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### Send Mail . . . and Photos!

*The Key* needs high-quality photos from your events, individuals, etc. If you are posting or pinning Kappa photos, remember to upload a large version of your photo to http:// uploads.kappa.org. Please help stock our photos before summer break!

### On the Cover

At **BETA XI**, *Texas*, we saw this painting of a hot air balloon with gold fleur-de-lis. It inspired our "Leaders Soar" theme for this issue. Thank you, Beta Xi House Board and alumnae for helping to create the cover! Photograph by **NATALIE GRUNING SEEBOTH**, *Texas*.

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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
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- •To be a permanent record.

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### Letter from the Editor

## **Dedication** Defined

As we neared completion of the spring issue of *The Key*, I was working on a Saturday afternoon in late February. I had a question for **ELIZABETH BAILEY**, *Mississippi*, Director of Membership, and since she has a full-time career in the corporate world, I knew she worked many nights and weekends on her "Kappa work," so I emailed her—voila!—an answer!

Next, I had a question for JULIE MARINE LESHAY, *Colorado College*, Fraternity President. My question required a conversation and—bingo!— in a few moments Julie was at her Kappa desk returning my call. Speaking of Julie's Kappa desk, it's quite the operation she has set up in her Wilmette-area home, as I discovered on a visit last spring. A large Apple computer hummed the business of Kappa, and extra paperwork is filed in her college-age son's vacated bedroom. I was greeted by her cat, Blue, as I entered a charming blue front door. Her garden reminded me of a painter's canvas, with enough flowers to please any still-life artist, especially one with an affinity for irises.

During our conversation, I asked Julie what drives these women, Fraternity Council and others, to give hundreds of hours of their time to Kappa. I asked her how they make time to run the Fraternity while maintaining their own lives and careers. Julie explained the inner workings of an organized group of women, who use technology like Doodle.com, to run the business of Kappa, with conference calls that start on time, run efficiently, but most important, she said that they trust and respect one another.

Nowhere will you find dedication better demonstrated than in the long hours, weekend duty and moonlighting by a core group of women. More than 200 women comprise the leadership of Kappa on the international level. They are creative at finding time to give back to Kappa, carving moments out of the day to mentor and make decisions. Despite her busy travel schedule for Kappa, Julie is fastidious in her positive attitude. "If you're not smiling, it's not worth doing," she tells me.

It's a rare and precious find—a woman who will choose to sacrifice to the extent that our Fraternity leadership does on a daily basis.

Why do they do it? For a simple reason—for the love and longevity of Kappa.

In this issue, we celebrate creative, accomplished Kappas from artists to philanthropists. April is also the month of the volunteer, and in June, we will elect the Fraternity leaders for 2012–2014. It's a perfect time to thank our current leaders and those who came before and those who will take the charge in the future. Thank you, Kappa volunteers!

KRISTIN JOHNSON STYERS, Georgia Southern, Editor



### fraternity news

### Proposed Bylaws Amendment

A proposed amendment to the Fraternity *Bylaws* will be presented to the General Convention body in June:

The Director of Membership recommends striking "and eligible for initiation" in Article III. Membership, Section 5, Initiation to Membership, B. Special Circumstances.

The special circumstances clause currently reads: 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.

The following rationale was given for the proposed amendment to strike the phrase "**and eligible for initiation**":

Since no records are maintained at Fraternity Headquarters regarding women who pledged but never initiated, it is not possible to verify with certainty whether or not a woman previously pledged to membership met all financial obligations and Fraternity standards of conduct, completed a period of education about the Fraternity and was in good standing with her educational institution.

A forum is scheduled during Convention to ask questions prior to voting.

### **400 Heroes in Four Days!**

hat's our goal during the four days of Convention in Jacksonville—400 more Kappas taking the Every|Day Hero™ pledge, which says: "I pledge to make a difference for people, organizations and issues. I pledge to use my values as my compass, go beyond any barriers, and take actions to foster change. I pledge to live an extraordinary life being an Every|Day Hero"

As a sponsor of the RESPONSE ABILITY Project's Every|Day Hero<sup>™</sup> Campaign, Kappa Kappa Gamma encourages all members to "walk the talk" of Kappa values. "Being an Every|Day Hero is one of the ways we can live out our values and be better leaders and people," says Marla Williams, Kappa's Director of Education and Training. "By taking the pledge, you'll have access to resources that support your leadership journey and your commitment to making a difference ... whether on a bus or a street corner or when a friend needs support. It's simply about doing the right thing."

The primary issue addressed by the RESPONSE ABILITY Project (**raproject.org**) is bystander behavior—the phenomenon where we see or hear a problem—yet we do not intervene. The bystander effect, or Genovese syndrome, is a social psychological phenomenon that refers to cases where individuals do not help a victim in an emergency when others are present. Studies show that the greater the number of bystanders, the less likely it is that any of them will help. As the number of bystanders increases, any given bystander is less likely to interpret the incident as a problem, and less likely to act.

After taking the pledge at www.raproject.org/page/s/kappakappa-gamma, you can read blog posts, watch videos and download resources to learn about bystander behavior and become empowered to be an Every|Day Hero!

*The Key* would like to know about our members who are Every Day Heroes, so share the news at thekey@kkg.org.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada's annual general meeting is June 11, 2012, at 903-63 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto, Canada, and will include dinner. For details, email **CAROLYN LOVE**, *McGill*, at kkgcanada.secretary@gmail.com.

### fraternity news

## Six Tips to Revamp Your Alumnae Association

—By Allison Richards Beam, Washington

ore than 100 Kappas RSVP'd for **PORTLAND**, **ORE. ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION'S** Founders Day—double that of last year. Wearing blue and blue, Kappas brought items to a silent auction, books to donate, and they received association directories and magnets listing upcoming events. Many said it was the best Founders Day in recent history. The association met its goal of exceeding 135 dues-paying members!

Here's how Portland succeeded—and how your association can, too!

### **#1** Set a Goal

At the first board meeting of the year, we set a goal of "revamping" the alumnae association and picked Founders Day as a spotlight event to draw in new members and encourage longtime members to participate more. We set a challenge for the year: increase membership by 25 percent, to 135 dues-paying members for 2011–12.

### **#2** Introduce a Change

We selected a new location for Founders Day, which for years had been at the Tualatin Country Club. With the suggestion of association members, the event was moved to Oswego Lake Country Club, located in a close-in suburb of Portland. Established in 1925, it was welcoming and accommodating.

### **#3** Get the Word Out

Save-the-Date postcards were mailed to all Kappas in the Portland area, using a list provided by Fraternity Headquarters. The postcard was an upfront expense, but we wanted to reach a wide audience and get in touch with women who may not have participated in the association before. JOAN HUNTER, *Emory*, had previous experience with an online printing company and was able to create postcards and calendar magnets to be handed out at a kick-off event in September.

### #4 Involve All Members

Dubbed a Blue and Blue Brunch (blue-and-blue attire recommended), we suggested that members bring a

Kappa-themed gift as a donation for our "Owl, Key and Fleur-de-Lis" silent auction. Proceeds support academic excellence at GAMMA MU, Oregon State, and BETA OMEGA, Oregon. The auction offered Kappa-esque items, raising more than \$900 for nearby chapters. Popular items included fleur-de-lis home decor, owl-themed attire and toys for children, handmade items such as a blue-and-blue blanket, Kappa-stamped stationery, and a fleur-de-lis-embroidered "Future Kappa" toddler shirt.

### **#5** RSVP and Follow-Up

In mid-August, a save-the-date card was followed quickly by our annual newsletter in September, which highlighted our Kappa Kickoff event, as well as the dues form and Founders Day RSVP. Additionally, our Founders Day chairman sent personal letters to all of our 50- and 65-year pin recipients, formally inviting them.

### **#6** Remind Again!

And last, in preparation for Founders Day, Joan sent reminder emails with a dues form and Founders Day RSVP. We also used our Facebook page to promote the alumnae association and share upcoming events.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Send your tips for success to thekey@kkg.org!

Join one of Kappa's 311 alumnae associations—a place to celebrate Founders Day, receive anniversary pins, meet new friends and help others through philanthropy projects. Find an association at www.kappa.org> Directories>Alumnae Association Directory.



# Let's fly away!



JOIN US IN SUNNY JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA JUNE 20-24, AS WE CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE FRATERNITY, EDUCATE OUR MEMBERS AND CELEBRATE KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS. HONOR THOSE WE HAVE LOVED AND LOST. TAKE A WALK WITH OUR FOUNDATION. EXCHANGE IDEAS AMONG KAPPAS. TAKE PART IN OUR SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND GIVING. SHOP FOR NEW KAPPA GEAR. MEET OUR LEADERS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT.



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### NPC Report: Let's Step Out of Our Comfort Zone

Now former NPC Chairman Eve Riley, Delta Delta Delta, reported at the annual conference that the number of women participating in formal Recruitment increased by eight percent last year.

"We must wake up," Eve said. "The world has fundamentally changed and we must adapt. ... our future depends on it." Citing the need to be relevant, she encouraged better training for local alumna advisers who serve as role models.

"We have to step out of our comfort zone and do what needs to be done and make sure the experience we provide is true to our founders," Eve said.

Dr. Lori S. White, Sigma Kappa, vice president for student affairs at Southern Methodist University, stated that

reports in higher education project growth primarily in the number of Hispanic, African-American, Asian and international students, less among Caucasian students.

She stressed that Greek life must be a value-added experience, paying more attention to women's self-esteem and gender-related issues.

Erin Nemenoff, chairman of the Measurable Outcomes Committee, shared some statistics from a committee survey:

- ▶ 26 NPC groups reported 4,292,824 initiated women.
- ▶ 26 NPC groups reported 3,031 collegiate chapters.
- 24 NPC groups reported 90.2 percent initiation/retention rate.
- ▶ 12 NPC groups reported new member GPA for fall 2010 was 3.09.
- NPC member groups' national philanthropic activities raised \$16,659,749.



\* In Memoriam \* Honoring Those We Have Loved and Lost

These names were submitted to Fraternity Headquarters between Nov. 1, 2011, and Feb. 1, 2012.

#### \* ADELPHI COLLEGE

Kessling, Evelyn Wheaton, '42, d. 09/11 Tartaglino, Doris Deipser, '46, d. 11/11

**AKRON, UNIVERSITY OF** Gentry, Geraldine Mathias, '46, d. 12/11

#### ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF Finch, Susan Bradley, '36, d. 05/11

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE Kuppler, Susan Macielak, '75, d. 09/00

**ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF** Jones, Dorothy Braese, '35, d. 10/11 Reynolds, Mary Wells, '42, d. 06/11

**ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF** Hawkins, Bonnie Taylor, '45, d. 11/11 Phillips, Susan Woods, '28, d. 10/11

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY** Bradshaw, Margaret Robinson, '77, d. 11/11

**BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY** Steinkerchner, Barbara Metzger, '76, d. 09/11

**CALIFORNIA, U. OF, BERKELEY** McDuffee, Christine Hughes, '51, d. 11/11

**CALIFORNIA, U. OF, LOS ANGELES** Gustin, Molly Malcolmson, '40, d. 05/11 Kaufmann, Elizabeth Passavant, '39, d. 09/11 Ledger, Dorothy, '41, d. 11/11 Persic, Mary Bressi, '45, d. 12/11

**CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY** Darnell, Elaine English, '50, d. 12/11 Hart, Evelyn Kane, '44, d. 12/11 Stear, Marion Krogh, '44, d. 10/11

#### **COLGATE UNIVERSITY** Patterson, Ryan, '03, d. 10/11

**COLORADO COLLEGE** Conover, Dorothy Smith, '32, d. 01/12

**COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF** Meldrum, Susan Spinney, '66, d. 11/10 Waters, Peggy O'Neal, '43, d. 12/11

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY** Clements, Jean Pirnie, '47, d. 11/11 Werly, Jane, '56, d. 02/08

**DENISON UNIVERSITY** 

Dunham, Lannie Uridge, '42, d. 12/11 Gish, Barbara Clatworthy, '40, d. 11/11 Gockenbach, Mary Jo Smith, '43, d. 01/12 Wolfe, Susan Miles, '51, d. 11/11

**DEPAUW UNIVERSITY** 

Bassett, Marjorie Finch, '31, d. 11/11 Miller, Marjorie McMahon, '42, d. 12/11 Strong, Dorothy Ell, '37, d. 10/11 Walker, Mary Mullender, '45, d. 12/11

**DRAKE UNIVERSITY** Mayr, Judith Kopfstein, '59, d. 07/08 Westphalen, Mary Morris, '62, d. 12/11

**Duke University** Hibbard, Dorothy Sharp, '31, d. 11/11

**EMORY UNIVERSITY** Knowles, Jane Morrow, '65, d. 08/11

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY** Paterson, Susan Cecil, '74, d. 08/08

FRESNO STATE Fisher, Anne, '74, d. 12/11 **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** King, Mary Campbell, '42, d. 11/10 Latta, Marilynn Wherry, '44, d. 01/11 Symmes, Margaret Lanigan, '46, d. 07/03

**GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF** McIntyre, Harriet Williams, '60, d. 12/11

**IDAHO, UNIVERSITY OF** Berg, Nancy Beach, '59, d. 04/11 Boyce, Jeanne Foster, '47, d. 11/11 Goff, Lola Smith, '43, d. 11/11 Hays, Mary Magette, '43, d. 11/11

#### **ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY** Brokaw, Eleanor Jones, '40, d. 12/11

Bube, Jane Althaus, '40, d. 12/11 Payton, Nancy Curtiss, '49, d. 12/11

ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF Higgs, Jo Ann Williamson, '55, d. 02/08 Lahood, Barbara Gilkerson, '62, d. 12/11 Moore, Joan Christie, '50, d. 12/11 Pedersen, Martha Pence, '32, d. 12/11 Roseman, Joan Parkhill, '58, d. 01/12

INDIANA UNIVERSITY Huston, Ruthann Gephart, '42, d. 12/11 Kerr, Nancy Hodson, '45, d. 08/11

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Stulberg, Dorothy Bonnell, '46, d. 09/11

Iowa, UNIVERSITY OF Koch, Beverly Baker, '53, d. 11/10

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Ball, Ardeth Maupin, '47, d. 01/12 Laub, Margery Buchanan, '37, d. 11/11 Oberst, Alice Charlson, '45, d. 11/11

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF Brown, Joyce Elliott, '57, d. 01/11 Lambert, Ellison Brent, '53, d. 12/11 Sharp, Louise Land, '35, d. 12/11 Sutherland, Barbara Breidenthal, '42, d. 01/12

#### KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF

Graham, Bette Lanahan, '40, d. 01/12 Posey, Jane Vaughn, '31, d. 11/11 Wilson, Katherine, '28, d. 01/12

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY** Poche, Gail Breidenbach, '65, d. 11/11 Roberts, Patricia Allbritton, '52, d. 12/11

MASSACHUSETTS, UNIVERSITY OF Clements, Margaret Gale, '42, d. 06/05 Warner, Jacqueline Marien, '45, d. 11/11

MIAMI UNIVERSITY Franz, Linda, '63, d. 07/11 McCoy, Dorothy, '40, d. 11/11

MIAMI, UNIVERSITY OF Larson, Mary Siler, '64, d. 11/11 Nickle, Tara, '06, d. 01/11 Stenhouse, Betty McGrew, '46, d. 11/11

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Borchert, Jane Willson, '36, d. 11/11

Carlquist, Beatrice Degenkolbe, '34, d. 12/11 Duerks, Judy Deem, '61, d. 07/11 Hoogerhyde, Patricia Sheehan, '48, d. 07/11

Wise, Jeanne Nesbitt, '50, d. 12/11

MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF Heffner, Janet Pease, '45, d. 12/11 Hilty, Dorothy Schwarze, '34, d. 02/09 Prine, Barbara Dewey, '44, d. 12/11

MINNESOTA, UNIVERSITY OF Clough, Sandra, '54, d. 10/11 Kirby, Jean Clarity, '48, d. 05/11 Learned, Caryl Johnson, '40, d. 12/11 **MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF** Smith, Katherine Nelson, '59, d. 02/11 Whyte, Elisabeth Stafford, '48, d. 01/12 Wright, Edith Dailey, '41, d. 01/12

**MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF** Gibson, Dinny Nelligan, '50, d. 12/11 Morgan, Catharine Riley, '46, d. 01/12

#### NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF

Carnahan, Mary Bennett, '39, d. 08/10 Covall, Lois White, '34, d. 11/11 Hoppe, Claire Rubendall, '38, d. 01/12 McCarthy, Lois Theison, '50, d. 12/11 Pirtle, Marilyn Lyle, '44, d. 11/11 Scott, Ann Kokjer, '52, d. 12/11 Van Gundy, Jackie Leseberg, '79, d. 07/11

NEW MEXICO, UNIVERSITY OF

Barnhart, Millie Marshall, '53, d. 01/12 Cottle, Elizabeth Zimmerman, '33, d. 01/08 Haynes, Nancy Sprecher, '39, d. 06/11 McMinn, Barbara Allyn, '51, d. 10/11

\* NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY Brant, Ruth, '41, d. 06/11 Hecock, Kathryn Engebretson, '30, d. 10/99 Wolfe, Bonnie Gorthy, '49, d. 08/11

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY** Bohnett, Eloise Fischer, '44, d. 11/11

**Ohio State University** Currie-Middleton, Millicent Benis, '49, d. 01/09 Ehinger, Joan Weisz, '41, d. 11/11 Hicks, Rosemary Wiles, '51, d. 06/10 Smith, Martha Woodyard, '62, d. 04/11

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY Hubbard, Eleanor Sawtell, '41, d. 10/11 Porter, Dorothy James, '52, d. 12/11 Self, Sue Jones, '49, d. 09/08 Soper, Dorothy Sawyer, '35, d. 12/11 Titus, Jane Kuhn, '43, d. 08/11

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY Branstetter, Paula Stivers, '51, d. 11/11

**OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF** Lambeth, Maida, '43, d. 10/11 Wheeler, Maryjo Meacham, '42, d. 11/11

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY Baker, Ann Erickson, '60, d. 11/11 Cole, Meri Dreis, '42, d. 08/11 Erickson, Roberta Borland, '38, d. 12/11 Keeney, Jane, '44, d. 10/10 McDowell, Ann Mitchell, '54, d. 11/11

OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF Coffyn, Bette Morfitt, '39, d. 02/11 Ean, Janice Nelson, '43, d. 12/11 Kane, Martha Powers, '64, d. 11/11 King, Diane Raoulduval, '55, d. 05/10 McCreery, Barbara Fuller, '63, d. 03/00

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY** Kent, Jane Dye, '43, d. 12/11 Sheetz, Susanna Brown, '51, d. 11/11

\* **PENNSYLVANIA, UNIVERSITY OF** Rieder, Suzanne Copeland, '50, d. 12/11 Taney, Amie Hollingsworth, '40, d. 01/12

**PITTSBURGH, UNIVERSITY OF** Gerardi, Duchene King, '54, d. 10/03 Whitlinger, Helen Reis, '45, d. 10/11

\* **Puget Sound, University of** Terrill, Sandra Ulrich, '68, d. 11/11

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY** Cordes, Chris Christian, '46, d. 01/12 Sprinkle, Kathryn Ade, '39, d. 11/11 \* SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY Bihn, Claire George, '54, d. 05/09

Southern Methodist University Richardson, Anna Coolidge, '50, d. 12/11

**ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY** Chase, Nancy Munro, '84, d. 11/11 Kingston, Elizabeth Fenn, '32, d. 11/11

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY** Bowen, Joan Brandel, '34, d. 11/11 Reynolds, Elizabeth Verheyen, '36, d. 01/11

**SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY** Bury, Ruth Lincoln, '33, d. 07/11

**Texas Christian University** Kazen, Barbara Sanders, '60, d. 03/11

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF Blair, Susan Cherry, '41, d. 11/11 Bowman, Nancy Price, '47, d. 01/12 Carter, Betty Langston, '49, d. 11/11 Clarke, Jean Talbert, '62, d. 01/12 Cornwell, Alice Nitschke, '38, d. 12/11 Glasgow, Laura Goodson, '71, d. 11/11 Manget, Stephanie, '59, d. 06/07 McMurrey, Sue Henderson, '54, d. 12/11 Neuhaus, Barbara Haden, '47, d. 02/08 Penn, Betty Stayton, '40, d. 01/12 White, Margaret Reeve, '37, d. 11/11

TORONTO, UNIVERSITY OF

Farnell, Margaret Fairley, '44, d. 12/11 Mann, Rosemary Tyrrill, '57, d. 09/10 Mathes, Mary Gooderham, '36, d. 12/11 McLennan, Nadine Blythe, '53, d. 09/11 Pringle, Rose Day, '35, d. 04/11 Wadds, Jean Rowe, '38, d. 11/11

**TULANE UNIVERSITY** Hoffman, Ruth Ellen Noetzel, '50, d. 01/12

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\* Indicates inactive chapters.

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### Kitchen Table Conversations Making the Connection at Recruitment

— Ву ЕLIZABETH BAILEY, Mississippi, Director of Membership

More than 30 years ago, I gave my name and interest to **DELTA RHO CHAPTER**, *Mississippi*, of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Why Kappa? Four simple reasons: Catherine, Maureen, Lundy and Jeanne.

While I remember the skit was Kapparet and the house was beautiful, what I remember with crystal clarity is where I was sitting, with whom I was talking and how they made me feel. I knew from the moment I met these women—if this is what Kappa was about, then I wanted to sign on the dotted line.

A clever skit and beautiful floral arrangements are not what make the connection. People join people. People seek to make meaningful connections with individuals who share their interests and values.

In most homes, the living room is where first impressions are made, but real life and real conversations happen around the kitchen table—where we can let down our guard and be ourselves. During Recruitment, while putting our best faces forward, we also want to draw potential new members into "kitchen table" conversations, where lifetime friendships can begin to form.

From potential new members going through Recruitment to seasoned chapter members, connection-making conversation is the heart of Recruitment. Through conversation, we should be able to discern the best fit for the PNM and the chapter. The conversation skills we learn during Recruitment will carry us through various life situations, from job interviews and meeting new friends in the neighborhood to business networking.

For potential new members and active members, the conversation tips are the same.

### Conversation Tips

**Be interested**. Always be focused and engaged with whom you are talking. Make her feel like she is the most important person in the room (she is).

... and be interesting. Be prepared to take the conversation beyond the basics of, "What's your major/ hometown?" Those are rarely memorable conversations. You may start with the basic questions, but take it to the next level. Has your family always lived there? How did you wind up living there? What is your favorite thing to do when you are home? **Be yourself**. Remember—the goal is to find the right fit. The best way to find the right fit is to simply be yourself.

**Be comfortable and confident.** Remember that potential new members AND active members are a little bit nervous or anxious. However, when you exude confidence, it will put others at ease, too.

**Be positive and have fun**. People are drawn to positive and upbeat people. Recruitment is an opportunity to meet many new friends whether or not they become sisters.

As we hone our conversation skills, we will be able to better identify those potential new members who will further strengthen our bonds of sisterhood and mutual support.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Elizabeth Bailey recommends the book, *I Heart Recruitment*, by Colleen Coffey-Melchiorre with Phired Up Productions. The book includes conversation tips and serves as a guide for values-based Recruitment.

### Understand Your Daughter's Recruitment

Don't miss this archived webinar with tips on how things have changed since you "rushed." This online webinar is a must-see for moms, grandmothers, and anyone with a young woman considering joining a sorority.

Find the webinar at www.kappa.org (login first), then browse to Education>Webinar Series>Lifestyle Learning Webinars>View Previously Recorded Webinars>How-To Tutorials>Oh How Things Have Changed. Need help? Email Fraternity Headquarters at kkghq@kappa.org.

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### **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.



**ELIZABETH BAILEY,** Director of Membership

### **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 10-11).

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

This is to advise you that my	daughter	sister	<b>G</b> granddaughter	<b>Given States</b> great-granddaughter
will be attending				this year.

College or University

#### **Member Information**

#### **Legacy Information**

First Name	Maiden	Last Name	First Name	Middle	Last Name
	Street Address			Street Address	
City	State/Province	Postal Code	City	State/Province	Postal Code
Chapter		_// Initiation Date		High School Attended	
Telephone	E-mail			Academic Class Entering	

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

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**Butler University - Mu** (Delta South) - KKG, 821 W Hampton Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46208-3451

**California State U., Northridge -Epsilon Xi** (Kappa North) - KKG, 8932 Darby Ave., Northridge, CA 91325-2707

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**California, U. of, Santa Cruz - Eta Mu** (Pi Central) - KKG, 1156 High St., Santa Cruz, CA 95064-1077

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Louisiana State University - Delta Iota (Xi West) - KKG, P.O. Box 25104, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5104

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#### 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 (<u>www.kappa.org</u>) 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.

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- 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 greatgranddaughter 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.

Name of Potential Member:	e of Potential Member: Attending:				
(Last) (First)	(Nickname)	(College/University)			
Home Address:	(City) (	State) (Zip Code)			
Home Phone Number: _ ( )	Home E-mail Address:				
Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):					
High School:		State) (Zip Code)			
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Class Size: Rank: GPA:	SAT/ACT (if known):	Year Graduated:			
School(s) attended after high school, if any:	(City)	(State) (Zip Code)			
GPA: Number of Terms Completed: Class: Fr. So. Jr. Sr.					
2. Potential Member Connections:					
Kappa Kappa Gamma Legacy: Sister Mother	Grandmother Great-	grandmother			
Name:	(Nickname)	(College/University Attended)			
Address:	(City)	(State) (Zip Code)			
Phone Number: _()	E-mail Address:				
Other NPC Affiliations:					

#### 1. Potential Member Information:

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3. Qualificati	ons
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Kappa Kappa Gamma at its core is about an arc of qualities: leadership, scholarship and friendship.				
Please check and add comments and example potential member. (May attach sheet if space	es in order to provide more information about the qualifications of the e 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:

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Living Inspired, Living Strong,

-By Whitney Lang Fleming, Florida

The first time I saw ALI PICKARD, Florida, she was lip-syncing "We Are Family" into a hairbrush. Watching a skit in round three of Rush Week at the University of Florida, I was blown away by the girl with the auburn hair and electric-blue eyes that seemed to literally twinkle. She had a million-watt smile and a kinetic energy that made her larger than life. I liked this girl.

Although Ali wasn't the only reason I pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma in 1992, her Sister Sledge performance is etched in my brain, and I rarely use my round hair brush without thinking of her. No one could have foreseen how appropriate the song would become for Ali and her sisters in the **EPSILON PHI CHAPTER**.

Facebook brought many of my sorority sisters back in touch, including Ali and me. We found that several of our friends were located in the greater D.C. area and soon enough, we were re-connecting at dinners, events and more. I learned that Ali had a great job at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a huge network of close friends, and a passion for live music. Her life was not only active and full, it was good.

It came as a shock when, on Aug. 3, 2010, Ali—a seemingly healthy, vibrant 37-yearold—was diagnosed with Stage IV non-small cell adenocarcinoma lung cancer. She had no symptoms except for a few headaches and some numbness in her left leg and arm. She doesn't smoke, and the cancer is inoperable.

### What Can We Do?

Adenocarcinoma, the most common form of non-small cell lung cancer, accounts for up to 50 percent of lung cancer cases in the U.S. Often found in non-smokers, it is the most common type seen in women. Starting in the periphery of the lungs, it can be present for years before detection. I cannot count the number of times I uttered the phrase "cancer sucks" in the weeks following Ali's diagnosis.

Ali updates a CaringBridge journal to keep friends posted, starting and finishing her entries by thanking everyone for their love and support. Although I am sure she would rather have some privacy, she regularly and honestly communicates her progress—even when the news is difficult.

As Ali began aggressive radiation and chemotherapy, Kappas tried to figure out what we could do to help: We relentlessly sent cards, posted words of encouragement on Facebook, and shared our favorite memories of Ali. A few Kappas visited her, but with her immune system weakened by the treatments, the visits were limited. We had to do more.

#### **Always Live Inspired**

Those following Ali's journey are inspired by her will to not let cancer define her. When her hair started falling out, she rocked some beautiful scarves. When able, she continues to work. There is no self pity and only the occasional tired complaint. She acts in the way we all hope we would handle ourselves if faced with such adversity.

Ali, who has already lost both her parents, could have felt alone in facing her diagnosis. But, it became clear that Ali was not just "our" sister. Instead, she had hundreds of people

Ali helped a friend with a photo shoot using the descriptor "strong" **before** her cancer diagnosis. At the time, she didn't know how strong she would have to be.

who were taking her to doctors' appointments, bringing her food and acting as ongoing sources of support.

A close friend of hers started selling "A\*L\*I (Always Live Inspired) STRONG" pink bracelets to raise money for her living expenses. People from around the world began sending her pictures of themselves wearing the bracelets—in Germany, Brazil, Finland, Italy, Hawaii, New York City and both Disney World and Disney Land, and more. The bracelets have been featured sky diving, at the U.S. Open, at several U2 concerts, and the Daytona International Speedway.

While the show of support seemed to lift Ali's spirits, it wasn't improving her health. Although she responded well to her first round of radiation and chemotherapy, it suddenly stopped working and the tumors started growing again. She was getting frustrated and tired, and we were getting worried and anxious.

In spring 2011, however, Ali was well enough to participate in the National Lung Cancer Partnership's "Free to Breathe" (www.freeto breathe.com) 5K walk in Delmarva, Del., with several friends. This was an inspiration to many of her sorority sisters, who began donating to the cause, and spurred many Kappas to race in honor of Ali.

"We were honored to have Ali involved with our Delmarva event in August," says Susan Smedley Gerber, Development Manager, National Events, National Lung Cancer Partnership. "She graciously shared her story with the local media and spoke at the rally,

### I cannot count the number of times I uttered the phrase "cancer sucks" in the weeks following Ali's diagnosis.

lending her crucial perspective to the event. As a testament to the type of support she has garnered, her team 'Ali Strong' was the top fundraising team for that event."

Susan adds that weeks later, more members of the team participated in the Harrisburg, Pa., 5K event and that in November, she personally met the Kappas who came out in support of Ali at the Orlando 5K run/walk.

"We have been so inspired to see members of Kappa Kappa Gamma . . . come forward to demonstrate their caring and concern for Ali while joining the movement to defeat lung cancer," Susan says. "All lung cancer patients and survivors need to feel that kind of support and [know] that their experience matters."

#### **We ARE Family**

As the holiday season approached, a few of us began an online dialogue to discuss what we could do for Ali. What started as one email message directed at 11 individuals turned into a growing online fundraising event with 165 Kappas spanning eight pledge classes.

On Dec. 10, a Christmas tree decorated with owls, keys, and fleur-de-lis was delivered to Ali by two of her sorority sisters. With the extra money from the donations, our group also paid for Ali's cleaning service for the next year and supplied her with a debit card to use at her discretion for groceries and other living expenses. The grand finale was a key necklace delivered to her house on Christmas day—of course, presented in a little blue box—so Ali will know that her Kappas are always close to her heart.

Supporting Ali brought us closer together, and it showed us that being a Kappa is a lifelong experience.

After our fundraising kicked into gear, either by coincidence, providence, or both, Ali finally received some great news: the nodules in her lungs had decreased in both size and activity for the first time. Although she is not out of the woods, Ali is basking in the positive news with a renewed optimism.

Ali is not the first, nor will she be the last, Kappa to have cancer. But her struggle has reminded a group of nearly middle-aged women of a pledge we took long ago when we thought we were invincible and life didn't seem nearly so fragile.

Ali sang these lyrics into a hairbrush 20 years ago: "We are family. I got all my sisters with me." As a young girl before joining Kappa, I couldn't truly appreciate what those words meant. Now, a lifetime later, I am so proud to be living those lyrics—with all my sisters—for Ali.

### Support Research, Support Sisters

For more about the National Lung Cancer Partnership and Free to Breathe, or to find upcoming events, visit www.freetobreathe.com.

Another organization that supports lung cancer research and has ties to members of Kappa Kappa Gamma is the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, www. lungcancerfoundation.org. Jill's Legacy Advisory Board to the Addario Foundation is comprised of young professionals who have been touched by lung cancer, including staff member DARBY ANDERSON, and volunteers K.C. OAKLEY and KELCEY HARRISON, all PI, *UC Berkeley*, members with the late JILL Costello, a victim of lung cancer while she was coxswain of the California Bears women's rowing team in 2010.

Ali Pickard is fortunate to have a circle of Kappa friends to help during her time of need. The Rose McGill Fund of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation is there for hundreds of Kappas who face insurmountable health or financial difficulty. While you may not personally know a Kappa sister in need, you can help the Foundation provide support to Kappas in need by donating at www.kappa.org/donate or contact **MAGGIE Coons**, *Hillsdale*, mcoons@kkg.org or 866-KKG-1870 to arrange a gift. Gifts of any size are appreciated. Alumnae Achievement Awards\*

Like the theme, Leaders Soar, the Alumnae Achievement Award recipients have reached spectacular heights. As if from the vantage point of a soaring hot air balloon, each leader has a clear vision. Come along with *The Key* and our six leaders: delve into a story with author **Jennie Helderman**; warm your heart with philanthropist **DORIS BUFFETT**; find inspiration with respite-care reformer Holly Cottor; explore heroic monuments with artist SABRA MEYER; ride the trail with civic leader Sunny Scribante: and sleuth your way through women's history with KAREN OFFEN. Enjoy the adventure!

### Meet the Six:

- Author Jennie Miller Helderman
- Philanthropist Doris Buffett
- Founder of Ryan House
   Holly Busche Cottor
- Sculptor and Artist
   Sabra Tull Meyer
- Philanthropist
   Sunny Hare Scribante
- Author and Scholar
   Karen Stedtfeld Offen

## Jumping from the High Dive

... Headfirst Into Book Writing

### -By Lois Catherman Heenehan, Adelphi

"My head is backlogged with stories. If I don't learn to write faster, they'll never be told," says JENNIE MILLER HELDERMAN, Alabama. She adds, "In my family, you had to do one of two things, either thread a red worm onto a bream hook or tell stories. I did both."

Jennie has done many things from teen years on: served as a page in the state legislature at age 10, debtor's court clerk at 16, teacher, social worker, congressional staffer, started a television station, did community development and held many volunteer positions. "They all gave me material for a thousand stories," she says now.

A talented photographer, Jennie enjoys travel and welcomes challenges and adventure. In 1992, she was one of 14 Alabama journalists who met with Russian journalists in Moscow and St. Petersburg prior to the fall of the U.S.S.R. Ten years later, she was a photographer on an archeological research team in Pompeii, Italy, with Earthwatch Foundation.

At age 60, Jennie felt she needed a challenge, a new adventure. She had learned about the pilgrimage to Camino de Santiago de Compostela in a doctoral thesis by **NANCY FREY**, *UC San Diego*, and chose this walk across northern Spain, having enlisted her daughter, and with three other women joined the trek, part of a larger group. Battling heat, blisters and very tired muscles, the women passed through forests, vineyards and wheat fields, completing more than a quarter of the 450-mile journey on foot, the rest by car.

A strong advocate for children's and women's issues, Jennie served six years as a member of the board of trustees of the Alabama Department of Human Resources, which helps 520,000 clients a

\* Awards will be given at the 2012 General Convention.



Jennie and Jeannette Walls (The Glass Castle, Half Broke Horses) exchange books after a panel discussion together.

month and oversees all of Alabama's family abuse cases. She also has held major leadership roles in the Northwest Alabama Children's Advocacy Center, Voice of Alabama's Children, a domestic abuse shelter, a school reform group and others.

Sharing her leadership skills with Kappa, Jennie has served as Province Director of Chapters, Chairman of Advisory Boards, Director of Chapters, and Fraternity Vice President. Those who have worked with her describe her as "a trailblazer who thinks out of the box, one who does in-depth research and fact gathering, possessed of a unique way of storytelling, inspirational, caring and a great friend."

Despite all the stories that have collected in her head, Jennie conducted many interviews to write *As the Sycamore Grows*. It is the true story of Ginger and her 17-year abusive marriage and life virtually enslaved in the backwoods of Tennessee, isolated in primitive conditions. Recognizing that telling her story meant re-living bad times for Ginger, Jennie says Ginger held nothing back, yet the story has a happy ending. "This story goes beyond abuse," Jennie says. "It is about loss, redemption and hope." With a target audience of women readers, Jennie has been surprised to learn how many men appreciate the book.

As the Sycamore Grows was selected as an Award-Winning Finalist in the Women's Issues category of The USA "Best Books 2011" Awards, sponsored by USA Book News. As the Sycamore Grows has received top honors in the Humanities, Memoir and Biography categories and first-place honors in the Southeast Regional Awards category of the prestigious Reader Views Literary Awards. The book is for sale in paper at various booksellers and as an e-Book online at Amazon and at jenniehelderman.com

It was adventure of another sort as Jennie entered the field of self-publishing. Vowing that her book would be a quality publication, she drew up a detailed business plan and formed Summers Bridgewater Press in May 2010, setting Oct. 1 as the launch date for the book, since October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She admits that within two months "the budget was in free fall," since several costs such as renting pallets, shipping and more were not figured into the budget. She did meet the self-imposed deadline and says she would do it all again, but somewhat differently. She reclaimed rights to her previous books, *Christmas Trivia* and *Hanukkah Trivia*, with Mary Caulkins, revised them and prepared them for the 2011 holiday market.

There are more stories to tell. Jennie put a historical novel "on the back burner" to write *As the Sycamore Grows*. She has begun research for another nonfiction narrative that will deal with another strong woman— "a poor little rich girl who stood up for right against more powerful people with more means. Her story was a First Amendment victory with implications for whistleblowers."

As the wife of a retired publisher, mother of two adult children, grandmother of three (and Jennie threads the worms when they go fishing), volunteer, author, publisher, Jennie refers to herself as "a feisty old woman." She enjoys reading mysteries, working puzzles and playing Scrabble. She likes history, especially stories of everyday people. "I used to enjoy politics until it became so contentious," she says. Speaking frankly about herself, she adds, "I test the water before I jump in, but then I may do a cannon ball from the high dive."

Asked when she began writing, Jennie replied, "I was born writing. I wrote a play at 10 years old, edited the high school newspaper, but English 101 stymied me. Everyone had read James Joyce but me. I thought he wrote a poem about trees. And that was the beginning. Over the years, I wrote much nonfiction but didn't see myself as a writer. When I finally returned to fiction, I declared myself a writer. I was well into middle age by then and mature enough to see the worth of my words."

With many stories yet to be told, Jennie's advice to those who are considering writing . . .

"It's never too late to begin."

Jennie (blue jacket) and Ginger (black jacket) during the promotion of the award-winning book, As the Sycamore Grows.



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## ading Sunshine, One Beam at a Time

-By Ann Graham Schnaedter, Missouri

DORIS BUFFETT, George Washington, enters a room with vivacity. When you talk to her, there is no denying she believes a charitable foundation should be run "lean and mean." At age 83, she is passionate in her mission to give away her fortune, and has donated more than \$100 million to individuals in trouble through no fault of their own. In the words of her famous brother, Warren Buffett, "If Doris has her way, the last check she writes will be returned for insufficient funds."

Doris Buffett on the balcony of her 1776 home in Fredericksburg, Va. For more information about The Sunshine Lady Foundation, visit www.sunshinelady.org.

Photo by Michael Zitz

## A grant without collaboration is a handout, and we never give a handout, we give a hand up.

When Doris inherited millions of dollars' worth of shares in Berkshire Hathaway stock 15 years ago, she dedicated her life and fortune to helping people who are in trouble as the result of bad "luck," not bad choices. Doris's Sunshine Lady Foundation helps people become self-sufficient. She makes sure that she understands the need and carefully checks the validity of each request for help. She says, "Each recipient becomes our partner in the deal. A grant without collaboration is a handout, and we never give a handout, we give a hand up." She explains that "I look at philanthropy like my brother looks at stocks ... I want a good return."

Doris, called "Mary Sunshine" as a toddler, has faced adversity in her life but never lost optimism. In her authorized biography by Michael Zitz, *Giving It All Away, The Doris Buffett Story* (The Permanent Press, 2010), Doris details her life of emotional abuse by her mother, four failed marriages, nearly losing her home in the stock market crash of 1987 and estrangement, for a while, from her children.

The difficulties Doris has experienced have taught her empathy—to see humanity in a different way. Starting her foundation, she thought she would hear mostly from greedy people, but she says the stories she has received have blown her away. One single mother who desperately needed a car says that Doris "doesn't make you feel badly or beneath her. She doesn't make you feel like you are poor."

"We are empowering people to change their lives," Doris says. Her Sunshine Lady Foundation supports education in prison and re-entry programs, Boys and Girls Clubs, shelters for battered women, educational programs for the disadvantaged, scholarships for women, and an initiative for the education of Afghan women. She appoints volunteers, called "Sunbeams," to bring philanthropic needs in their communities to her attention. The idea for the Sunshine Foundation began when Warren sent her 1,400 letters he had received asking for help—and he gave her \$10 million to tackle the challenge. She recruited a group of women in Maine who review every request, now about 15,000 letters total. She says that these women have lived long enough to have the compassion and common sense to make a judgment call, and they are authorized to make a decision of up to \$5,000 without asking Doris.

One of her favorite projects is her Learning by Giving program at 30 colleges across the U.S. She gives each participating program \$10,000, and the students decide which local charity to support. She says the professors appreciate it because the students are engaged as they debate which cause to award.

She also is proud of her Women's Independent Scholarship program, which empowers survivors of domestic violence to get an education and change their lives. Doris can see her efforts take root, as these women thrive and go into careers like nursing, teaching, working for nonprofits or social work, all areas in which they are giving back.

Her prison education program is a favorite because, "We are the only ones giving money in this area . . . while everyone else is 'studying' the problem." She started with Sing Sing prison six years ago and when she attended graduation ceremonies there, she says she experienced true redemption, which she had never witnessed before. She is proud that the recidivism rate at Sing Sing is zero due to education. Nationally, the rate is 60 percent. The program is now in several prisons and, "I personally visit the prisons," she says, "because I know how much it means for the inmates to see a person who has faith in them."

When she was 23 years old, Doris discovered the ripple effect of helping others. A newlywed with low self-esteem, she feared



The launch of Doris Buffett's biography by Michael Zitz made a big impression at the annual Berkshire Hathaway shareholder's meeting.

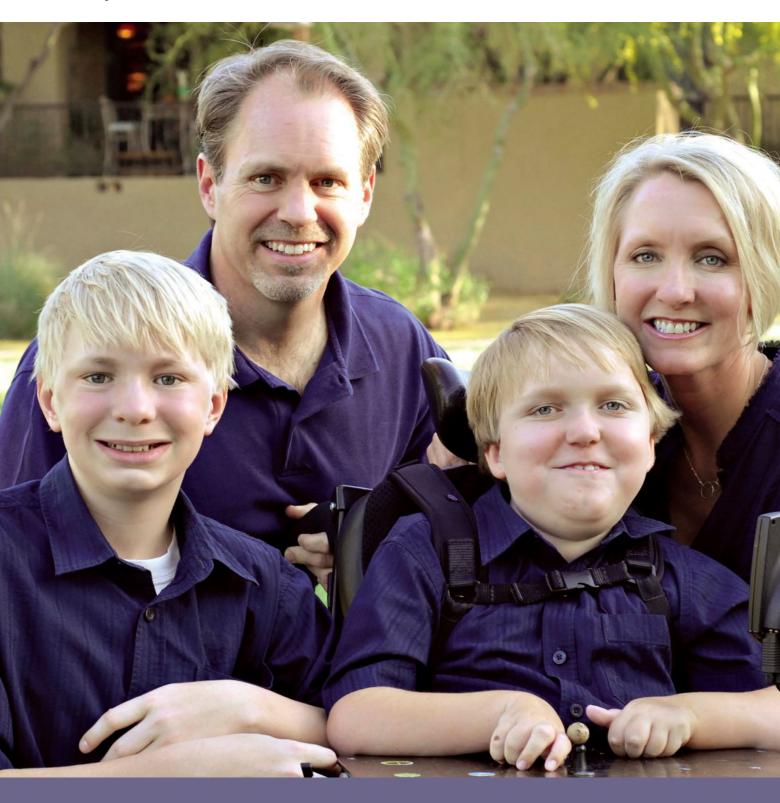
she couldn't meet the demands of a 1950s housewife who felt pressure to entertain for her husband's career. A 60-year-old woman, Josephine Travis, took Doris under her wing when she needed guidance. It was then that she realized the smallest act of kindness can change a life. When Doris asked Josephine what she could do to repay her, the woman replied, "Nothing at all. But someday, when you are able, help someone else."

Doris joined the **DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** with a friend from Omaha. She befriended PATTY GLOVER KNUPP, Kansas, and the two formed a Kappa Newcomer's group. When Patty contracted polio and was in an iron lung, Doris led the effort to decorate her bedroom and later petitioned Warren to help put a new roof on Patty's home and set up a foundation to help her and her family. Doris believes this was the beginning of her lifelong commitment to philanthropy.

Doris credits her sense of humor and good friends with helping her through difficult times. She says helping so many people is her greatest joy in life. She says that the taste of the joy you get from making a difference in the world is heady stuff. Perhaps in the sunset of her life, she has discovered the true Fountain of Youth.

## **An Unlikely Trailblazer** Providing Respite and Hope, One Family at a Time

—By JULIE KROON ALVARADO, Arizona State





If you want a job done right, give it to HOLLY BUSCHE COTTOR, Arizona, who will quietly multi-task her way through the day. A teacher with a long list of credentials, Holly considers herself a regular wife and mother of two. She and her husband and sons, Ethan and Ryan, serve meals to the poor once a month.

Through a slow and sometimes painful path to find resources for her family, Holly has become a leader in the area of pediatric palliative care in the United States. In 2001, when Holly's younger son, Ryan, was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), their family was living in England due to husband Jonathan's marketing career. SMA is a rare and often fatal disorder that prevents bones and muscles from developing properly.

Fortunately, they discovered "Helen House," a pediatric palliative care center, to help them with support and respite. Imagine their surprise when returning to America to find only one location in the entire country offering the same services for families. Holly, Jonathan, their family and friends all moved into high gear to establish a best-practices model for Arizona families like theirs.

The Cottors participate with the local Muscular Dystrophy Association and the SMA chapter as mentors and keynote speakers. Holly often reaches out to other families in similar situations. Despite the daily challenges, she quietly fights for better care options, even calling medical supply companies to explain how their products could be improved, which has resulted in changes to some products.

Guided by Holly and Jonathan's vision and passion to fill an unmet need in the continuum of care for children with lifethreatening conditions, Ryan House was conceived. Only the second of its kind when founded, it is now considered a leading location for pediatric palliative care. As the community liaison for Ryan House, Holly speaks with other groups that are organizing similar homes around the U.S. She also used her teaching skills to create "Sibshops," sibling support groups, and training pieces for pediatric palliative care volunteers.

Studies show that 90 percent of marriages involving a child with a life-limiting condition end in divorce, and 75 percent of the siblings develop academic and behavioral challenges, so Holly admits that she works hard to carve out quality time with both boys and her husband, while supporting other families.

Holly never set out to be a "trailblazer" and even balked at the idea of an award for doing what she considers was the right thing to do. (Her story was first shared in the summer 2008 issue of *The Key*.) Holly's rewards are Ryan's and Ethan's smiles, and she still volunteers at their schools. She is proud of the 34,000 care hours Ryan House provided in just its first full year of operation—including end-of-life care for 22 children and families, all of whom received services and support at no cost to their families. There are now several dozen houses supporting families all across America.

Holly has been an officer in the **SCOTTSDALE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** and served as an adviser to **Epsilon Delta**, *Arizona State*, proving that her time-management skills are exceptional.

With Ryan and her family as inspiration, Holly's achievements will surely continue to mount. For more, visit ryanhouse.org.

### **Life-Size Art:** Sabra Tull Meyer's Sculptures in Bronze —By Kristin Johnson Styers, Georgia Southern

Balancing on a ladder to reach the top of a 9-foot-tall Meriwether Lewis statue, SABRA TULL **MEYER**, Missouri, uses her hands to smooth the nose of the explorer. Making adjustments and adding details to the clay figure that would become a monumental bronze sculpture, in 2008, Sabra was preparing one of four figures who now appear in bronze as part of the Lewis and Clark monument that graces the Trailhead Plaza in Jefferson City, Missouri. The Lewis and Clark monuments took seven years from inception to completion. To create the looming Lewis and his party of explorers, Sabra spent four months in Norman, Oklahoma, at the Crucible Foundry, making adjustments to her heroic-sized bronze sculptures.





Sabra Tull Meyer visits her Lewis and Clark monument at Jefferson City, Mo.

The path to creating the Lewis and Clark public art display began many years before—in a high school art class where Sabra first learned that she liked to mold and shape clay with her hands. Her affinity for molding objects may have started even earlier, in the sandbox. "As a child, we had a big sandbox. I remember using the hose to wet the sand and creating shapes, like mermaids," says Sabra.

An art major at the University of Missouri, Sabra often created decorations for dances, which were held on the first floor of the THETA, *Missouri*, chapter house. Carpets were rolled up for dancing. "For one winter formal, I made silhouettes of chapter members from red paper to decorate the house. A Kappa recently told me she still has her silhouette after all these years," Sabra chuckles. But while she decorated the chapter house for fun and developed fine art skills through her major, such as painting, drawing and learning the standard ratios of the human figure—all important art skills—sculpture was not offered at Missouri when she was an undergraduate in the '40s, just as WWII had ended.

After graduating, Sabra married and focused on raising four children, all the while taking lessons in

painting. In 1975, when her youngest daughter was in high school, Sabra began working on her master's in fine art at Missouri. She was thrilled to learn that sculpture was now offered. "I had always thought I'd be interested in sculpture—I liked the thought of creating and working with clay," she says.

Sabra received a master of arts in 1979, and her master of fine arts in 1982, both from Missouri. She taught at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, for 10 years. After retiring from teaching, she devoted herself exclusively to sculpture.

Completing five to six projects in a year, Sabra works on several pieces at a time, all in different stages of completion. Similar to writer's block, Sabra says she prefers to balance multiple projects because when she breaks from a project and returns to it, "I am able to see things I had not seen before."

From her large, 30-by-25-foot home studio, Sabra sculpts clay figures, the first step in creating her bronze sculptures. Using her knowledge of universal proportions of the human figure, she searches for the unique: those proportions possessed by the individual whose image she is sculpting. "As an artist, your eye is trained to look for the variations," she explains.

## I had always thought I'd be interested in sculpture—I liked the thought of creating and working with clay.

Finding the variations begins before she forms her first lump of clay—an egg-shaped oval for the head. She says the real challenge lies in taking the two-dimensional photographs of her subject—and transforming those images into a three-dimensional figure.

Creating a bronze bust, such as that of Kansas City Chiefs football coach Marty Schottenheimer, takes about five months. Working from photos, Sabra sculpts a clay model, of the subject. From this clay model, a mold of plaster and silicone is made. From this mold, a wax pattern is created, which is then retouched and detailed. A second mold is made of the wax pattern. The second mold is heated, allowing the wax to melt away and the molten bronze is then poured into the mold. This mold hardens and then is chipped away, revealing the bronze sculpture. This ancient process is known as "lost wax" casting. The sculpture is then cleaned and polished and the patinas are added.

From 30 years of creating sculpture, Sabra's work is prominently displayed in a variety of public venues and private collections. Turning 85 this spring, she is still going strong. To keep in shape for climbing ladders and maneuvering around larger-than-life sculptures, she enjoys walking daily.

Sabra is a member of the COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and has served for 30 years on Theta Chapter's House Board. For more, visit www.sabratullmeyer.com.





"Reverie" by Sabra Tull Meyer



A.J. and SUNNY HARE SCRIBANTE, Texas

## A Sunny Outlook Goes a Long Way

-By JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER, Bowling Green

Civic leader and philanthropist LYNDA "SUNNY" HARE SCRIBANTE, Texas, always looks at the sunny side of life—hence her nickname. Sunny, alongside her husband, A.J., puts her positive attitude to work as an advocate for wounded soldiers, struggling students, disadvantaged women and children, and sick or injured animals, to name a few of her causes.

### To whom much is given, much is required.

There is no such thing as a "typical" day for Sunny, who splits her time between homes in Colorado and Florida. During our first conversation, Sunny was tending to a sick goat while preparing for George W. Bush to come for dinner. Sunny works closely with the former president and Laura Bush with the George W. Bush Center in Dallas. She also opens up her barn to 4-H animals when children in their community can no longer afford to keep their furry friends.

Sunny's affection for animals and her sense of civic duty began on her family's ranch in Weatherford, Texas, where her father was known for encouraging Ronald Reagan to run for president and was actively involved in his campaigns.

Animals have always been a part of Sunny's "extended family" and she jokingly compares herself to the fictional Dr. Doolittle who could talk to animals. "I feel like I have a special relationship a gift—with animals," explains Sunny, who even now rides one of their beloved therapy horses every chance she gets.

One of the programs Sunny is most passionate about is the Wounded Warriors rehabilitation program through the Air Force Academy, which allows soldiers returning from war with head injuries to work with therapy horses. "This is turning out to be a blessing for both the horses and the wounded warriors," Sunny explains. She and A.J. loan their horses to the Air Force Academy for use in these programs and training exercises.

"Many who suffer from head trauma experience a loss of equilibrium," says Sunny, adding that when they are on a horse, they often regain their sense of equilibrium with a smile on their face and are able to recover more quickly. "It is so wonderful ... for their wives and children to witness this transformation."

Sunny and A.J.'s fondness for animals also led them to support the Kansas State Veterinary School by helping to fund a state-of-the-art equine center. A graduate of Kansas State, A.J. is a longtime supporter of the university, but after the veterinarians there saved their race horse, American Duke, from having to be destroyed after an injury, the couple made the equine center a focus of their support.

It seems fitting that Sunny met fellow philanthropist A.J. Scribante while they were serving on the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, a Pentagon outreach program made up of appointed civilians who visit military installations across the United States. Sunny and A.J. were married in 1990 and have been working together on causes close to their hearts ever since.

Sunny also served on the United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors in the 1980s. She was appointed to two four-year terms on the board, which oversees the education, training and conduct of the cadets.

A.J., a business expert and author of the 2006 book, *Shelf Life: How an Unlikely Entrepreneur Turned \$500 into \$65 Million in the Grocery Industry*, established the A.J. and Lynda Scribante Charitable Foundation, which supports educational and charitable programs. Friends of the Fallen, which helps military families who have lost a loved one, is one of the many programs they help fund. Sunny is also supportive of Humane Societies and the National Park Service.

The couple also established the A.J. and Lynda Hare Scribante Permanently Restricted Scholarship Fund through the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation to annually provide a scholarship to a qualified undergraduate member of **BETA XI**, *Texas*; **EPSILON ALPHA**, *TCU*; or **GAMMA ALPHA**, *Kansas State*—their alma maters.

"We constantly ask how we can empower people to develop their capacity to do good and to realize their gifts," says Sunny. "Education and development have always been at the heart of our giving."

Sunny pledged Kappa at Texas Christian University and a year later transferred to the University of Texas, where she majored in political science. "Kappa has been a wonderful part of my life, and I give because I want other young ladies to have the chance I had," says Sunny.

Coming from a small town, Sunny enjoyed interacting with her many Kappa sisters at the University of Texas—having had no siblings. She says living in the Kappa house taught her about teamwork, problem solving and getting along with people of different backgrounds.

"My parents taught me honesty and integrity, and I found those qualities within Kappa—honest, ethical, responsible young women who took their duties seriously," says Sunny. "Many of my role models have been Kappas who gave me the courage to be myself and to be a leader."

Of Sunny's many leadership opportunities, one experience stands out as a time when the confidence

and poise she learned as a Kappa truly made a difference. Surrounded by scientific and medical experts on President Reagan's Commission on Medical and Biomedical Ethics, Sunny was the only woman and layperson in this group, which wrote the "Living Will" legislation adopted by all 50 states. Sunny felt overwhelmed at first by the scientific and legal jargon and had to summon confidence to ask questions like "What does this mean?" and "Does this make sense to the average American?

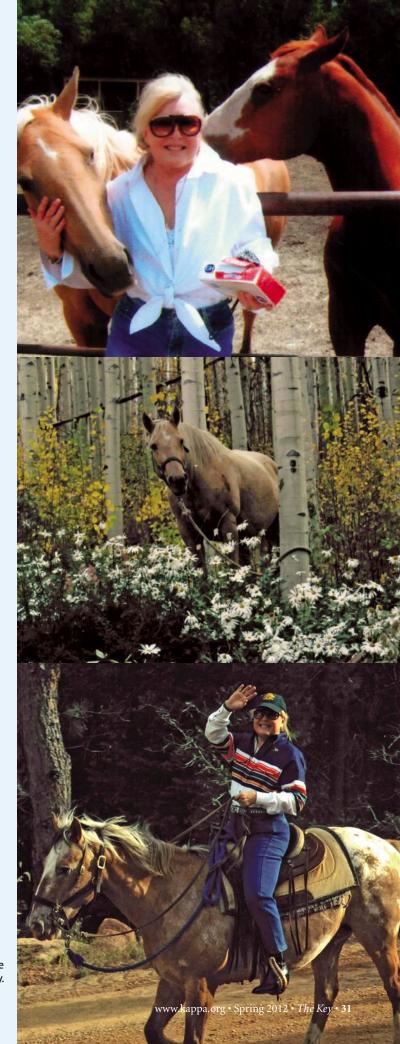
"I realized that if, as a member of the commission, I had little knowledge of what the final product was saying then, for certain, the average, nonscientific person would have a hard time comprehending it," explains Sunny. "I think my greatest contribution was asking the hard questions so the layperson could comprehend it without a lawyer having to explain it."

Sunny's civic involvement also includes serving on the Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation and The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, which oversees scholarships aimed at fostering excellence in science and math. She is also a founding member of Women of Our Hemisphere Achieving Together, created by the late Holly Coors to improve education and quality of life for women and children in Central and South America. (MARILYN GROSS COORS, *Cornell*, the daughter-in-law of Holly Coors, is a 2006 Alumnae Achievement Award recipient.)

Sunny and A.J.'s blended family includes six grown, college-educated children—two sons and four daughters and their families. Sunny has enjoyed broadening her "Kappa family" by previously serving as an adviser to **DELTA ZETA CHAPTER**, *Colorado College*, and even invited some of the members to her home to do their laundry from time to time.

What sets Sunny apart are not her financial resources or the long list of boards and committees she serves on—but it is her compassion for others, which is derived from her belief that "To whom much is given, much is required." And "much" is exactly what Sunny gives of herself on a daily basis.

> Sunny rides Roman, her Mustang, at the United States Air Force Academy.



## **Uncovering Women's Vo**

—By **Naomi Ratner**, Syracuse

With a passion for history and a flair for solving mysteries, Dr. KAREN STEDTFELD OFFEN, Idaho, brings a feminist perspective to the past, helping to transform our understanding of European history. *Illuminating the field of French* women's history through her research, she documents the strength and persistence of women throughout Europe and helps to better define feminism. "I like to discover the truly remarkable things some women have achieved in the past . . . despite the many obstacles thrown in their way," Karen says. "The personalities I've encountered and the battles they've fought inspire me."



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MARY ANN STEDTFELD GREEN (Karen's sister), Karen, SHARON IRWIN ALLEN and her sister ANN IRWIN SHIVELY, all Beta Kappa, in Moscow, Idaho, for the honorary doctorate ceremony for Karen and Sharon.

That inspiration drove Karen to explore whether there had been a true women's movement in France. Studying history at the University of Idaho—graduating Phi Beta Kappa with high honors—and receiving a master's and doctorate in modern European history at Stanford University after a Fulbright fellowship in France, Karen sensed that something was missing from the malefocused history she had studied. She refused to believe the skeptics, who in the 1970s asserted that no sources were available for documenting the history of women and that researching it was a passing fad. Calling on her inner Nancy Drew, Karen hunted down the sources—and the more she looked, the more she found.

Digging through newspaper clippings and other buried sources of information about 19th-century women, Karen discovered that indeed there had been a significant campaign for women's emancipation in France—before the French Revolution. Her curiosity and determination propelled a lifelong quest to uncover the untold stories of women's history in France and throughout Europe. "I was always asking questions," Karen says. "I think it's important for all people—and especially women—to know where they've come from collectively, and what obstacles they have surmounted (or not), in order to navigate their futures."

Through her pursuit of women's past and the history of feminisms (the study of various forms of feminism and of global politics through feminist lenses), Karen addressed a range of issues that go well beyond the vote. From objections to discriminatory marriage laws, educational impoverishment, economic disempowerment, and concern about declining birthrates in 19th-century France to European-wide campaigns against the sex trafficking of women and children, statesponsored prostitution, and against male violence and war itself, women were actively contesting their subordination and claiming a voice in decision-making. Karen's reinterpretation of the past has given voice-not only to earlier activists, but also to the long-silenced majority of women. There has long been a "politics" of knowledge, Karen asserts: "... In the course of our research, we feminist historians have contributed to uncovering

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and challenging the previously dominant masculine perspective. I am one of many who have contributed to 'gendering' our collective past."

An insight for Karen's later work in "gendering" history began as a freshman at the University of Idaho when she joined Kappa. Karen served as Scholarship Chairman for two years, and found that the strong sisterhood within Beta Kappa and its dedication to excellence fed her understanding of the importance of women's communities.

One of the first scholars to focus on the differences between European and American feminisms, she developed a new vocabulary for understanding feminisms internationally. She has written and co-edited seven books and more than 50 journal articles published in a variety of languages besides English. Karen also has helped to develop a worldwide network of historians of women, the International Federation for Research in Women's History (www.ifrwh.com). Currently a senior scholar at the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University, Karen also has served on the board of directors for the International Museum of Women (www.imow.org) and continues her work online, blogging for the museum in "Clio Talks Back" (http://imowblog.blogspot. com). Karen aims to promote intellectual curiosity among a younger audience via Clio (the Greek muse of history) who, tired of serving merely as muse to male historians, as Karen puts it, has decided to have her say by telling tales of fascinating women in various time periods. Karen is also an active member of Kappa's PALO ALTO ALUMNAE Association.

Everyone can appreciate that access to this new, more balanced historical knowledge can empower women in particular and, by promoting gender equity, make our world a better place.



# **The Kappa Who Wears Three Keys!**

Meet PAT MCINNIS COOPER, Mississippi, Foundation Board of Trustees

-By JUDY STEWART DUCATE, Texas Tech

he first time she attended Kappa Convention as a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees, PAT MCINNIS COOPER, *Mississippi*, decided to take her mother and daughter to Convention. She did so by wearing each of their key badges, and she discovered that wearing three keys gives her many opportunities to tell her story, and the story of the Foundation, to Kappas.

During the Adelphe Campaign in 1988, Pat and her daughter, MARY VIRGINIA COOPER REID, SMU, gave a scholarship in the name of their mother and grandmother, MARY VIRGINIA BOWLES MCINNIS, SMU. They wanted to honor and thank her for becoming a Kappa—for giving each of them a Kappa legacy to cherish. The joy of lifelong friendships was made even more special by the bond that the three generations shared through Kappa. By giving a scholarship to be awarded each year to a deserving Kappa, they ensured that the memory of this special bond is passed on to other Kappas.

Pat enjoys her work on the Foundation Board of Trustees and says that the best part is "serving with a group of fabulous women who share the same love for Kappa and a passion to provide funding for our programs that educate, build confidence, and inspire our members to be leaders . . . to have compassion for Kappas in need, and to understand and appreciate Kappa's heritage within the context of women's history." In the years that Pat has served on the board, she has seen the Foundation grow, including the endowment of Leadership Academy. Frequently traveling to promote awareness of the Foundation, Pat enjoys meeting supportive and giving Kappas as she tells the story of the Foundation and its programs.

A 50-year Kappa (and of course, she was pinned with her mother's 50-year pin!), Pat and her husband, John, have lived during their 46 years of marriage in Bella Vista, Ark., but they divide their time between their



**PAT MCINNIS COOPER** shares how you can leave a legacy by giving to the Kappa Foundation.

home in Bella Vista, a farm in Stuttgart, Ark., and a home in Aspen. An avid skier and hiker, her family is her pride and joy. In addition to their daughter, Pat and John have two sons, Borum and John III, both of Arkansas, and two grandchildren, Cooper and Mary Tarver.

Although Pat has shared her dedication with many organizations, including the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, the University of Arkansas Advisory Board and the Ole Miss Women's Council, she says, "I have volunteered for Kappa since college. It is a privilege to serve our Foundation, to be a part of a group that serves all Kappas and works to promote Kappa's Tradition of Leadership.™"

Contact the Foundation (866-KKG-1870) if your association or group would like to host Pat McInnis Cooper to learn more about how you can support the Kappa Foundation.

# Preserving the Birthplace of Kappa

It was a rainy day when MARIA DISANO NIEMI, Massachusetts, received her winter issue of The Key with the article, "Walking in Our Founders' Footsteps." As Maria read about the need for a new roof at The Stewart House museum—the childhood home of Founder Minnie Stewart—she thought about how fortunate she was to have a good roof to protect her from the elements. The Stewart House roof, on the other hand, is sagging and leaky, placing the museum and its priceless contents in jeopardy. Maria immediately wrote a check in support of The Stewart House roof project.

Many Kappas have joined Maria in helping "Raise the Roof" at The Stewart House. Donations specifically designated for the roof totaled \$31,064 as of Feb. 22. In addition, the Foundation Board of Trustees allocated \$120,000 to the project, which is expected to cost \$175,000. The Museums Committee still needs to raise nearly \$24,000.

Please consider a gift to preserve the birthplace of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Make a tax-deductible contribution online at www.kappa.org/foundation or send a check to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038, with a note in the memo line that the gift is for The Stewart House roof.

> —JULIE MARTIN MANGIS, George Washington, Museums Chairman

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We are striving for 10,000 Kappas to support the programs of the Foundation this fiscal year! These programs strengthen our Fraternity and support our members throughout the world. All we need is YOUR participation to meet our goal! Show your support today and join the 5,906 Kappas who have already expressed their loyalty to KKG!

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- Donate at www.kappa.org/foundation.

# These chapters and alumnae associations supported the Kappa Foundation with gifts received between Nov. 23, 2011, and March 12, 2012.

#### Chapters Gave \$28,337

Beta Mu, Colorado Beta Pi, Washington Chi, Minnesota Delta Eta, Utah Delta Iota, LSU Delta Omicron, Iowa State Delta Pi, Tulsa Delta Psi, Texas Tech Epsilon Beta, Colorado State

Eta Lambda, Loyola Eta Theta, Harvard Gamma Kappa, William & Mary Lambda, Akron Mu, Butler Theta, Missouri Zeta Omega, Waterloo Zeta Upsilon, Georgia Southern

Epsilon Mu, Clemson

#### Alumnae Associations Gave \$14,386

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# Years of Giving Continue

"Kappa Kappa Gamma has given me opportunities and support since I became a member in 1943," says Wilma Winberg Johnson, Massachusetts. After serving as chapter President, she was awarded a Graduate Counselor position to colonize a chapter at Iowa State, earning a master's degree while there.

After marrying, Wilma raised two daughters and a son. In 1982, ready to get involved with Kappa again, Wilma found a whole new experience with the Fraternity and the Foundation. She vividly remembers attending her first Fraternity Council meeting at Fraternity Headquarters as Director of Alumnae. She felt she knew little about this part of Kappa, but with the support of sisters, she had the confidence to learn and do her job.

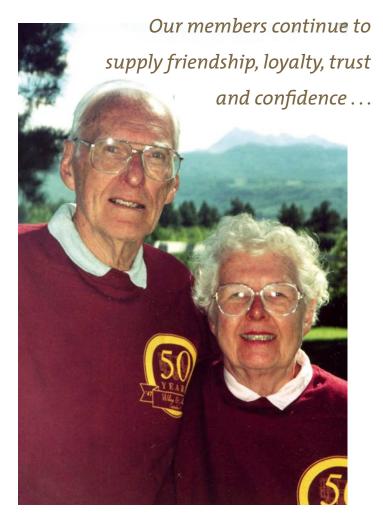
Because of her involvement, Wilma was inspired to make a provision in her will for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. She and husband Aldie have put three children through school and are financially set but wanted to plan ahead for where their money would go in the future. It was only natural that a percentage of their estate go to Kappa. A fraternity alumnus himself, Aldie understands Wilma's commitment to Kappa. Because of her experience as a Graduate Counselor, she established a scholarship to be given to Graduate Counselors, now called Chapter Consultants.

What does Wilma see in Kappa? "It provides leadership training to help women lead in their chapters and in local communities. Our members continue to supply friendship, loyalty, trust and confidence to take risks and to be role models for others. We offer opportunity and training in skills that last a lifetime—organizational skills, working with a diverse group of people and how to be a team player."

Wilma continues to volunteer in her community, having served on PTAs, school committees, 4-H and family service boards. She is coordinator of the Teddy Bear Project at a hospital serving 25 communities. Handmade flannelette teddy bears are sewn by volunteers and given to children in a coping kit to ease their anxiety upon entering a health-care environment-1,000 bears just last year.

With years of service locally and nationally, Wilma knows how much difference one person can make. Looking ahead, she says, "I encourage others to consider a gift to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation to help keep Kappa strong far into the future."

For more information about planned gifts or other ways you can join Wilma in supporting the Kappa Foundation, email MAGGIE SIMS COONS, Hillsdale, mcoons@kkg.org or call 866-KKG-1870 and ask for Maggie!



Aldie and Wilma Johnson are lifetime supporters of the Kappa Foundation. Wilma says a highlight was receiving Kappa's Loyalty Award in 1994.

Pat and Susie Simmers (center) support MS research to try to prevent the disease from affecting future generations.



# A Husband Says "Thank You" for Rose McGill Assistance

A devoted husband of 38 years, Pat Simmers, says "One cannot fathom living in her world." He speaks of his wife—SUSIE KRABBENHOFT SIMMERS—who pledged Kappa at North Dakota State in 1970, was a college cheerleader and a rodeo queen. Susie keeps in touch with many Kappa friends, including former Foundation President PATSY BREDWICK LEVANG, North Dakota State. She lives for all six grandchildren, three sons and three daughters-in-law. Susie and Pat have campaigned for health-care research, changes in disability laws and spoken at several multiple sclerosis rallies.

Susie, the once vibrant "fireball," according to Patsy, still smiles, although she cannot roll over in bed and has nearly lost her eyesight, all taken by MS. Perhaps the cruelest thing about MS is that despite the paralysis, patients still have sensations and need to move. So, husband Pat diligently scratches Susie's nose in the middle of the night if needed.

Pat and Susie met at North Dakota State, where Pat was a Sigma Chi, his house conveniently located behind the Kappa house. What Susie enjoyed most about Kappa when she was in school was the camaraderie, friendships and laughs. It was a Kappa friend who introduced her to Pat.

In 1979, Susie was diagnosed with MS. Pat says they were fortunate that it went into remission for 15 years while Susie was busy raising their three boys and Pat was a football coach. It wasn't until 2000 that Susie had to stop working, use a wheelchair and began losing fine-motor skills. "Susie currently has no function below her neck . . . but a sparkle in her eyes," Pat says.

Watching Susie decline has not been easy for Pat. Their number-one goal has been to keep Susie at home around the friends and family that are her life. With Rose McGill Confidential Aid, they have been able to function in their voice-activated home outfitted with many assistance devices. Despite Rose McGill aid, live-in care and out-of-pocket medical supplies are costly. "Life is good except I cannot move my legs and arms. I wish that I could. This is the hand I have been dealt, and I make the most of it," Susie cheerfully told MAGGIE SIMS COONS, *Hillsdale*, Director of Planned Giving.

"The [Rose McGill] help has been overwhelming. It is something I never expected and it has been a total amazement and help in so many ways. I feel so fortunate to have Kappa help. It is wonderful," says Susie. ⊕→★

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Rose McGill Aid is strictly confidential. Pat and Susie have chosen to share their story with The Key to thank all Kappas who contribute to the Kappa Foundation.

# accent on alumnae



**CARMEN SESSOMS**, *Emory*, right, enjoys sightseeing while on a cruise with friends who brought their Kappa daughters, from left, **EMILY CHILDS**, *Auburn*, and **KATHERINE CHILDS GLAZER**, *Auburn*.

Four sisters from the 1947 pledge class of GAMMA NU, Arkansas, who have kept in touch for 64 years, meet for lunch in Fort Smith. From left are EMELOU MALLORY HAMILTON, (from Conway), ADELE GRAVES JACKSON, (from Fort Smith), DANA MEEKS DEITZ and VIRGINIA TIEMANN (both from Little Rock.)





Friends from the 1965 class of **Omega**, *Kansas*, celebrate their 65th birthdays together during a reunion in the Colorado Rockies at **CONNIE MCWILLIAMS-FRIESEN'S** cabin.

Thirty-two members of the pledge classes of 1966–68 from **BETA TAU**, *Syracuse*, gather in Napa, Calif., in October for their second reunion in five years.



Kappa friends from **DELTA MU**, Connecticut, who graduated from 1960 to 1963 gather in the student union during a weekend celebration of the 50th reunion of the class of 1961.



Members of the 1969 class of **BETA** LAMBDA, *Illinois*, enjoy their second biennial pledge class reunion in October at Brookhaven on the shores of Glen Lake in Glen Arbor, Mich.







KERRY BIBOW HANSEN, KATHY KINGSTON GORDY and CHARLOTTE ARNESON PETERSEN, North Dakota State, enjoy a reunion in Walker, Minn.



In an unusual coincidence, two groups of Kappas on annual reunions happened to be aboard a Chicago River boat tour at the same time. Pictured are members of the 1958 class from *Carnegie Mellon* and the 1963 class from *Ohio State*.

Sisters support JENNA CICCIARELLI, Epsilon South Province Director of Chapters, in the Chicago Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon. SARAH WANNEMACHER, ASHLEY BURG, JENNA, CAITLIN JARVI and CARLY SAVORY are 2007 graduates from BETA ZETA, Jowa.





Members of the **RICHARDSON-PLANO NIGHT OWLS** bring school supplies to their welcome-back meeting in September. Children in the DallasLIFE homeless shelter were given the notebooks, crayons, pencils and other supplies as they started back to school. The shelter is the largest in North Texas and supports men, women and children.



Members of the **BOSTON INTERCOLLEGIATE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** raffle two signed copies of *Summer at Tiffany*, donated by author **MARJORIE JACOBSON HART**, *Iowa*, to fund the purchase of books and school supplies for Esperanza Academy, a middle school for underprivileged Hispanic girls. From left are raffle winners **DEBBIE LAMB BORKOWSKI**, *Illinois* and **LAURA SCHMIDLE PROPIS**, *UC Santa Barbara*, holding their copies, with **KRISTIN ANN MALCOM**, *Iowa*, **SAVANNAH ROSE**, *Northeastern* and **JACQUELINE GRAFE**, *Miami*.



NANCY DROEGE STYLES, CYNTHY KIM MOFFATT and JULIE GROW OLSON, Colorado College, enjoy a reunion in Las Vegas to celebrate their milestone birthdays.





THE TUSCALOOSA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION hosts a new-member dessert party for Kappas from GAMMA PI, Alabama. From left, Gammi Pi members REE HALE ALMON, SYDNEY RUMSEY, Sydney's mother and Association President FRANCES CUMMINGS RUMSEY, collegians ANNA CASSES and MARY DAVIS.

DELTA SIGMA CHAPTER dedicates a flagpole planter on the front lawn in recognition of ALTHEA JACOBSON WRIGHT, Oklahoma State, and her contributions to Kappa. Althea, center in red jacket, has served as Chapter Council Adviser, President and Treasurer of the House Board, represented the chapter at numerous Conventions and Province Meetings and organized five reunions.





The **Kapital Kappas** gather for a Thanksgiving potluck supper at the Washington, D.C.-area home of one of their members.

# **Key Achievements**



😌🖛 Margaret Durante, Clemson. is a relative newbie to the Nashville country music scene, but her emerging career is one to follow. In addition to a number-one debut for her Maybe Tonight video on Great American Country's fan-voted "Top 20 Country Countdown," Margaret is playing live regularly for the first time since moving to Nashville. She also entered the studio with producer James Stroud (Tim McGraw, Toby Keith, Willie Nelson) to complete work on her debut album, tentatively titled Better Now. The album is set to be released in 2012, with a kickoff single in March via Emrose/R&J Records. Her debut single, Maybe Tonight is available on iTunes. For more, visit www.margaretdurante.com.



**Here Willingst Frances Johnson Darger**, Utah, has been recognized as one of 26 orchestral musicians worldwide who have served in one orchestra for more than half a century. Playing in the Utah Symphony since 1942, she tops the list at 69 years with the same orchestra. She plays an Italian Rinaldi violin made in 1886. which replaced the instrument that was run over by a bus in the Stuttgart airport during the symphony's first European tour in 1966. The list was published in the Slipped Disc blog by Norman Lebrecht, who says that almost all the players listed served in U.S., Soviet or pre-1945 British orchestras. At 87 years old, Frances enjoys travel, including symphony trips. In 1999, she was awarded a merit of honor by the University of Utah Alumni Association.

**CUANNE ISOM MILLS**, Washington, has been recognized by Wells Fargo Advisors as one of their Second-Half Champions,<sup>®</sup> which honors citizens who have reinvented themselves after the age of 50. Never much of an exerciser, except for walking, in 2002, Luanne responded to a doctor's letter about participating in a study on the effects of exercise in the prevention of colon cancer. It was at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center that she took up indoor rowing. She began entering indoor rowing competitions, and was quickly adept enough to be chosen for the 20-member U.S. Indoor Rowing Team. A retired teacher, she has served on the Advisory Board for BETA PI, Washington, and at one time was President of the SEATTLE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.



⊕→ CAROL (KEENIE) CLARK JOHNSON, Miami (Ohio,) has been inducted into the Ladies Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, after a 44-year career teaching more than 700 clinics, workshops and summer programs for colleges, coaches and high school districts, as well as LPGA and PGA seminars through the National Golf Foundation. She played golf at Miami University and was among the first class of college All-Americans. Other awards include the LPGA Teacher of the Year, National Golf Coaches Hall of Fame and Golf for Women magazine's Top 50 Teacher. She is the co-author of Golf: A Positive Approach.





#### ↔ Virginia (Ginni) Rometty,

Northwestern, has been named president and chief executive officer of IBM. She most recently served as senior vice president and group executive, IBM Sales, Marketing and Strategy, serving as IBM's global sales leader in the 170 world markets in which IBM does business, responsible for worldwide results exceeding \$99 billion in 2010. As senior vice president, IBM Global Business Services, she led the integration of PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting and also the development of IBM Global Delivery Centers in China and India. Ginni has been named to Fortune magazine's "50 Most Powerful Women in Business" for seven consecutive years, including 2011.

↔ Former Regional Director of Chapters SUSAN STAUFFER BELL, Colorado State, has received the Helen Newcomb Award from the Junior League of Long Beach, Calif. The award honors a member who embodies the league's mission, exemplifies a commitment to the community and serves as a mentor and role model. She has been a member for more than 45 years, holding many leadership positions. Susan gives her time to many Long Beach organizations, including the LONG **BEACH ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** for many years before it merged with the Orange County Alumnae Association. She also is active with



the Long Beach Cancer League, PEO, Long Beach Day Nursery, Children's Dental Health Foundation and more.



**Molly Sender**. DePauw. *a senior* graduating in May, will begin a two-year Orr Fellowship in Indianapolis, working at a company called Courseload. Pictured in front of the Phoenix Theater in Indianapolis, Molly held an internship this winter as assistant director of sales at the theater. She says a Kappa who is a career adviser at DePauw, GIGI JENNEWEIN FENLON, Northwestern, guided her in getting in touch with the director of the theater. "It's amazing how many connections there are to be made through KKG," Molly says. A clarinet player, Molly combined her passion for playing music with a business and economics degree, with the intention of a career in the music industry. Molly served her chapter as VP-S and President.

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ARIZONA. The women of GAMMA ZETA host their first Reading Is Key philanthropy event with a local fifth-grade class. Members read to the students, completed a word search and decorated bookmarks. The children, who come from predominantly Spanish-speaking households, each took home three books for practice.



**MISSISSIPPI.** Sisters *Emily* and *Elizabeth Johnson* celebrate with a tight squeeze during **DELTA RHO'S** Bid Day after Emily decided to pledge Kappa!



MIAMI (OHIO). DELTA LAMBDA members hang out with children who attended Kappa Kidney Camp. The Kappas were inspired by the campers who love life despite their health conditions. During their visit to the camp, members spent the day canoeing, tie-dyeing and playing games.





UC SANTA BARBARA AND UC SAN DIEGO. EPSILON PSI members *Madeline Reed Stack* and *Lauren Rose Arso* and ZETA NU member *Felicia Dana* don't mind the rain on this warm fall day. The three roommates met during their time studying abroad at the Medici International School in Florence, Italy.





**COLORADO COLLEGE.** Members of **DELTA ZETA CHAPTER** are thrilled by a visit from Fraternity President **JULIE MARINE LESHAY**, *Colorado College*.







ILLINOIS WESLEYAN. During a three-week school trip to Asia, EPSILON members *Emily Jones* and *Susan Powalowski* enjoy one of the Seven Wonders of the World.



**CENTRAL FLORIDA.** To promote Academic Excellence Month in February, **ETA ETA** created a colorful banner.

VIRGINIA TECH. ZETA MU members strike a pose—dubbed "zaching" to support a young boy from one member's hometown. Zach is fighting brain cancer, and this pose has gone viral.

# collegiate

# **CPR Saved My Life** Could You Save a Life?

#### —By Kristen Cattoi, Vanderbilt

When I was 5, I almost died. CPR saved my life. Because of a combined case of pneumonia and croup, I choked and went into respiratory and cardiac arrest. My parents rushed me to the home of a neighbor who was a doctor. He taught my dad how to give breaths while he performed compressions.

Since then, I have grown passionate about learning and teaching CPR. When I arrived at Vanderbilt University where I joined EPSILON NU CHAPTER, I was surprised that Vanderbilt didn't offer CPR training to students. The Vanderbilt Resuscitation Program (VRP) handles CPR recertification of several thousand employees and health-care providers for the university's medical center, so I approached them in 2010 about a class for undergraduates. They told me they didn't have the resources to offer such a class, but that if I could find the means, they would support it.

I teamed with Vanderbilt Emergency Medical Society (VEMS), a group of undergraduate EMT-IVs and first responders, created an executive board position to ensure that our initiative would survive, and began to raise money.

With a private donor, the Ingram Commons, and the VRP, we obtained funding for manikins and other equipment. We booked a classroom to hold weekly American Heart Association certification classes for fall 2011 and spring 2012, and I selected 11 student instructors from VEMS through an interview process. In August 2011, the VRP held instructor training for free.

We now hold weekly CPR classes open to Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff—completely free. (CPR training typically costs \$60 per person through third-party trainers in Nashville.) We teach how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) and adult, child and infant CPR and choking relief. We also offer family and friends classes, where we teach the skills but do not give certification, to large groups on and off campus.



We have certified more than 200 people and have trained more than 400. We have paired with Athletes for America to train 72 student athletes. Our five-year goal is to train all freshman students in CPR, making Vanderbilt one of the few large universities to offer this kind of training to students. As our executive board approaches officer transition and even though I am graduating, I feel confident that our new leadership will advance this program.

Epsilon Nu's Education Chairman offered to hold CPR classes as an education event. We trained 150 members through four classes over two nights. I was thrilled with my sisters' enthusiasm—they were interested to learn and asked great questions!

I will always be grateful to my Kappa sisters for their support, and we hope other Kappa chapters will sign up for CPR training. I encourage alumnae to enroll in a CPR class, too. As I learned early in life, you never know when you'll need CPR to save a loved one.

## Why Learn CPR?

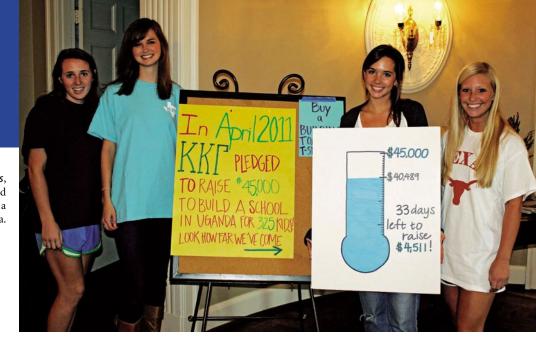
- Nearly 300,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually.
- Four out of five cardiac arrests happen at home.
- Effective bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can double or triple a victim's chance of survival.
- Only 32 percent of cardiac arrest victims get CPR from a bystander.
- www.heart.org

As I learned so early in life, you never know when you'll need CPR to save a loved one.

**KRISTEN CATTOI**, *Vanderbilt*, who got her EMT license at 18, teaches CPR to her fellow Epsilon Nu Chapter members. "I am so proud of our members for making the effort to learn these lifesaving skills, and I know their commitment will encourage others to learn these skills as well."

# collegiate

**BETA XI**, *Texas*, members raised \$45,000 to build a school in Uganda.



## **Building Tomorrow, Today** Texas Kappas Build a School in Uganda

#### -By LAURA VINCI, Creighton/Kansas

hen ELLIE CHERNOSKY, Texas, stepped into the role of Philanthropy Chairman at BETA XI CHAPTER of Kappa Kappa Gamma, she wanted to "go big!" "We were looking for a cause to rally behind, something that would engage the whole chapter and leave a legacy," says Ellie. Online research led Ellie to discover that children comprise 50 percent of Uganda's population, and that one in three Ugandan people cannot read. Public education is available in Uganda, but communities are too poor to build schools.

Inspired by the thought of building a school in Uganda, Ellie wondered how the chapter could achieve such a goal.

Using www.calculateit.org, Ellie calculated the cost of her elementary school education, something she had taken for granted as a U.S. citizen. The website compared this cost to the low cost of educating a child in Uganda. The United States spends 50 times what Uganda spends per student on public education per year.

Compelled by the research, Ellie and Beta Xi found Building Tomorrow, an organization that raises funds to build schools in sub-Saharan Africa. The thought of building a whole school appealed to the chapter, as well as the fact that 100 percent of the funds raised go directly to building a school. "College students typically do not have a lot of extra money on hand to give, but if you give one dollar, there is a tangible connection to the UT Kappa School in Uganda," Ellie says. The chapter set a goal to build a 10-classroom school in Uganda by raising \$45,000. It would provide 325 Ugandan children with a place to learn. Every contributed dollar provides nine bricks to build a school. A bag of cement is \$25, a desk for three children is \$60 and \$900 is equivalent to a roomful of desks! It takes only \$6,000 to fund an entire classroom.

Chapter members raised funds with personal online fundraising campaigns, a Powder Puff tournament against the Pi Phis, a Kappa Cookout after a Texas home football game and a trunk show. With the growing excitement, it took only two months to raise \$23,000, more than half the goal.

LIZ BRADEN, Virginia, a former volunteer and now employee at Building Tomorrow, admires the work of her Kappa sisters: "They have shown an amazing commitment to help children thousands of miles away.... They truly see that many children in Uganda do not have access to primary school education as a problem they can help solve," says Liz.

Reaching their goal of \$45,000 in December, "We are excited that we were able to come together as a chapter and achieve something that will impact children for the rest of their lives," Ellie says. "We realized that together, united as Kappas, we really can make a difference and leave a legacy."

For more, visit www.buildingtomorrow.org.





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