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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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president's message

Celebrate Kappa

Happy spring! The changing season brings a feeling of rejuvenation and an opportunity for us to grow within Kappa's supporting environment. Like nature, Kappa's diverse membership allows our organization to overcome challenges and obstacles that arise throughout the year. It is my hope that this spring, you take the time to reflect upon how Kappa has helped you become a better friend, leader and mentor. In addition, it is the perfect time for you to reaffirm your commitment to Kappa and discover ways you can continue to make a difference in the lives of others.

When you first pledged your name and interest to Kappa Kappa Gamma, it was the beginning of a lifelong journey that introduced you to new friends, volunteer experiences and leadership growth. You discovered it is not just something you do, but instead it helps you define who you are.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

In order for Kappa to remain an exemplary organization, we must always strive to have strong values such as integrity, respect for ourselves and one another, and to lead by example. By doing this, we will continue to attract and retain high-caliber members through Membership Recruitment. Sadly, there are still some within our organization who choose to participate in self-destructive behavior and hazing. Not only are these actions a poor reflection upon the individuals and chapters involved, they also make it difficult to attract outstanding women to Greek life and especially to Kappa. Our Kappa values need to transcend the peer pressures of college

life. We must make better choices and refocus on our core values of scholarship, leadership and friendship.

A Convention year is the perfect opportunity to highlight the extraordinary accomplishments of our members, chapters and alumnae associations. This spring, as we begin to focus on our upcoming General Convention at the beautiful Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz., we will be gearing up to share our successes and learn about ways to overcome our challenges. No person, chapter or alumnae association is perfect, but when we work together and support one another, we certainly can accomplish great things. Embrace the springtime as your chance to start anew and reflect upon how Kappa has bettered you as an individual and how you have made Kappa a stronger organization. I think you will discover that Kappa helps you blossom into a better leader, overcome obstacles and provides you with the warmth of friendship. When we gather in June, we can celebrate who we are and all that is Kappa. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Loyally,



DENISE RUGANI, UC Davis
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NPC Collaborates With Campuses and Communities

“Women Leading the Experience” was the theme of the 2009 National Panhellenic Conference annual meeting in Tampa, Fla., October 8-11, 2009. Delegation members, inter/national presidents, executive directors and editors met to focus on NPC’s mission: to promote the values of and serve as an advocate for its member groups, in collaboration with campuses and communities.

With recommendations based on research by the Long-Range Planning Committee, as well as other NPC committees, the board of directors enacted far-reaching legislation that affects NPC organizational structure, operational management and programming (visit npcwomen.org for details).

Many women were recognized for their roles in leading the experience. The Archives Committee was thanked for the work it did in preparing the history of the Conference: “2009: Adventure in Friendship,” which is available at npcwomen.org. Retiring delegates Marilyn Fordham, Delta Gamma, and JULIANA “J.J.” FRASER WALES, Kappa Kappa Gamma, *Ohio State*, were recognized for their many years of service to the Panhellenic community. Chairman Julie Burkhard, Alpha Chi Omega, was recognized by representatives of NIC, NPHC and the PAC for her leadership in shaping the Conference into what has been called “the new NPC.”

Outstanding Alumnae and College Panhellenics were recognized for their achievements during the 2007-2009 biennium. Barbara Laederach, Delta Gamma, received the National Panhellenic Conference Distinguished Service Award during the closing banquet.

At the conclusion of the interim meeting, a new executive committee was installed for the 2009-2011 biennium: Chairman Eve Riley, Delta Delta Delta; Vice Chairman Jane Sutton, Alpha Xi Delta; Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Jean Mrasek, Chi Omega; Alumnae Panhellenics Committee Chairman Gina Kerley, Phi Sigma Sigma; College Panhellenics Committee Chairman Kris Bridges, Phi Mu.

Together, the women have a combined 100 years of experience in sorority business and leadership positions—ranging from marketing and development to public relations. Biographies of the leadership team are available at npcwomen.org.

The 2010 NPC annual meeting will be held October 22-23, 2010, at the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, Grapevine, Texas.

Meet Our New NPC Delegate!

PATTY COFFEE GESELL, *Penn State*, has been appointed by the Fraternity Council as Kappa Kappa Gamma’s National Panhellenic Conference Delegate.

“I am honored to be the Fraternity’s representative to the National Panhellenic Conference,” says Patty. “It is exciting to work and collaborate with women from the other 25 National Panhellenic international/national organizations. They have become true friends who share similar goals and hopes for the women’s fraternal movement. I challenge our undergraduate and alumna members to participate in, support and lead their respective Panhellenic organizations so the women’s fraternity movement can continue to grow.”

A member of the Panhellenic Affairs Committee since 2006, Patty has served in numerous other Kappa leadership roles since 1979 when she was elected Province Director of Chapters. Since then, she has served as Director of Chapters, History Chairman, Risk Management Chairman, Regional Director of Chapters, Coordinator of Chapter Development and Assistant to Fraternity Council, among other roles. Patty has also served as Advisory Board Chairman for ZETA BETA CHAPTER, *Lafayette*, and PSI^Δ CHAPTER, *Cornell*.



PATTY COFFEE GESELL,
Penn State, Kappa’s
National Panhellenic
Conference Delegate



The Kappas at French Lick Springs, Ind., August 1910.

Celebrate Kappa at the 2010 Convention

The 68th Biennial Convention will be held June 23-27, 2010, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa in Phoenix, Ariz. Take part in the official General Convention, which includes traditional events such as the historic Parade of Flags, chapter and association awards, Presidents Dinner and Candlelight Banquet, as well as many educational opportunities.

New to Convention this year:

- ▶ Friends of the Museum Breakfast, **Thursday, June 24**
- ▶ Reading Is Key hands-on philanthropy project, **Friday, June 25**
- ▶ Sunrise Foundation Walk, **Saturday, June 26, 6:00 a.m.**

Don't miss out on the unequalled opportunity Convention provides to exchange ideas, polish your skills and develop leadership potential. More details can be found at www.kappa.org.





Kappa Learning Institute Offers Hazing Series

"Come on ladies, drink up."

"What are you waiting for, just drink it!"

"Do it, no hands."

Can you imagine a new member experience built on fear and anxiety? Sadly, some Greeks have experienced hazing and hazing is larger than the Greek community—it is a societal problem that has been documented in the military, athletic teams, marching bands, religious cults and professional organizations.

This behavior is unacceptable in Kappa Kappa Gamma and does not align with our values as an organization. We must model the way and be leaders who earn our members' respect.

The 40 percent of college students who report being aware of hazing activities taking place in their organization or on their athletic team underscores the disconnect between how hazing is defined by students versus how it is defined by the law.

Kappa Kappa Gamma's new online learning series, *Hazing Prevention*, on the Kappa Learning Institute, enables all members to explore:

- What is hazing and how to identify it
- Why people haze
- Myths and facts about hazing
- Hazing prevention strategies

As members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, we pledged our willingness to uphold the values of friendship, mutual support, respect for intellectual development and positive ethical principles throughout our lifetime. The act of hazing defies this pledge.

Take some time to view the courses in the new hazing series on the Kappa Learning Institute and arm yourself with the knowledge of what hazing is, why people do it, and how you can take a stand against hazing. Knowledge and understanding

are our best means for combating this behavior. Visit www.kappa.org and click on the Kappa Learning Institute.



Education Department Debuts Kappa Speakers Showcase

Search the Kappa Speakers Showcase for a speaker to fulfill event or program needs within your organization, on campus or in your community. This resource includes both Kappa and non-Kappa speakers who have been evaluated by the Fraternity's education department based on the following criteria:

- A program with educational value
- Friendly, approachable attitude
- Speaking style and comfort with large audiences
- Letter of recommendation and presentation video

Some speakers within the Kappa Speakers Showcase have travel and speaking fees, which are the responsibility of the chapter, alumnae association or group using their services.

If you know someone who would be a great addition to this new educational resource, please ask them to visit www.kappa.org to submit an interest form and references.

Foundation of Canada Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the KKG Foundation of Canada will be held May 31, 2010, in Toronto, Canada. For more details and to RSVP, please contact **CAROLYN LOVE, McGill**, Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada Secretary, at 416-928-2327 or e-mail foundationcanada@kkg.org.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Two proposed amendments to the Fraternity Bylaws will be presented at the General Convention this June.

First Proposed Amendment

Article III., Membership

Section 5. Initiation of Membership
Currently there are two sections:

- A. Requirements of Initiation
- B. Notification of Headquarters

Proposed: Add a new B and then re-letter.

New B. Special Circumstances: A college alumna previously pledged to membership and eligible for initiation may petition the Fraternity Council no sooner than five years after the expiration of her pledge to be initiated. Initiation under these special circumstances shall be granted upon a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Fraternity Council. Such an alumna shall become a member of the original chapter to which she was pledged.

This amendment makes provision for a college alumna who was pledged to the Fraternity and eligible for initiation, but not initiated due to special circumstances, to become a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We have many college alumnae who for various circumstances—sickness, injury, family emergencies, marriage, etc.—left school before they were initiated. In the past, we have heard from women who would like the opportunity to be initiated. Currently, there is no provision in our documents that allows these women to be initiated.

Second Proposed Amendment

Article VIII., Provinces

Section 4. Election and Term of Office

Section 4. Election and Term of Office. Province Directors elected at Province Meeting shall take office the following June 1 and remain in office for a term of two years. Province Directors shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for one additional term.

Proposed: Strike “the following June 1” and insert “immediately following Associate Council Seminar” so that Province Directors will assume the duties of office after they have been trained at the Associate Council Seminar.

Association Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following alumnae associations celebrating milestone anniversaries. For contact information, visit www.kappa.org or call Fraternity Headquarters at 866-554-1870.

July

Alexandria, La., 7/18/1945—65 years

August

Greater Katy Area, Texas, 8/1/1985—25 years

September

Charlotte, N.C., 9/11/1935—75 years

Northwest Arkansas, Ark., 9/22/2000—10 years

Casper, Wyo., 9/24/1945—65 years

Waco, Texas, 9/26/1935—75 years



Tea and Tradition

Attention 50-, 65- and 75-year Members

It is a tradition at each Convention to honor our members who are eligible during the biennium to receive 50-, 65- and 75-year pins, reflecting their years of membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

You are invited to be part of this special occasion at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and Spa in Phoenix for Afternoon Tea on Saturday, June 26, 2010, from 2:00-4:15 p.m. R.S.V.P. required.

Enjoy the excitement of attending Kappa Convention—visit with lifelong friends and meet new acquaintances. Reservations are required, so please call Fraternity Headquarters for more information about event details and costs. Call toll free 866-KKG-1870 or e-mail convention@kkg.org.

Kappa Grows Stronger with Each New Alumnae Association!

The best way to continue Kappa friendships and leadership opportunities after college or when moving to a new area is to join a Kappa alumnae association.

*If you are not a member of a local association, consider joining today. If an association does not exist in your area, consider starting one! To learn more about forming a Kappa alumnae association in your area, please contact **NANCY EYERMANN FOLAND**, Texas Tech, Assistant to the Director of Alumnae, at thetennismom@cox.net.*

Check out these new alumnae associations!



Fourteen Kappas gather in Salisbury, Md., to discuss forming an alumnae association, with all in attendance signing the charter application forming the **EASTERN SHORE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**. This new association serves the Salisbury and Ocean City areas.

Several members of the former **CENTRAL COAST ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** attend a charity event in San Luis Obispo, Calif., to benefit The Women's Legacy Fund, which gives grants to women and girls in need. **NELLA HUNDING GIROLO, Drake**, personally invited area Kappas to the luncheon in hopes of creating interest in re-forming the disbanded alumnae association. She also invited area Kappas to a Halloween party at her home. The Women's Legacy Fund has been in existence for six years and has donated money to women's shelters and for child care training.



During a Founders Day celebration, alumnae in Northwest Arkansas enjoy a large turnout as they reorganize the **FT. SMITH ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**. **MARSHA MCNEIL ALLBRITTON**, Arkansas, Province Director of Alumnae (Xi West), attended the meeting and says it has been many years since there was a formal group in the area. An energetic group of young Kappas have spearheaded the reorganization and the response has been astounding.

New Membership Reference Form

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

We all know the story ... almost 140 years ago, six young women walked into chapel at Monmouth College wearing their new keys. As they were among the first wave of women entering college, they were already visionary leaders eager to make a difference. It was a challenging time for women. The typical attitudes toward women who sought higher education were antipathy, resentment, ridicule and hostility. Our young Founders had to prove themselves academically worthy as they encouraged one another in their pursuit of advanced education. There was a need for a mutually supportive environment for them to succeed.

From the beginning, Kappa, at its core, was about an arc of qualities: leadership, scholarship and friendship. The values instilled by our Founders have remained the same for all these years. As they were considering membership criteria, it is unlikely that any of them were considering the designer shoes that a potential new member might be wearing. At the forefront, they were seeking women whom they found compatible and who would embrace similar values.

Although it is not certain when the formalized reference process began, letters of recommendation from alumnae have always been an invaluable part of the membership selection process. Membership selection is the shared responsibility of all Kappa active and alumna members. Active members have the responsibility for selecting members of their choice while alumna members have the opportunity to provide reference information on qualified women.

Given the importance of the reference process, we want to make sure that the chapter women have sufficient information to enable them to recruit women who best mirror the qualities of leadership, scholarship and friendship. You will note that there are several changes to the Membership Reference Form to provide a better profile to assist an active chapter in the recruitment effort.

The Membership Reference Form is now two pages. On the second page is a section that allows an alumna the opportunity to expand on the qualifications of the potential new member and that will give a much better snapshot for the chapter women. The qualification section is as follows:

- ▶ **Leadership** – We are seeking women who lead with integrity, recognizing, living and modeling ethical principals. While we are always seeking women who have leadership experience in high school through their extracurricular activities, we are more importantly seeking women who will be committed to Kappa and have the ability to set the standard in their chapter, on their campus and beyond.
- ▶ **Scholarship** – We are seeking women who are intellectually curious and are committed to lifelong learning. According to the Fraternity *Bylaws*, a potential new member may be elected to membership provided that she 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.
- ▶ **Friendship** – We are seeking women who will enhance a chapter’s bonds of sisterhood through mutual support. It is through these friendships that we are all able to augment our leadership abilities and our pursuit of academic excellence.

The other change to the Membership Reference Form is the opportunity to provide topics of conversation and suggestions on types of people to match to the potential new member during

membership recruitment

Recruitment. It is our hope that these revisions to the reference form will assist our chapters in developing strategic recruitment efforts.

Embracing this enhanced values-based Membership Reference Form will ensure that Kappa Kappa Gamma has a membership of women who are stronger, better and nobler.

Loyally,



Elizabeth Bailey

Director of Membership

Legacy Policies:

- Legacies shall be voted upon at a time determined by the chapter.
- A legacy letter will be sent to the potential member's closest Kappa relative provided the potential member's reference has been received 10 days prior to the first day of Recruitment.
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included with the reference in order to receive an acknowledgment.
- If a legacy is invited to the final (preference) round, her name must be included on the bid list above the quota break.
- To protect a legacy's privacy, chapters do not notify her relative if she is not invited to a round or extended an invitation to membership.
- Chapter members are not permitted to discuss Recruitment with alumnae.

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 in this issue (Pages 12-13).

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



ATTACH
PHOTO
(OPTIONAL)

MEMBERSHIP REFERENCE FORM

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

What to Send

Complete the Membership Reference Form. If available, attach a current photograph of the potential new member.

Who Can Send

Any alumna member may submit references. An active member may write a reference for a potential new member, except to her own chapter.

Where to Send

Return the completed form to the Membership Chairman of the appropriate chapter. Addresses are available on the Kappa Web site (www.kappa.org) in the "Write a Reference" section.

Academic Requirements

A potential new member who 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 may be considered for membership. In extraordinary cases, the chapter may petition the Director of Membership for an exception.

Remember Kappa Kappa Gamma and NPC Guidelines

- Once Recruitment has started, alumna and active members from other campuses must NOT contact chapter members to inquire about a PNM's progress.
- Alumnae should neither expect to receive any information about the status of a specific potential new member nor expect to receive bid list information.
- Alumnae are prohibited from sending food or gifts in any form to the chapter on behalf of a potential new member.
- Violation of Panhellenic rules by alumnae may cause the chapter to be sanctioned.

Legacies

- A legacy is a sister, daughter, granddaughter or great-granddaughter of an initiated member.
- If a legacy is invited to the final (preference) round, her name must be included on the bid list above the quota break.
- To protect a legacy's privacy, chapters do not notify her relative if she is not invited to a round or extended an invitation to membership.

1. Potential Member Information:

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. <input type="checkbox"/>	So. <input type="checkbox"/>	Jr. <input type="checkbox"/> Sr. <input type="checkbox"/>

2. Potential Member Connections:

Kappa Kappa Gamma Legacy:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother	<input type="checkbox"/> Great-grandmother
Name:	_____			
	(Last)	(First)	(Nickname)	(College/University Attended)
Address:	_____			
	(Street Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
Phone Number:	()	E-mail Address:	_____	
Other NPC Affiliations:	_____			

membership recruitment

3. Qualifications:

Kappa Kappa Gamma at its core is about an arc of qualities: leadership, scholarship and friendship.

Please check and add comments and examples in order to provide more information about the qualifications of the potential member. (May attach sheet if space provided is not adequate.)

Leadership

- ☐ Extracurricular activities
- ☐ Volunteer activities
- ☐ Leadership abilities
- ☐ Commitment
- ☐ Ability to set standard

Comments:

Scholarship

- ☐ Honor student
- ☐ National Honor Society
- ☐ Awards (list)
- ☐ Committed to lifelong learning
- ☐ Likely to finish college

Friendship

- ☐ Congenial
- ☐ Poised
- ☐ Compatible in a group
- ☐ Reserved/quiet
- ☐ Enthusiastic
- ☐ Loyal
- ☐ Integrity
- ☐ Supportive

4. Other Information:

Suggested topics of conversation during Recruitment:

With what type of person should the potential new member be matched during Recruitment (i.e., leader, academic, socially-oriented, etc.):

5. Endorsement:

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ Close KKG connection (i.e., aunt, cousin, stepmother, stepsister, other) _____ years
- ☐ Personally know the potential member for _____ years
- ☐ Personally know 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 Middle Last)

(Date)

(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Phone Number: () Chapter: Initiation Date:

E-mail: _____

- ☐ Please send an acknowledgement that my reference has been received in the self-addressed, stamped envelope I have included with my reference form.
- ☐ Please send an acknowledgement by e-mail that my reference has been received.

membership recruitment directory

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(Gamma North) - KKG, 237 Spicer St., Akron, OH 44304-1816

Alabama, University of - Gamma Pi (Xi East) - KKG, P.O. Box 866569, Univ. of AL, Tuscaloosa, AL 35486-0059

Allegheny College - Gamma Rho
(Beta West) - KKG, P.O. Box 179, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA 16335-0179

Arizona State University - Epsilon Delta (Kappa South) - KKG, 701 E Apache Blvd. # F3071, Tempe, AZ 85281-6978

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Jennie Oliver, Kappa Alpha Theta, and her mom, **PATRICE WATSON OLIVER, Mississippi**, enjoy each other's Kappa and Theta friends.

Sharing the Bonds of Sisterhood

"I proudly pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma in 1976," says **PATRICE WATSON OLIVER, Mississippi**, "and Kappa was an important part of my college life." She served as Pledge Chairman and President and adds, "I enjoyed making memories and have lifelong friends from the experience." As an alumna in Texas, she discovered new friends who share the Kappa sisterhood.

In 2009, Patrice's daughter, Jennie, chose to attend Indiana University. Many considerations factored into Jennie's decision but sorority life was not among her priorities. The Recruitment process at IU is tough, they were warned. Sororities have relatively small pledge quotas, considering the size of the campus. As many as half of the 1,500 or more women going through IU Recruitment do not join a sorority, a more daunting experience than Patrice had encountered.

"My hope was that Jennie would find a home away from home; a place where she was comfortable and could share memorable experiences with new friends," Patrice says. "I did not necessarily expect her to choose the same sorority I had chosen as a 17-year-old," she adds, reflecting that she loves her Kappa friends and experiences but wanted Jennie to be free to make her own decision.

Jennie began the Panhellenic Recruitment process with membership references for most of the 19 IU groups. She went through Recruitment with an open mind and enjoyed meeting girls at the various houses. Although she was a Kappa legacy, the chapter's quota was likely to be smaller than the number of legacies in Recruitment. The Kappas of Delta Chapter were gracious and welcoming, as you would hope for them to be to a legacy. On Bid Day, Jennie crossed a threshold into a new sisterhood with the Kappa Alpha Thetas.

"I am now a proud Theta Mom," says Patrice. Recently, I met many Thetas. They reminded me of the bright-eyed girls with whom I pledged Kappa many years ago. My daughter and I may not share the bond of the owl, the key, the fleur-de-lis, but we can share Kappa connections and the bond of sisterhood that all sororities have in common."

Recruitment by the Numbers

Kappa Kappa Gamma chapters continue to excel during Membership Recruitment. Here is an overview of our most recent Recruitment data, which covers the 2009-2010 academic year.

References

- 14,024 references received
- One chapter received 1,200 references
- 55 chapters received five or fewer references

Legacies

- 2,232 legacies enrolled in recruitment
- 39 percent (or 873) of all legacies are on the bid list
- 29 percent (or 640) of all legacies pledged Kappa
- Largest number of legacies enrolled at one campus—83
- 11 chapters had no legacies enrolled

New Members

- 5,262 new members
- Largest new member class—90
- 35 chapters with new member classes of 50 or more

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2010 Alumnae Achievement Awards

*A biennial tradition since 1946, Alumnae Achievement Awards recognize individual excellence in volunteer and professional pursuits on a national or international level. In 2010, at the 68th Biennial Convention in Phoenix, Ariz., five women will be recognized for their impact on the lives of others. Congratulations to **LILLIAN QUINN STOKES**, Connecticut, ornithologist; **NANCY O'DELL**, Clemson, TV host/ALS spokesperson; **CYNTHIA CASSON MORTON**, William and Mary, cytogenetics researcher; **JUNE BRAUN BENT**, Drake, WWII WASP pilot; and **ELLEN FRANZEN DISSANAYAKE**, Washington State, author/lecturer in art and anthropology. These five inspiring women truly embody Kappa's Tradition of Leadership.®*

Ornithologist Shares with Millions

—By **JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER**, Bowling Green

D“Birds are our life’s passion and the world’s beauty,” says **LILLIAN QUINN STOKES**, Connecticut, describing the work she and her husband, Don, have dedicated themselves to for more than 30 years.

Known as “America’s First Family of Birding,” Lillian and Don have written 32 birding and nature books that have sold 4.5 million copies. They also hosted a PBS birding show seen by 40 million people and a DIY cable series.

Residents of New Hampshire, Lillian and Don participate in local and state conservation efforts and have placed their 48-acre farm under conservation easement. Bobolink Farm, named after a grassland species of bird with declining populations, has extensive gardens designed to attract birds. Lillian designs the garden beds, which will be on The Garden Conservancy national tour. They have attracted 191 species of birds to the property so far. In 2005, they were awarded the Partners in Flight national conservation award.

In the winter, Lillian and Don live in Florida where they observe a wide variety of birds. Lillian works as a professional bird and wildlife photographer during those months and contributes many of the photographs for their field guides. She also writes their blog, www.stokesbirdingblog.blogspot.com.

Lillian and Don have been writers and columnists for popular birding magazines and give keynote presentations across the country. They are members of numerous bird clubs and ornithological organizations.

Lillian, who has a master’s in psychiatric social work, met Don when she took a course he was teaching on bird behavior at the Massachusetts Audubon Society. “We fell in love and decided to make a career of our mutual love of birds,” explains Lillian. Together they began writing bird and nature guides, and giving workshops, where her knowledge of psychology and facilitating groups was useful.

Passion for Birds and Nature

Lillian attributes her love of birds and nature in part to her childhood summers on Greenwood Lake, N.Y., playing in the fields, catching fish and making daisy chains. “These are the kinds of experiences that lead to children becoming future conservationists,” says Lillian, who is proud of their line of Stokes Select bird seed and bird-feeding accessories sold nationwide. A percentage of the proceeds is donated to bird habitat and conservation efforts.

Lillian is excited about their newest book coming this fall called *The Stokes Guide to Birds of North America*. “This is our largest and most important work yet,” she says about the comprehensive guide that will feature 3,400 stunning color photographs, many of them Lillian’s.

Bird and nature lovers are likely to find Lillian and Don at birding festivals and events, as well as book-signings later this year.

In looking back on her success, Lillian is quick to point out that the leadership skills she developed in **DELTA MU CHAPTER, Connecticut**, played a role. “Kappa taught me to believe in myself,” says Lillian. “If you believe in yourself, then anything is possible.”

One of her best Kappa memories was conducting Initiation as President of Delta Mu. “It was so beautiful and magical.” Lillian also says she is pleased that so many Kappa alumnae continue to be active and support all the good things that Kappa does. 🗝️



Photograph by Peggy Howard.

Ornithologist, best-selling author and nature photographer **LILLIAN QUINN STOKES**, *Connecticut*

Nancy O'Dell Uses Star Power to Help Others

—By JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER, *Bowling Green*

NANCY O'DELL, *Clemson*, former co-anchor of NBC's *Access Hollywood*, has spent years interviewing celebrities, but the stars in her life are her family, including husband, Keith, their daughter, Ashby, and her stepsons, Tyler and Carson. But in 2008, Nancy lost a shining star—her mother, Betty, who was diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis/Lou Gehrig's disease) in 2007.

Soon after her mother's diagnosis, Nancy worked with the Muscular Dystrophy Association's ALS Division to help her family and others affected by the disease. Nancy has been a guest and co-host of MDA telethons with Jerry Lewis and fellow entertainment news star and Kappa JANN CARL, *Missouri*.

Nancy says her mom's spirit lives on through Betty's Battle: Fighting ALS. "Mom was one of the most selfless people I have ever known," says Nancy. "My hope is that MDA's Betty's Battle will be able to fund the research necessary to find a cure, so other families don't have to go through this like my family did."

Serving as MDA's national vice president and ALS ambassador, Nancy says MDA provided her mother with expert care and information. "They kept us informed about what might happen next and what equipment we would need," explains Nancy. "MDA told us they would be there for us every step of the way—and they were."


Nancy carves out time for numerous other philanthropic endeavors including serving as a celebrity spokesman for the March of Dimes.

Often described as one of the most respected entertainment journalists in the U.S., Nancy has contributed reports to *The Today Show* and *Dateline* and was chosen by NBC the last nine years to host *The Golden Globes Arrivals Special* and *The Tournament of Roses Parade* among other specials. She also has hosted *The Emmy Awards Red Carpet* pre-show for NBC, ABC and Fox.

Nancy has been a guest co-host on *The View* and has performed skits with Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien in addition to appearing in numerous films and television series. A host of the *Miss USA* competition for several years, Nancy made history in 2007 by being the first woman to host the contest while pregnant.

Honored with three Associated Press Awards, two Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Awards, and an Emmy, Nancy began her career as a TV reporter in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and later worked as morning news anchor and crime reporter in Charleston. She was honored by the Associated Press with the Best Report of the Year Award and became evening co-anchor and investigative reporter in Miami for NBC's WTVJ-TV, before joining *Access Hollywood*.

Nancy's business endeavors include jewelry and outdoor furniture lines. She is also a partner with the nation's largest mom video-blogging Web site, "Momversation," to which she contributes regularly.

Well-rounded with plenty of Southern charm, Nancy is a summa cum laude graduate of Clemson University, a place she says is full of fond Kappa memories. "Kappas have a strong bond . . . It was great to be a part of such a special group of women during a challenging time, living away from home for the first time." 



NANCY O'DELL, *Clemson*, former host of *Access Hollywood* and MDA national vice president/ALS ambassador.



Human genetics scientist
CYNTHIA CASSON MORTON, PH.D.,
William and Mary

Cytogenetics Expert Is a Leader in Her Field

—By **ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER**, *Missouri*

CYNTHIA CASSON MORTON, PH.D., *William and Mary*, is somewhat of a sleuth in scientific research, a detective working to solve the mysteries of diseases. She has spent her life studying human genes to find the causes of cancer, deafness, uterine tumors and other disorders.

Cynthia earned her bachelor's of science from William and Mary, and a Ph.D. in human genetics from the Medical College of Virginia. She has spent 20 years in the pathology department of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and has risen to the top of her field.

Cynthia is the director of cytogenetics at Brigham and Women's, where she oversees one of the largest full-service academic cytogenetics laboratories in the U.S. (Cytogenetics is the study of the structure and function of the cell, especially the chromosomes.) This lab is at the forefront in using molecular testing methods to diagnose congenital and developmental disorders, such as leukemia, lymphomas, tumors, pregnancy losses and infertility.

She is also Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, and Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School. Her most cherished position is having been tapped to be editor of *The American Journal of Human Genetics*.


In 1988, Cynthia began studying uterine fibroids, tumors present in 77 percent of women of reproductive age and affecting black women three to nine times more frequently than white women. The cost of treating these tumors exceeds \$2 billion annually. Cynthia and her colleagues are studying the molecular basis, believing that some women inherit a predisposition to develop fibroids.

Like detectives in a mystery novel, they study affected populations, looking at the history of the disease and hoping to identify women who might be predisposed. She collaborates with several laboratories in Boston, across the U.S. and internationally and works with top gynecologists who treat the disease, and with pathologists who try to understand the molecular mysteries.

Her expertise also includes the molecular genetics of hearing loss, identifying the genetic basis of human congenital disorders. What she and her colleagues discover in these genes has potential to lead to new therapies.

Cynthia is not always peering into a microscope. She is a member of the board of directors of the American Society of Human Genetics, has published numerous articles and papers, and is an internationally requested speaker. She says, "I had no idea that life as a scientist would present so many opportunities to travel and have friends around the world. It is a privilege to share a language with all of them ... the language of science."

Her former Kappa roommate, Fraternity Treasurer **CINDY BENNETT JARBOE**, *William and Mary*, says Cynthia always makes time for her friends. "In spite of her incredible travel schedule, Cynthia celebrates weddings, cares for a Kappa sister facing a crisis, serves on boards at William and Mary, joins Kappas for a girls' weekend, and cries with a friend who loses a loved one."

Of her college experiences, Cynthia says, "One of the most important aspects of Kappa was the friendships ... the opportunity to be influenced by outstanding women who were serious and passionate about their life choices. We all studied hard and searched for our place in this big world." 

WWII Pilot Honored by Congress for Wartime Effort

—By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

JUNE BRAUN BENT, *Drake*, stepped into history as a part of a small corps of women who flew military aircraft for the Air Force, freeing male pilots for combat duties overseas. In 1942, little more than 1,000 female pilots became the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who would spend the next two years flying dangerous fighter, bomber, transport and training missions. Today, with only about 300 of those pilots still alive, Congress has recognized these heroes with a Congressional Gold Medal, one of the nation's highest civilian honors.

June says, "We were guinea pigs." At first the women were sent to a small base near Houston where they had to rent rooms in town. Nothing was organized until they were sent to the airbase in Sweetwater, Texas, now home to a museum honoring the WASP.

Of the 25,000 applicants who had pilot's licenses and went through the interview process, fewer than 2,000 were accepted. Only 1,074 graduated. They were stationed all over the country where they tested new planes to make sure they were safe for combat pilots. The WASP flew every kind of military plane from cargo planes to heavy bombers, including a B-26 Marauder, nicknamed the "Widowmaker" because of its tendency to crash on takeoff.

In all, 38 female pilots were killed either in training or active duty. One of June's best memories was ferrying a B-51, a dangerous job. One of those B-51s disappeared over the coast of California and is the only one never to be found, but June says the days



JUNE BRAUN BENT, *Drake*, served in WWII as a pilot for the Women's Airforce Service Pilots.

“We were too busy to be scared.”

were so full from sunup to sundown that they were too busy to be scared. They did dozens of short, 10- to 15-minute test flights a day, checking for problems with new aircraft.

June had been a swimmer and an equestrian. After her sophomore year at Drake, she left for a semester to show horses, intending to eventually return. The Depression struck and June had to sell her horse. She worked as a secretary and eventually had the opportunity to take flying lessons from her cousin who worked at the airport. By the time she applied to WASP, she had soloed and was accepted with only 35 hours flying time. With that primary training, she was able to skip basic training and go straight to advanced training on instruments.

While stationed in Merced, Calif., doing engineering test flights, June met her husband,

a fighter pilot back from missions over North Africa. In 1999, *The Key* highlighted June's service exploits, as did a recent article in the *Boston Globe* following her as the 96-year-old took a flight in a glider, wearing her WASP-issued aviator goggles, courtesy of the Greater Boston Soaring Club as thanks for her wartime service.

The WASP program abruptly ended in 1944 and these pilots, who were paid under the Civil Service, not the Air Force, had to pay their own way home, without military benefits or status. Their story was kept secret as records were sealed and marked classified until the 1980s. Those WASP members still living enjoy reunions every two years. While in the service of their country they shared the same thing that Kappas share, a special camaraderie. 🗝️



Among the first women to ever fly a U.S. military aircraft, **JUNE BRAUN BENT**, *Drake*, received the Congressional Gold Medal in March 2010.

Why We Love the Fleur-de-Lis

Art Is the Ability to Make Something Ordinary Extraordinary

—By **KRISTIN JOHNSON STYERS**, *Georgia Southern*, Editor

A child draws an elaborate scene with sidewalk chalk. She is heartbroken the next morning when she goes outside and discovers an overnight rain has erased her hard work. “But it was special,” she says. According to ELLEN FRANZEN DISSANAYAKE, *Washington State*, a scholar who has spent a lifetime answering the question, “What Is Art,” the innate ability to take an ordinary object, such as a sidewalk, and make it special is the essence of art.

Ellen has been observing and experiencing art in various forms for nearly as long as she remembers, but in ways far beyond the traditional sense. A pianist with a bachelor’s in music and master’s in art history, Ellen has bridged the worlds of art and science, crossed disciplinary lines and asked questions that have given pause to great thinkers. In blending art and science, Ellen began asking questions in the 1950s that led her on an interesting journey to find answers, and she’s still searching.

While a secretary and raising two children, everyday conversation with her then husband, John Eisenberg, a zoologist, included animal behavior topics. Ellen’s natural inclination to ask questions led her to wonder if the world of animal behavior applied to humans. Eventually it led Ellen to wonder why people make art, but first, she had to determine the very definition of art.

In her book, *What Is Art For*, Ellen pioneered the theory that art is “making special.” It sounds so simple, but she explains there is no verb to designate making art. The verb “to art” does not exist. You can paint or sculpt, but the essence of what you are doing with any art activity is taking an ordinary object and adorning it, making it special.

Most of us display *objets d’art* in our homes. We decorate with photographs, wall hangings, an iris painting, a subtle fleur-de-lis pattern. Why do we create art? Ellen further developed her theory in *Art and Intimacy: How the Arts Began*, University of Washington Press, 2000. Based on countless hours of observation and study, Ellen proposes that the fundamental features of art are presaged in the early communicative interchanges between mothers and infants. Adults in every culture alter their voices, facial expressions and body movements when interacting with babies. Like mothers, artists repeat, exaggerate, elaborate, and formalize their expressive media to gain attention and to provoke and manipulate emotional responses.

But why do we hang art, display photos...why do we love the fleur-de-lis? “One clue emerges when we realize that most art, going back to pre-modern societies, expresses people’s hopes and fears around matters of life and death: finding food, assuring prosperity and safety, curing illness, preventing harm,” explains Ellen.

The “making special” definition of art is broader than our traditional ideas of art. Ellen has studied ceremonies and rituals around the world to determine art’s basic elements. For Kappas, Initiation is a special time that we cherish. Why? Our ordinary surroundings, clothing, and actions become extra-ordinary. “By reinforcing a group’s like-mindedness and one-heartedness, artistic rituals and ceremonies help persuade people to devote themselves to ideals that transcend narrow self-interest: loyalty, generosity, hard work, unselfishness.” The very beauty and aesthetics of our ritual make it special. This specialness makes it unforgettable.



During Ellen's formative college years, the ideals of Kappa greatly appealed to her. "My memories of Kappa are strong," says Ellen. Pledging at age 17, a freshman at Washington State, "was the best thing that could have happened to a naive girl like me. Kappa Kappa Gamma at that place and time turned out to be the perfect fit for me—interest and high achievement in scholarship as well as encouragement, fellowship, and respect for good manners—not to mention the fun." Fifty-five years later, Ellen and six to eight of her Kappa sisters still have fun getting together for summer reunions. 🗝️



Ellen holds a Nokwe "yam goddess" figure from the Sepik River area of Papua, New Guinea.



Ellen (middle row, second from left) at age 17, with her pledge class in 1953.



Your Gift Could Help Take Us Over the Top!

Two years ago, at the 2008 Convention, we announced our exciting \$2.5 million challenge grant matched by The Walton Family Foundation to permanently endow Leadership Academy. As of this writing, we are only \$48,000 away from our \$2.5 million goal!

How exciting it will be to announce that we are "over the top" at the Foundation breakfast during Convention. If you have not done so, please consider a gift or pledge to help us endow this outstanding program.


Also at Convention, we will showcase our thought-provoking new women's history exhibit, "Tradition of Leadership: Education to Enfranchisement." This is an extraordinary illustration of the critical time in women's history from 1870–1920. The exhibit was written by Smithsonian Curator Emerita and Foundation Museums Committee member, **EDITH PETERSILIA MAYO**, *George Washington*, and follows the history of women as they pursued higher education in the mid-19th century and worked to get the vote by 1920. Next biennium, the exhibit will be available for temporary display for a minimal charge.

For the upcoming school year, 337 members applied for scholarships. This applicant pool is a strong cross-section of our membership. Our resources will only allow us to award scholarships to about a third of those applying.

Registration for participation in our 2010 Holiday Sharing Program is drawing near. Any alumnae association, chapter or individual member can be a part of this heartwarming event in which Rose McGill participants are helped during the holidays. This is a great group activity to help our members in need. Contact **WILMA WINBERG JOHNSON**, *Massachusetts*, at wilmajohnson@verizon.net, or **SUE PETERSON FREEM**, *Syracuse*, at suefreem@comcast.net by June 30 to sign up.

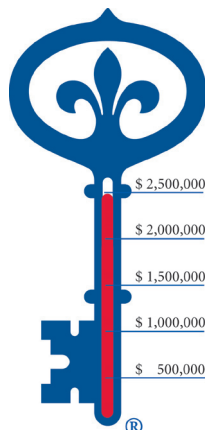
We at the Foundation are so very grateful for the many members, chapters and alumnae associations who support the programs of the Foundation. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

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KERRIE QUINN MURRAY, *Idaho*
Foundation President

The Leadership Academy Endowment is at 98 percent of our \$2.5 million goal. Will you help take us over the top?



Thank you to the chapters and alumnae associations that made gifts to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation between January 1 and March 1, 2010.

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Fired Up About Leadership Academy!

By **NANCY NETHERTON ELLISON**, *Texas*, President of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Charitable Foundation of Houston

Last September, I flew to Columbus, Ohio, to attend Kappa Kappa Gamma's Leadership Academy. You might wonder why a slightly overweight, older Kappa alumna would attend a three-day, outdoor leadership retreat—but I did! And I haven't been this fired up about a special event in a long time!

Funded by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, Leadership Academy brings together Kappas from across the continent to share experiences, encourage each other and expand on leadership knowledge, skills and aspirations. Every chapter selects an emerging



NANCY NETHERTON ELLISON, *Texas*, (second row, center) a 2009 Leadership Academy participant, thinks every Kappa should consider attending Leadership Academy! Nancy's sister, **CLAIRE NETHERTON WENDLANDT**, *Texas*, is second row, far right.

leader to attend, and approximately 70 alumnae and advisers may attend for a nominal registration fee.

Kappa facilitators presented curriculum by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner called "Leadership Is Everyone's Business." We were divided into groups of 15, made up of undergraduates and alumnae, and each team was identified by colored bandanas. We had large presentations in an auditorium where we were inspired to look at the "big picture" or "challenge the process." Break-out sessions allowed us to share who has inspired or mentored us and how we could pay it forward through effective leadership.

This life-changing weekend was a collaborative effort made possible by many people. We talked, cried, laughed and stayed up late. Team-building challenges, the exchange of ideas, and reflection about what it all meant and how what we learned could be used when we returned to our community or campus made this an amazing experience!

The values and qualities of a leader are also the values we share within Kappa—caring, dependable, trustworthy, loyal, honest, inspiring, ambitious, courageous and supportive. The undergraduates who attended will surely go back

to their chapters and campuses to serve in a leadership capacity. The alumnae will return to their jobs, volunteer activities and busy lives and use their renewed knowledge of leadership along with the enthusiasm they came away with to speak up, lead and guide others. The dynamics of how far Leadership Academy can extend are incredible to think about. Based on the women I met, our Fraternity is in wonderful hands for our continued success on and off college campuses and throughout the world.

Leadership Academy is an event that everyone should be able to experience, whether an undergraduate, recent graduate or a somewhat more mature alumna (like me!)—everyone gains from the experience. I hope you will consider the incredible opportunity to attend Leadership Academy in the near future. If I can do it, you can do it!

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation thanks Nancy for her pledge of \$5,000 for the Leadership Academy Endowment. Every dollar is matched by The Walton Family Foundation up to \$2,500,000. Please join Nancy with a pledge today to endow the Leadership Academy for future generations.



NANCY NETHERTON ELLISON, *Texas*, (right) her sister, **CLAIRE NETHERTON WENDLANDT**, *Texas*, (left) and their mother **ELOISE MOORE NETHERTON**, *Texas*.

Unrestricted Giving Is Key to Our Success

Make your gift to the Annual Loyalty Fund before June 30!

The 2009–2010 Annual Loyalty Fund is quickly coming to a close and we hope you will be a part of it! Your spring mailing will arrive to your home soon or you may make your gift online at www.kappa.org/donation. Gifts made before June 30 will be recognized in our Annual Report.

There also is still plenty of time to become a charter member of the Iris Circle—our new annual giving society, which recognizes donors who make a gift of at least \$1,000 to the Annual Loyalty Fund each year.

Thank you for your support. Your unrestricted gifts provide the means each year to sustain and expand our programs, strengthen our organization and enhance the Kappa experience for all members.

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

Seattle's Successful Fundraiser: Flip Flops and Lemon Drops!

During Kappa Kappa Gamma's 2008 General Convention, members of the **SEATTLE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** asked a simple question: "How can our alumnae association raise \$10,000 for the Leadership Academy Endowment matching gift campaign?" This question was raised by **KIM ALBERS-NISBET**, *Oregon*, and **STACY UNDERWOOD BJARNASON**, *Washington*, and was the catalyst to the planning of a fundraiser they called Flip Flops and Lemon Drops.

It didn't take long for them to begin brainstorming the logistics, cost and location. By the following spring, they had ads, invitations, and hot-pink and bright-yellow party favors and decorations in the works, and they worked tirelessly to procure silent auction items.

The event took place on Lake Washington at the home of **DIXIE JO THOMPSON PORTER**, *Washington*. Kappas enjoyed delicious food and refreshments, a silent auction and fashionable flip flops. The cost to attend was a \$100 donation to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. "It was a beautiful summer night," says Stacy. "It's amazing how exhilarating it can be to plan exciting events with good friends for a worthy cause."

Through Flip Flops and Lemon Drops, the Seattle Alumnae Association raised more than \$12,500 for the Leadership Academy Endowment. Thank you, Seattle!



Rabbi and former scholarship recipient
MELISSA FOGEL BUYER, *Massachusetts*



Rabbi Means Teacher

A graduate scholarship helped one young Kappa achieve her dream while educating others.

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

MELISSA FOGEL BUYER, *Massachusetts*, faced the admissions committee of Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles in 1995. A Judaic studies major, and a leader at UMass, she prepared herself to field their questions. She had bought her first suit for the interview, a navy wool. She was 22.

Across a walnut conference table, six professors and the national director of admissions leafed through her application. Six men and one woman, all rabbis, nodded, smiled and then surprise registered on some of their faces.

"You belonged to a sorority?" one asked.

"Yes, I'm a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma," replied Melissa.

The rabbi's response indicated surprise that a candidate for rabbinical school would be a member of a sorority.

"Oh, yes, my mother's a Kappa also," responded Melissa.

"You're claiming to be a leader based on play time in a sorority?" said another member of the panel.

Melissa knew their reactions were more uninformed than negative. Rabbi means teacher, and she seized an opportunity. Drawing on her Kappa experience, Melissa educated them and others who later questioned her membership.

"I've always dreamed of becoming a rabbi," she told them, "and it's Kappa that will make that dream

possible. The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation has awarded me a scholarship for rabbinical school." She then explained how serving as New Member Chairman and Vice President-Organization had helped prepare her for life as a rabbi and leader.

They approved her application. She packed off to Jerusalem for her first year of study and discovered another Kappa in her class, **LAURIE NEWMAN RICE**, *Northwestern*. **SHARI HIRSCH**, also *Northwestern*, preceded them by three years.

Melissa was ordained Rabbi Buyer in 2002. She is now Director of Religious School, Youth and Camp Programs of the Stephen S. Wise Temple and a leader in Jewish education in Los Angeles and with the National Association of Temple Educators.

Women haven't always been rabbis. The first female rabbi in the United States was ordained in 1972, the year Melissa was born. Today the number of women tops 350 in the Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative branches of American Judaism.

When Rabbi Buyer leaves work, she's Melissa again, the runner who practices yoga and sings like an American Idol. **BETH DONAGHY**, *Massachusetts*, says she always makes time for her friends. She often chats with them on Facebook and Twitter and they play word games. "Something for the mind that can tolerate frequent interrup-

tions," Melissa says as a mother to daughters ages 6 and 2.

Her mother, **KATHY SIEVERT GUCCIONE**, *Cal State Northridge*, taught Melissa Kappa songs along with Hebrew prayers. As she grew, Melissa began to think about being a rabbi.

Years later, Melissa chose to head east to the University of Massachusetts and signed up for Greek membership recruitment. "I felt most comfortable among the Kappas," she says, "and I loved life in the chapter."

LINDSAY FISHER NEWLOVE, *Massachusetts*, calls Melissa a people-magnet who was certain of her opinions. Other sisters describe her as "the whole package," spiritual, dedicated to family, faith and friends, who could dance the Macarena and boost the chapter GPA. Melissa opted to live in the Kappa house for three years. "That was as a lifetime opportunity to explore differences and be around strong independent women.

"The reason I'm a rabbi is to educate. Close personal relationships are the best way to learn about people. They open our eyes and minds to the uniqueness of each of us."

Melissa has served on the admissions committee that once questioned her application. She has realized her childhood dream. "I am blessed for having the experience of being a Kappa. Its bonds are lasting."



Members of the **BOSTON INTERCOLLEGIATE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** work in the kitchen of Esperanza Academy School of Hope making pans of lasagna for students in the Boston-area school. "Esperanza" means "hope" in Spanish and the tuition-free school reaches out to under-performing girls in a low-income area. The Kappas regularly plan work projects at the school, from cleaning to cooking. From left are **CARLENE POTTER WASHBURN**, *Connecticut*, **ANN RITTER JOHNSTON**, *Arkansas*, **ROSALYN KEMPTON WOOD**, *Emory*, and **KRISTI ZOELLER HOWARD**, *Emory*.



Photo by Stephen Salpukas/The College of William and Mary

Illustrating connections that last a lifetime, active members **WHITNEY NEWMAN**, **ELIZABETH FOSS** and **KRISTIN BECKETT**, *William and Mary*, watch a Homecoming parade from the front porch of the **GAMMA KAPPA** chapter house with alumna **ROBERTA (BOBBE) LAMONT REDDING**, *William and Mary*.



Photo by Katy Warner, NCDOT Photographer

GOVERNOR BEVERLY MOORE PERDUE, *Kentucky*, North Carolina's first female governor, speaks at Founders Day, held in the governor's mansion and hosted by **GREATER RALEIGH ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**.



KAPITAL KAPPAS in Washington, D.C., gather at Macy's for a night of shopping to support Reading Is Fundamental. The event was part of the national "Book a Brighter Future" campaign co-sponsored by RIF and Macy's.

The **LAFAYETTE (IND.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** celebrates the 90th anniversary of its charter during the annual Founders Day dinner.



Ten sisters from the 1951 pledge class of **DELTA OMICRON**, Iowa State, meet at the Mammoth Lakes, Calif., home of one of their members, enjoying one of their many reunions.



Sisters from the 1962 pledge class of **UPSILON**, Northwestern, gather on Lake Santee in Greensburg, Ind., at the summer home of **JOANN FINDLAY**, Northwestern.



Kappas from **DELTA NU**, Massachusetts, have kept in touch for 35 years and for the past 17 years have met annually at Cape Cod. Enjoying the beach are **SHEILA McGRATH**, **SALLY REINHARDT**, **JULIANNE SAMBOR HIRSCH**, **CINDY ZIVE BROWNSTEIN** and **MAUREEN KILCOYNE HARDY**.



Members of the 1958 initiation class from **GAMMA DELTA**, Purdue, enjoy sharing memories during a 50th reunion aboard a Caribbean cruise.

Friends from the **MIAMI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** enjoy a Night Owls Halloween event in Coconut Grove.

From left are **ANGELA TWEEDIE KASKEL**, *Florida*; **CHRISTINE PORTELLA**, *Florida*; **DEBORAH KEY**, *Furman*; **GABRIELLE RAPKE**, *Miami*, and **CAITLIN LONGWOOD**, *Cal. State Northridge*.



Sisters from **BETA UPSILON**, *West Virginia*, finish the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco. Pictured are active member **LAURA SLACK**, with alumnae **LINDSAY FAIRMAN** and **ELIZABETH SLACK**. They have been running races together for several years, and say that like Kappa, it has made them stronger, closer and able to spend more time together. Lindsay is currently Advisory Board Chairman for **DELTA ALPHA** at *Penn State*.

KATE SANDERSON OSBORNE, **ALEXIS MARKOWSKI RATLIFF**, **ABBY LINDSEY BOMBOSKE** and **KRISTEN BLANKENSHIP GREGG**, alumnae of **ZETA MU**, *Virginia Tech*, meet at a football game in Blacksburg to cheer on their Hokies.



Members from **OMEGA**, *Kansas*, enjoy a 25th reunion weekend, which included a Friday-night dinner at an alumna's home, a Homecoming game and a tour of the chapter house. Attending were the pledge classes of 1980, 1981 and 1982.

Twenty-six members of the 1959 pledge class of **OMEGA**, *Kansas*, enjoy a 50-year reunion at the chapter house.



Close friends who were classmates and in each other's weddings, these **GAMMA DELTA, Purdue**, sisters enjoy a reunion at Purdue's Homecoming game along with their husbands. Pictured are **NANCY VOORHEES LAITNER, SARAH "SALLY" SCHNEIDER LUGAR** and **JAYNE BURGOYNE BEELER**.



LOUISE DANFORTH MUENSTERMANN, *Washington Univ. (St. Louis)*, left, who spends summers in Nova Scotia, hosts California neighbors and long-time friends, **HELEN HALCOMB HOULAHAN**, *Connecticut*, and **JUDITH (JUEE) PETERSON HIGGINS**, *Arizona State*. During a side trip to Breton, Nova Scotia, the trio couldn't resist stopping for a photo along The Fleur-de-lis Trail.



Friends from the 1955 class of **DELTA NU, Massachusetts**, gather on Cape Cod for a recent reunion.



OKLAHOMA CITY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members, from left, **ALICE MOSS DAHLGREN**, *Oklahoma*, association Vice President **PRUDY JOHNSON GORRELL**, *Oklahoma*, and association President **MARY JANE CABE FIELDEN**, *Oklahoma State*, host Region 4 Director of Alumnae **LEE BENNETT MILLER**, *Drake*, at a dinner during Founders Day celebrations.

Key Achievements

🔑 **A. MARIS BERNARD**, ASID, Cincinnati, has received the Cincinnati Magazine Design Award for Residential Design of a residence under 3,500 square feet. Her design, for a condominium in a renovated former factory/warehouse, was acclaimed for her “creative use of space.” In addition, she received two Home Builders Association Awards for Interior Merchandising for model homes. Her design practice, amarisdesign.com, includes residential, multi-family, commercial offices and senior living facilities.



🔑 Albuquerque realtor **DEANNA THIELEN DOPSLAF**, George Washington, has earned the distinction of becoming one of only two real estate professionals in the region to be named a Certified Default Resolution Specialist (CDRS) – Elite Member. This designation gives Deanna the distinction of being certified at the highest level of pre-foreclosure training, equipped to facilitate short sales, a process where the bank agrees to accept less than what the borrower owes on a property. The short sale is becoming more and more a solution for many homeowners in today's challenging real estate markets. Deanna is with Coldwell Banker Legacy and is founder/president of Southwest Foreclosure Alternatives and Red Truck Realtor in Albuquerque. She is a member of the Albuquerque Alumnae Association.

🔑 For the third time in 12 years, Florida State head women's basketball coach, **SUSAN PAIGE SEMRAU**, UC San Diego, has been named the Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year, having guided the Seminoles to five straight NCAA post-season appearances. She guided the team to back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time in school history. In February, in support of Samaritan's Feet, an organization that provides shoes to millions of impoverished children. Sue and her staff coached a game against North Carolina in their bare feet to raise awareness for the cause. Fans were encouraged to attend and bring a donation of new or slightly used pairs of shoes. There have been men's basketball coaches involved in this project, but Sue was one of the first female coaches to hit the court shoeless for Samaritan's Feet.





✦ **REBECCA MENEES CICCIO**, Syracuse, has created a line of high-end leather handbags reflecting her fine-art and design background. They are made by hand by a private label manufacturer in San Francisco—one of the few lines actually produced in the United States. She began her design career working for Tommy Hilfiger and Old Navy in New York designing women's accessories. Moving to San Francisco, she worked for four years for a private label manufacturer before returning to her roots, designing handbags. She launched her line,

Rebecca Ciccio, in 2005, and her bags were sold in upscale boutiques throughout the country. Favored by celebrities such as Eva Longoria, Ivanka Trump, Jessica Alba and Vanessa Williams, her bags are now sold mostly at direct retail shopping events and through her Web site, www.rebeccaciccio.com.



✦ **MARY PINCOFFS WILSON**, Texas, has been appointed to the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents by Texas Gov. Rick Perry. Mary's involvement in Texas education spans more than 20 years, and her community service reflects an interest in health and children's issues. She was a teacher in the Highland Park Independent School District and in the Austin Independent School District, where she also directed the College and Career Center at Austin High. Chancellor Ann Stuart says, "Ms. Wilson's experience as a teacher, administrator and

community volunteer will be a tremendous asset to TWU as we continue to meet the state's critical workforce needs."



✦ **KERRY BOYDSTON WEFALD**, Kansas State, is the new executive director for the Kansas Future Farmers of America Foundation. Kerry has a strong background in FFA, first as an active member of the Prairie View High School chapter, then as an East Coast District officer. Kerry says that the FFA and Kappa were key organizations that allowed her to develop leadership skills during her teens and early 20s. Prior to joining the Foundation, Kerry was product manager at Pepsi-Cola in Manhattan, Kan. She is involved with

the Junior League of Flint Hills, the United Way of Riley County Board of Directors, the Alumni Association at Kansas State, and the Gamma Alpha House Board at Kansas State.



✦ **LAURA "BO" SEWELL WALKER**, Emory, wears two of her three gold medals won at the 2009 Long Course National Championships in Indianapolis in August 2009. Competing in the 70-74 age group, Laura won gold in the individual 200-meter backstroke, the 400-meter freestyle relay and the 800-meter freestyle relay. In those relays the women set national records. Not stopping with those, Laura also won three second-place medals and a third place. She did not begin competitive swimming until she was 55 and says it was a lot of fun to compete at the national level, crediting the new high-tech swimsuits for helping her and her teammates break the records. She now looks forward to competing in world events.

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Ashley Judd Demonstrates Making Haiti's Water Safe

Devotes Herself to Helping Developing Countries

—By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

Many know ASHLEY JUDD, *Kentucky*, as a successful stage and screen actress and a part of the famous Judd family of country music fame, which includes her mother, Naomi, and sister, Wynonna. But Ashley has carved a niche for herself as an activist passionate about social justice issues worldwide, using her celebrity status to help others.

Recently, on a segment of CNN's *Joy Behar Show* following the January earthquake in Haiti, Ashley sat at a table pouring a powder into a jug of dirty, polluted water, stirring it. After the powder had worked its magic, Ashley took a huge drink. She says, "It really is amazing. I'm impressed every time I see it work." In minutes, sediment, fecal matter, microbes, parasites and bacteria are separated from the water and sink to the bottom. The water is then strained and becomes potable.

The product, PUR, developed by Proctor and Gamble, is distributed by Population Services International (PSI), a leading global health organization with programs targeting malaria, child survival, HIV and reproductive health. It is the largest distributor of PUR sachets, working with public and private sectors to bring potable water to developing countries. PSI and the Red Cross have supplied clean water solutions to Haiti, with packets providing 11 million liters of safe drinking water. The majority of diseases are waterborne and these sachets cost just pennies.

Ashley's connection to PSI grew out of her early work with YouthAIDS in partnership with Sigma Phi Epsilon, mentioned in a Summer 2006 article of *The Key*, featuring her when Kappa Kappa Gamma awarded her an Alumnae Achievement Award that year.

Since the beginning of that partnership, SigEp has raised \$300,000 for YouthAIDS through social events and sporting activities. The Founder and Director of YouthAIDS, Kate Roberts, asked Ashley to join her on a trip to see HIV prevention

programs in developing countries. She says of that experience, "I was immediately impressed with the work PSI does around the world."

Over the years her role has evolved from serving as Global Ambassador for YouthAIDS to sitting on the Board of Directors. "I use my Hollywood connections to create change and help raise awareness of the various issues facing those living in poor communities." Ashley especially feels the responsibility to be a voice for girls. "The effects of gender inequality often leave them without a say in their reproductive health and they are at a greater risk for HIV and malaria, making up 50 percent of all HIV cases in people over age 15."

As a member of the Board of Directors of PSI, Ashley has traveled to 12 developing countries, filmed four documentaries, met with global leaders, testified at the United Nations and spoken at the Clinton Global initiative. Her passion for social justice issues and human rights dates back to college, she says, when during her days at BETA CHI, she began exploring these issues. She says, "My Kappa sisters with whom I shared this passion were instrumental in helping me to set the course that has given my life such profound substance and meaning." Many of the Kappas did not always agree with her campus activism. "But we lived peacefully, side by side, and I felt accepted in the midst of our differing agendas," she remembers. "I wanted equality, peace and change. Some wanted boyfriends. It was okay that we were different."

In a visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo recently, she had an opportunity to demonstrate the PUR product on a hot Sunday afternoon in the local market. She visited a kiosk run by two brothers, who are peer educators and distributors of PUR for PSI. The market has a captive audience, she says, since that is where the community gathers to buy food. "As I began the demonstration, the crowd grew. I passed out the water and asked how many had suffered from water borne illnesses, who had lost a child,



Ashley visits with children in a village of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

ASHLEY JUDD, Kentucky, demonstrates the PUR water purification product in a village of the Democratic Republic of Congo on behalf of Population Services International, which distributes the sachets worldwide, and has provided Haiti with these clean water solutions. *Photos Courtesy of PSI.*

who had children sick from water?" Of the majority of diseases, half are waterborne and the majority are diarrheal. She says, "This kind of demonstration would be so easy and impactful for Kappas to do on campus. Even students struggling to make tuition and fraternity fees can afford to make water safe for drinking for an affected Haitian family in this time of need."

What Ashley says she loves most about PSI is that "we help people to empower themselves by making products available and affordable, teaching communities when, how and why to use them." She says in the DRC she met people whose lives were transformed by the tiny, cost-effective PUR sachet.

Ashley also represents PSI on the Advisory Council of the Global Health Agenda for Girls, with inspiring women such as Melinda Gates. She has had the opportunity to work closely with dedicated women and spoke alongside Maria Eitel from the Nike Foundation on "The Girl Effect" at the Clinton Global Initiative.

Ashley reports that research shows that when 10 percent more girls go to secondary school, a country's economy grows by three percent. She remembers two young sisters, AIDS orphans, she met in a slum outside Mumbai while she was traveling with PSI. The older sister, Neelam, was so gentle, she recounts, but her strength was incredible. "She worked during the day and went to school at night so that she could provide for herself, her younger sister and her aunt. At 14," Ashley says, "she is at the age where she could be so easily exploited. It's not uncommon for men to sell orphaned girls into brothels." She says every year millions of women and children are sold into modern-day slavery. "They live side by side, like we do in the Kappa house,





Ashley is shown with Neelam and her younger sister whom she met in their home in a slum outside Mumbai. Photo Courtesy of PSI.

but in unimaginable brothels, isolated within their abusive, exploitative experiences, whereas we share laughter, abundant food, the pursuit of learning.” Ashley feels that “the bond and ease of lifestyle we share as Kappas should make us all the more motivated to help our sisters who live in all forms of slavery.”

As an actress, Ashley could certainly be all consumed by her profession. But her motivation to create social change and fight for justice on behalf of the voiceless is what keeps her grounded. In college, she was captivated by Nelson Mandela and the anti-Apartheid movement in South Africa. She studied Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s speeches while at the Kappa house and shared them with her like-minded sisters. “For me, it’s been a journey of discovery. Service work has done more for me than I ever expected.” She says that now, every experience in her life becomes an influence that encourages her to stay the course for peace and equality.

Her latest life-changing experience is pursuing a master’s degree at Harvard. In juggling school with final papers coming due, acting demands (she recently starred in the movie *Toothfairy*), personal appearances and a home life (she is married to Dario Franchitti, a Scottish motor-sports star), how does she manage so much? She says that being Vice President at Beta Chi taught her that Sunday

nights are important for settling in, settling down and focusing on the week ahead. “I can set my week up to be successful by giving myself time to center,” she explains. “Sundays were when we had our meetings, so I would have to be present and organized by Sunday night. It’s a very helpful life habit that I kept.”

After Harvard, Ashley sees herself continuing on her path of activism, advocacy and art, deepening those domains through her education and ongoing life experience. She has kept extensive diaries on her trips with PSI, but publishing them, she says, sounds “scary, brave, inspiring.”

Ashley encourages Kappas by saying that “we are powerful beyond our belief” and by simply educating ourselves about the issues, we can educate others. She believes in the bond of sisterhood that Kappas share with each other, but she also feels that we shouldn’t forget we have a greater bond with the women of the world that transcends boundaries and cultures. “It is empowering to answer the responsibility that’s been placed on all of us.” 🗝️

NOTE: PSI’s safe water solutions are locally manufactured and distributed in 18 countries worldwide. For more information on PSI, go to www.psi.org.



LEE REYNOLDS CROUCH, *Oklahoma*

Alumna Experiences Haiti Earthquake

When the earthquake hit on Île à Vache, Haiti, on January 12, LEE REYNOLDS CROUCH, *Oklahoma*, Vice President and National Sales Manager for Dowden Custom Media, had no idea what kind of destruction was occurring just 87 miles away in Haiti's capital.

"When the earthquake hit I was in my hotel room," said Crouch. "Everything began to shake, and I saw the closet door swinging back and forth. At first I didn't realize what was happening."

A 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti that day, wreaking havoc on its capital city of Port-Au-Prince. At least 150,000 people were killed in the quake.

Crouch and seven other Americans were visiting the country on a medical mission, providing care to the already malnourished people on the island of Île à Vache, just south of the main island of Haiti. The crew was working at a clinic, providing the most basic medical needs such as aspirin, vitamins, antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone cream, and Tums, and taking blood pressure and temperature readings.

"The people have no access to medical care," said Crouch. "We were providing them with basic needs. It was hard to see."

Crouch said her group encountered many medical conditions, including scabies, fevers and poor dental conditions. For the 10 days they were in Île à Vache, they saw more than 700 patients. "It really put into perspective how lucky we are in the United States," she said.

Île à Vache was far enough away from the earthquake that the island did not suffer

much damage. But the shock and horror of what happened was very close, said Crouch.

During the days following the earthquake, the members of the mission group continued their efforts in Île à Vache.

"It was so surreal," Crouch said. "We felt aftershocks all night long. Many of the staff at our hotel lost family members. The phones were down, we only had limited access to the Internet and the television had no sound."

After they heard about how devastating the earthquake was in Port-Au-Prince, Crouch and the others in the group used the Internet to reach out to their families and friends. "Surprisingly, Facebook was a great way to let people know we were OK," said Crouch.

Crouch said she never saw the destruction in Port-Au-Prince herself, and didn't realize the magnitude of what happened until she saw the images on television when she returned home to the United States.

Crouch's group was supposed to leave Haiti on Saturday, January 16, a week from when they arrived. But after the earthquake, travel in and out of the country was limited, and the airport in Port-Au-Prince was taken over by relief organizations and cargo planes bringing aid that filled the runways and terminals.

It wasn't until a week after the earthquake that the group of eight started their journey out of Haiti. At

7:30 a.m. they boarded a boat to Las Caye, a port town on the main island. There they waited until 12:15 p.m. for two propeller planes to take them to the airport in Port-Au-Prince.

To Crouch's surprise, the planes were allowed to land on the tarmac in Port-Au-Prince. "It was like a war zone," said Crouch. "All we saw were UN and Army trucks, freighter planes, and media. They covered the tarmac."

Crouch said she felt lucky throughout her whole experience in Haiti, even during the uncertain hours following the earthquake.

She said that particular mission group, which goes to Haiti every year, often visits Port-Au-Prince during the week.

"We could have been there during the earthquake," she said. "But for some reason the group decided not to go this year. I could have been there, and I can't imagine what it would have been like."

"This has been a life-changing experience, and has made me grateful for what I have and what I have access to as an American," said Crouch.

"I do know how fortunate I am and I wanted to go in and help," she said. "And in a small way I feel I did. It's one of the most gratifying things I've done. I wanted to get a better perspective on things—and I did. I feel a responsibility to make people more aware." 🔑

Excerpted from MonroeCourier.com





Devastating Fire Is a Catalyst for Reuniting Kappa Sisters

—By **NANCY BLOMGREN DEMING-MAY**, *Clemson*

MELINDA CHAPPELL, *Clemson*, fled her burning home as fire swept through North Myrtle Beach neighborhoods in the early morning hours on April 23, 2009. Her home, along with 69 others, was destroyed in the Horry County, S.C., fires in what was described as a “perfect storm” of humidity and high winds.

The 11 p.m. news reported the fires were contained. As Melinda retired for the night, she made a mental checklist of what she would take with her if she had to evacuate. About 2 a.m., her dogs woke her and she saw that the fires were now close. She saw flames coming across a nearby berm and the smell was seeping into the house.

Melinda gathered her rescue dogs, Maddie and Bailey, grabbed what she could, loaded her car and headed out of her neighborhood. As she left her house, she noticed the trees and shrubs of all the houses were in flames. “It was surreal,” Melinda says.

After evacuating to a co-worker’s home, she received a call from the Parks and Recreation Director of North Myrtle Beach, telling her she needed to open the aquatic center where she worked. It was needed for an evacuation shelter since 2,500 homes had been evacuated. When she arrived, the parking lot was full with staff already working. The Red Cross showed up with supplies and her staff obtained toiletries from Walmart, a pallet of water from Lowe’s, and food from Carrabba and Fire House Subs. When she received confirmation of the loss of her home, she says

that she felt “punched in the gut.” Everything she owned was gone.

About two weeks later, the news had spread among the Clemson Kappas and the idea of a shower began. Former roommate and close friend, **MOTTIE DERRICK WIETERS**, *Clemson*, sent an e-mail to a few sisters asking about old pictures they could scan to help reconstruct Melinda’s photo albums. The photo album idea quickly grew into a full-blown shower.

Mottie contacted Clemson sisters and, armed with the latest alumna listing from Fraternity Headquarters, “Operation Find EPSILON MU Kappas” began. By the shower, on June 27, two months after the fire, 138 out of 269 sisters were found, and 55 attended the event. RSVPs were received from all over the world, including Hungary.

On the day of the shower, it took Melinda more than two hours to open her gifts. While she is happy to have the presents from her sorority sisters to fill her new home, especially copies of the photos she thought lost forever, she has learned that belongings really don’t matter to her. What matters are her experiences and memories, her family and friends and her Kappa sisters. Clemson sisters are still being found and there is much enthusiasm for the reconnection that the tragedy brought about. Mottie is already planning a 2010 gathering. Melinda’s new home, refurnished with many items from her sisters, will definitely have room for her Kappa friends to visit. 🗝️

Mom Produces Items to Help Eliminate Lunchtime Waste

Concerned about the amount of litter generated by disposable lunchtime items and hoping to do her part to educate children on how to become more eco-conscious, **FELICE COTA-ROBLES FARRAN**, *UC Davis*, started an Internet business called Litter Free Lunch, LLC.

Felice is a former human resources manager who is now a Naperville, Ill., mother. Several years ago, she became concerned about all the trash generated when we take a lunch to school or work. She says it has been estimated that a school-age child using a disposable lunch generates 67 pounds of waste per school year. She is so passionate about reducing this lunchtime waste that she, along with another Naperville mom, created Litter Free Lunch, producing reusable products parents can pack into school lunches, such as cloth napkins, instead of paper napkins. In April, Oprah's Earth

Day featured suggestions on a waste-free lunch, but did not say where to get a napkin sized perfectly for a lunch box.

Their Web site, www.litterfreelunch.com, offers sets of cloth napkins in fun packs of five for kids, teens and adults. The 12-inch by 12-inch napkins are handcrafted in the United States, are affordable and come in many styles and colors. Litterfreelunch.com also offers tips for reducing lunchtime waste as well as encouraging families to share their methods. The company offers schools fundraising opportunities as well.

Felice says that their philosophy is that by encouraging and educating children about preserving the environment, they will, in turn, make a meaningful impact throughout their own lives. 🗝️



FELICE COTA-ROBLES FARRAN, *UC Davis*, encourages and educates families about how to reduce lunchtime waste.



BETSY SKINNER WALKUP, *Kentucky*, (jersey number 61) is part of a Senior Hip-Hop Dance troupe, which performs at halftime of the New Jersey Nets basketball games. Dancers are ages 60 to 83.

Senior Dance Troupe Featured in Documentary

BETSY SKINNER WALKUP, *Kentucky*, is definitely not acting her age. The Bronxville woman is part of a senior hip-hop dance team from the New York and New Jersey area, which performs at home games of the New Jersey Nets basketball team. Made up of 12 women and one man, ages 60 to 83, the New Jersey Nets NETSational Senior Hip-Hop Dance Team is featured in a new documentary, “Gotta Dance,” by filmmaker/Broadway producer Dori Berinstein (*Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *Legally Blonde: The Musical*), who followed the troupe through auditions, rehearsals and halftime performances.

The film has wowed audiences from its inaugural screening at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2008 to Palm Beach where it won the audience award. Betsy can be seen shaking her stuff (jersey number 61) in a YouTube video of the dancers:

www.mahalo.com/gotta-dance-movie. The dance troupe is a sensation with Nets fans, and the documentary has a few spin-offs, including a multi-generational Gotta Dance hip-hop program on Royal Caribbean Cruises, a social networking site, www.gottadancewithus.com, a nonprofit organization designed to bring generations together (www.gottadancethemovie.com), a Broadway adaptation in the works and a possibility that the documentary will be made into a fictional feature film.

Known as a quiet, introspective woman who teaches elementary school in Long Island, Betsy gets a huge thrill from performing, and proves you don’t have to always act your age. 🗝️

In Memoriam

Honoring Those We Have Loved and Lost

*These names were submitted to
Fraternity Headquarters between
November 6, 2009, and March 4, 2010.*

AKRON, UNIVERSITY OF

Bailey, Mary Rowe, '40, d. 11/09
Huprich, Pearl Niess, '48, d. 07/09
Marquardt, Virginia Wecker, '38, d. 11/08

ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Hill, Mazie Sale, '41, d. 12/09
Hudgens, Martha Tiller, '37, d. 09/07
Lewis, Myra Koenig, '41, d. 08/09

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Ellsworth, Julia Larson, '43, d. 12/09
Utberg, Betty Mc Nemar, '49, d. 10/01

ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF

Burton, Victoria Huntzicker, '31, d. 12/09
Canning, Margaret Hardy, '39, d. 12/09
Dearborn, Josephine Mitchell, '41, d. 12/09

ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Copeland, Mary Coffman, '42, d. 11/09
Misenhimer, Daveda Arms, '46, d. 12/09
Robinson, Patricia, '49, d. 10/09

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Fuller, Lisa Vance, '77, d. 07/08
McCullough, Lee Lane, '77, d. 11/09

* BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Pembroke, Georgianna Harris, '39, d. 11/08

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Seldomridge, Karen Wehmann, '75, d. 11/09
Zanfagna, Joan Criswell, '56, d. 11/09

CALIFORNIA STATE U., FRESNO

Higginbotham, Evelyn, '56, d. 12/09

CALIFORNIA STATE U., NORTHRIDGE

Lowman, Kellie, '80, d. 09/09

CALIFORNIA, U. OF, BERKELEY

Plummer, Roberta Stevenson, '39, d. 12/09

CALIFORNIA, U. OF, LOS ANGELES

White, Elizabeth Bancroft, '31, d. 01/10

CALIFORNIA, U. OF, SANTA BARBARA

Breschini, Lisa, '84, d. 03/09

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Corr, Elva Moore, '51, d. 06/09

CINCINNATI, UNIVERSITY OF

Alselder, Katherine Frazer, '45, d. 01/10
Flatt, Martha Hetterich, '41, d. 11/09

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Strauss, Lesley Orander, '77, d. 02/08

COLORADO COLLEGE

Lee, Barbara Burge, '41, d. 12/09
Pennell, Annette Close, '48, d. 01/10

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Deter, Jean Pickering, '58, d. 11/09
Markley, Paula Pianfetti, '62, d. 02/10
Pietsch, Fredene Gompert, '56, d. 05/07

COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF

Baume, Elizabeth Ingley, '34, d. 11/09
Meinig, Elizabeth McAuliffe, '44, d. 01/10

CONNECTICUT, UNIVERSITY OF

Berry, Celeen Flynn, '43, d. 10/09
Ohotnick, Roberta, '72, d. 04/07

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Leshner, Hulda Schuele, '34, d. 07/08

DENISON UNIVERSITY

Hansen, Kay Dodge, '50, d. 02/10
Loehner, Gail Pritchard, '43, d. 01/10
Paxton, Georgia Bayrd, '40, d. 12/09

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Allison, Jane, '35, d. 07/09
Hobe, Jean Gilchrist, '42, d. 12/09
Nutter, Harriet De Turk, '42, d. 01/10

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Evans, Marilyn Cooper, '39, d. 12/09
Gerth, Dixie Dimit, '40, d. 11/08
Good, Marjorie Ulvestad, '47, d. 12/09
McKay, Kathryn Coons, '37, d. 01/10
Monroe, Jane Pinneo, '52, d. 09/08

Nyland, Jane Appelquist, '34, d. 08/09
O'Keefe, Kathryn Rea, '34, d. 01/10

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Williams, Jane Johnston, '43, d. 12/09

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Kelly, Nancy Humphreys, '45, d. 02/10
Krone, Eleanor Rapp, '51, d. 12/09
Marvil, Florence Crawford, '44, d. 10/09

GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Hurley, Mary Bell, '50, d. 01/10

IDAHO, UNIVERSITY OF

Armstrong, Kandace Kemp, '66, d. 12/09
Comstock, Lynne Collins, '73, d. 12/09
Raivio, Bonnie Brown, '51, d. 11/09

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Atkinson, Martha Prindle, '38, d. 12/09
Cox, Joan Copenhaver, '52, d. 10/09
Crittenden, Katharine Carson, '40, d. 02/10
Willard, Esther Hawks, '36, d. 02/10

ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF

Derieg, Mary Siebert, '57, d. 01/10
Howenstein, Linda Feuchuk, '69, d. 02/08
May, Elizabeth Setchell, '30, d. 10/08
Roberts, Nancy Barker, '46, d. 03/08

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Barr, Doris Wilson, '42, d. 02/10
Nicholson, Shirley Maloney, '38, d. 11/09
Nolan, Phyllis Moosey, '60, d. 01/10

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fischer, Emily, '89, d. 08/09
Miller, Peggy Mc Laren, '50, d. 08/09

IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF

Hill, Perle Higbee, '30, d. 05/09

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Liebengood, Deanna Mickey, '60, d. 12/09

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Brakeman, Mary Porch, '53, d. 01/10
Winters, Elizabeth Hannah, '36, d. 12/09

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF

Browning, Elizabeth Lowry, '46, d. 12/09
Cameron, Julie Lansill, '82, d. 02/09
Cloud, Elizabeth Reddish, '41, d. 01/10
Hester, Carolyn Carson, '49, d. 06/09
Melton, Jane Holloway, '58, d. 12/09

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Cain, Katherine Voelker, '39, d. 08/08
Dixon, Theo Kramer, '46, d. 01/10
Steinhibler, Johnita Flemington, '44, d. 12/09

* MANTOBA, UNIVERSITY OF

Bauer, Nancy Graham, '47, d. 01/10
Hills, Jean Dawson, '40, d. 11/09

* MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF

Burger, Frances Freeny, '29, d. 01/10
Keenan, Jacqueline Truitt, '51, d. 02/10
Spangle, Virginia Galliher, '43, d. 12/09
Wharton, Nancy Gourley, '55, d. 01/10

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Judd, Peggy Lodder, '41, d. 11/09
Pederson, Helen McCoy, '47, d. 01/10

MIAMI, UNIVERSITY OF

Wakefield, Betty Bacco, '45, d. 12/09
Wood, Virginia Mc Call, '47, d. 05/09

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Crum, Dorothy Bailey, '45, d. 01/10
Thompson, Dora Gower, '38, d. 02/10

MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF

Curtis, Lillian Setchell, '27, d. 11/01
Louis, Susan Ralston, '51, d. 01/10

MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF

Coleman, Kathleen Starn, '62, d. 01/10
MacDonald, Martha Boman, '46, d. 07/09
McWilliams, Betty Belan, '46, d. 01/10

MISSISSIPPI, UNIVERSITY OF

Hancock, Ann Barrett, '50, d. 11/09

MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF

Basso, Margaret Wemott, '73, d. 11/09
Beaver, Sally Smith, '55, d. 01/10
Cockrell, Carolyn Collier, '35, d. 12/09

Montgomery, Mary Randolph, '49, d. 01/10
Rimmer, Margaret King, '37, d. 02/10
Stein, Catherine Hudson, '50, d. 01/10
Stewart, Jane Simrall, '41, d. 12/09
Wilson, Helen, '39, d. 01/10

MONMOUTH COLLEGE

Acheson, Maxine Moore, '34, d. 02/10
Guthrie, Carol Bischman, '49, d. 01/04
Lenker, Anne Ballentine, '49, d. 11/09

MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF

Carroll, Mary Jane Konold, '40, d. 08/08
Fuhs, Donna Bar, '50, d. 01/10
Harrington, Naomi Bach, '52, d. 12/09

NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF

Fricke, Martha Cook, '53, d. 01/10
Lortscher, Marcille Poppe, '40, d. 12/07
Mutz, Mary Beeson, '41, d. 03/09

Rydman, Shirley Hoffman, '40, d. 12/09

NEW MEXICO, UNIVERSITY OF

Karins, Frances Bradbury, '39, d. 12/09

NORTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF

Sloan, Dale, '67, d. 10/09

* NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Flatt, Bette Ackermann, '48, d. 09/05
Lunde, Bonnie Kitzman, '75, d. 12/04

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Bock, Jane Mc Fayden, '45, d. 11/09
Clarke, Sally Gute, '46, d. 01/10
Fetherston, Marynell Lloyd, '44, d. 06/09
Haywood, Janet Fox, '42, d. 12/09
Wevers, Barbara Mearns, '31, d. 03/07

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Cozine, Emily Carr, '45, d. 11/09
Gompf, Joyce Boedeker, '60, d. 01/10
Jackson, Jane Garner, '40, d. 02/10
Kail, Nancy Ferris, '37, d. 12/09
Weidig, Isabelle Swalley, '41, d. 10/09
Winkler, Lorraine Vanordstrand, '39, d. 11/06
Wright, Louise Taylor, '52, d. 06/09

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Frowine, Janet Allen, '41, d. 09/09
Raeder, Wendy Robinson, '58, d. 01/10

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Price, Alice, '47, d. 07/09

OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Day, Charlene Guthrie, '56, d. 06/09
Dixon, Ramona Smith, '42, d. 07/09
Guild, Tiffany Whittington, '92, d. 12/09
Mayhall, Molly Lester, '45, d. 11/09
Poe, Jean Daniels, '39, d. 01/10

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Hatton, Dorothy Maag, '43, d. 10/09
McJury, Elenore Francis, '37, d. 09/09

OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF

Hodges, Virginia James, '40, d. 10/09
Markwood, Gwenllian Pantan, '28, d. 08/07
Shaw, Phyllis Brugman, '45, d. 12/09

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Carson, Frances Riley, '54, d. 08/06
Lakin, Susan Huston, '59, d. 01/10

* PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Clymer, Margaret Mc Cullough, '32, d. 03/09
Kennedy, Mary Ann Fraser, '50, d. 06/06
Purdy, Marguerite Klar, '36, d. 03/09

PITTSBURGH, UNIVERSITY OF

Baker, Betty Adams, '43, d. 02/10
Ross, Bonnie, '63, d. 02/08

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Carter, Georgianna Van Hoesen, '33, d. 01/10
Lawrence, Ann Whitmer, '58, d. 02/10
Mertz, Mary Hunter, '41, d. 12/09
O'Brien, Lucia Granath, '72, d. 11/09

ROLLINS COLLEGE

Wilson, Paula, '58, d. 12/09

* SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Hallahan, Carole, '50, d. 05/07
Surber, Geraldine Rose, '49, d. 12/10
Tyrrell, Marcia Millsbaugh, '49, d. 11/09

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, U. OF

Buster, Mary Laugharn, '70, d. 01/10

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Bennett, Elizabeth O'Beirne, '30, d. 12/09
Candler, Alice Rupard, '31, d. 06/08
Iglehart, Dorothy Davis, '41, d. 02/10
McCune, Margaret, '72, d. 07/09
Regenold, Constance Parker, '37, d. 02/10

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Ash, Martha Montague, '49, d. 12/07
Hardie, June Carlson, '40, d. 04/06
Reale, Ann Sutherland, '44, d. 09/09

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Hawkins, June Murphy, '38, d. 02/10

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Parks, Marion Weeks, '41, d. 11/09
Rice, Nancy Garfield, '54, d. 01/10

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Browning, Amber, '98, d. 11/09
Griffith, Rose Rodgers, '53, d. 01/10

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Bronson, Elizabeth Boswell, '35, d. 02/10
Chandler, Jean Champion, '41, d. 11/09
Kirkland, Alicia Crawford, '81, d. 11/09
McEntire, Mary Lynn Aldredge, '43, d. 12/09
Stout, Sadie Meadows, '36, d. 12/09

* U. OF ARKANSAS @ LITTLE ROCK

McWilliams, Sylvia Swaim, '63, d. 11/09

UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF

Allen, Julie Cuthbert, '43, d. 12/09
Felt, Diana Devine, '41, d. 01/10
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TULSA. Six Kappas from **DELTA PI** visit Scotland's Forth Bridge on a summer heritage tour. This group of women toured Scotland in style with KKT shirts!



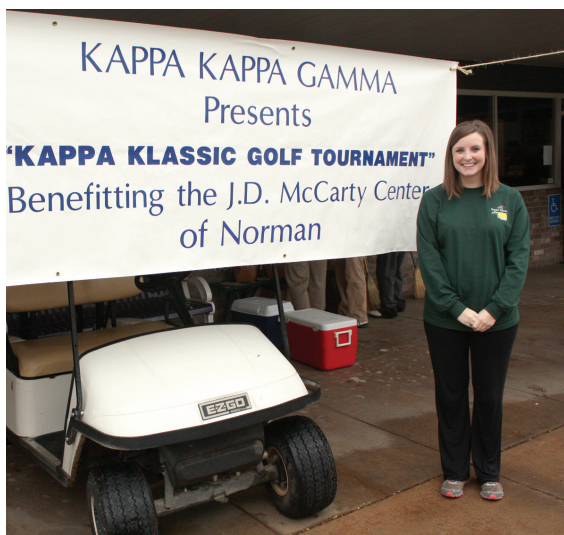
VILLANOVA. Allison Posluszny, Kim Kostiw, and Kelsey O'Rourke, work hard to keep the paint off their KKT shirts and on the walls at a local school. **ZETA IOTA** showed up in full force to participate in Villanova's Annual Day of Service.



DRAKE. Lindsay Paulson, Stephanie Roy, Matia Manske, Maggie Swanson, Jaime Thies, and Carly Kopeck, **GAMMA THETA**, welcome new members on Bid Day with gigantic letters.



OKLAHOMA. Maggie Murdock, **BETA THETA** Philanthropy Chairman, stands ready to welcome the 220 golfers who played in the 12th-annual Kappa Klassic Golf Tournament to benefit the J. D. McCarty Center. This year's event raised a record \$23,000.



TEXAS. **BETA Xi** brightens the day for local nursing home residents by making and providing more than 150 Valentine's Day goodie bags. Members include cheerful notes on each bag.



MIAMI. For a yearbook picture, **DELTA KAPPA** wore their Deferred Recruitment shirts to show Panhellenic and Kappa solidarity. These ladies are ready for a new group of new members.



LOYOLA. **SAMANTHA "SAMI" BOSACKI** completes the 2009 Chicago Marathon. She says, "My **ETA LAMBDA** Kappas were there with me every step of the way, through the good times and the bad. They all came out and endured the cold to cheer me on and keep me motivated to finish the 26.2 miles."

FLORIDA. **EPSILON PHI** sisters love participating in Theta Chi's Kickball philanthropy. With matching tanks, the Kappas were formidable opponents.

AUBURN. Members of the Senior Class of **EPSILON ETA** express their true blue colors on Bid Day. These wise owls know how to show Kappa pride.



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. Active members come together to celebrate leadership at Kappa Kappa Gamma's Leadership Academy, a retreat highlighted by outdoor leadership challenges, personal reflection and group interaction. New friendships are always formed during the four-day event.

STANFORD. At Light the Night Walk, in Palo Alto, Calif., **BETA ETA** sisters show support and love for a chapter member whose Kappa mother passed away from cancer.



ALLEGHENY. Celebrating a special tradition, **GAMMA RHO** members participate in Run-Out Day. This Bid Day event celebrates the end of Recruitment when all campus Greek chapters run out of Brooks Hall to announce their new members.

WATERLOO. Cheryl Lee, Angela Yeo, Jocelin On, Gloria Eid, Laura Selby, Jacquelyn Morrison and Courtney Gray, **ZETA OMEGA**, show off their artistic expression during University of Waterloo Arts Orientation. As orientation leaders, these women prove that Kappas are leaders in the community.





MINNESOTA. CHI Chapter has a unique tradition during Inspiration Week. Members are encouraged to paint a block in a back staircase of the chapter house. Key sisters select blocks near each other to create Kappa lineage lines. Some blocks even date back to the 1980s.



MCGILL. Members Ainsley Brown, Farida Rafaat, Nicole Simpson, Genevieve Savage, and Meagan Irving of **DELTA DELTA**, are happy to serve the dishes they created for Kappa Kuisine. Kappas contribute dishes to the annual potluck, guests pay to eat the three-course dinner, and all the money goes toward breast cancer research.



NORTH TEXAS. At Neewollah, a Kappa Delta philanthropy event that provides local Girl Scouts with a safe place to trick-or-treat on Halloween, **ZETA SIGMAS** incorporate Kappa's philanthropy, Reading Is Fundamental. Ariel Davis, Kerry Quinn, Sarah LaMond, and Ally Robbins passed out candy and books to the trick-or-treaters.

Inspiration and Sisterhood During Inspiration Week at Beta Chi

By **LAINY CRAVEN**, *Kentucky*

This past fall, **HOLLY DUNN PENDLETON**, *Kentucky*, spoke to Beta Chi Chapter about her experience at the hands of a killer and how those experiences led to her life's purpose. As a Beta Chi active in 1997, Holly was attacked by Angel Resendiz, also known as "the Railroad Killer" during Labor Day weekend at the University of Kentucky. During the attack, Holly's boyfriend, Chris Maier, was brutally murdered and Holly raped and left for dead. Holly is the only known survivor of the Railroad Serial Killer, who was later tried and executed in Texas.

Several years after graduating from Kentucky, Holly became the co-founder and executive director of Holly's House, a nonprofit organization that provides a safe environment for victims of intimate crimes. Holly's House seeks to provide support, promote justice and prevent violence in the community. At her Inspiration Week presentation before Initiation, Holly spoke about the crime, the trial, her personal struggle, and how her Kappa sisters were there to help and support her in her time of need.

Beta Chi was impressed with Holly's ability to speak out about the unthinkable crime. It became clear that Holly uses her harrowing experience to help others. She has a wonderful outlook on life and it is apparent that her optimistic spirit and a strong support group got her through difficult times. She is a true inspiration, and the timing of her visit could not have been more perfect.

Just a few weeks before Holly's presentation, Beta Chi hosted "Kappa Karnival" with the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Half of the money raised at the event was donated to Holly's House. The chapter presented her with a check at the end of her speech. Not so coincidentally, the day Holly came to speak also happened to be the first day of Initiation Week. The sisters cannot imagine an Inspiration Week event that could better emphasize what Kappa is all about and what sisterhood can mean in times of crisis. Holly helped reinforce the ideals set forth in our mission statement.

"Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-

growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles."

Holly's poignant testimony was enough to bring tears to members' eyes. By the end of her presentation it was obvious to the chapter that Holly fully embodies the characteristics of a genuine Kappa. Her presence at the Beta Chi house was the perfect start to a great Inspiration Week. 🗝️



After **HOLLY DUNN PENDLETON**'s inspirational message to **BETA CHI**, *Kentucky*, members, the sisters present Holly with an unexpected donation to Holly's House from their Kappa Karnival fundraiser.

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