTiernan, Natalie Collins, Courtney Block, Jade Eppelheimer, and Jennifer Haskin.

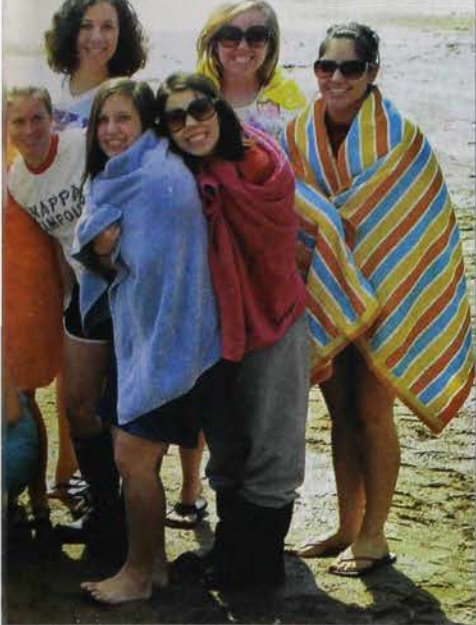


**GEORGIA.** Kappas from **DELTA UPSILON CHAPTER** teamed up with Panhellenic sisters from Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Mu to make 150 lunches that they delivered to two homeless shelters in the Athens, Georgia, area.

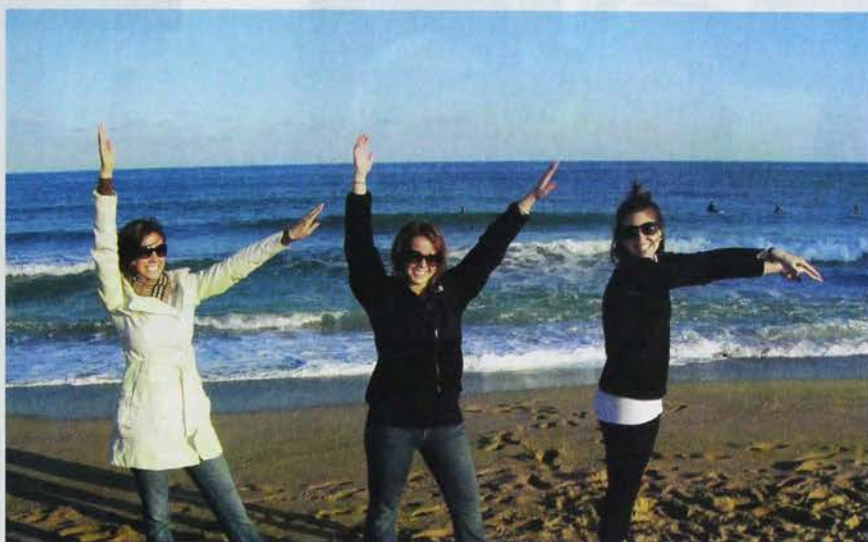
**BAYLOR.** Mallory Cromeens, Traci Turnquist, Amy Goetz, Kristen Cederberg, and Andi Whitten put countless hours into Baylor's 2008 All-University Sing, a tradition since 1953. The chapter paired with Kappa Sigma to produce *On the Town*, which won first place.







**LSU.** Kate Leithead and Megan Barry commit to scholarship and service in Mortar Board, truly representing Kappa's Tradition of Leadership.



**ILLINOIS.** While studying abroad in Europe, Melissa Davis, Mandy Couch, and Mallory Purdom take time to meet near Barcelona. Kappas studying or traveling abroad can connect through the new Keys Overseas program. See Page 7 for more information or e-mail Caroline Poole Cameron at [camerocaroline@gmail.com](mailto:camerocaroline@gmail.com).



**UTAH.** DELTA ETA CHAPTER is excited to receive the Dean's Award of Excellence. Accepting the award on behalf of the chapter are: TIFFANY PANNIER, Lawrence, Chapter Council Adviser; RITA TOTTE, Utah; CHRISTINE ANGSTMAN (2007 chapter President); ROBYN VANDENBERG, Utah; and LORI McDONALD, Utah, Regional Director of Chapters, Region 6.



**DARTMOUTH.** Class of 2008 Chapter Council members gather for a final meeting. *Claire Bickett*, Public Relations Chairman, reflects, "We look forward to continuing our everlasting bond of sisterhood as Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae."



**NEBRASKA. SIGMA CHAPTER** active members *Ann Moenius*, President *Sara Vestecka*, and *Alison Ripp* enjoy a Spring Tea and Alumna Appreciation Banquet. Area alumnae were recognized and several chapter members received scholarships at this dual event.



**INDIANA. DELTA CHAPTER'S** Kore groups decorate yummy cookie cakes.



**SYRACUSE. BETA TAU CHAPTER** held a successful book drive which provided 500 books to a local school. Pictured are East Syracuse Elementary Principal *Pat Charboneau*, *Meghan Hopkinson*, Chapter President, teacher *Peggy Wheeler*, and *Maria D'Angelo*, Philanthropy Chairman.





**CREIGHTON.** Jill Haney, Claire Scherle and Diana Bruguera serve chili from Famous Dave's BBQ before a Creighton soccer game. Proceeds benefit the Literacy Center for the Midlands (Omaha).



**TRINITY.** While raising more than \$1,500 for Relay for Life, ZETA THETA CHAPTER members spend the night walking, occasionally taking breaks and hanging out in a Kappa team tent—all for a good cause.



**VILLANOVA.** ZETA IOTA CHAPTER and PHILADELPHIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members celebrate the 25th anniversary of Zeta Iota's founding.



**CENTRAL FLORIDA.** ETA ETA CHAPTER sponsors an annual cystic fibrosis Great Strides walk-a-thon in honor of member Allison Callum, who passed away. Allison's family attended this year and more than \$3,000 was raised.



## Chapter Presidents Share Stories Past and Present

EPSILON, *Illinois Wesleyan*, planned and hosted the “Pink Party” philanthropy benefiting the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Epsilon Chapter President **KRISTEN HRANICKA** (right) enjoyed meeting **RUTH TOBIE WIETING**, *Illinois Wesleyan*, (left) who served as Epsilon Chapter President in 1940. “It was a great honor and experience to talk to Ruth, hearing stories about what she did as President and the differences between the Epsilon members back then and now,” says Kristen.

Ruth complimented Epsilon Chapter on its many accomplishments and its beautiful chapter house. When Ruth was President, the chapter was housed in what is now a small residence hall on campus. Ruth met her husband, a Tau Kappa Epsilon member, at *Illinois Wesleyan* and she has their badges joined together in a special place in their home.



**RUTH TOBIE WIETING** and **KRISTEN HRANICKA**, both *Illinois Wesleyan*.



Michigan State Kappas rally for a much-needed food drive in their community.

## Michigan State Kappas Fill Food Bank

—By **ELERI GRIFFIN ARMSTRONG**, *Kansas State*,  
Advisory Board Chairman

As news reports continue to show, the economy in the state of Michigan has been hard hit between layoffs in the auto industry and the mortgage crisis. Middle-income families as well as single parents, the elderly, children and the homeless are struggling more than ever. Aware of the needs around them, members of **DELTA GAMMA**, *Michigan State*, organized a canned food drive to respond to, and raise awareness of, hunger in the Greater Lansing Community.

Kappas asked campus Greeks to pitch in and help fill empty food banks before school recessed for the summer, a time when many children who depend on school lunches go hungry. The Kappas donated part of their social budget to offer prizes to the winning fraternity and sorority. Area businesses sponsored prizes and the Campbell's Soup Company provided collection bins for each chapter on campus. The event raised more than 4,500 units of nonperishable items as well as cash donations for the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

The event was covered by Michigan State's yearbook staff and Philanthropy Chairman **GENEVIEVE ADAMS**, *Michigan State*, was personally congratulated by the Mayor of East Lansing for her vision in reaching out beyond the Greek and campus communities to meet the needs of others. The chapter plans to double its donations next year for an even greater impact.



# Kappas Continue 19th-Century Mardi Gras Traditions

## Kappas are Belles of the Proteus Ball, New Orleans

Krewes, parades and masked balls leading up to Mardi Gras is a New Orleans tradition filled with legend. The Krewe of Proteus, the second oldest Mardi Gras parade, was founded in 1882 and is based on the mythological story of Poseidon's shepherd of the ocean. During this New Orleans parade the king of Proteus rides in a spectacular clamshell float, which still runs on a wooden base dating to the 1880s.

The Proteus Krewe was the first to establish "call outs," or invitations to dance. Ten members of various chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma enjoyed carrying on the tradition and were "called" to the 2008 Proteus Ball, including the Queen of Proteus, **ASHLEY MORGAN**, *Mississippi*.

## Mystick Krewe of Louisianans, Washington D.C., features a Kappa princess

Elaborate Mardi Gras celebrations take place in cities beyond New Orleans, including Washington D.C., which is home to the Mystick Krewe of Louisianans. During its 60th annual ball in 2008, **MADDIE DREHER**, *LSU*, was named a Princess of the ball.

## Knights of Momus, Galveston, Texas, honors Kappa Dutchesses

Meanwhile, Mardi Gras festivities in Galveston, Texas, provided another opportunity for Kappas to come together. Representing five different chapters, seven Houston-area Kappas were presented as Duchesses at the Knights of Momus Coronation Ball in January 2008. "The girls had a wonderful time participating in this fun-filled, two-weekend event and it was even more special that they were all Kappa sisters," says **LAURIE O'DONNELL TYLER**, *Texas*, Co-Chairman of the 2008 Houston Kappa Holiday Pilgrimage Home Tour.



*Photo Courtesy of Jim Cresson Photographers*

**PROTEUS BALL, NEW ORLEANS.** Back row: **KELLY REILLY**, *Georgia*; **BETSY ELLIS**, *Washington and Lee*; **CAITLIN CARRERE**, *LSU*; **ASHLEY MORGAN** (Queen of Proteus), *Mississippi*; **ELIZABETH ELLIOTT**, *Georgia*; **LYDIA TOMPKINS**, *LSU*; **MAGGIE AGNEW**, *Mississippi*; **EMILY DUQUESNAY**, *Mississippi*. Front row: Chapter President **LOUISE ACOMB**, *Alabama*; **CAMERON YANCY**, *Georgia*.



**MYSTICK KREWE OF LOUISIANANS, WASHINGTON D.C.** **MEGAN HUNTER**, **SARAH PARKERSON**, **MADDIE DREHER** and **JILLIAN HUNTER DREHER**, all *LSU*, celebrate a Mardi Gras tradition in Washington D.C.



**DUCHESSES OF THE KNIGHTS OF MOMUS CORONATION BALL, GALVESTON, TEXAS.** **BRITTANY ZELESKEY**, *Mississippi*; **LEIGH OWENS**, *Texas*; **COURTNEY SOMERVILLE**, *Texas*; **MALORIE LILJENWALL**, *Texas*; **MEGAN MULLANE**, *Alabama*; **KATHERINE VILUTIS**, *Washington and Lee*; and **LAUREN ALLEN**, *SMU*.



## Omega Chapter Bowls for Habitat for Humanity

Members of OMEGA CHAPTER, Kansas, and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity participated in a bowling benefit for The House That Greeks Built, which is a philanthropy project benefiting the Lawrence, Kan., chapter of Habitat for Humanity.



ALI McNITT (top left), ANNA FERBER, MOLLY McMAHON, TORY PUTNAM, all Kansas, bowl for Habitat for Humanity.



CORINNE McCLANE, Cal State Northridge

## Scholarship Established in Memory of a Young Kappa

CORINNE McCLANE, Cal State Northridge, was just 22 when she was killed by a hit-and-run driver while crossing busy Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles in a marked crosswalk. In her memory, her parents Virginia and Les McClane and brother, Keith, have established a \$25,000 endowment to the university to be used for scholarships for members of her EPSILON XI CHAPTER, Cal State Northridge.

Corinne served her chapter as Treasurer, Secretary and, in 2006, as President. Her parents say she embodied values that Kappa Kappa Gamma emphasizes: academic excellence, philanthropy and community service. A kinesiology major, Corinne had just finished her degree requirements shortly before her death. Kinesiology chairman Carole Oglesby personally delivered Corinne's diploma to her family in time for her memorial service. "We buried the diploma with Corinne," says Ginny McClane. "That degree would've meant so much to her."

Ginny says that Corinne didn't have to work while she attended college. Her job at the gym, Curves, was just for extra money. But Ginny says Corinne was well aware of how fortunate she was and would talk about some of her sorority sisters having to work part-time to cover their education and sorority fees. The McClane family hopes that this scholarship will help a deserving member of her chapter while honoring Corinne's commitment to academic excellence and high personal standards.

For more about the Corinne McClane endowment, contact Jerry De Felice, development director for Cal State Northridge's Division of Student Affairs at 818-677-3935 or [jd@csun.edu](mailto:jd@csun.edu).



# Zeta Tau Member Earns Watson Fellowship to Travel and Create a New Art Form

MARY CHILDS, *Washington and Lee*, has been named a Thomas J. Watson Fellow for 2008-2009. She is one of 50 students from across the United States to receive a Watson fellowship this year.

Administered in cooperation with 50 private colleges and universities throughout the United States, the Watson Fellowship provides a grant of \$25,000 to college graduates of unusual promise to engage in a year of independent, purposeful exploration and travel outside of the United States. Inaugurated by the Thomas J. Watson Foundation in 1968, the fellowship program has granted more than 2,500 Watson Fellowship awards, with stipends totaling more than \$30 million.

Mary's project, "The Eye of the Beholder: The Cartography of Faces," will take her to France, the United Arab Emirates, Japan, China, Brazil and Morocco to explore the topography of a land through portraiture.

For Mary, a senior business journalism major who studied at St. Stephen's College in India, the Watson provides an opportunity to focus on her love of painting and travel in a way that was both inspired and prevented by her study abroad experiences as an undergraduate.

"I've always loved painting and art," says Mary. "Initially when I came to Washington and Lee, I wanted to double major in studio art, but going abroad made that difficult. I view my Watson as a sort of double

major or an M.F.A. in a way. Winning the fellowship means an opportunity to combine two of my greatest loves: the world and the canvas."

Her project will trace cultures as they manifest themselves in the faces of their own people. "It's a new cartography: map-making with faces," Mary explains. "As I traveled across Southeast Asia, I watched the faces change with the terrain. Cheekbones rose and fell and hair was braided and hidden in turbans. Even the tying of a sari expressed where my feet were. Every location in the world looks different, but more interestingly, every inhabitant reflects those differences."

A native of Richmond, Va., Mary is the recipient of the journalism department's Landon B. Lane Scholarship and is a writer for the *Trident*, one of Washington and Lee's weekly independent student newspapers, and editor-at-large for *InGeneral*, a student-run magazine. She is co-president of the university's female *a cappella* group and served as the Massachusetts State Chairman for the 2008 Mock Democratic Convention.

Mary, who turned down an internship with Bloomberg, L.P., in New York in order to accept the Watson, plans to pursue a career in business journalism following her year abroad. "I think Bloomberg understood that this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she says. "I hope they're still interested when I get back."

*Courtesy of Washington and Lee University*



*Winning the fellowship means an opportunity to combine two of my greatest loves: the world and the canvas.*

MARY CHILDS, *Washington and Lee*



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