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- 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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Connect With Kappa at a Province Meeting in 2011

Province Meetings, held during non-Convention years, are weekend events full of leadership training and idea sharing tailored for collegians, alumnae and Advisory Board and House Board members. Province Directors of Alumnae and Province Directors of Chapters are elected, resolutions are discussed and voted upon, association and chapter awards are presented and Kappas are reunited with old friends and introduced to new ones.

All members are invited to attend the Province Meeting in their area. Listed to the left are the dates, locations and Province Nominating Chairmen. Contact your Province Director to register. If you do not know how to contact your Province Director, log on to www.kappa.org and select Directories, then Yellow Pages, or call Fraternity Headquarters at 866-KKG-1870 (866-554-1870).

Nominations are being accepted for Province Director of Alumnae (PDA) and Province Director of Chapters (PDC) volunteer positions. Province Directors assume their positions at the close of ACS, and remain in office for two years. PDAs serve as a resource for the alumnae associations and PDCs serve as a resource for the chapters in their province. Both motivate and guide the groups and their officers toward a better understanding of their roles. Jointly, the Province Directors plan the program for and preside at the biennial Province Meetings.

If you know a candidate with proven leadership skills, please recommend her to the appropriate Province Nominating Chairman (PNC) listed to the left. Recommendation for Province Director Position forms are available through your PNC or your Province Director, or visit www.kappa.org/provincemeetings or call Headquarters at 866-KKG-1870. If you prefer to send your recommendation via regular mail, you may look up your PNC's address on the website under Directories or contact Headquarters.

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Submit your legacy story to *The Key*! From women who have experienced the joy of being a legacy, to those who hope to pass on the legacy of Kappa, we encourage you to share your stories within your chapters, alumnae associations and with *The Key*.

To share your story with *The Key*, submissions must include photos or video and a written description, story or essay about your legacy experience. All submissions become the property of Kappa Kappa Gamma, may be edited for clarity and length, and may be published in any Kappa media. Submissions will not be returned.

E-mail your contact information with your submission to kkghq@kkg.org. Large images or video may be uploaded to <http://uploads.kappakappagamma.org/>. Please name your electronic files and images for easy identification, such as legacy_project_yourfullname. The first 10 entries will receive an eco-friendly Kappa tote bag. **The deadline is March 1, 2011.**

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RUTH REYNOLDS HADLEY (front, center) celebrates TOLEDO ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION's 80-year anniversary and her 65 years in Kappa.

Toledo Kappas Reach Out

When members of the TOLEDO ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION learned that RUTH REYNOLDS HADLEY, *Ohio State*, could not attend the association's 80th anniversary on Founders Day, the group celebrated with a luncheon at her home at Kingston Assisted Living Center. The golden key name tags were resurrected from the archives as part of a retro theme.

Associations can plan ahead for Founders Day 2011 by contacting Fraternity Headquarters to get more information about ordering 50-, 65- and 75-year pins so your alumnae don't miss out on this special occasion. Call 866-866-1870 or e-mail kkghq@kkg.org.



Promote Respect—Prevent Hazing

SIGMA CHAPTER, *Nebraska*, Puts Heart and Soul into National Hazing Prevention Week



BREANNA HAESSLER, ERIN PFLASTER, HANNAH MCMEEN, and JORDAN SEAMAN display Sigma Chapter's "Promote Respect—Prevent Hazing" banner.

If you reach just one student—one who becomes kinder, more tolerant, or who seizes an opportunity to prevent a hazing situation from developing or going any further, you have impacted someone's life. You may have even prevented a death from risky behavior. Over five days in September, Kappas across the continent made a difference by promoting respect and sending an anti-hazing message to Greek-letter communities and the public.

While Kappa is proud of all of its members who participated in the anti-hazing efforts, SIGMA CHAPTER, *Nebraska*, was selected for special recognition in Kappa's hazing-prevention campaign for its near 100-percent participation and creative effort.

"Anti-Hazing Week marked an exciting change in the air at Sigma. We saw this week as an opportunity to promote the cause, inspire our members and bond as a chapter," says Sigma Chapter's Education Chairman JEN HACKMAN.

On the Nebraska campus, members hung fliers that publicized National Hazing Prevention Week and challenged anyone who read it to complete three random acts of kindness for each day of the week.

Sigma members also blitzed social media with anti-hazing messages. Facebook profile pictures, Twitter and status updates sent a unified message—promote respect to prevent hazing. And their efforts were not all high-tech. While members wore anti-hazing buttons and painted messages on their car windows, they spread the word in the Lincoln, Neb., community about National Hazing Prevention Week.



A highlight of the week was geo-placing the anti-hazing buttons in creative locations, including snapping a photo with country music star Lee Brice as they explained to him the meaning of the buttons. Kappas wore their anti-hazing buttons to give blood, play sand volleyball, celebrate homecoming, and one button was photographed visiting the “Welcome to Colorado” roadside billboard.

“Our goal is to prevent hazing from happening in the first place,” says Fraternity President **JULIE MARINE LESHAY**, *Colorado College*. “Treating each other with dignity and respect raises the level of self-worth and excellence of all Greek members.”

One member reflected on the week: “Sigma pulled out all the stops when trying to take [their] buttons to new heights.” And in doing so, the chapter and community reached new heights in promoting respect and dignity.

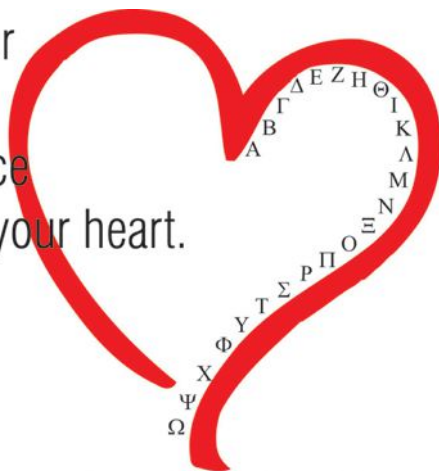
Resources

As part of the National Hazing Prevention Week activities, members of Sigma as well as Kappas across the continent took online hazing-prevention courses on Kappa’s Learning Institute, an interactive online learning portal. Find KLI at www.kappa.org under the Education tab.

• www.hazingprevention.org

fraternity news

Keep your
fraternal
experience
close to your heart.



International Badge Day
March 7, 2011

*Wear your key badge to show your
Kappa and Greek pride.*

Click it, Shop it, Buy it.

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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 or complete the form below and send it to **Caroline Poole Cameron** at Kappa Headquarters. 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: _____

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Telephone: _____ Chapter/University: _____ Init. Date: ____/____/____

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Are you an owl out on a limb?

In Memoriam

Honoring Those We Have Loved and Lost

These names were submitted to Fraternity Headquarters between September 15, 2010, and November 11, 2010.

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Tschantz, Ann, '41, d. 10/10

ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF
Anderson, Judith Waugh, '66, d. 02/10
Mahlum, Anne, '04, d. 10/10

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE
Goode, Alice Eicher, '37, d. 01/10
Wallgren, Cyndee Sampson, '65, d. 12/09

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Patton, Karmen Rames, '61, d. 08/10

ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF
Peterson, Nada Matanovich, '43, d. 08/10

ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF
Chalfant, Martha Deckelman, '55, d. 09/10
Unverferth, Fayrol Thornton, '52, d. 10/10

*** BOSTON UNIVERSITY**
Kanaga, Sarah Farthing, '35, d. 09/10

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY
Bell, Patricia Thompson, '50, d. 04/05

BUTLER UNIVERSITY
Christian, Ruthann Hoppe, '43, d. 09/10
Kendall, Beverly Staples, '56, d. 09/10
Summers, Virginia Wampler, '49, d. 09/10

CALIFORNIA, U. OF, BERKELEY
Beach, Edith deFremercy, '37, d. 09/10

CALIFORNIA, U. OF, LOS ANGELES
Irvine, Louise Yoder, '36, d. 07/09
Thometz, Marie, '46, d. 10/10

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY
Crawford, Martha Tennant, '44, d. 06/06

CINCINNATI, UNIVERSITY OF
Jury, Marie Chesnutt, '37, d. 10/10
Radcliffe, Dorothy Trankler, '33, d. 10/10

COLORADO COLLEGE
White, Anne, '57, d. 09/10

COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF
Gould, Jane Pollard, '26, d. 11/10
Rhodes, Catharine Philpott, '45, d. 05/10
Shermack, Joan Hilliker, '42, d. 10/10
Streamer, Sara Arnold, '43, d. 10/10

CONNECTICUT, UNIVERSITY OF
Carter, Georgia Halford, '55, d. 03/04
Faller, Polly Eggleston, '61, d. 01/10
Pritchard, Joan Flavin, '55, d. 09/99

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Schild, Jean Jephson, '44, d. 07/10

DENISON UNIVERSITY
Overholser, Jean Eberhart, '43, d. 09/10
Peacock, Jane Smith, '31, d. 10/10
Robertson, Barbara Crandall, '45, d. 07/10

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY
Carney, Constance Caylor, '47, d. 10/10
Hastings, Elizabeth Nichols, '35, d. 10/10
Murray, Suzanne Brudi, '49, d. 08/10
Pearce, Marjorie Raiser, '36, d. 10/10

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
Tucker, Ethel Wever, '33, d. 04/10

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
Hendrix, Eugenia Griffith, '67, d. 05/10
Johnson, Anna Howard, '68, d. 04/09
Van Doren, Doris, '67, d. 03/09
Watson, Nina Reeves, '61, d. 04/03

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Coll-Pardo, Isabel Harrison, '44, d. 10/10
Mackenzie, Gussie Mae Hanley, '35, d. 10/10

*** GOUCHER COLLEGE**
Clifford, Cecelia Etter, '37, d. 08/05

HILLSDALE COLLEGE
Decker, Stacey Gregory, '74, d. 10/10

IDAHO, UNIVERSITY OF
Case, Beth Curry, '40, d. 11/06
Manning, Katherine Cady, '36, d. 09/10

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Roy, Jane Osterhoudt, '44, d. 10/10

ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF
Allen, Maxine Sterrett, '31, d. 09/10
Krupp, Rita Kelley, '71, d. 10/10

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Stokes, Diane Colvin, '47, d. 03/10

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Berray, Jacqueline Vich, '53, d. 09/10

IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF
Cossitt, Betty Morrissey, '47, d. 06/10
Elliott, Frances Johnson, '45, d. 10/06
Gildner, Rachael Clapsaddle, '36, d. 09/10
McKillip, Barbara Brunelle, '45, d. 06/05
Slaymaker, Helen Ramsay, '29, d. 07/01
Vernon, Marian Kennedy, '40, d. 09/10

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Blessing, Elizabeth Humphreys, '44, d. 06/09
Bryan, Margaret, '35, d. 10/10
Heller, Barbara, '43, d. 08/10
Keeling, Julie Shrum, '77, d. 09/10
Reib, Beatrice Tuggle, '46, d. 09/05
Wilkinson, Sidney Beattie, '53, d. 08/10

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF
Buehler, Isabel Waring, '32, d. 11/10
Flood, Susan, '61, d. 10/10
Platts, Judy Dodge, '59, d. 07/10
Schowalter, Linda, '71, d. 08/00

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF
Corns, Rowena Stephenson, '60, d. 08/10
Osborn, Mary Taylor, '70, d. 09/10

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
Savage, Caroline O'Brien, '45, d. 10/09
Scheuermann, Wandah, '44, d. 08/10

*** MANITOBA, UNIVERSITY OF**
Cleare, Emma Hammer, '60, d. 07/10

*** MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF**
Daugherty, Diane Young, '53, d. 09/10

MASSACHUSETTS, UNIVERSITY OF
Canfield, Virginia Richardson, '42, d. 01/10

Stone, Karen Jensen, '82, d. 11/10

McGILL UNIVERSITY
Gage, Lillian Vukmirovich, '41, d. 05/09
Harrison, Claudia Blake, '45, d. 09/10

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
Kilgore, Nancy Looker, '42, d. 10/10

MIAMI, UNIVERSITY OF
Chambliss, Jeanne Susong, '43, d. 05/10
Krauthoefer, Caroline Copelin, '50, d. 09/10

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Burrows, Janet Munson, '43, d. 10/10
Ellsworth, Mary Hallman, '32, d. 02/10
Jameson, Judy Lebzelter, '59, d. 08/10

MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF
Chapin-Nilstoft, Diane Menendez, '63, d. 09/10

Lewis, Patricia Heustis, '44, d. 09/03
Luce, Louise Fiber, '53, d. 07/10
Siebert, Nan Hubach, '48, d. 05/10

*** MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE**
Andrews, Margaret Buscher, '39, d. 09/10

MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF
Davis, Carolyn Earl, '33, d. 03/09
Fuller, Barbara, '48, d. 08/10
Lawson, Helen Thoreen, '41, d. 03/10

MISSISSIPPI, UNIVERSITY OF
Boyer, Elizabeth Capwell, '79, d. 08/10
Custer, Sandra Fulton, '68, d. 07/10
Earl, Constance, '52, d. 10/10

MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF
Burgess, Patricia Burnett, '50, d. 10/10
Chesney, Virginia Wettach, '26, d. 10/10
Hacker, Ann Trevellyan, '45, d. 10/10
Lucas, Gwendolyn Knight, '37, d. 10/10
Sams, Margaret Helmers, '34, d. 01/10

MONMOUTH COLLEGE
Risberg, Mary James, '39, d. 10/10

MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF
Buls, Myrtle James, '46, d. 09/10
Elmore, Donna Mithun, '50, d. 09/10

NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF
Frantz, Dorothea Fulton, '34, d. 08/10
Galligan, Mary Coonan, '55, d. 09/09
Stitt, Susan Gritzmacher, '56, d. 10/10

NORTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF
Gaines, Laura, '90, d. 09/09

*** NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**
MacCallum, Marilyn Hoffmann, '63, d. 06/10
Schmierer, Mary Langlie, '40, d. 10/10
Toman, Harriett Mc Dowell, '36, d. 12/09
Vogelsang, Elizabeth Kiefer, '40, d. 03/08
Williams, Rosemary Sullivan, '47, d. 01/10

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Carey, Jacqueline Love, '48, d. 10/10
McIntyre, Betty Pryce, '36, d. 05/06
White, Patrice Duncan, '41, d. 09/10

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
Faubel, Virginia Sterling, '48, d. 10/10
Fouts, Lee McDonald, '56, d. 10/10
Munroe, Marion Gellhaus, '39, d. 08/10
Scott, Doris Joseph, '41, d. 10/10

OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF
Dishman, Sarah Mc Ginty, '33, d. 10/10
Jarratt, Nancy Adams, '42, d. 10/10
Powers, Elizabeth Fleming, '36, d. 06/09
Rollins, Bertille Mc Mahan, '37, d. 10/10
West, Jo Terrill, '57, d. 05/08

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
Hallett, Marilyn Karlen, '53, d. 10/10
Nelson, Shirley Garman, '45, d. 10/10

OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF
Patterson, Grace Hoffman, '47, d. 07/10

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Cox, Ellen Macklin, '30, d. 10/04
Gohn, Eleanor Acker, '36, d. 07/10
Kerrins, Mary Hickey, '35, d. 08/10

*** PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY OF**
Keenan, Cora Boughton, '28, d. 07/07
Perry, Suzanne Simpson, '38, d. 03/10

PITTSBURGH, UNIVERSITY OF
Bailey, Deborah Heath, '70, d. 09/10
Bartram, Marjorie Brinkman, '43, d. 01/07
Hogue, Ann Seaman, '37, d. 09/10
Mulvey, Dorothy Hastings, '51, d. 08/10

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Argus, Andrea Dolan, '70, d. 09/10
McCarty, Emily Caster, '41, d. 02/10
Reasoner, Rheba Grishaw, '44, d. 09/10

ROLLINS COLLEGE
Prentice, Jeanne Crowley, '36, d. 10/10

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, U. OF
Mitchell, Julie Bryant, '95, d. 11/10

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Nehls, Peggy, '42, d. 06/10

St. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY
Gordon, Jean Brady, '35, d. 01/09

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Snure, Mary Francis Barnard, '53, d. 09/10

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF
Bigger, Anita Craddock, '46, d. 10/10
Delavan, Betty Johnson, '39, d. 09/10
Douglass, Linda Lanham, '59, d. 09/10
Evans, Ann Campbell, '47, d. 08/10
McAninch, Cecil Henderson, '19, d. 09/77
Stevenson, Scottie, '52, d. 01/01
Taylor, Lucile Lacy, '43, d. 08/09
Williams, Carolyn Carpenter, '32, d. 10/10

TORONTO, UNIVERSITY OF
Scrivener, Hazel Brown, '37, d. 02/10

TULANE UNIVERSITY
Crum, Jeanne Laidlaw, '34, d. 09/10
Harvey, Nancy Dillard, '42, d. 10/10
Hazlerig, Anne Benoit, '52, d. 12/05

UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF
Webster, Dorothy Jahries, '43, d. 07/10

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
Marrs, Geraldine Gerding, '31, d. 06/04

WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF
Davidson, Mary Kraabel, '60, d. 09/10
Eckmann, Rosemary Rykken, '51, d. 09/10
Price, Mary, '43, d. 06/10

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
Cassatt, Eve Linger, '49, d. 09/10
Franzheim, Elizabeth Hogan, '42, d. 10/10

WHITMAN COLLEGE
McNeill, Josephine Kindall, '31, d. 09/10

WISCONSIN, UNIVERSITY OF
Fowlkes, Nancy, '52, d. 09/10
Houston, Helen Porter, '15, d. 12/95

WYOMING, UNIVERSITY OF
Boschetto, Joan Daniels, '50, d. 09/10
Gerdorn, Alma Cohee, '47, d. 09/10
Swanke, Lucille Chambers, '40, d. 12/05

* Indicates inactive chapters.

The Key is sad to announce that **LOUISE LITTLE BARBECK, SMU**, former Fraternity President 1968-1972, passed away November 13, 2010, in Dallas, Texas. Lou's life and service to the Fraternity will be shared in *The Key's* spring 2011 issue.

It's All Because of You!

We are pleased to share with you the annual report of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation for the 2009–2010 fiscal year. The Foundation has had another solid year, highlighted by the celebration of our 20th anniversary as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation. We have seen extraordinary growth since our inception, and we are honored to have so many thoughtful and caring donors who contribute faithfully to support our life-changing programs.

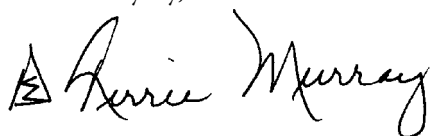
At a recent alumnae association event, I met a donor who had been making small gifts through the years. This past year, she made an unrestricted gift of \$1,000 to join the Iris Circle, a new giving society of the Foundation. When I thanked her for her gift, she explained that she is excited about what the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation is doing and the members we are helping—so much that she and her husband have decided to direct all of their charitable contributions to our Foundation. We love stories like this!

Another story we love is the announcement that we are “over the top” in raising the \$2.5 million, which is being matched by The Walton Family Foundation with an additional \$2.5 million. These dollars will endow our Leadership Academy in perpetuity, and the generosity of The Walton Family Foundation is so appreciated. This was an extraordinary challenge for our Foundation, and we are thrilled to share the success of this fundraising effort with all of you. If you are one of the many Kappas who made a donation, large or small, to the Leadership Academy Endowment, please enjoy knowing that you have had a part in training future female leaders who will improve their communities, workplaces and maybe even the world!

Thank you to all of our donors—past, present and future. Your gifts make it possible for us to help Kappa sisters with scholarships, financial assistance and educational and leadership training. Plus, we maintain two historic and lovely museums that we hope you will visit if you are ever in Columbus, Ohio, or Monmouth, Illinois.

I hope 2011 will be a prosperous and enriching year for you and your family.

Loyally,



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We're Celebrating 20 Years of Kappas Helping Kappas

Annual Loyalty Fund—Your Gift Makes a Lasting Impact

All donations to the Annual Loyalty Fund are appreciated—gifts of any size matter! Unrestricted giving provides essential support for Kappa programs, which benefit members of all ages and needs. We rely on the philanthropic commitment of annual donors to help sustain and strengthen the Foundation by providing funding for the Foundation to respond to our members' unforeseen needs and new opportunities.

Gifts to the Annual Loyalty Fund are put to use immediately and support many programs that make Kappa Kappa Gamma extraordinary. Your gift is an investment in:

- ✿ Scholarships to help students overcome financial hardship
- ✿ Preservation of two beautiful museums
- ✿ Values-based leadership programming
- ✿ Financial aid and compassion to our sisters who are in great need.

Each year, thousands of Kappas and friends express their loyalty and interest in the members and programs of the Foundation by making a donation. **When joined with the contributions of others who give each year, your gift helps meet immediate needs and creates extraordinary opportunities.**

Please make your gift to the 2010–2011 Annual Loyalty Fund today! Supporting the Annual Loyalty Fund is a great way to show your belief in Kappa and positively impact Kappas today, as well as ensure the long-term success of our organization.

Thank you for helping us to **Invest in Every Kappa** through your gifts to the Annual Loyalty Fund!

For more information about the Annual Loyalty Fund, please contact **LAUREL PALMER**, Ohio State, Director of Annual Giving, at lpalmer@kkg.org or 866-554-1870.

Matching Gifts

Do you work for a Matching Gift company? If so, the impact of your personal gift will be multiplied by your employer's contribution.

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs that supplement their employees', and often, retirees' charitable donations. Most participating companies will match employee gifts dollar for dollar, and some will even double- or triple-match a gift!

There are more than 20,000 Matching Gift companies nationwide. Check to see if your company is one of them! If it is, please request a matching gift form from your employer and send it, completed and signed, with your gift. We will do the rest!

Thank you for making the extra effort—and for your doubled support!

Iris Circle

The Iris Circle recognizes the important role played by the Annual Loyalty Fund in Kappa's ongoing strength and success. By honoring donors who give \$1,000 or more each fiscal year (July 1–June 30), the Iris Circle encourages leadership-level annual support.

To join the Iris Circle, give as you always have, either annually or throughout the year. Once your gifts total \$1,000 in unrestricted giving for the fiscal year, you are automatically a member of the Iris Circle. Matching gifts also count in the cumulative annual total.

We are excited to recognize our charter members of the Iris Circle and invite you to join today. A gift envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Iris Circle Charter Members

The names listed below are the charter members of the Iris Circle. The Iris Circle is the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation's annual giving society, recognizing donors who make an unrestricted gift of \$1,000 or more each year. The Iris Circle was established through the Annual Loyalty Fund to honor those who entrust the Foundation with their unrestricted generosity.

Barbara Merinoff Albert	Kathryn Brown Brooke
Patricia Ebersole Andres	Joni Manos Brown
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Joan McIlroy Briggs	Dierdre Goorman Cook

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Kathryn Hawkins Creagan	Jane Carter Jones
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Frances Ronshausen Dittmer	Joan W. Lee
Sandra Moser Donlon	Mindy Franklin Levine
Lacey Ebbert	Mary Moore Liddell
Betsy Marsh Ellis	Karen Schutte Linck
Lori Limbaugh Espe	Connie Loveday Lurie
Linda Krattebol Eyestone	Lurline Rains Mabrey
Lindsay Slack Fairman	Mina Takayanagi Martinez
Agnes Park Fausnaugh	Margaret Edwards Mason
Beth Philips Fisher	Gay Watkins Mathewson
Janet Hahn Fuquay	Elizabeth Clifton McClendon
Lou Mosier Gaudin	Cathleen Morrow McKinney
Mary Kay Cliff Gell	Diana Meehan
Ginger Geoffrey	Katie Behmer Miller
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Gloria Strohenger Goering	Jeanie Robinson Moore
Lynne Sternberg Graves	Gail West Moore
Janet Scudder Grisemer	Kerrie Quinn Murray
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Margaret Eccleston Halvorson	Ann Nichols
Nancy Frumkin Hamburger	Polly Puckett Nichols
Elizabeth Bennett Hamilton	Judy Kieffer Olson
Paula Savage Hansen	Maureen Orth
Jean Elmburg Helmers	Janet Cheves Paden
Christine Cimo Hemphill	Roxelyn Miller Pepper
Claire Schlumberger Henry	Jayne Harper Plank
Marilyn Mayes Hicks	Jean Urse Popoff
Patricia Kennedy Hirsch	Karen Koenig Post
Mary Hart Hirshfield	Marilyn Propstra
Nadine Norton Holloway	Phyllis Brinton Pryor
Patti Guest Horne	Psi Chapter
Susannah Erck Howard	Lillian Spang Rath
Holly Hartwell Huffines	Louella Hodges Reese
Carolyn Gillett Jelks	Ellen Lembke Ryan
Judith Ausman Jellinek	Shirley Welsh Ryan
Chani Janway Johnson	Bonnie Allison Sandman
Ann Ritter Johnston	Rosemary Stubblefield Schertz

Tschudy Griffith Schmidt
 Patrice Harrison
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 Molly McKinney Schulze
 Beth Ann Sharp
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 Lillian Melko Spangler
 Audrey Mc Intyre Spiegel
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 Patricia Miller Stichnoth
 Mary Louise Villeret Stites
 Emily Johnson Stolz

Kathleen Gabel Strickland
 Marilyn Mabrey Sulivant
 Anne Klare Sullivan
 Karen Tellepsen
 Kay Reid Tennison
 Sandra Beebe Thompson
 Kathleen Hommel Trott
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Special thanks to the 10 chapters listed below who contributed \$13,114 to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation between September 3, 2010, and November 18, 2010.

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 Gamma Delta, *Purdue*
 Gamma Pi, *Alabama*
 Delta Lambda, *Miami (Ohio)*
 Delta Mu, *Connecticut*
 Delta Omega, *Fresno State*
 Epsilon Beta, *Colorado State*
 Epsilon Omicron, *UC Davis*
 Epsilon Rho, *Texas A&M*
 Zeta Epsilon, *Lawrence*
 Eta Gamma, *San Diego*

Alumnae Association Donations

Special thanks to the 18 alumnae associations listed below who contributed \$4,764 to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation between September 3, 2010, and November 18, 2010.

Akron
 Boulder
 Canton-Massillon
 Clay-Platte County
 Delaware
 Door County
 Fairfield County
 Four Corners
 Gainesville
 Hawaii
 Houston
 Howard County
 Lubbock
 Nashville
 North San Diego County
 Northwest Suburban
 Palo Alto
 Richardson-Plano
 Sarasota-Manatee Counties
 Sierra
 Springfield, Mo

Our apologies to Seattle Alumnae Association, which should have been listed as a donor in the June 15, 2010 to September 2, 2010 list that appeared in the fall issue of *The Key*.

Annual Donor Lists Online

The annual list of Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation donors is available to members online at www.kappa.org. Non-members may contact the Foundation for this information at 866-554-1870.

*Gifts are warmly given and gratefully accepted.
But they don't just happen. They encompass caring,
love, sharing. They happen ...*

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to Kappas from 7/1/09-6/30/10



*Who Gives to the Kappa
Kappa Gamma Foundation?*

- ✧ Individual Kappas
- ✧ Chapters
- ✧ Alumnae Associations
- ✧ Corporations Through Matching Gifts
- ✧ Other Foundations
- ✧ Non-Members

Where Does It Go?



Scholarships
\$520,020



Educational/
Leadership Training
\$367,428



Museums
\$286,782



Rose McGill Aid
\$225,530

Visit the Foundation at www.kappa.org/foundation.

2009-2010 Foundation Financial Report

Summarized Financial Data for Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation

For Years Ended June 20, 2009 and 2010*

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2009	2010
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,412,119	\$1,509,780
Pledges and Accounts Receivable	\$1,563,244	\$1,558,546
Property and Equipment, Net	\$945,963	\$958,510
Investments	\$24,243,065	\$26,955,551
Other Assets	\$110,514	\$116,243
Total Assets	\$ 28,274,905	\$31,098,630
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts Payable and Other Accrued Expenses	\$120,763	\$253,800
Charitable Gift Annuities	\$35,402	\$28,355
Total Liabilities	\$156,165	\$282,155
Total Net Assets	\$28,118,740	\$30,816,475
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$28,274,905	\$31,098,630

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Revenues	2009	2010
Gifts and Bequests	\$1,453,501	\$2,266,472
Net Investment Income	(\$5,904,520)	\$2,704,540
Rental and Other Income	\$63,900	\$85,737
Total Support and Revenues	(\$4,387,119)	\$5,056,749
Expenses		
Program Services	\$1,645,658	\$1,399,760
Management and General	\$310,989	\$303,557
Fundraising	\$744,746	\$655,697
Total Expenses	\$2,701,393	\$2,359,014
Change in Net Assets	(\$7,088,512)	\$2,697,735
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$35,207,252	\$28,118,740
Net Assets, End of Year	\$28,118,740	\$30,816,475

* The above financial data were derived from financial statements audited by Crowe Horwath and Company, LLC, which are available on request.

Summary of the Foundation's 2009

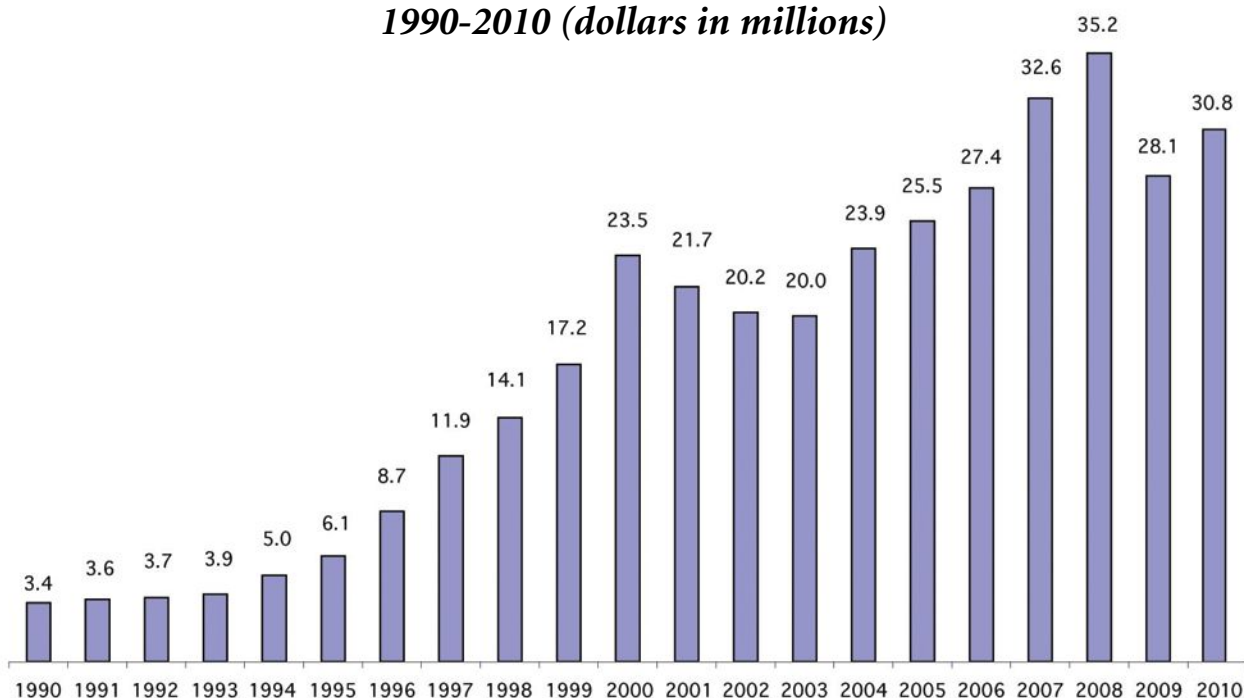
The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation experienced strong financial results for the year ended June 30, 2010, through the exercise of prudent fiscal responsibility. For fiscal 2010, total revenues, including budgeted endowment support, were \$5 million—an increase of \$9.4 million. Total expenses were \$2.3 million—a decrease of \$.4 million.

Unrestricted gifts increased \$.5 million due to the success of the Annual Loyalty Fund, and in particular, new charter member Iris Circle donors. The Foundation also received generous unrestricted bequests and increased gifts from the parent appeal. Restricted gifts increased \$.17 million due to the final push of the Leadership Academy Campaign goal, resulting in more than \$900,000 in gifts, up \$500,000 from the prior year.

Investment performance returned to a positive percentage due to improved performance in the financial markets. The Foundation's disciplined investment strategy, combined with a 4.25-percent spending policy, continues to support operations and programs in the best of times, and in the more difficult times. Because the Foundation's spending rule is based on a trailing three-year average market value, the downturn in the financial markets in 2008–2009 did not significantly impact the support provided from the endowment funds. However, it will impact more significantly future years unless donations increase.

Expense reductions from the prior year were implemented through cost containment and staffing adjustments without significant reduction in the level of services and programs provided.

***Growth in Kappa Kappa Gamma
Foundation Net Assets
1990-2010 (dollars in millions)***



–2010 Financial Results

However, there was a decline in the level of financial assistance provided to our members. This was due in part to a decline in applications.

During fiscal 2010, the Foundation's net assets increased by \$2.7 million, largely as a result of the performance of our investments and the completion of the Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign.

To preserve the ability to fund the programs of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, the Foundation investment strategy and performance is reviewed and monitored quarterly by the investment committee, comprised of Kappas who have investment expertise. The committee focuses on achieving strong long-term performance and diversification of portfolio investments to minimize risk. The Foundation retains Graystone Consulting as its investment consultant for monitoring the various fund managers, providing asset allocation advice and trend analysis.

The Finance Committee and management team monitor and report on the financial results of the Foundation on a monthly and quarterly basis.

The annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, were audited by Crowe Horwath, LLP, which issued an unqualified opinion on the audited financial statements.

In summary, the Foundation's financial performance in fiscal 2010 will help ensure a fiscally strong and financially sound future for the support of our museums, educational programming and financial assistance that are critical to members.

About the Foundation

- The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation is a section 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation incorporated in the state of Ohio.
- Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible as charitable contributions as provided by law.



The 2010-2011 Foundation Board of Trustees and staff members gather in Columbus, Ohio to plan for the coming year.

Kappas Host Foundation Visitors

Representatives from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation enjoy meeting Kappas during special occasions such as Founders Day and fundraising events. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming Province Meetings! Thank you to all of the associations that have welcomed our message and been such gracious hostesses. Here are just a few of the many associations we visited this year!



The **BUFFALO, N.Y. ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** celebrates Founders Day at the home of **MARYELLEN BOYLE DEMMY, Villanova**, on October 13, 2010. Foundation guests **MAGGIE SIMS COONS, Hillsdale**, and **PAT MCINNIS COOPER, Mississippi**, enjoyed meeting this group and sharing the Foundation's message with them.

MOBILE, ALA., hosts a Foundation meet and greet at the Point Clear, Ala. home of **SARAH DRUHAN DAVIS, Alabama**. **KIT DRUHAN GEIL, Alabama**, and **APPIE HAAS O'MELIA, Alabama**, enjoy lunch on the porch.






Former chairmen of the **DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION's** Book & Author event continue to support this worthy cause, which supports the Harry R. Hahn Scholarship Fund for spinal cord and brain-injured patients from Denver's Craig Hospital. The 2010 event, chaired by **MISSY CRAMER GLAUCH**, *Southern Methodist*, far left, helped take Denver Alumnae Association above the \$1 million mark in total funds raised since 1991 through its Book & Author event. Denver also supports the Iris Foundation and Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation scholarships through this annual event. For more, visit www.craighospital.org and <http://associations.kappa.org/denver/>.



NANCY CLAUSON KRAUT, *Arizona*; **PAT MCINNIS COOPER**, *Mississippi*; **TAMELA JONES LANIER**, *Oklahoma*; and **KAY REID TENNISON**, *Arizona State*, enjoy Dallas Tablescapes by Candlelight, a fundraising event that supports the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and local charities, including Children's Medical Center SAFE Unit and the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. During the event, guests view and dine at professionally decorated tables and hear guest authors speak about decorating trends, table settings, entertaining tips and culinary topics.

 **Because of you** . . . *the Kappa Trainer program provided training to 54 chapters, alumnae associations and LEAD Seminars, touching more than 3,000 members.*

Our Tradition of Leadership™ Continues Through Educational Programming



Gifts to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation allow the Fraternity to continue its Tradition of Leadership by teaching values-centered leadership skills through our highly successful programs, which include Leadership Academy, Kappa Trainers, Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Seminars, the Kappa Learning Institute and more. With funding from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, Kappa's award-winning Education and Training Department updates and creates programs to maintain the highest standard so Kappas will have the best educational and leadership programs available. The demand for these programs continues to be strong, and the cost of providing them can be a challenge.



ELIZABETH WEST, SMU (middle row, far right), finds the true meaning of Kappa Kappa Gamma during Leadership Academy.

With this in mind, The Walton Family Foundation made a \$2.5 million challenge grant through which it matched each contribution to our Leadership Academy Endowment Campaign. We are still reeling with the excitement of surpassing our goal. Now Leadership Academy will be funded for future generations! Thank you to every donor who helped to make this \$5 million endowment possible.

Here's what one recent Leadership Academy participant had to say:

Leadership Academy Showed Me the True Meaning of Kappa

I was raised by a Kappa mom who was constantly volunteering on one Kappa fundraiser or another. I never understood why she spent so much time working with those Kappas. It was no surprise that when my turn came to pledge a sorority, I went Kappa. I went through the motions of the Kappa experience during college. Yet, all the while, I didn't understand the true meaning of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

That all changed after my weekend at Leadership Academy this past fall! From the moment I arrived, I was blown away by the whole

Request a Trainer or LEAD Seminar

Visit www.kappa.org and select the Education tab, or call the Education Department at 866-KKG-1870 (866-554-1870).

✿ Because of you . . . *During the past fiscal year, \$367,428 was used to support quality educational and leadership programming.*

experience. I was overwhelmed by the selflessness of an organization of women dedicated to the improvement of others. The leadership curriculum was presented so clearly that all alumnae and students could apply the material to their own lives. I finally realized why my Mom had been working tirelessly to help young women not only find a place where they can grow, but also ensure they receive a good education.

For the first time, I finally saw what it meant to be a Kappa and was so proud to call these women my sisters. Leadership Academy showed me how lucky I am to have a mom dedicated to serving others and how fortunate I am that my best friends are Kappa sisters. I hope to never forget my experience at Leadership Academy because those leaders and sisters have instilled in me principals of not only leadership but also confidence and aspirations that I can go forth and lead.

What I learned at Kappa's Leadership Academy was the principal of faith in others. I found a group of women who believed in every person there. They believed in the women we are today and the women we will become. They truly believe we are the leaders of tomorrow, and Leadership Academy serves as a reminder that Kappa is there to support and encourage us along our journey.

Thank you, Kappa donors, volunteers and staff for providing this amazing Kappa experience!

Loyally,

Elizabeth West, SMU



Just the Stats:

Since Leadership Academy began in 2004, more than 1,000 undergraduates, 550 alumnae and 54 facilitators have experienced this program. Participant surveys show that approximately 73 percent of these Kappas went on to serve in leadership roles on campus, in their community or at their workplace.



Education and Training at a Glance

- ▶ **Kappa Trainers** are experienced volunteers who conduct specialized educational and leadership training for collegians and alumnae. Kappa Trainer visits encompass topics such as organizational growth, ethical decision-making and academic excellence to name a few.
- ▶ **Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Seminars** utilize two Kappa Trainers who provide six hours of leadership training to a gathering of three to seven Chapter Council groups, their Advisory Boards and Province Directors. The Education Committee hopes that LEAD Seminars will be used by more alumnae associations in tandem with chapter gatherings.
- ▶ **Webinars** are live seminars that can be recorded and archived for others to enjoy later. Users engage through polls, by responding to questions or by chatting with the presenter. Facilitators are Kappa volunteers with an interest or expertise in a particular topic such as career development, how to teach a struggling reader, personal finances and more.
- ▶ **The Kappa Learning Institute (KLI)** is our electronic-learning portal just for Kappas. This dynamic resource:

- Engages and educates our diverse, widespread and growing membership.
- Addresses different levels of knowledge and skills, providing personalized learning.
- Expands and enhances the life-skills training of our members.

The online learning begins with Kappa 101 orientation, which earned first place for multimedia presentations at the Fraternity Communications Association Conference in May 2010! Visit www.kappa.org to start e-learning today!

Louise Is Your Kappa Sister— Would You Help Her? Rose McGill Does

—By **JENNIE MILLER HELDERMAN**, *Alabama*

Some mornings, Louise wakes up frightened. She knows there's nothing to fear now. He's been dead for 10 years, and she found safety long before that. But the memories are vivid, and she relives them often.

She wants people to know about her experience, even while she's afraid of the consequences. She makes me promise to conceal her identity. So, Louise is not her real name. She is a Kappa sister.

Louise entered college in the 1950s—bobby socks, poodle skirts, pony tails, the bop—carefree years for college girls. She lived at the Kappa house, as had her sisters, aunts and mother, and earned her degree in social work. After graduation, she took a job teaching deaf children in a nearby city. That's where she met Bill, a young doctor. He was charming and kind, and soon they were married.

That's when Louise's life changed forever.

Bill resented her family and friends. When they called, he stood over her, telling her to hang up. He was possessive and controlling, even when he wasn't drinking, and was mean when he drank. Once, he threw their pet Labrador off a second-story deck.

He kicked Louise in the stomach during her three pregnancies. Often he would sneak up behind her and hit her head so hard that she felt her brain smack against her skull. Once he lifted her up and threw her to the floor.

Louise was a frequent patient at the emergency room. She began to call the sheriff's department. "They were kind every time, but the laws were different then. There was nothing they could do."

Louise is right. Family violence was considered a family matter, and little help was available. Women's shelters were unheard of until the late 1970s. Laws

and police procedures treating abuse as a crime did not develop until the 1980s and after.


"The cycle of violence had set in," Louise said of her marriage. Psychological abuse had advanced to physical abuse, with the frequency and severity always escalating, and Louise was afraid for her life.

Bill was a hunter, a marksman with a collection of guns. One night when the children were away, he took a rifle from his collection and began to walk around the house. He sat down beside Louise, pointed the rifle and blasted a hole through the ceiling and the roof of the house. "It was not an accident," Louise said. "It was a threat to me."

Many women leave eight or nine times before they leave for good. The rifle solidified Louise's resolve. "I knew he would kill me," she said. She left her marriage of 21 years and never returned.

Her life was spared, but she suffered brain damage from the blows to her head. Today, she struggles to get by. At almost 80, she still is the caregiver for a disabled daughter. Her health has declined, and she is unable to work.

"I'm very frugal," she says. "I've downsized many times and now I'm in a small apartment in a high-crime area. I buy my clothes at resale shops and don't have cable TV. If it weren't for Rose McGill Confidential Aid, I couldn't survive."

Louise wakes up fearful and lonely, isolated by her circumstances. She wants you to know that such things happen, even to Kappas, even in good families. 

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Jennie Miller Helderman is formerly Chairman of *The Key* magazine and author of *As the Sycamore Grows*.

✦ **Because of you** . . . *Rose McGill assistance, totaling \$225,530 helped 68 members on an ongoing basis. This included seven collegians who each received \$1,000 in emergency assistance and 12 alumnae who received Circle Key Grants for continuing education.*



BETTY SCHAEFFER LEROY, Penn State

How to Apply for Rose McGill Aid

Visit www.kappa.org.
Select the Foundation
tab, then Rose McGill to
download an application, or
call 866-KKG-1870.

Send application to:

Kappa Kappa Gamma
Foundation
P.O. Box 38
Columbus, OH 43216-0038

Dear Kappa sisters,

At the age of 87, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation saved my dignity and self-confidence with confidential financial aid from the Rose McGill Fund. When I fell three times in one year, injuring my legs, I knew it was time to move to a retirement village.

I came to the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Pa., originally for history classes every Tuesday. After the three falls, I looked into moving here permanently. When I was applying, I was told that my teacher's pension and social security would cover the initial fees, but there would not be anything left for other expenses. After 30 years of teaching and a master's degree, I felt humiliated that I did not get a better pension. My leftover allowance for other expenses such as transportation, clothing, phone, computer and personal incidentals is \$60 per month—not even close to covering these expenses.

I felt lost, degraded and frantic. One night when I could not sleep, I thought of the Rose McGill Fund and decided to contact the Kappa Foundation. To my surprise, they replied in the return mail and help arrived. I was never so proud of being a Kappa.

With my self-confidence restored, I ran for president of the resident council and won! My three years of experience in this position have kept me young in spirit and helped my "brain power."

Thanks to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, I can feel proud and dignified.

Loyally,

Betty Schaeffer Leroy, Penn State

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Rose McGill Confidential Financial Aid helps Kappas of any age who find themselves in a crisis. While Rose McGill aid is strictly confidential, some recipients choose to share their stories to show how a donation to the Rose McGill Fund can change a sister's life. To learn more, visit www.kappa.org/foundation or call 866-554-1870. Every donation, no matter the size, helps.*

Gifts that Keep on Giving

The Holiday Sharing program is a Kappa resource within the Rose McGill Fund of the Kappa Foundation. Alumnae associations, chapters and individuals donate, shop, wrap and mail gifts to participating Rose McGill recipients. The recipients are past or present Rose McGill recipients who are currently in need of financial assistance and sisterly concern during the holiday season. Recipients send heartwarming expressions of thanks, making the Holiday Sharing program one of the most personal experiences of sisterhood.

What do Holiday Sharing Recipients Have to Say? ...

► “Your packages came on a day when I really needed a boost ... I was simply stunned at the love and kindness you showed me. I had a blast shopping at Walmart, picking up gifts for my two children. You brought magic to our holidays and for that I will always be grateful.”

► “The generosity of the alumnae and actives was overwhelming. I cannot even put into words the appreciation I have for your role in turning our Christmas into a real miracle.

I never dreamed that one day the circumstances of my life would make me a recipient of the love and generosity of Kappa sisters across the country.

As I journey through these recent tragedies in my life, often feeling alone and afraid, the compassion and assistance from Kappa has provided comfort.”





❖ Because of you . . . *the 31 Rose McGill recipients who participated in the Holiday Sharing program were helped by 110 groups that provided wished-for items. Seventy-two alumnae associations, 21 chapters, and 17 individuals brightened the holidays for Kappas in need.*

► “Thank you for such an amazing program. I have always been on the ‘giving end’ of charities. It is heartwarming to be supported in my time of need. Your gifts brought tears to my eyes.

This past year, I lost my job, and my father also lost his. My parents are so touched that the sorority they encouraged me to join supports me now.”

► “I am a former Rose McGill recipient and now find that I am able to give back to Kappa. I wish to participate in Holiday Sharing by helping a sister in need during the holiday season. It meant so much to me.”

To learn more about Holiday Sharing, visit www.kappa.org/foundation and click on Rose McGill.




❖ Who Can Participate?

Any association, chapter or individual may participate in this program. Any initiated Kappa may apply for assistance. Recipient information is confidential.

❖ How Does the Program Work?

Holiday Sharing is funded by donors who shop, wrap and mail gifts, buying items from wish lists supplied by the recipients. Some groups plan a shopping and/or wrapping meeting, or appoint a Holiday Sharing or philanthropy chairman to coordinate participation. Maximum gift expense for donors is \$250. Donors may choose to allot smaller amounts based on the budget.

❖ What Is the Timeline for Participating Donors and Recipients?

Previous and potential donors are contacted by the Holiday Sharing Chairmen in March and return an agreement to participate by June. Recipients are contacted in June and submit their wish lists to the chairmen. Donors are sent a brief biography and a wish list in September. Gifts are mailed in early December. Reports from each donor are due January 31. 

✿ **Because of you** . . . *A total of \$520,020 in scholarships was awarded to 100 undergraduates and 44 graduate students.*

Scholarship Recipient Pursues Dream Job

—By **APRIL BAUM**, *Hillsdale*

Each year, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation awards scholarships to members who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership and motivation. **NAOMI RATNER**, *Syracuse*, is a shining example.

While pursuing degrees in public relations and sociology, Naomi was part of Syracuse University's Fashion and Beauty in Communications Milestone Program, a three-year concentration allowing students from the public communications program and the fashion design program "to explore fashion and beauty as communication."

Naomi, who is conversant in the Farsi and Hebrew languages, values learning and discovering as some of life's most rewarding experiences. She says of her Kappa scholarship, "It truly showed me how much Kappa values education and learning, and it meant the world to me to know that during difficult economic times, especially when higher education is so costly, Kappa is thinking about its undergraduate students and is promoting intellectual and academic curiosity through scholarships."

To prepare for her career, Naomi held public relations internships and leadership positions on campus. She served as communications chairman for the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation and made the dean's list every semester. A member of the honors program, she belonged to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Public Relations Student Society of America.

Naomi also has demonstrated her leadership abilities within Beta Tau Chapter, serving as chapter President her junior year. She served as Registrar and Marshal, happily accepting a position on Chapter Council during her senior year in order to continue supporting excellence within the chapter.

Naomi believes it is vital for all Kappas to support the Kappa family by supporting the Foundation. "That is what our sisterhood is all about—women supporting women," she states. "I am proud to be part of such



Scholarship recipient **NAOMI RATNER**, *Syracuse*, is a shining example of Kappa leadership.

an amazing organization that promotes intellectual curiosity and finds such an importance in lifelong learning. I will always keep the Foundation close to my heart, remembering how it has helped me and how I, too, can help others."

Naomi, who graduated *summa cum laude* from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse in May 2010, now works in New York City for a marketing agency that focuses on fashion. Hard work and determination, plus a little help from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, have allowed this scholarship recipient to combine two of her passions into a promising career. ✿

How to Apply for a Scholarship

Visit www.kappa.org, Foundation Tab, Scholarships, look for "Application" and apply online by February 1.

Archaeologist and Circle Key Grant recipient **BECKY STRICKLAND ORFILA**, Auburn, has made a provision in her will to give back to Kappa.



My Dream Has Come True with a Circle Key Grant

—By **REBECCA STRICKLAND ORFILA**, Auburn

When I was a little girl, I wanted to grow up to be an archaeologist. Now, I am living my dream, and my husband and I are grateful to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation for the Circle Key Grants that made this possible.

I left college before graduating, held great jobs, married a wonderful man and followed his career to California where I started thinking about completing my degree. While looking at a university catalog, I came across archaeology. I applied, enrolled and have done very well. I remembered learning about Circle Key Grants when I was in EPSILON ETA Chapter at Auburn. I went to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation website, applied and was awarded grants all but two quarters.

In my mid 40s, I was easily the oldest student. It was difficult work in the field, sometimes I fainted in the heat, and I had to adjust to hauling equipment. I completed my undergraduate degree in two years, applied for my graduate degree and was accepted. I now have a master's

degree and had the most outstanding graduate thesis—about how artifacts change when cultures meet. I was hired as the assistant director for the Center for Archaeological Research at Cal State, Bakersfield, for four years. After that, I started a consulting firm, where I have been in business for more than a year, and I love it.

My husband is retiring soon and has volunteered to be my driver and field companion. My next trip is to a site where a large utility is going to improve their substation, which is located near an old gold-mining site. I will monitor the effects of the project on the historical and prehistoric resources.

Now, I give back to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, and my husband and I are planning to make a provision for the Foundation in our estate plans. We do not have children and, after we remember our family, we turn to the organizations that have meant so much. Everything I do is a reflection of Kappa and I am so proud to be a Kappa Kappa Gamma. 🗝️



✦ **Because of you . . . we were able to engage expert conservators to repair and restore an original painting by Minnie Stewart in The Stewart House collection. Because of its poor condition, the painting had been removed from display for several years.**

We Get by With a Little Help

—By **JULIE MARTIN MANGIS**, *George Washington*,

One of the important missions of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation is to preserve the heritage of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the main focus is on our two historic museums, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These museums are open to the public and are visited by more than 2,500 people each year.

The Heritage Museum is housed in an 1852 Italianate mansion in downtown Columbus, Ohio, the site of our Fraternity Headquarters. The museum rooms have been restored in the style of the Victorian period, and display artifacts that are important to Kappa and women's history. The Stewart House, built in 1865 in Monmouth, Ill., is the childhood home of Founder Minnie Stewart, and the place where the charter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was signed.

Owning these properties is both a privilege and a responsibility. During the next two years, nearly \$400,000 needs to be invested in The Stewart House to correct water damage and drainage issues. Just this past year, the ceiling in the parlor at The Heritage Museum required major repairs.

While the museums receive a share of the Foundation's unrestricted income, the funds must serve Kappas in many ways—from scholarships and assistance to members in need, to educational programs including Leadership Academy, as well as the museums. Historic houses are in constant need of restoration, maintenance and repair. Postponed maintenance only exacerbates the problems. In addition, we have a responsibility to use quality materials and





From our Friends

Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Museums Chairman

skilled craftsmen to handle our needs, which can be expensive. That is why we depend on our Friends.

Your contribution of \$100 or more to the Friends of the Museums provides the dedicated income stream that we need to ensure that these two priceless legacies may be preserved for generations to come. As a member of the Friends, you will not only have the satisfaction of supporting the museums, but also you will receive special benefits, such as notecards, a lapel pin, an annual newsletter, invitations to special events and “Behind the Scenes” tours. For a gift of \$1,000, you are entitled to an overnight stay at one of the museums. Information about Friends of the Museums may be found on the Kappa Kappa Gamma website at www.kkg.org under the Foundation tab, Museums, Friends of the Museums.

The museums get by with a little help from our Friends. Please decide to be a Friend today. 

 **Because of you . . . each summer we are able to provide the funds to support an internship for a qualified Kappa to spend 12 weeks gaining practical experience in museum administration and education, as well as archival procedures.**

A Busy Year for the Museums ...

▶ *Tradition of Leadership™: Education to Enfranchisement*, an educational exhibit that describes the first 50 years of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the context of the women's movement, premiered at Convention 2010. The traveling exhibit has been featured at three Founders Days and will be displayed at several Province Meetings in 2011.

▶ An interactive online version of the Tradition of Leadership™ exhibit is in development and will become part of the Kappa Learning Institute.

▶ Four French drains were installed at The Stewart House after several years of higher-than-average rainfall caused basement flooding. During the next few years, The Stewart House will require important repairs and restoration, including a new roof.

▶ A brochure “Footsteps of the Founders” was published, identifying the locations of Founders' homes in Monmouth and the three Founders' graves in Monmouth Cemetery.

▶ More than 1,500 visitors toured The Stewart House this year.

▶ More than 1,000 visitors toured The Heritage Museum this year.

▶ Fifty-five Kappas became Friends of the Museums. Those joining at the Partner Level were treated to a special Museums Breakfast at Convention, with guest speakers **EDITH PETERSILIA MAYO**, *George Washington*, curator emerita of the Smithsonian Institution, and Diana Turk, author of *Bound by a Mighty Vow*.

▶ The painting by Minnie Stewart has been restored with great success. It will hang in The Stewart House, and the replica will hang at The Heritage Museum.

▶ More than 60 visitors enjoyed the haunts of the season and the story of the Lady in Pink during the 2010 Ghost Walks, sponsored by the Columbus Landmarks Foundation.

Canadian Kappas Continue to Fund Ph.D. Scholarships

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada has been awarding Ph.D. scholarships to Canadian women, Kappas and non-Kappas, since 1991. Thank you to all our donors—your support encourages women to achieve their dreams. The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada awarded three scholarships in 2010.

Glenys Webster—University of British Columbia, School of Environmental Health. Glenys was awarded \$2,500 for work in her proposed field of study involving the effects of environmental toxins during pregnancy, specifically flame retardants called polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and grease repellants called perfluorinated compounds (PFCs); both found in consumer products. Glenys examines the leaching out of these chemicals and how they reach and affect human cells, specifically the thyroid system and its role in fetal brain development. This project has attracted the interest of national organizations and Glenys sees her work impacting public health policies.

Kristi Kenyon—University of British Columbia, Department of Political Science. Kristi was awarded \$2,500. Kristi's question is, "Why do civil society groups in Sub-Saharan Africa choose to express their claims around HIV-related health issues in the language of human rights, and what are the implications of this choice?" Kristi investigates how non-governmental organizations define health and medical issues such as HIV/AIDS, whether in terms of human rights or in terms of medical/health issues. Her research will assist health providers and human rights activists to better advocate the issues.

Joanne Kim—University of Toronto, Health Policy Management and Evaluation (HPME). Joanne, a participant in the Human Genome Project, was awarded \$1,500 for her work as a molecular biologist with training in genetics, toxicology and neuroscience. "While I am proud of my accomplishments, I came to feel disconnected from the public and decided to focus on more applied areas of research," says Joanne. "My extensive training prompted me to survey the current use of genomics in Canada's health-care system. While a growing number of genetic tests

are becoming available in Canada, their enormous potential in disease prevention remains relatively unexplored. The feasibility of adopting any genetic test as a health-care service must be preceded by country-specific assessments on its economic, social and policy implications." Joanne plans to translate basic science into clinical practice improving public health.

Please consider a donation to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada to help keep this scholarship program available in the future.

How You Can Help:

Donate online by credit card at CanadaHelps.org
(All donations go to the General Account. A three-percent commission is applied by CanadaHelps.)

OR

Mail your donation to:

Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada
P.O. Box 1273, 2384 Yonge St.
Toronto, Ontario M4P 3E5 Canada

- ▶ The KKG Foundation of Canada is a registered charity recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and issues a Canadian Tax Receipt for any donation received (www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charities).
- ▶ Two accounts, the General (80 percent of donations must be dispersed in year donation given) and the Endowment (allows for growth of assets over a 10-year period).
- ▶ Application for the scholarship can be downloaded from www.kkg.org/Foundation/Scholarships then select KKG Foundation of Canada or by contacting foundationcanada@kkg.org.

Why I Chose the Omega Society

Kappas Ensure our Future With Their Gifts

Because I Want to Leave a Legacy ...

Since I don't have any biological sisters, I am fortunate to have so many Kappa sisters. I really do think of them as my true sisters." I have included the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation in my estate plans for a number of reasons. I want to leave some kind of legacy, and I want to make a decision about this while I am young and capable of doing it! It gives me such peace of mind to know that I have made plans to have my wishes fulfilled.

I'd like to think that I can make a difference, however small. Once, when I was leaving a job, my boss kept countering with offers to encourage me to stay. I guess I should have been flattered; I was more embarrassed. The reason I left was because I could no longer see the difference I was making in the organization. I feel fulfilled with the Kappa roles I have had. Every one has been terrific; I learn so much! This is why I keep volunteering. When I give to Kappa Kappa Gamma, I get back tenfold.

It seems like such a natural gesture to give back and to give my gift without restrictions so it can be used where it is most needed at the time. I would ask all Kappas to remember their experiences as a member and encourage them to give back to Kappa.

—Beth

Because I am Grateful for Kappa ...

My parents instilled in me wonderful values when I was growing up, including honesty and following through on commitments. Kappa reinforced these same values and continues to do so in these challenging times. I will always be grateful for the importance of values, friendships and inspiration that my membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma gave me. I am so glad to be able to give back.

My planned gift to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation came about because my husband asked me what organizations I wanted to remember in our estate plans. That was easy for me to answer—the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and my college, Illinois Wesleyan! I find it a tremendous privilege and honor to be able to give back to Kappa Kappa Gamma. In addition to my planned gift, I also give to the Annual Loyalty Fund and encourage every Kappa to do so.

—Cathy

When I received the Foundation's reminder in the mail, it was a good reality check about students who may need additional help during these tough financial times. I also thought about an old friend in the Kappa house—someone who worked two jobs, kept up her grades and remained on ski team (partial scholarship) because, without all of the above, she wouldn't have been able to earn an education. I thank you for the reminder. It's an honor to participate!

—Mindy

Thank You, Omega Society!

Thank you to the 223 Kappas who have joined the Omega Society by creating a bequest provision in a will or trust, a charitable gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust, a charitable lead trust or by naming the Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy or as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan such as an IRA or 401(k).

To find out more about your planned giving options, please contact **MAGGIE SIMS COONS**, Hillsdale, Director of Planned Giving, Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038; 866/KKG-1870, ext. 2117 (toll free); mcoons@kkg.org or www.kappa.org.

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GLADYS RICHARDSON SARGENT, *Kansas State*, **JODY McNAUGHTEN COLEMAN**, *Arizona*, and **JULIE RAYL CHALFANT**, *Kansas*, are members of the **HUTCHINSON, KAN. ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, which celebrated its 90th anniversary this year. Its spring auction annually raises funds for the Hutchinson Community Foundation serving local nonprofit organizations.

ANN LONG BROWN, *Ohio State*, (in blue) President of the **HILTON HEAD ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, presents a check to Edwina Hoyle, director of Memory Matters, a new facility that operates day programs for those with memory issues and classes for those who care for them at home, and Brain Boosters, which deals with beginning memory loss. Also pictured are: **SANDY MASON SCHWIEBERT**, *Monmouth*, **MARY DIXON MURRAY**, *Toronto*, and **BETSY DAUGHERTY BROWN**, *West Virginia*. This association also contributed to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and to Literacy of the Low Country.



Kappas relive their days in the classroom at a University of Puget Sound All-Greek Reunion weekend. The **TACOMA AREA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** hosted a ritual ceremony for those Kappas in attendance, a special joy for many who had not heard the words of Kappa ritual since college days.

Members of the **RARITAN VALLEY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** host recent graduates of **ZETA BETA, Lafayette**, at a pizza party where they are welcomed as new alumnae.





Friends from **OMEGA, Kansas**, gather in Estes Park, Colo., for a 15-year reunion. From left are **LYNN CORNELISON CORNWELL**; **ERIN CUNNINGHAM DINSMORE**; **JENNIFER MEUSEY BROUSSEAU**; **KARI LEATING WOOD**; **JENNIFER PARROTT HASKELL**; and **PENNY WRIGHT SMETANA**.



NANCY CLAUSON KRAUT, Arizona, and **VICKI STERNENBERG ABBOTT, Baylor**, prepare to kick off the Richardson-Plano Flower Fair, which raises funds for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, the Bridge Breast Network, Camp COPE and a scholarship for **ZETA SIGMA, North Texas**. Camp COPE, founded by **SARA BALINT BRAVO, North Texas**, serves children and families of deployed and wounded military. Vicki is President of the **RICHARDSON-PLANO ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, and Nancy is Flower Fair chairman and association President-Elect.



Kappas from **DELTA MU, Connecticut**, gather on the steps of the Student Union following a reception as part of a 50th class reunion.



Sisters from **GAMMA KAPPA, William and Mary**, gather for a 50th reunion weekend in July at the Bronxville, New York, home of **OLINDA ELLIOTT SIMON**.

Key Achievements

🔑 In November 2010, **KIRSTEN RUTNIK GILLIBRAND**, Dartmouth, won a special election to fill the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Hillary Rodham Clinton. Prior to the special election, Kirsten filled the role by appointment. November was a busy month for Kirsten, as she visited Afghanistan to meet with diplomats and troops in her role as a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. An advocate for working families, Kirsten also serves on the Senate Committees of Agriculture, Environment and Aging, all the while being mother to two sons, as she is just the sixth woman to give birth while serving in Congress. A New York native, Kirsten majored in Asian studies at Dartmouth, graduating **magna cum laude**. She attended UCLA School of Law and was special counsel to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She can be found at <http://gillibrand.senate.gov/>.



🔑 **SOPHIA BUSH**, USC (Calif.), best known for her role as Brooke Davis on the television series "One Tree Hill," recently participated in a half-marathon, despite suffering from asthma and injuring her shins during training. The marathon raised funds for Global Green Gulf Relief, just one of many activism and philanthropic efforts that Sophia supports, including the Maasai Wilderness Conservation Trust (biodiversity and wildlife conservation), as well as educational and health services for the Maasai community in Africa. This past summer, she spoke out against Urban Outfitter's "Eat Less" shirt for indirectly encouraging anorexia and poor body image in young women. A native Californian, Sophia currently lives in North Carolina, where "One Tree Hill" is filmed. She can be followed on Twitter @SophiaBush.

🔑 In addition to being an attorney, **SONIA GALLAGHER**, Miami, is a certified life coach, and has formed a company, Time for Life, LLC, providing executive coaching for lawyers to help them become better advocates to counter negative public perception of lawyers and the 51-percent rate of lawyer dissatisfaction with their careers, as determined by a study done by the American Bar Association. Her new program blends training, mentorship and group coaching to give lawyers the business and marketing skills to help them become more productive and better advocates. For more information, visit www.timeforlifenow.com.



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🔑 **Veterinarian Dr. KATHY LABER**, Hillsdale, has been elected vice-president of the American Association of Laboratory Animal Care, which represents 13,000 people in bio-medical research. She is professor and vice-chairman of Comparative Medicine at the University of South Carolina and director of laboratory animal resources at the

V.A. Center in Charleston. In 2008, she was the first female president of the International Association of the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care. She lives with her husband Scott Laird and two sons in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. and has 30 peer-reviewed journal publications to her credit.



🔑 **MELISSA MURER CORRIGAN**, Drake, is the 2010 recipient of The Weaver Medal, which is the highest honor presented by Drake's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, recognizing an individual's impact on the pharmacy profession. Melissa is the executive director and CEO for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB), a national certification program for pharmacy technicians. She is a recognized leader in

credentialing and health-care certification.



🔑 **DR. NANCY MORGAN GILES**, Ohio Wesleyan, has been honored with the 2010 Alumni Award for decades of service to her college as a volunteer. A clinical psychologist, Nancy is licensed to practice in five states in adult and pediatric medical practices, a pediatric burn unit, a juvenile court clinic, emergency care including a trauma center, public schools, mental-health centers and general private

practice. She is an active volunteer with many organizations including Red Cross and Junior League, and has served on the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Board for 12 years, serving as president from 2004-2006. This award, established in 1937, is one of only two awards issued by the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Board of Directors. Other living **RHO DEUTERON**, Ohio Wesleyan, recipients include **NANCY LA PORTE MEEK**, 1974, **ELIZABETH TAGGART DURANT**, 1989, **BETSY BARRETT PRY**, 1992, and **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**, 2001.



MURLIE HANSON, Wyoming



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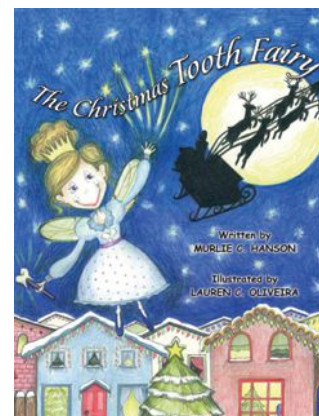
The Christmas Tooth Fairy
MURLIE HANSON, Wyoming
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🔑 The Christmas Tooth Fairy, a children's book written by **MURLIE COLOSKY HANSON**, Wyoming, begins with a rare interview with the Tooth Fairy. The book gives the reader insight into what the Tooth Fairy does and what happens to all the teeth she collects. During one routine tooth pickup, the Tooth Fairy is grounded and calls upon Santa Claus to help her to grant a special wish. The book also provides teaching points, like "Never give up, seek solutions," and "Before you make a mess, consider the consequences."

The Christmas Tooth Fairy has just won the Mom's Choice Award for children's picture books.

Murlie was inspired to write this book by her daughter, **KRISTA HANSON BAUER**, UCLA, the book's first editor at age 7. Murlie is offering a discount to Kappas at www.TheChristmasToothFairy.com by entering the code KKG.

—Book review by
JULIE ROBISON, Hillsdale



As the Sycamore Grows, So Does A New Life After Abuse

—By LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

How can a two-week assignment investigating poverty become a five-year project? Or a 1,500-word article become a 350-page book? A talented writer stumbled across a professional woman, a court advocate who had escaped from an isolated cabin without power or a phone—and a story that begged to be told.

JENNIE MILLER HELDERMAN, *Alabama*, had worked in social services, and through a women's shelter director, she arranged to meet with a staff member in a local sandwich shop. Ginger, an energetic young woman who worked with domestic abuse issues in the court system came hurrying in. Talk about poverty took a personal turn when Ginger spoke of her earlier life—one of poverty, abuse and violence. This is the life described in *As the Sycamore Grows*.

Married for 17 years, Ginger and Mike had begun with a loving relationship in a home in south Texas. Over time, Mike moved them farther away from family and friends, and finally

to a “cracker box” cabin in Tennessee. Isolated amid trees and overgrown plants, and behind a padlocked gate, the cabin was invisible from the small dirt road. The couple and their two sons lived a primitive life: Ginger raised food and made lye soap with fat from hogs she helped butcher. She became malnourished, gums drawn away from her teeth, very thin, with long, limp hair she was not allowed to cut.

Mind games and isolation are the tools of an abuser. Poverty can also enable one person to control another. Ginger made catfish soup on a wood stove to feed her boys. Mike bought a jet ski with his disability check. He refused to work, sat in the swing, smoked and read his Bible. Religion became another means of controlling Ginger. Until she feared for her life and that of her boys. Until she saw a billboard with a hotline for a women's shelter.

Women rising to a challenge is a frequent theme of Jennie's writing. She has long been a supporter



Ginger and Jennie present Georgia and Alabama domestic violence workers with review copies of *As the Sycamore Grows*.



Ginger's escape from a life of poverty and abuse is the true story behind *As the Sycamore Grows* by **JENNIE MILLER HELDERMAN**, (right) *Alabama*.

of women working for change, women supporting women, mentoring and leadership opportunities.

At age 10, Jennie became the first female page in the Alabama State Legislature. Her work in women's issues, leadership, community development, public relations, communications and family issues began in Gadsden, Ala., and reached national levels. From 2000 to 2006, she presided over the six-member board of the Alabama Department of Human Resources, serving more than 500,000 clients monthly and overseeing family abuse issues in the state. Although women have advanced in the corporate world, Jennie believes there is a need for more women in public-policy roles.

"Gender is no longer *the* issue," Jennie believes. "There is no question of biological ability regarding women in leadership roles. Women must realize, however, that money goes with power, and if you want women to have a voice, support their campaign with donations. Twelve percent is the 'tipping point' in women's influence effecting change." Studies show that when women make up 12 percent of a legislative body, the conversation and agenda change. More time and money are devoted to health, family and education issues.

Kappa was a springboard for Jennie's later activities. As a transfer student who graduated in three years, Jennie's chapter experience was brief. She went on, however, to participate in alumna activities and says, "Kappa removed geography as a factor in building friendships. It allowed me to expand—to stretch myself."

Kappa volunteer years expanded into Province Director of Chapters, Chairman of Advisory Boards,

founding member of the Foundation Board of Trustees, Fraternity Vice President and Director of Chapters. She served as Alumnae and Arts Editor of *The Key* and was chairman of the Editorial Board.

Other venues benefited from Jennie's volunteer know-how. She served on the board and as president of Voices for Alabama's Children, a statewide advocacy agency. She served on the board of directors of The Leading Edge Institute, setting up a private leadership development program for women on 22 college and university campuses in Alabama.

Having written her first play at age 10, Jennie continued to write, earning nominations for several prizes. Her books *Christmas Trivia* and *Hanukkah Trivia* were written with Mary Caulkins. Looking back, Jennie recognizes the role Kappa has played in honing her leadership skills and strengthening her volunteering experiences. She sees a resurgence of young people taking the lead and filling a need for personal fulfillment.


"Leadership skills can be learned and Kappa offers excellent opportunities for aspiring leaders. First is the mentoring in the big/little sister relationship. Then, the Leadership Academy builds and hones skills. I am proud of Kappa's example," Jennie says.

Despite a very different beginning, Ginger learned the value of group support and strength in her climb to a normal life. One where she is using her insight and experience to help others. In researching for *As the Sycamore Grows*, Jennie learned that Ginger's husband wanted to tell his side of the story. Jennie met with him in a coffee shop, with other people around.

Mike told Jennie that God made women to serve—that's their job. He admitted the abuse, showed no remorse and would do it again, saying he didn't have a "governor" to stop himself and didn't know his strength. Reflecting, Mike said, "If I were to pick up a butterfly, it would never fly again." He is now living in a tent in the woods of Oklahoma.

From victim to advocate, Ginger is remarried and works in the court system helping others who have suffered violence and abuse. She serves on a state board and lobbies the legislature for laws against domestic violence.

Jennie's empathy, understanding and support for Ginger, based on years of research and exploration of domestic violence issues, are evident in her writing. *As the Sycamore Grows* is a vivid account of victimization and triumph, and sure to touch your deepest emotions.

Jennie can be reached at www.jenniehelderman.com. 

SMU. While former leadership consultant, *Kylee Garton, UCLA*, visits **GAMMA PHI**, *Brittney Roberts, Lara Green, Paige Phillips* and *Alexandra Austin* participate in "Kickin' It With Kappa." Working out for a good cause, these Gamma Phis go '80s-style to support the Ugandan American Partnership Organization, a nonprofit organization founded by *Brittany Merrill*, a Gamma Phi alumna.



BABSON. Owls, keys and fleur-de-lis are on the minds of **ZETA ALPHA**'s new members at Bid Day. New members were greeted with a frenzy of hugs, laughter and Kappa cheers.



TEXAS A&M. *Paige Herlihy* and *Katie Solcher* volunteer at the Nehemiah Center of Navasota, Texas, after-school program for at-risk children. **EPSILON RHO** Kappas volunteer weekly as mentors and tutors, and they donate books to the children at this new center.





DRAKE. At Kappa Kasino, **GAMMA THETA** invites other campus organizations to play card games and bingo for philanthropy. Children's books and monetary donations were collected from each team of five, and \$2,650 was raised by the end of the evening.



UC DAVIS. **EPSILON OMICRON's** PR Chairman, **CANDACE BRACHT**, says, "Walking for 'Relay for Life' can be challenging because of its length, it is all worth it." She is pictured here at the Relay for Life 24-hour event with *Hilary Ross, Morgan Daffin, Amy Martin, Megan Reed and Ani Ucar.*



CARNEGIE MELLON. During the "Negley Slopes Clean-up," **DELTA XI** Kappas *Maneesha Sakhuja, Peeya Tak and Richika Bhawnani* get their hands dirty. Negley Slopes, an area of Pittsburgh, benefited from the chapter's restorative effort. The area was cleaned of trash, recyclable items—even a kitchen sink.



GEORGE WASHINGTON. **GAMMA CHI's** annual "Reading Is Key" event takes place at a local Washington, D.C., Boys and Girls Club. Kappas, their families, and the university community donate books for the event. At the conclusion of the reading-focused day, each child in attendance chooses several books to take home. Pictured: *Ashley Lowes, Ariel Fischman, London Venturelli, Sarah Wolfson, Alana Wolens and Kimmi Lorman.*



ILLINOIS. To raise money for Habitat for Humanity of Illinois, **BETA LAMBDA's** *Anna Armamentos, Maddy Aufmann, Emma Day, Becca Simantz, Annie Yonover, Stephanie Hayden and Katrina Froehlich* coach and encourage fraternity volleyball teams at "Kappatat."



While studying abroad in Salamanca, Spain, **ERIN MELWING**, *Kentucky*, **LAUREN PALFREY**, *Depauw*, and **ASHLEY FAGERT**, *North Carolina*, form lifelong friendships.

Keys Overseas

Key Overseas is a means of connecting Kappas who are living outside the United States and Canada. This group's mission is to widen our net of mutual support and friendship to include all of our members—even if they are living far away. This can include alumnae who are residing in a foreign country or active members who are studying abroad. Keys Overseas offers a secure means to stay connected to Kappa no matter where you are.

If you are a Kappa who is living abroad, or if you know of one, please contact **CAROLINE POOLE CAMERON**, *Florida State*, at cameroncaroline@gmail.com. Caroline will provide contact information for other Kappas living nearby. Or, join the Facebook group Kappa Kappa Gamma—Keys Overseas. 🔑

Hoot, Hoot for Sisterhood!



ALLEGHENY Kappas **JILLIAN TAVERES**, **JILL RANKER**, and **KATIE NERONE** raise funds for Student Awareness for Multiple Sclerosis, which is supported by Allegheny College's annual lip-synch and dance competition.

Lip-synching for a Cause

—By **KATIE NERONE**, *Allegheny*

Each year, the Greek community at Allegheny College hosts a lip-synching competition to benefit Students for the Awareness of Multiple Sclerosis (SAMS). Students from the college gather to watch the event, and it always unites the Greek community. The winner is picked not only based on the organization with the best dance moves and lip-synching, but also by the amount of money raised to be donated to SAMS.

This year, **GAMMA RHO** worked extremely hard in the weeks prior to the competition to choreograph a dance and learn the lyrics to a Will Smith medley for the performance. Chapter members spent hours rehearsing and were completely dedicated to representing Kappa Kappa Gamma in the Allegheny community. The entire chapter hit the campus full force to help raise money to benefit SAMS.

"SAMS has been one of my favorite Kappa experiences so far. We all got to know each other really well, and I always looked forward to going to practices," says **ERICA FLINN**.

At the lip-synching competition, Kappa Kappa Gamma performed an outstanding routine and outscored every other sorority, putting them far ahead of the competition in that aspect. The total scores, including fundraising, were finally revealed after each fraternity and sorority performed, and the Kappas came out on top, winning awards for both their performance and for the amount of money raised.

LEAH WEIMERSKIRCH also enjoyed working together with the team members, saying "I was so proud of all of [the] girls! We made a great team, and I had so much fun. It definitely made me closer with all of my sisters. Hoot, hoot for sisterhood!" 🔑

Part Beauty Queen, Part Sorority Girl,

—By **MACKENZIE GREEN**, *Miami*

“Beauty queen” and “sorority girl” were two terms I never thought would be synonymous with my name. But, here I am at the end of my college career using those two terms easily when people ask me about myself. The funny thing about life is that you never know where it will take you.

Before I came to the University of Miami, I was a jock focusing on swimming and horseback riding. Born and raised in Washington, D.C., with a lifetime membership card to “Overachievers Anonymous,” I planned to spend my college life commuting to Wellington, Fla., to ride my horses, jumping in and out of the pool for swim practice, and with my nose buried deep in books for classes.

The school part I estimated correctly, but everything extracurricular was different from

what I expected. On a whim, I entered sorority Recruitment with absolutely no expectations. I assumed *those* women would see me for the jock I was ... broad shoulders and all. But, there was a group of women who saw beyond the shoulders and nervous smile. They saw a woman who they considered extraordinary, and they asked me to be part of their family, their sisterhood.

Once Kappa took a chance on me, I think deep down I felt more inclined to take a chance on myself. About a year ago, I decided to take a gamble on a dream I harbored as a little girl—to compete for the title of Miss District of Columbia USA and represent the district at the Miss USA competition.

Just like my journey to become a Kappa, I was nervous and full of trepidation. The difference this

MACKENZIE GREEN is a special guest at the NBC4 Health and Fitness Expo held in D.C. This event supports her platform of health and wellness.



MACKENZIE GREEN, *Miami*



Part Me



MacKenzie rides a tandem bicycle with a “buddy” at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Challenge. This 20-mile bike ride was the kickoff to take the challenge and come together to make a difference and change lives.

time was that I knew if I took a chance on myself, just like I did during Recruitment, people would see the true me. One of the most important things I learned from my sisters in the **DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER** is that who I am as a woman can touch people and that being my genuine self is more than good enough.

Like joining Kappa, my venture at Miss District of Columbia paid off, and I stood on television on

May 16, representing the place I call home. I have had an incredible reign—traveling the country as an ambassador for D.C., and promoting my platform of health and wellness for teens and adolescents in low-income areas. While serving as Miss District of Columbia, I also juggle a full college course load, an internship, many campus clubs and a social life.

The path I found may not have been the one I expected, but that is the beauty in the journey. If one day I am blessed to have a little girl, I will be able to show her my crown and my key ... and introduce her to her mother—the jock, dork, beauty queen and Kappa woman. 🗝️

MacKenzie Green is MISS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA USA 2010. A born and raised Washington, D.C. native, MacKenzie currently lives in Miami and is double-majoring at the University of Miami. You can read more about her at mackenzieaccidentalbeautyqueen.blogspot.com and www.missdistrictofcolumbiausa.com.

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