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Orangutans in the wild are merely hanging on—**REBECCA REEDER-HUNT** tells us why.



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

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

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# President's Message

## The Gift of Kappa

**A**s Kappas we hear about how our ritual is what distinguishes Kappas from other organizations. Yet so many members never experience Kappa again once they leave school. So what does it mean to BE a Kappa?

**CLARA PIERCE**, *Ohio State*, Executive Secretary for the Fraternity from 1929 to 1969 said simply, "To be a Kappa is to be a good citizen." I like that! She went on, "To attain this goal one must have understanding of the other person's point of view and how she lives." Now that's impact.

Do you dream of doing great things? What inspires you? Kappa empowers women to pursue a lifetime of excellence. And that preparation begins when we are first initiated, but it doesn't end with graduation.

"The more I give to Kappa, the more I receive from Kappa," says **VERA LEWIS MARINE**, *Colorado College*, the 1998 Loyalty Award recipient (she also happens to be my mom!). Vera's words are especially appropriate at this time of year. Fall always seems to be the busiest season of all and as women we have so many things competing for our time. Among careers, family obligations, trying to eat healthy and exercise—and sneak in a little personal time for reading or watching a favorite show, where does Kappa fit in the day?

Here's the thing—friendships are often the first thing we let go when we can't find enough time in the day, yet friendships with other women are a source of strength, allowing us to nurture and repair our minds. Building successful friendships with other women is essential to all of us. It has been proven it makes us stronger of mind and healthier of body. Building successful friendships has no ending.

As Winston Churchill said, "Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is the courage that counts." Laughing, talking, finding things in

common, learning together—all of these benefits of friendship are right there if you decide to take advantage of them—and it will feel effortless!

Our world is more connected than ever, but it hasn't changed the foundation of true relationships. Shared values and experiences are the building blocks of sisterhood, but it is openness and trust that create lifelong friendships.

We all need courage to extend ourselves, to be accepting of our differences, reveling in our likenesses. We need to enjoy the cultivation of new and life-long female friendships. Kappa is here for each of you so that by being members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, together we can help our women reach their full potential. Together, we create an environment for women who want to be.

Loyally,



**JULIE MARINE LESHAY**,  
*Colorado College*  
Fraternity President  
kkgpresident@my.kkg.org





# iMpaCT

## Nominate the Future Leaders of **Kappa Kappa Gamma**

**Qualifications:** Any Kappa in good standing who has served the Fraternity within the past 10 years as a member of the Fraternity, Regional or Associate Councils, chairman of a Fraternity standing or special committee, Fraternity Council assistant, Leadership Consultant or member of the Foundation Board of Trustees is qualified to be considered for an elected position.

### What positions are being elected?

The positions to be elected at the 2014 General Convention include all Fraternity Council positions, seven Regional Director of Alumnae positions and seven Regional Director of Chapters positions.

**How to nominate:** Please submit recommendations to the Nominating Committee no later than Feb. 14, 2014.

Find the form at [www.kappa.org/members](http://www.kappa.org/members).

Send recommendations to Fraternity Nominating Chairman, **MARTHA ALLEN KUMLER, Ohio State**, 11270 Lancaster Kirkersville Rd. NW, Baltimore, OH 43105-9630 or email [mkumler@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mkumler@columbus.rr.com).

Every member has the opportunity to participate in the nominating process. Please consider seeking one of these positions or nominating an outstanding leader you know.

*The strength of Kappa can be attributed to the leaders of our Fraternity during the past 143 years. Their vision, wisdom and courage have made it the exceptional organization that we all know and love. Make sure your voice is heard by recommending a qualified candidate.*

Who will lead the Fraternity in the next biennium?  
**Kappa** is counting on **you!**



# Letters to the Editor

I have many wonderful friends from my years as a Kappa and none of them look like the cover of the woman on the summer edition of *The Key*. I am writing because I do not often respond so negatively to magazine covers. However, when I looked at the cover of the summer version of *The Key*, I was mortified, insulted and felt that Kappa needs my feedback if they are to come into the 21st century and survive, if they want to be an inspiration to the next generation of women. Who needs to be reminded of unfortunate years gone by when women were only allowed to stay at home? What is the image that you are trying to create in future women leaders? There are many women who admirably choose to stay at home to raise their children, and this is not the vision they have of themselves. They are rewarded by their fulfillment in spending their life dedicated to their families. This is not what is portrayed in this picture. I realize that your audience is from a wide age range, but who on earth wants to be reminded of a time when women were oppressed or lacked the self-confidence to get out of those curlers? Please look forward to what women have become and are striving to be, not backward to a time when opportunity was not theirs to grasp.

**CAROLE WARDE**, USC, MD, FACP  
Educational Lead, Veterans Assessment and  
Improvement Laboratory

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I love the cover! And I look forward to reading all of the stories and looking at the pictures. I enjoy receiving *The Key* in my mailbox so I can keep it handy to read whenever I have a spare minute. But once I start reading it, I usually cannot put it down until I finish it. I am so proud of our fraternity publication.

Loyally,

**JUDY CHASE WEBB**, Texas Tech  
Fairfield County Alumnae Association



Cute! Allison, daughter of **AUBREY ABBOTT PASANT**, Baylor, and granddaughter of **VICKI STERNENBERG ABBOTT**, Baylor

We love **ELLEN SHIRLEY's**, Georgia Southern, spoof of the summer cover!



Note: For some, the summer cover implied that women should be in curlers. It was intended to be a humorous look at a woman who possibly had a surprising change in her career path, something that she could not have envisioned when beginning her career. Many of us have had to deal with surprising changes in our lives.

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## Correction

*The Key* enjoyed *The Cat at Cason Cottage* by **MARSHA LOVE**, but we were so excited that we got the name wrong. The correct title of Marsha's historical fiction book for children is *The Cat at Cason Cottage*. Although Marsha teaches at a college, the book title is not *The Cat at Cason College*. The clever book is for children ages 5 to 9. Find it online at [www.delraybeachhistory.org](http://www.delraybeachhistory.org).

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Letters are edited for style and length. Send letters to [thekey@kkg.org](mailto:thekey@kkg.org) or Kappa Kappa Gamma, attn.: *The Key*, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216.





# Successful Students Find Balance

—By **LORI McDONALD**, *Utah, Dean of Students at the University of Utah*

**T**he autumn brings falling leaves and, in the Rocky Mountains where I live, we start to talk about getting ready for ski season. On the college campus where I work as dean of students, at the University of Utah, fall means chanting crowds at football games and talking with students about strategies for being a successful student.

Typical college students are faced with a number of challenges to their mental, emotional and physical health that can also affect academic performance. The traditional distractions and stressors of college life can lead to cherished memories and valuable life lessons, but I also see students who need to prioritize academics to truly thrive. Getting enough sleep, asking for help and finding balance are often overlooked on the journey.

## Getting enough sleep.

Much like regular exercise, research on sleep has shown that it improves memory processing and cognitive performance, but many college students do not get enough of it. As a rite of passage, I see college students joking about “pulling another all-nighter” and shrugging off the need for sleep. However, sleep difficulties regularly show up in the top three impediments to academic performance on the National College Health Assessment. Students are bombarded by distractions, both social and academic, that, in the moment and over time, end up taking priority over seven to eight hours of regular sleep. This deficit can eventually take its toll on physical health and mental acuity.

## Asking for help.

Whether it is checking in with an academic adviser about graduation requirements, talking to a professor about difficult course material, or visiting a campus counseling center for help with coping with relationship difficulties or stress in general, many college students are not asking for help when

they need it. A sense of invincibility coupled with not knowing where to find help lead many college students to struggle on their own. Too often I have seen students struggle when they could have saved time and energy if they had just reached out earlier.

## Finding balance.

The “work hard, play hard” mentality has become a mantra to many college students, but the balance can prove elusive. Regularly over-committing to both social engagements and leadership responsibilities can take a toll on the ability of students to prioritize academics. Fun needs to be balanced with the discipline to study, sleep and exercise to truly succeed not only in college, but in life in general. Saying “no” to some of the myriad opportunities to play will only make the work easier.

Strategies for success are as varied as the students who use them and there is no one answer, but this fall I will be widely sharing these suggestions with both new and returning students. Of course, the hardest part is taking my own advice. 🗝️

A dark blue rectangular poster. At the top, "KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA" is written in white serif font. Below it, "April 11-13, 2014" is written in a white script font. In the center, there is a light blue square containing the number "100" in large white font, with "UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA" in smaller red font below it. At the bottom of the light blue square, a dark red banner contains the text "Register Now" in white. At the very bottom of the poster, the website "beta-theta-centennial.com" is written in a white script font.

# From Where I Sat . . . In the Fraternity Archives

*Carly Dannenmueller shares her experience as the summer Catherine Schroeder Graf Heritage Museum Intern.*

—By **CARLY DANNENMUELLER**, *Kentucky*

**M**y love of history and Kappa has grown exponentially through the Catherine Schroeder Graf Heritage Museum internship, a summer I spent researching, hearing tales of Kappa lore and preserving the history of the Fraternity.

Before my arrival, I wondered what my first day at Fraternity Headquarters would be like. Would I be expected to recite the Founders' names and birthdates? Would I have to say the password or give the grip? I can laugh at my naivety now, as my fears were soon relieved when I was greeted with a "regular" handshake by friendly staff and volunteers.

With my nose in Kappa history books, I spent the summer researching and writing the script for a proposed exhibition for the front entrance of Fraternity Headquarters to showcase the history of Kappa Kappa Gamma. During my internship, it was an honor to spend time with the patroness of the museum internship, **CATHERINE SCHROEDER GRAF**, *Ohio State*, who has inspired many Kappas with her support, determination and dedication.

Together with curator and archivist **KYLIE TOWERS SMITH**, *Simpson*, we visited The Stewart House in Monmouth, Ill., toured Monmouth College and visited the sites along "The Footsteps of the Founders" tour, which included Founder **MARTHA LOUISA STEVENSON**'s home, the cemetery where Founders **MINNIE MOORE STEWART**, **ANNA WILLITS PATTEE** and **SUSAN BURLEY WALKER** are buried, as well as the site of the Kappa bridge. We also visited the Holt House, the birthplace of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity.

Besides giving tours of The Heritage Museum and polishing silver, an integral part of the internship is working in the Fraternity archives to preserve Kappa's history. In the archives, I scanned and catalogued photographs and wrote chapter histories for Kappapedia. I especially enjoyed seeing the fine craftsmanship of early badges, as well as historical badges with beautiful gemstones.



Carly carefully handles a 1906 ritual book from **ETA CHAPTER, Wisconsin**, an early chapter artifact preserved in the Fraternity archives.

I plan to continue my work for the museums and to volunteer my time with Kappa for the preparations of the 2020 Sesquicentennial Celebration, as well as write chapter histories for Kappapedia. I am grateful for the lessons I've learned and the experiences gained while working for the Kappa museums. Serving as the Catherine Schroeder Graf Heritage Museum Intern in the 30th year of the program, my passion for art and historical studies was confirmed in my daily tasks and activities. My admiration for Kappa Kappa Gamma has always been strong, yet this internship opportunity has enriched my loyalty to Kappa, with its enthralling history and inspiring members. 🔑



# In Memoriam

## Honoring Those We Have Loved and Lost

*These names were submitted to Fraternity Headquarters between May 2 and Aug. 22, 2013.*

### \* ADELPHI COLLEGE

Carey, Henrietta Cawl, '19, d. 10/78

### ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Fowler, Halle, '68, d. 06/13  
Pardoe, Mary Forehand, '61, d. 07/13

### ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Ague, Sarah Huddleson, '53, d. 05/13  
James, Jean Griffith, '42, d. 04/13

### ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF

Trautmann, Margaret Haralson, '43, d. 01/11  
Walker, Stacey Schweiser, '88, d. 07/13

### ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Clendening, Mary, '41, d. 03/09  
Grady, Lillian Hirschi, '27, d. 03/00  
Oates, Will Etta Long, '39, d. 03/08  
Pilkington, Gwenda Tucker, '44, d. 05/13  
Swanson, Winifred Wallace, '38, d. 05/13  
Voss, Marijean Oliver, '72, d. 05/13

### \* BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Kiariss, Barbara McFee, '37, d. 05/13  
O'Flynn, Hilda Joyce, '36, d. 07/13  
Sharp, Suzanne, '65, d. 02/13

### BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Doney, Kate, '07, d. 08/13  
Mickey, Suzan Richards, '86, d. 06/13

### BRITISH COLUMBIA, UNIV. OF

Babalos, Sally Palmer, '62, d. 05/13  
Douglas, Ruth Seldon, '38, d. 12/98

### BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Lewis, Jean Lampert, '48, d. 04/13  
Nye, Jo Hopkins, '55, d. 03/13  
Zinn, Jacqueline Nitz, '55, d. 05/13

### BUTLER UNIVERSITY

Burke, Martha Wynne, '41, d. 04/13  
Cunningham, Deborah Collins, '54, d. 03/13  
Spencer, Mary Marshall, '42, d. 06/13

### CALIFORNIA, U. OF, BERKELEY

Von Liphart, Barbara Sawyer, '62, d. 01/10

### CALIFORNIA, U. OF, DAVIS

Cligny, Ashley Loughmiller, '12, d. 04/13

### CALIFORNIA, U. OF, LOS ANGELES

Terramorse, Susan Armstrong, '50, d. 02/13

### CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Johnson, Bonnie Lisle, '44, d. 05/13  
Park, Sue Rowney, '66, d. 05/13  
Ross, Jane Ramsey, '44, d. 02/13

### CINCINNATI, UNIVERSITY OF

Brounley, Nancy Stevenson, '58, d. 05/13  
McCleary, Myra Innes, '14, d. 04/77  
Nutini, Gloria Lovett, '44, d. 06/13  
Schaffeld, Roselyn Underwood, '48, d. 01/10  
Stifel, Dell Chenoweth, '49, d. 07/13

### COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Lake, Gwen Sylling, '82, d. 06/13  
Zimmer, Constance James, '63, d. 06/13

### COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF

Allen, Nancy Ebaugh, '50, d. 05/13  
Behling, Henrietta Ashley, '20, d. 11/96  
Caughey, Judy Stearns, '47, d. 05/13  
Leland, Emily Mayer, '60, d. 12/12  
Lloyd, Louise Jenkins, '24, d. 06/99

### CONNECTICUT, UNIVERSITY OF

Marks, Beverly Menzies, '46, d. 01/13

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Kenney, Elizabeth Hamm, '42, d. 07/13  
Willoughby, Virginia Wilson, '41, d. 05/13

### DENISON UNIVERSITY

Ferguson, Elizabeth Stewart, '38, d. 02/13  
Lemons, Carol Bryant, '42, d. 03/13  
Russell, Barbara Schumann, '40, d. 05/13

### DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Scott, Mary Longpre, '35, d. 07/13  
Trask, Eileen Burk, '34, d. 04/13

### DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Anderson, Janet Mathison, '45, d. 03/13

### GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Bledsoe, Sammie Cunningham, '37, d. 04/11  
Gray, Patricia, '53, d. 05/13  
Parkhurst, Jean Coates, '52, d. 07/13  
Vorder Bruegge, Susan McNeese, '40, d. 06/13

### GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Blackwood, Florence Henson, '75, d. 08/01  
Ivey, Rholanda Bicknell, '53, d. 07/05  
Owen, Martha Daniel, '53, d. 12/03

### \* GOUCHER COLLEGE

Huganir, Ellen Campbell, '39, d. 05/13

### HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Giaque, Sally Altman, '47, d. 07/13

### IDAHO, UNIVERSITY OF

Griffin, Dorothy Peebles, '40, d. 05/13  
Knowlton, Jane Blakely, '47, d. 05/13

### ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Beadles, Mildred Flagg, '31, d. 05/13  
Miller, Elizabeth Austin, '27, d. 05/82  
Morris, Mary Vines, '65, d. 07/13  
Whitman, Mary O'Rourke, '45, d. 07/13

### ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF

Mojonnier, Barbara Holbrook, '37, d. 10/02  
Rittenhouse, Jane Mickelberry, '35, d. 05/95

### KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Nordeen, Elizabeth Ellis, '28, d. 04/12

### KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Wilson, Jane Peake, '42, d. 08/13

### KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF

Flynn, Pat Pinney, '55, d. 06/13  
Lemaster, Dru Parker, '68, d. 07/13

### LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Robichaux, Estelle Scheuermann, '39, d. 06/13  
Walden, Mary Thibodaux, '52, d. 06/13

### \* MANITOBA, UNIVERSITY OF

Bellingham, Lorraine Frogley, '35, d. 05/13

### \* MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF

Scace, Betty Gatch, '44, d. 06/13  
Thayer, Patricia Martin, '46, d. 08/13

### MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Eager, Martha Cody, '49, d. 10/12

### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Sanford, Barbara Lindeman, '37, d. 01/97

### MICHIGAN, UNIVERSITY OF

Chaffee, Harriet Brown, '48, d. 06/06  
Choate, Sidney Steck, '47, d. 05/13  
Erwin, Sunny Longmaid, '51, d. 05/13  
Rogers, Beth Kings, '42, d. 02/13

### MISSOURI, UNIVERSITY OF

Allee, Margaret, '33, d. 08/13  
Carlos, Mary Himmelberger, '39, d. 12/95  
Donnelly, Maude Garth, '43, d. 06/13  
Horn, Susan Scheffler, '68, d. 04/13  
Williams, Evelyn Fuller, '52, d. 11/12

### MONMOUTH COLLEGE

Brace, Joyce Beaumont, '49, d. 03/13

### MONTANA, UNIVERSITY OF

Donovan, Margie Emery, '46, d. 07/13  
Midtlyng, Lorraine Mannix, '43, d. 05/13  
Sheridan-Corette, Sarajane Murphy, '37, d. 04/13

### NEBRASKA, UNIVERSITY OF

Engdahl, Phyllis Hoffman, '41, d. 06/13  
Kelly, Beverly Boyd, '60, d. 07/13  
Newman, Catherine Wells, '41, d. 04/13  
Smith, Sara Goding, '60, d. 02/13

### NEW MEXICO, UNIVERSITY OF

Dobell, Helen Currier, '38, d. 02/13  
Hardway, Jana Jones, '73, d. 04/13  
Marquis, Mary Anton, '29, d. 03/13

### NORTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF

Dickey, Patrice, '74, d. 09/12  
Hill, Sarah Adams, '58, d. 05/13

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Artoe, Delisa, '81, d. 05/13

### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Benedetti, Stacy Tague, '83, d. 05/12  
Ream, Patricia Burrell, '50, d. 03/13  
Reed, Barbara Heer, '42, d. 07/13  
Whitcomb, Barbara Brown, '47, d. 05/13

### OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Boyd, Jane Elliott, '38, d. 05/13  
Gilliland, Sarah Starkey, '56, d. 06/13  
Jackson, Marianne White, '51, d. 05/13  
Voegtly, Janan Fisher, '39, d. 03/04

### OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tackett, Kaye Davis, '56, d. 05/13

### OKLAHOMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Adams, Marilyn Brokaw, '55, d. 01/04  
Amos, Doris Kramer, '42, d. 08/10  
Birchum, Martha Kinney, '37, d. 01/99  
Bramley, Caroline Pryor, '27, d. 12/86  
Carmel, Joann Rygel, '42, d. 05/08  
Colclasure, Sherry Hillis, '66, d. 03/97  
Craig, Mary Ray, '39, d. 08/04  
Defenbaugh, Dorothy Waldrep, '40, d. 09/12  
Denney, Eleanor Champlin, '39, d. 08/09  
Enloe, Virginia, '35, d. 11/08  
Hall, Nancy Champlin, '38, d. 05/08  
Hardwick, Lynda Harris, '61, d. 01/13  
Higgins, Frances Pipkin, '44, d. 04/05  
Kneeland, Jane Nedbalek, '66, d. 05/04  
Linehan, Betty Warner, '41, d. 07/13  
Loomis, Madge Crow, '41, d. 04/11  
Martin, Mary Hammond, '45, d. 02/09  
McAskill, Marjorie Garnett, '37, d. 01/93  
Neill, Laure Campbell, '37, d. 05/93  
Nickel, Jeanne Stevens, '43, d. 01/11  
Pipkin, Jimmie Midkiff, '38, d. 10/06  
Ramsey, Sally, '55, d. 08/01  
Scranton, Mary Campbell, '39, d. 06/09  
Touchberry, Eleanore Pearce, '39, d. 07/13  
Vandever, Madeline Erickson, '48, d. 04/13  
Wilson, Mildred Hess, '37, d. 04/13  
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Zimmermann, Pixley McDonald, '55, d. 06/13

### OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Shortridge, Jean Johnstone, '56, d. 07/13  
Thomas, Nancy Justus, '53, d. 05/13

### OREGON, UNIVERSITY OF

Harrell, Harriet Campbell, '32, d. 03/12

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Finby, Nancy Scholl, '55, d. 05/13

### PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Eibel, Dorothy Waters, '27, d. 06/13  
Henrie, La Verne Muir, '41, d. 06/13  
Ragains, Carol Feldman, '51, d. 04/13  
Van Ness, Josephine Gongwer, '47, d. 07/06

### ROLLINS COLLEGE

McCune, Barbara Stanley, '44, d. 02/04

### \* SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Martini, Shirley Lorber, '49, d. 06/13

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, U. OF

Ceragioli, Mary Staunton, '49, d. 11/06

### SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Anderson, Virginia Burns, '53, d. 02/06  
Austin, Patricia Engler, '46, d. 08/09  
Blakey, Margaret, '32, d. 03/92  
Clark, Allie Angell, '29, d. 02/98  
Cox, Aylett Royall, '33, d. 10/06  
Crowe, Martha Collins, '45, d. 05/13  
Johnson, Julia Germany, '34, d. 06/06  
Ladwig, Katrina Thompson, '53, d. 07/13  
Martin, Marion Norton, '35, d. 11/02  
Maxwell, Emma Dunlap, '36, d. 07/13  
McDonald, Frances, '51, d. 05/13  
Padgett, Betty Hart, '46, d. 08/13

Reid, Mary Grayson, '43, d. 05/96  
Smith, Jeanne Coleman, '38, d. 12/11  
Stout, Sally Seay, '57, d. 04/13

### ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Eynon, Florence Fischer, '43, d. 06/13  
Grimes, Laura Schultz, '47, d. 06/12  
Offermann, Doris, '31, d. 07/13

### TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Ardrey, Helen, '24, d. 01/76  
Cannady, Mollie Rehmet, '63, d. 03/13  
Erwin, Margaret Kelly, '21, d. 09/02  
Gammon, Eleanor Stayton, '34, d. 07/13  
Haggard, Dorothy Deaton, '42, d. 11/07  
Hoiland, Melissa Worrell, '72, d. 04/13  
Kearney, Katharine Langdon, '40, d. 04/13  
McGrew, Margaret Terry, '76, d. 06/13  
Peickert, Margaret Copeland, '27, d. 01/98  
Prickett, Lynne Beavers, '65, d. 02/13  
Ragland, Sue Starkey, '53, d. 10/09  
Russell, Margaret Keys, '44, d. 04/13  
Schuessler, Elizabeth Hardy, '34, d. 07/97  
Smith, Catherine Howard, '23, d. 05/05  
Taylor, Margaret, '32, d. 11/84  
Tufts, Mimi Mitchell, '43, d. 10/10  
Wetenkamp, Mary, '26, d. 01/94  
Wheeler, Elma Landram, '40, d. 04/13  
Winsauer, Althea Elliott, '52, d. 04/13

### TORONTO, UNIVERSITY OF

Davis, Marguerite Clark, '29, d. 03/13

### TULANE UNIVERSITY

Mooney, Margaret, '30, d. 11/02  
Peacock, Margaret McLaurin, '40, d. 11/00  
Woods, Ellen Flowerree, '37, d. 11/07

### UTAH, UNIVERSITY OF

Lumaye, Janet Stine, '47, d. 10/88  
Wood, Barbara Jacobs, '45, d. 07/13

### WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Bloom, Margo King, '60, d. 11/12  
Schafer, Marian Hassel, '47, d. 02/13

### WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Abell, Stella Key, '23, d. 09/77  
Miller, Jane Krebs, '38, d. 07/13

### WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF

Kinzel, Louise Wagstaff, '53, d. 05/13

### WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Berry, Lucille Vernon, '46, d. 05/13

### WILLIAM AND MARY, COLLEGE OF

Campbell, Emily Russell, '45, d. 12/00

### WISCONSIN, UNIVERSITY OF

Barker, Ruth Baldwin, '48, d. 04/13  
Cooper, Margaret Maurer, '46, d. 06/13  
Hertz, Katherine Picone, '68, d. 03/13  
Vieaux, Jane Overton, '32, d. 01/90

\* Indicates inactive chapters.

**PAULETTE CLARK, Connecticut,** was listed in the spring In Memoriam in error. *The Key* apologizes to Paulette and her family for this incorrect listing.

### In Memoriam Reminder

When reporting a deceased member, please include her full name, including maiden name, her chapter or university, date of death, your name and contact information, and your relationship to the deceased. Copies of obituaries are appreciated. Call Membership Services at 866-KKG-1870 or email [membershipservices@kkg.org](mailto:membershipservices@kkg.org).



Reading Is  
Fundamental

## Buy the Book (or Borrow It): *How to Judge a Children's Book ... by More Than Its Cover*


Reading Is Fundamental released a report about the impact of providing children with books. The results are clear—access to books improves a child's reading achievement. But how do you know which books are the right ones to purchase or borrow from the library?

**T**he *right* book doesn't have to win awards, be named a best-seller, or even appear on a recommended booklist. The right book is simply one a child enjoys reading.

Try these tips and strategies to help you and the children in your life learn how to choose the right books together.

- ▶ Visit your local bookstore or library and take time to explore the books. If you don't like a book after reading a few pages, put it down and pick up another one! Reading should be fun, not a chore.
- ▶ Consider your audience. Ask your kids what they like and don't like, what they want to learn, what they want to do when they grow up, and beyond. Their answers will help guide you to the books that are "right" for them.

▶ Check the cover of the book for an indication of the age or grade level it is meant to serve. Don't hesitate to choose a book that may be suggested for someone older than your child. If a book is of interest to your child but beyond his or her reading ability, give it a try. You can read the book to your child now, and later on your child can try reading it solo.

▶ And remember: knowing how to choose a book is a skill that children will keep for the rest of their lives. Take time to show them how. Encourage them to select books on their own as soon as they begin to show their interests and preferences. 



# From Cover to Cover:

## A Book Editor's Picks for Age-Appropriate Children's Books

Between her professional role as a book editor and her private role as a mom, **KRISTEN DESMOND LEFEVRE**, *Indiana*, knows a thing or two about how to choose a good children's book. Check out her tips on what to look for in books for different age groups—and her picks for each category.

### Infants and toddlers (ages 0–2)

- Big, colorful pictures of familiar objects.  
*My First ABC Book*—DK Publishing
- Durable books made of cardboard, plastic, foam or cloth.  
*Little Blue Truck*—Alice Schertle
- Appeal to the senses like fabric books, textured books and scratch-n-sniff books. *Pat the Bunny*—Dorothy Kunhardt
- Books that tell stories in short, simple sentences with pictures that explain the text. *Dear Zoo*—Rod Campbell
- Poems and rhyme that are fun for parents to read aloud.  
*Clap Your Hands*—Lorinda Bryan Cauley

### Preschoolers (ages 3–5)

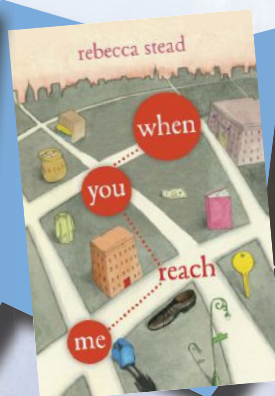
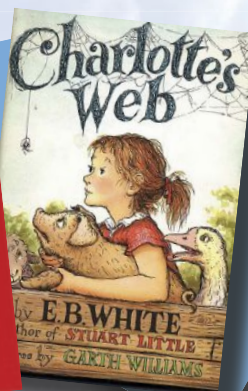
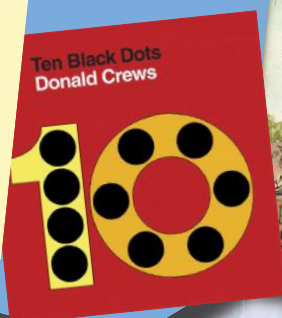
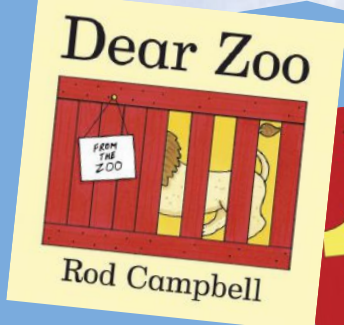
- Simple plots with quick-moving action. *The Day Crayons Quit*—Drew Daywalt
- Lively rhymes and repetition that children can repeat and remember. *Tumble Bumble*—Felicia Bond
- Stories about everyday life that encourage children to ask questions and explore their world. *How Full Is Your Bucket for Kids?*—Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer
- Stories that review basic concepts like letters, numbers, shapes and colors. *Ten Black Dots*—Donald Crews
- Books that can be read in one sitting. *The Relatives Came*—Cynthia Rylant

### Young readers (ages 6–10)

- Illustrations and photos that bring text to life and give clues to decode unfamiliar words. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series—Jeff Kinney
- Appeal to your child's interests. *Choose Your Own Adventure* Series—R.A. Montgomery
- Feature favorite characters or classic characters.  
*Charlotte's Web*—E.B. White
- Books that encourage discussion. *The Three Questions*—Jon J. Muth
- Chapter books that can be read in installments.  
*Mouse Soup*—Arnold Lobel

### Adolescents (ages 11 and up)

- Subjects that interest your child. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*—Roald Dahl
- Characters who are dealing with the challenges of growing up. *When You Reach Me*—Rebecca Stead
- New experiences and opportunities. *His Dark Materials Trilogy*—Philip Pullman
- Fact books, world records books, trivia and almanacs. *The New Way Things Work*—David Macaulay
- Biographies, classics, folk tales, historical fiction and mythology: *I Have Lived A Thousand Years*—Livia Bitton-Jackson



# Foundation Provides Disaster Relief to Colorado Resident



The Colorado floods of September 2013 flooded Ellen Weir Casey's house.

Dear Kappa Sisters,

I live in Colorado Springs, just above the Cheyenne Creek, which was the source of a devastating flood this past Sept. 12–13. My entire finished lower level was flooded. The mitigation workers were here for seven days. During that time they attempted to dry the carpets in the two bedrooms, hall and large family room. They finally had to declare the carpet a loss, so they pulled it out and carried it away. The carpet was one year old, as was the paint on all the walls and paneling, as I had just refinished the lower rooms in the summer of 2012.

The walls required a “flood cut,” up to about four feet. The soaked drywall did not dry, even after having industrial fans and dehumidifier running 24 hours a day for seven days. The painted paneling in the family room had to be torn off and discarded to reach the wet drywall underneath it.

I now have a large bill from the mitigation company, plus I will have to replace the drywall, tape, paint and have all new carpeting installed.

I am a retired 1st grade teacher and live on a fixed income. My darling husband of just two and a half years died suddenly a few years ago, so I no longer have his financial support.

Please consider me for the Kappa disaster relief program. I am happy to supply you with photos and a copy of my USAA homeowners insurance that says I am NOT covered for flooding from any source.

Loyally and gratefully submitted,

ELLEN WEIR CASEY, *Colorado College*

## Foundation Executive Director Retires

Former Fraternity President ANN STAFFORD TRUESDELL, *Ohio Wesleyan*, is retiring as the Executive Director of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

With Ann's dedicated leadership, administrative skills and devotion to the development of its programs the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation gained \$3.9 million in assets and granted over \$7 million in scholarships, confidential aid, funding of educational and leadership programming and support of Kappa heritage through two museums. Her leadership has extended beyond Kappa into the Greek community, where she served on the board of the North-American Interfraternity Conference Foundation.

The Board of Trustees has begun a search for a permanent replacement and Ann will continue to serve in her position during the transition period.

## Foundation on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/kappafoundation](http://www.facebook.com/kappafoundation)

Visit the Kappa Foundation on Facebook to see Kappa and historical artifacts, including Founder **MARTHA LOUISA STEVENSON'S** candlesticks, and listen to a newly restored 1850s melodeon (piano) being played, both of which are on display at The Heritage Museum. You do not need a Facebook account to view these items.



# Meet Foundation Treasurer and Tennis Mom

—By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

Ask NANCY EYERMANN FOLAND, *Tulsa*, what Kappa job she has not held in the TULSA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and she probably will not be able to name very many! She has served twice as President of the association and also has served as an adviser at DELTA PI CHAPTER, *Tulsa*, in addition to serving the Fraternity as a PDA and RDA. It was no surprise that she stepped into the role of Fraternity and Foundation Treasurer so easily.

Asked what has been her favorite Kappa job, Nancy said that serving as Chapter Council Adviser and Advisory Board Chairman for Delta Pi were some of her favorite positions. Though she loves working with collegians, she says that “in every position I’ve held, I have learned so much and developed skills I otherwise never would have. I think every job has been my favorite at the time!” Nancy believes Kappa has given her some of her best friends and has taught her a lot about herself, giving her confidence and a good leadership base. One of her proudest moments came when she was honored as Kappa’s Woman of the Year at Tulsa’s annual Panhellenic luncheon.

Asked about the story behind her email address, she explained that when she turned 40, her family, including her husband, Greg, and their two boys, took up tennis and they all fell in love with the sport. The boys progressed much faster than she did, winning state titles in doubles—hence the name she gave herself of “tennismom.” This name certainly has been a conversation starter for her, so even though her boys are both grown, she doesn’t plan to change the name now! These days, if there is time in her busy schedule, she tries to play tennis three or four times a week.

Nancy worked in the banking industry but has been a stay-at-home mom since her oldest son turned 13, feeling it was important to be home when her two boys reached their teens. Her degree is in finance and she always has enjoyed working with numbers and with people, so being Treasurer of the Foundation came naturally to her.

The Foundation did not exist when Nancy was an undergraduate, and she hopes that the current collegiate members realize all the ways that they can be



helped by the Foundation with scholarships, financial assistance, Leadership Academy and other programs that benefit undergraduates.

Nancy feels that staying involved with Kappa throughout alumna years is a great way to meet people, making an instant connection with women you do not know and a common bond in which to start a relationship. She says, “Volunteering for Kappa is just as rewarding as any other volunteer job, maybe more so, for you are working with your sisters.” 🗝️

# Lessons From Leadership Academy

—By **KAIT SMITH**, *Marist*


**A**s a teacher, business owner, Kappa adviser and a mother of two, it's safe to say that **DR. JENNIFER BAUGH ROYER**, *Texas A&M*, has a lot on her plate. Across that busy and eclectic schedule, however, is one unifying theme that guides Jennifer's life at work and at home: enabling others to act.

It's a lesson she learned during her experiences at Kappa's own Leadership Academy. "Few of us find the time to engage in personal vision and leadership development," says Jennifer. Leadership Academy, she said, gave her "the opportunity to carve out a few days to truly evaluate my vision, determine how to express that and to share it with others to be an amazing experience."

A two-time attendee—first in 2007 and again at Leadership Academy 2.0 in 2013—Jennifer's vision has led her to a life of education. After receiving her degree in education at Texas A&M, she went on to earn both a master's and doctorate in history. Now, she's a history teacher and the co-founder of Success Quest, an educational consulting firm that assists high school students with the often-overwhelming process of selecting and applying to college. "We help young adults navigate one of their first truly adult decisions with more confidence and competence," says Jennifer. Enabling others to act, indeed.

Outside of the classroom, Jennifer also finds time to advise at **DELTA ZETA CHAPTER**, *Colorado College*. Advising, she says, provides "a unique opportunity for us to provide young women a safe place to explore their talents and to perfect the relationship skills that will serve them well in their future career and family life." Her formula for advising follows along with Leadership Academy lessons; she hopes to encourage leadership among the women of the chapter, offering vision and guidance along the way.

Wisdom and vision weren't the only things Jennifer took away from her experiences at Leadership Academy. She speaks fondly of the "new old friend" she made at LA 2.0, "that kind of friend you feel like you've known your whole life even though it's only been two days." The mother of two was also pregnant with her first child during her first Leadership Academy and recalls the kindness and support she received from fellow attendees at the time. "They sent me home with a larger sense of hope and with a wish

that all would go well and I'd have a little Kappa soon," she says. "... Or at least a boy smart enough to date a Kappa!" 



Dr. Jennifer Royer, second from right, visits Fraternity Headquarters for LA 2.0, a program for former Leadership Academy participants.

## **New** Stock Transfer Instructions

To transfer stock to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, please use the following routing instructions:

**Delivery to DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40**

**Charles Schwab & Co. Inc.**

**RE: Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Inc.-Donation Account**

**Schwab Account # 8317-3979**

In order to accurately value your gift to the Foundation, please call 614-228-6515 or send a fax to 614-228-6303 the day the stock is transferred to the above referenced account. For assigning the value of the contribution, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation will use the average of the high and low price for the stock on the day it reached our account. In addition, our policy is to sell the stock as soon as it appears in our account and invest it immediately according to our investment policy statement.

# Chapter and Alumnae Association Giving

*These chapters and alumnae associations supported the Kappa Foundation with gifts received between April 27 and Aug. 5.\**

## Chapters gave a combined \$41,128

Delta, *Indiana*  
Epsilon, *Illinois Wesleyan*  
Theta, *Missouri*  
Pi<sup>Δ</sup>, *UC Berkeley*  
Sigma, *Nebraska*  
Beta Rho<sup>Δ</sup>, *Cincinnati*  
Gamma Rho, *Allegheny*  
Beta Nu, *Ohio State*  
Beta Lambda, *Illinois*  
Gamma Alpha, *Kansas State*  
Gamma Beta, *New Mexico*  
Gamma Gamma, *Whitman*  
Gamma Zeta, *Arizona*  
Gamma Eta, *Washington State*  
Gamma Nu, *Arkansas*  
Gamma Omicron, *Wyoming*  
Gamma Phi, *SMU*  
Gamma Omega, *Denison*  
Delta Eta, *Utah*  
Delta Kappa, *Miami*  
Delta Lambda, *Miami (Ohio)*  
Delta Pi, *Tulsa*  
Delta Sigma, *Oklahoma State*  
Epsilon Zeta, *Florida State*  
Epsilon Eta, *Auburn*  
Epsilon Lambda, *Tennessee*  
Epsilon Phi, *Florida*  
Epsilon Omega, *Dickinson*  
Zeta Epsilon, *Lawrence*  
Zeta Zeta, *Westminster*  
Zeta Mu, *Virginia Tech*  
Zeta Omicron, *Richmond*  
Zeta Pi, *College of Idaho*  
Zeta Upsilon, *Georgia Southern*  
Eta Delta, *Valparaiso*  
Eta Iota, *Creighton*  
Eta Lambda, *Loyola*  
Eta Nu, *Santa Clara*  
Eta Sigma, *Chapman*

## Alumnae Associations gave a combined \$58,056

Akron  
Albuquerque  
Arcadia  
Asheville  
Austin  
Baton Rouge  
Beaumont-Port Arthur  
Bloomington  
Boise Valley  
Boulder  
Brevard County  
Central Florida  
Charlotte  
Chico-Redding  
Cincinnati  
Clay-Platte County  
Clearwater Bay  
Cleveland  
Colorado Springs  
Columbus, Ohio  
Dallas  
Delaware  
Denver  
Detroit East Suburban  
Detroit N.W. Suburban  
Detroit North Woodward  
East Bay  
East Valley  
Evansville  
Fort Bend County  
Fort Lauderdale  
Fort Worth  
Fox River Valley  
Fresno  
Greater Hartford  
Greater Katy Area  
Greater South/Southwest  
Harrisburg  
Hattiesburg-South Mississippi  
Highland Lakes  
Hill Country  
Hinsdale  
Houston

Indian River  
Indianapolis  
Jacksonville  
La Grange  
Lafayette  
Lake Charles  
Lake Shore  
Lake Washington  
Lawrence  
Lee County  
Little Rock  
Madison  
Memphis  
Miami  
Monmouth  
Montgomery  
Morgantown  
Napa Valley  
New York  
North Shore  
North Sound  
Northern Colorado  
Northern New Jersey  
Northern Virginia  
Northwest Suburban  
Oak Park-River Forest  
Orange County  
Palm Beaches  
Palo Alto  
Philadelphia  
Phoenix  
Raritan Valley  
Richardson-Plano

Richmond, Va.  
Rochester, Minn.  
Sacramento Valley  
Salt Lake City  
San Fernando Valley  
San Jose  
Sandhills  
Santa Cruz County  
Scottsdale  
Shoreline East Connecticut  
Snake River  
South Bay  
Southern New Jersey  
Springfield, Mo.  
St. Louis  
St. Petersburg  
Stuart Area  
Temple  
The Golden Key  
The Shoals  
Toledo  
Tucson  
Tulsa  
Victoria Area  
Waco  
West Valley-Arizona  
Whittier  
Williamsburg

*\*Gifts received after August 5 will be recognized in the next issue.*

## Did You Know

*Rose McGill Confidential Aid assists alumnae and undergraduates in dire financial circumstances.*

### In 2012-2013:

- ▶ \$164,622 went to 35 alumna recipients.
- ▶ \$37,200 went to 21 undergraduate recipients.

These numbers do not include scholarships.  
Thank you to all who make this possible!



# Wild Thing, I

## Saving an Endangered

A young orangutan with reddish-brown fur is climbing a tree trunk in a lush tropical forest. The background is filled with dense green foliage, including palm fronds and various leaves. The lighting is bright, suggesting daylight.

Photos courtesy Bill Hunt

Rebecca watches her charge swing on some vines. A former high school teacher and airline attendant, Rebecca has always been an animal lover. Captivated by *National Geographic* stories about women working with great apes, she read about Dr. Birute Galdikas, who founded Borneo's Camp Leakey in the 1970s to research orangutans. Dr. Galdikas heads the longest-running study of great apes in the world. When Dr. Galdikas first arrived in Borneo, extinction was not an issue.





# Think I Love You

## Species, One Baby Orangutan at a Time

—By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, Missouri





A baby orangutan leans down and strokes Rebecca's face after a jungle school session learning to climb.

A moist, earthy aroma and rustling, screeching, clicking and buzzing of the Borneo rainforest greet **REBECCA REEDER-HUNT, TCU**. Grasping a small, orange, furry hand, Rebecca leads Karbank, an orphaned orangutan, into the forest for jungle school.

Ordinarily Karbank would hold tightly to his mother for his first five years as she showed him where to find fruit and insects. He would learn to build nests on the ground during the day and in trees to avoid predators at night. Instead, Rebecca helps him learn to climb so he can be released back into the forest. After a while, pleased with himself, he reaches down from a tree and caresses her cheek. Her heart melts.

Once a year Rebecca and her husband, Bill, travel to Camp Leakey in the rainforest of Borneo, Indonesia, where they volunteer at Orangutan Foundation International (OFI). Currently found only in Borneo and Sumatra, orangutans are endangered in Borneo and critically endangered in Sumatra according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of mammals. Deforestation for palm oil, which is found in many processed foods and products, contributes to the diminishing numbers of orangutans.

During the past 30 years, nearly 80 percent of the rainforest habitat has been lost to logging and oil palm plantations. Now, the saddest sounds are the buzzing of chainsaws cutting down

the forest. Flying over the island, Rebecca sees barren white sand where logging, forest fires and oil palm plantations have eradicated native vegetation.

As the rainforest shrinks, starving orangutans venture onto palm plantations to eat tender shoots. Plantation owners pay hunters to shoot them as pests. Baby orangutans are sold on the black market for pets.

OFI works to rescue and rehabilitate the orphaned babies and release them into the protected areas of the Indonesian rainforest. For many years Rebecca and her husband had donated funds and supplies to foster orphan orangutans and eventually applied for volunteer work at the OFI Care Center in Kalimantan on the island of Borneo. Before making their first trip in 2008, they did extensive research.

"Once I got my first hug from an orangutan, I was hooked and had to go back," Rebecca says.

After two days of travel, Rebecca and Bill reach Kalimantan in Indonesian Borneo. From Los Angeles they take a midnight departure to Hong Kong. They connect through Jakarta, where they spend a night before catching the only flight to Kalimantan. Then, to get to Camp Leakey in Tanjung Puting, they take a kiotok (small river boat) up the Sekonyer River out of Kumai.





*OFI offers eco tours in Kalimantan, Indonesia, led by Dr. Mary Birute Galdikas, who founded Borneo's Camp Leakey in the 1970s. Dr. Galdikas heads the longest-running study of great apes in the world. For more, visit [orangutan.org](http://orangutan.org).*

Rebecca tells about one unforgettable experience after dark when the vessel's headlight went out. Their small boat was low in the water due to low tide and they both knew crocodiles could easily capsize them. Lightning and heavy rain began, and they feared that if the boat capsized they'd have to swim for shore, fast. Now they make sure boat trips are by daylight.

When she returns to Camp Leakey, Rebecca tears up when the orangutans remember them from the year before, running to throw their arms around them, giving them kisses, smacking noises and all. She says some of them are scared of her husband—they know the difference between male and female—and she represents a potential "mom." Rebecca describes how, on an early trip, as she held her hand out, palm down, in a gesture

of friendship, a little orphan orangutan grabbed it and pulled her out toward the trees so she could help her swing on the vines. "I couldn't believe it," she says.

Each orangutan has a different personality, "and their faces and hairdos are all different, so it is easy to recognize them year after year," she says. Her favorites? Omry, the star of the IMAX movie, *Born to be Wild*; Krista, a beauty whose mother was rescued from life as an illegal pet in an Asian brothel; Roman, a weakling who is cross-eyed and gets picked on and Gable, a sweet female who flirts with Bill. "I have literally thousands of pictures (of the orangutans). I'm worse than any parent or grandparent when it comes to (baby) pictures," Rebecca says.

OFI has rescued more than 400 orangutans and reintroduced them into the wild since 1971. Although selling and owning orangutan infants is illegal, they are popular as pets. It may take many years for the caretakers at Camp Leakey to rehabilitate orangutans. "Most are quite happy and playful, but some arrive traumatized from seeing their mothers killed. Their eyes are sad, just like an abused human's can be," she says, "and some have no will to survive."

Volunteers spend their days caring for the babies, bottle feeding them, preparing fresh fruits and vegetables that they buy daily in the local market. There are around 350 orangutan orphans at the care center at any given time.

Rebecca and Bill have had vaccinations and wear heavy boots and jungle-weight clothing (long-sleeved shirts and long pants) that are treated to repel bugs. Of







Rebecca comforts Omry as a thorn is removed.

course, there are dangers: poisonous snakes, crocodiles, leeches, scorpions and venomous bugs that look like a leaf. When they are working in the jungle with the orangutans, they don't think about the dangers, but three years ago something venomous bit Bill on the neck. His knees started to buckle and he lay down in the dirt, eyes rolling back. Rebecca says that since they had no idea what bit him, he decided not to try to find medical help. It got to the point where he declared, "If I die, just bury me in Borneo." Fortunately, Bill made a full recovery.

Currently, OFI is trying to buy a large area of rainforest, the Rawa Kuno Legacy Forest, but if they can't raise the funds, the owner will sell to palm oil developers. Rebecca has created a website ([rebeccareeder.com](http://rebeccareeder.com)) to sell orangutan-inspired art, donating profits to OFI. The site also educates people about orangutans and their habitat and encourages reading labels and avoiding palm oil products. Palm oil is found in consumer products from peanut butter to face cream, toothpaste and detergent to candy bars and cookies.

Rebecca understands that local residents are desperate to earn a living for their families. She says she does not blame them for selling their natural resources to a world that wants them.

Although Rebecca and Bill are fond of all the orangutans in OFI's care, they are closest to Omry. As a mischievous toddler, Omry hit other orangutans and OFI employees. After he hit them, he would point to his back. Rebecca responded by grooming him, separating his red hair to look



Rebecca carries an orphan after their jungle school session.



*"Once I got my first hug from an orangutan, I was hooked and had to go back," Rebecca says.*



Bill is swallowed in a huge hug welcoming him back to Borneo.

at the skin on his back. She discovered an embedded thorn, which was developing an infection. They sent for a veterinarian. Omry sat still as the doctor cut his skin to reach the thorn. Rebecca placed her hand on Omry's arm and he reached over and put his hand on her arm. They now share a special bond.

As soon as the thorn was removed, Omry's behavior changed. Seemingly happy, he stopped hitting and scampered into the jungle to swing on vines.

The care center employees laugh at how Omry remembers Rebecca and Bill, squeaking every time they return. Scurrying down from the rainforest canopy, he throws his arms around them, greeting them with hugs and kisses. Rebecca and Bill call him "Anak lelaki saya," Indonesian for "our son."

Omry now is a sub-adult, nearly as big as Rebecca. He still acts like a baby around her, wanting to be carried, nearly too heavy for her. He could be released into the rainforest at any time, although the care center has been cautious about letting him go because he has seizures they believe are a result of the head and eye injuries he sustained as an infant when he was stolen from his mother, possibly for the illegal pet trade.

When and if that bittersweet day comes, Omry will wander into the rainforest, taking a tiny piece of Rebecca's heart with him. 🗝️

For more about the endangered orangutans and the Rawa Kuno Legacy Forest, visit <http://orangutan.org>.



# One Tough Kat

*U.S. Army Maj. Kathryn Shaw*







## *Learns and Teaches in Each Mission*

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



Barbecuing lamb brings cultures together.

Fire ... meat ... bread ... the common denominator among cultures. Throw in some great conversation and you have a good ol' American barbecue in Afghanistan! Lighting the fire pit and collaborating on cooking skills builds rapport among students and teachers in the Afghan Criminal Techniques Academy. The barbecued lamb over curried rice with cinnamon and raisins doesn't hurt either.

Traveling halfway across the world, U.S. Army Maj. **KATHRYN L. SHAW, New Mexico**, served as the director of the Afghan Criminal Techniques Academy, where she taught Afghans criminal evidence techniques and forensics, from May 2012 to June 2013, to support law enforcement and the court system.

"We educated Afghans in processing forensic evidence for law enforcement and prosecution in the courtroom, from forensic photography, latent prints, DNA, firearms and tool marks, to document and media exploitation," Kathryn says. A military police officer, Kathryn was reassigned with the draw down of forces in Afghanistan, but says she was sad to leave because they had made progress and she wanted to do more.

During Kathryn's deployment, long days were not unusual. But Afghans balance holidays, family, work and training. "One of the most challenging aspects of teaching forensics in Afghanistan was learning to balance the Afghan culture with their work ethic," Kathryn says. And the barbecue did just that—Americans and Afghans got to





### One of Kathryn's many talents is painting.

know one another personally, so they lost less in translation. "I learned to ask about their families before I delved into business," she says.

How did Kathryn end up in Afghanistan? "I sought out this post," she says.

Kathryn, known to family and close friends as Kat, grew up in a tight military family with a long history of military service dating back to the Civil War. Her father served for 26 years as a submariner and commanded the USS *Salt Lake City*. Before she was 14, she had lived in 10 different places. "I loved moving, seeing new places and meeting new people. That has translated into my current life, where every couple of years I have a new assignment and location to live."

Although from a military family, Kathryn chose to major in art and learn to paint while at the University of New Mexico. When she was a senior, she decided to join the military and applied for officer candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga., where she was commissioned in December 2003.

Kathryn says her art background has paved the way for creative thinking at work. "When planning a mission or future plans, we have to evolve our way of thinking," she explains. "The creativity of art influences how I look at what needs to be done, all the way to the execution of the plans."

Not one to miss an opportunity, Kathryn volunteered in the Afghan community after 12-hour days at work. Her volunteer efforts provided normalcy in a foreign world.

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Students and instructors in class together at the Afghan Criminal Techniques Academy

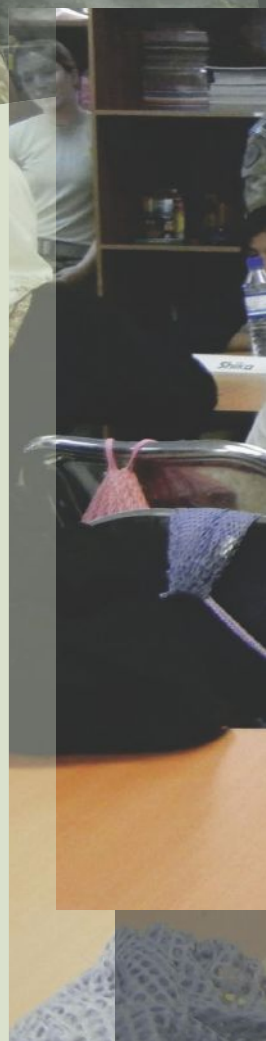
Kathryn worked mostly with young girls, teaching them spelling, reading, the alphabet and counting. Since the Dari and Pashto languages are written right to left, the children tend to write numbers backward, a common error that Kathryn helped them to overcome.

"While it has been difficult to volunteer with my work responsibilities, I find it important personally to do something to balance myself," Kathryn explains. "The ebb and flow of my daily mission impacts how much I can volunteer, yet seeing new faces and connecting with other people has made it worthwhile."

In addition to volunteering with children, Kathryn served as the Distinguished Faith Group Leader for the Bagram Airfield Jewish community, leading weekly religious observances, and was a liaison between the community and the chaplain's office. She led weekly Shabbat Services and organized two Passover Seders.

"As the lay leader for Bagram, I had to balance my religious needs with the needs and expectations of the community," she says. Congregants observe their faith in many different ways and she didn't want to alienate a member of such a small community by being too restrictive or not providing enough of a structured service. "I gained guidance from the rabbi in theatre (at a different location) and past lay leaders from Iraq, but tried to garner what the congregation wanted by asking them directly," says Kathryn.

"Being a leader doesn't always come naturally," she says. "I had to learn to be more approachable and open to new or different ideas. You can't grow as a leader until you become more self-aware and develop emotional intelligence."





Through her deployments—Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan—Kathryn has always had supporters to help her make connections around the world. Since college, she has been a member of the **GOLDEN KEY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** and has also found a network of Kappas through the **STARS AND STRIPES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**.

Although they have communicated through Stars and Stripes for years, Kathryn met Capt. **DANNIELLE CARROLL, Centre**, in person when they both deployed to Afghanistan. When she was stateside, Kathryn served as the Stars and Stripes Association Treasurer. Now that she has returned, Kathryn will serve as the President for the 2013–2014 year.

During her deployments, these two associations have supported Kathryn with letters and care packages, sometimes weekly. Noticing the frequency of items and support from her sorority, other military members would ask her, “Is that from the Kappas?”

Kathryn is beginning the U.S. Army’s Intermediate Level Education, a requirement for the rank of major while serving as the Directorate of Emergency Services

Operations Officer for Fort Carson in Colorado. “At this point in my life I consider myself to be ‘career military,’” she says. In October, Kathryn was promoted to major.

“One thing I love about the military is the focus on both military and civilian education. You cannot advance without both. I have balanced work with the completion of two master’s degrees.” When not working or volunteering, Kathryn swims with U.S. Masters Swimming, practices marksmanship and paints.

While upcoming deployments are uncertain, Kathryn says the most challenging part of being in the military is the unknown. “The not knowing when I may move, where I may go, or what job I may have (and will that job be good or bad for my career),” she says. “Then, you get somewhere, make fabulous friends and have to leave. It’s a transient lifestyle that takes adjustment and understanding from family, friends and relationships.

“My experience in the military has improved the leadership skills I began learning as a member of **GAMMA BETA** Chapter, and made me a stronger person than I ever thought I could be.” 🗝️



Kathryn and an Afghan girl at the Cat in the Hat Language Arts Center.



This experience is life changing. It is the finest entry-level position one could ever have. —J.J. FRASER WALES, *Ohio State*, Field Secretary, 1970–1972

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# Graduating This Year?

## *Don't Miss This Dream Job*

—By **KATE GREENE**, *Ohio State*, LC 2008–2009

College graduation can mean anything from going on an adventure to finding a job. What if you could do both?

More than 550 Kappas over the past 70 years have done just that. Kappa Leadership Consultants and Chapter Consultants are paid consultants—a real job with a real salary—but they also get to travel, receive job training and represent an international women's organization, all while working with people of all ages, from students to campus administrators. And, all majors and degrees qualify!

“Knowing that I would have the opportunity to see different parts of the U.S., meet people from diverse backgrounds, and see campuses and chapters of all sizes appealed to me,” says former consultant **LORI ARMIGER**, *Nebraska*. “The opportunity to work with Fraternity Headquarters staff and Kappa volunteers and embrace a new challenge seemed like an ideal next step.”

Leadership Consultants are hired for one academic year to travel on behalf of the Fraternity to about 20 campuses and chapters, while providing training and resources. Chapter Consultants receive a scholarship for graduate school and are placed by mutual selection at a chapter for the academic year. Prior to all this jet-setting and relocating, consultants receive paid training at Fraternity Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. The prerequisite? Each consultant must have held a Kappa leadership position.

The Fraternity has relied on recent graduates since the Great Depression. Kappa's first consultant, **MARIAN CRUIKSHANK**, *Middlebury*, began in 1930. In 1946, **CLARA O. PIERCE**, *Ohio State*, Kappa Executive Secretary and the woman responsible for bringing Fraternity Headquarters to Ohio, called **PATRICIA LAND STEVENS**, *Tulane*, a rising junior at the time, to help start a new chapter at **DELTA RHO**, *Mississippi*.


The position has gone through name changes since its founding—from Field Secretary, Kappa Counselor, and Traveling Consultant to currently Chapter and Leadership Consultant. What's in their suitcases has changed too—from lugging typewriters and leadership guide binders in the old days to now a laptop and smart phone.

“I learned more about the structure of a business (budgeting, teamwork and leadership) than any of my business classes taught me while in school,” says **STACY UNDERWOOD BJARNASON**, *Washington*, Traveling Consultant, 1991–1992.

**ELIZABETH BUTLER ANDERSON**, *Oregon*, received one of her first jobs with no sales or hotel experience because of the skills she acquired during her tenure as a Traveling Consultant in 2002–2003. Elizabeth now represents 11 Hawaiian resorts from her home in Los Angeles.

“As with everything in Kappa, the absolute best part about being a consultant is the amazing women you meet,” says **COLBY GIULINO**, *Bucknell*, Leadership Consultant, 2008–2009.

According to **JULIE LOVE STONEHOUSE**, *UC San Diego*, Traveling Consultant, 1988–1989, the job of a Leadership Consultant, like being a member of Kappa, comes down to our enduring values: discovering *all that is fine in life and thought and character*.”

More than just a job, the Leadership or Chapter Consultant role is an opportunity to grow as a professional and as a human being. It is a venture to do things that you may have never done otherwise. It is a chance to create a bond and lasting friendships. 

Learn more about the 2013-2014 Leadership and Chapter Consultants at  
<https://www.kappakappagamma.org/Kappa/KKGBlog.aspx>.



During the **PORTLAND (ORE.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION's** Founders Day celebration, members of the 1947 pledge class from **BETA OMEGA, Oregon**, recreated their pledge class photo.



Alumnae of **DELTA TAU, Southern California**, enjoy a tour of the new USC Caruso Catholic Center on St. Patrick's Day following their annual luncheon.



**HOUSTON ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** members **DANA PAINTER PARKEY, Texas**, **SUSAN MCCLIMANS PENNEBAKER, LSU**, and **KATHRYN HALL WILSON, Vanderbilt**, are proud to deliver funds raised by Houston's biannual Pilgrimage, benefiting many local Houston charities as well as a \$35,000 grant to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation for need-based aid to undergraduates.





Friends from the 1998 new member class of **DELTA NU**, *Massachusetts*, visit the mountains of Colorado during an annual reunion: **MELISSA MANN DEANGELIS**, **CHRISTINE STEWART ARCESE**, **SAMANTHA ANDREWS**, **AMY NAGLE YORK**, **GENIA LARSON**, **LIZ NASCIMENTO** and **MEGAN BUTOW**.



A group from the **BETA XI**, *Texas*, 2004 new member class gather in Austin for a five-year reunion.

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<http://uploads.kappa.org>



Friends from the 1960 class of **DELTA PHI**, *Bucknell*, gather on the picturesque Rappahanock River in Lancaster, Pa., in June.



# accent on alumnae



**KATHERINE LEE, BRIANNA WANCURA, EMILY ANDERSON, SARAH ANDERSON and GINA KIRKWOOD**, all **GAMMA ALPHA**, *Kansas State*, finish the Running with the Cows Half Marathon in Bucyrus, Kan. Part of the Heartland 39.3 half-marathon series, the race benefits a small school.

Members of the **SCOTTSDALE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** enjoy an afternoon tea, complete with a hat contest, raffle and guest harpist. Pictured are association President **CAROLYN DAMERON EYNON**, *Michigan*, harpist Pam Hahn, **OLIVIA SMITH QUIST**, *New Mexico*, chairman of the tea and hostess, **PENNY CRAIG GUNNING**, *Arizona State*.



Friends and alumnae of **ZETA GAMMA**, *Centre*, participate in the Shade Tree Trot during a reunion weekend in Nashville, wearing "Run for Boston" shirts following the Boston Marathon bombing. The Trot benefits a free clinic run by Vanderbilt medical students.





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West Virginia Congresswoman **SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**, *Duke*, and **CINDY BENNETT JARBOE**, *William & Mary*, attend the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Leaders in Conservation awards gala in Washington, D.C., last May. Shelley, left, co-chaired the event, which was held at the Rooftop Terrace overlooking the Capitol, with Congressman Jim Moran of Virginia.



Members of the **WILLIAMSBURG ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** enjoy a day trip to Richmond and a guided tour of the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Lunch in a Japanese Tea House followed the tour.



**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** members make food packages destined for Swaziland to feed malnourished children. At the "Feed My Starving Children" event, enough food was packed to feed more than 30 children for an entire year.



**ANNAPOLIS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** members **COLLEEN LIEB WILSON**, **LINDA SCHNABEL VOGAN** and **DEBBIE MORAUER GALLAGHER**, all **GAMMA Psi**, *Maryland*, have night duty chaperoning the homeless during Winter Relief at Holy Family Church in Davidsonville, Md. Winter Relief is a program to house the homeless in various county churches during winter months.



## Key Achievements

🔑 **PAULA SKYE TALLMAN**, Johns Hopkins, with some young friends, is a Northwestern Univ. graduate student doing research in biological anthropology in Shushug, Peru, working on her Ph.D. thesis, "Cultural Change, Stress and Health in the Awajun of the Peruvian Amazon." When she was 16, she stayed in an indigenous Shuar community in Ecuador, where she learned about social changes as a result of road construction, oil and mining. It prompted her to major in behavioral biology to study how stress can affect health. After graduation she moved to the Peruvian Amazon to research medicinal plants in the Manu reserve. After completing the first phase of her research, she returned to the U.S. to teach an all-female course on wilderness survival, which she learned in the Amazon.



🔑 **MEREDITH BANZHOFF**, Syracuse, has launched a contemporary fashion line of versatile, all-season essentials for the busy woman, eliminating the ever-annoying issue of gaping dress shirts. All items, from machine-washable dress shirts to silk blouses, are made in Manhattan's Garment District using hand-picked fabrics from Italy, Australia and New York City. With a showroom located next to that of Anthropologie—and in the same building as the Council of Fashion Designers of America—Meredith is looking forward to adding a classic dress shirt to every woman's closet. [www.meredithbanzhoff.com](http://www.meredithbanzhoff.com).

🔑 **NANCY JOHNSON NICHOLAS**, Wisconsin, and her husband, Albert, provided an \$8 million lead gift for "Nancy Nicholas Hall," a new addition and remodeling of the school of human ecology where she earned her degree. This is the first exclusive-use academic building on the Madison campus named in honor of a woman and includes not only state-of-the-art classrooms, lecture halls, and faculty offices but also conference rooms, community centers, student centers and a pre-school. These new facilities will for the first time accommodate all functions of the school within a single building.





🔑 **LEE REYNOLDS CROUCH**, Oklahoma, has been named director of development at the CT Challenge, a nonprofit organization providing wellness programs for cancer survivors at the CT Challenge Center for Survivorship in Fairfield, Conn. The daughter of a cancer survivor, Lee says, "Every day I feel I am contributing to a longer, healthier and happier life for cancer survivors and their supporters through my work with the CT Challenge." [www.ctchallenge.org](http://www.ctchallenge.org)



🔑 **EMILY SCHAPMANN STROUD**, Northwestern, signs copies of her novel, *Broken News*, at the Knoxville Public Library. The book takes the reader behind the scenes of a newsroom in crisis. Emily has worked in news at seven local television stations, two newspapers and one cable network. Working in broadcast news since 1989, she has lived through that evolution where stations used to produce just two half-hour newscasts a day. Today reporters produce nine hours of news and write for the web, tweet and update Facebook.



🔑 **ALEX BROWN**, Virginia Tech, a graduate student at the University of Tennessee, was recently selected as one of the three inaugural winners of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators On-The-Verge Emerging Voices Award. The award was funded by Martin and Sue Schmitt of the 455 Foundation and the grant was created to foster the emergence of diverse voices in children's books and given to writers or illustrators from an ethnic or cultural background that is traditionally underrepresented in children's literature. Alex's book, *Astral*, is a young adult science fiction novel.



🔑 **STACEY CHADWICK BROWN**, Auburn, is the winner of the American Counseling Association's first Counseling Awareness Month publicity contest. She has a private practice in Ft. Myers, Fla., specializing in individual, couples and family psychotherapy, and is director of human services at Edison State College. During her campaign, she put posters around campus, promoted CAM on Facebook, as well as writing an article for the Fort Myers News Press about the importance of counseling.

🔑 **JILL GOSDEN POLLOCK**, Cornell, has been elected president of the University of Chicago Cancer Research Foundation Women's Board. The board has raised more than \$14 million to support cancer research at the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center since its founding in 1947. Most members have been personally affected or touched by cancer, so funds go solely for research. Fundraising events include the Chicago Hunter Derby, a world-class equestrian competition and the Dream Home Preview at the Merchandise Mart featuring Chicago's top designers.



🔑 **SUSAN STRAKER HOLDREN**, Denison, dean of arts and sciences at Zane State College, received the 2013 Mary Townsend Professions Award, cited "for her selfless service to students and to the community," one of eight Women of Achievement Awards given by the Muskingum Family YMCA in Zanesville, Ohio.

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High-quality, large digital images are accepted.  
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## Our Most Treasured Tails

By KATHERINE JACOBSON  
KULIGOWSKI, *New Mexico*

► *Our Most Treasured Tails* relates the unusual and touching experiences of the author and her husband, Wally, during more than fifty years of pet rescue in New Mexico. In this 256-page hardbound book with 94 photographs dating from 1909 to 2013, Kate involves her readers with current city, county, state and federal legislative action that affects the well-being of all pets. Using a unique approach, she asks each reader to examine their own pet experiences and explore how to use their resources to fight animal cruelty.

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## Monitor Road

By CARLA HASLAM HERKNER, *West Virginia*

*Published by Polyglot Press, Inc.*

[www.polyglotpress.com](http://www.polyglotpress.com)

► Carla, born in Logan, W. Va., is a retired public school teacher, whose own family background parallels much of early West Virginia history on immigration and the blending of nationalities, attempts to organize labor in the coalfields and the gun violence that went with it. Based on her family's true story, she has crafted a tale featuring the Salino family of 1918 whose quiet routine in the coalfields is suddenly shattered by gunshots one quiet morning on Monitor Hill. Though gun violence tears apart the family, this is also a story about the perseverance, courage and love of family.

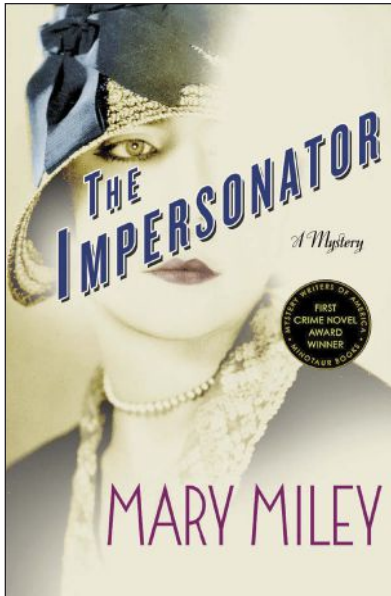
A retired public school teacher, Carla is an active member of the **WEST CHESTER, PA., ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, which has a Kappa book club that meets monthly in a local indie bookshop. The group recently agreed to purchase Carla's book and discuss it. Here they are pictured in the shop, which always makes them feel at home. Carla is on the ladder.

For more, visit [www.monitorroadbook.com](http://www.monitorroadbook.com).



The book club of the **WEST CHESTER, PA., ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** meets monthly in a local indie bookshop.





## The Impersonator

By **MARY MILEY**, *William & Mary*

► Winner of the 2012 Mystery Writers of America/Minotaur award for Best First Crime Novel, historical mystery writer Mary Miley has created an intriguing tale that takes the reader into the Roaring Twenties world of gangsters, bootleggers and murder.

In 1924, a young vaudeville actress is talked into impersonating a missing heiress in order to claim a fortune for the girl's uncle. Agreeing to the con, she secretly decides to find out what happened to the young girl, only to find herself in the dangerous underworld of Prohibition.

The book has received a "starred review" in *Publisher's Weekly* and the Library of Virginia hosted a book launch in September in the form of a "Roaring Twenties" party. Author David Baldacci praises Mary's "deft touch and blistering pace ... with enough twists to keep one reading late into the night ... Simply put, this book is FUN."

Mary's previous books, including *First House: Two Centuries with Virginia's First Families*, deal mostly with history, travel and business topics and are published under her married name, Mary Miley Theobald. *The Impersonator* is an exciting debut mystery novel. The publisher, St. Martin's Minotaur, will publish the second in the series next year, which takes the main character from vaudeville to the silent movie world of Hollywood.

Learn more at [marymileytheobald.com](http://marymileytheobald.com).

## Parenting with Pets

By **MARGARET CRAWFORD HAVEL**,  
*Ohio Wesleyan* and Christine Hamer

► *Parenting with Pets, the Magic of Raising Children with Animals* offers insight into the magic of raising children with animals and how pets bring never-ending learning opportunities into the family. Written by Margaret Hevel and Christine Hamer, this mother-daughter team shares sincere and helpful advice for readers on how pets can enrich the relationship between parent and child.

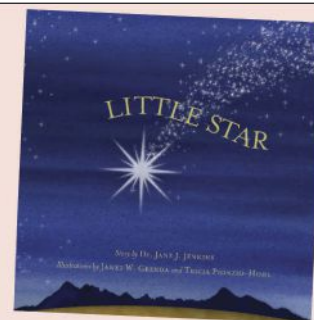
Parents will appreciate the many examples of challenging life lessons and how our pets can be effective teachers. Many of the life lessons are offered as stories, some written by children, parents and teachers, sharing how their lives have been touched by special animal friends.

"In today's world, raising children—and pets—can be a challenge. *Parenting with Pets* shows how pets can be a positive addition to any family, opening the door to enriching experiences for parents and their children," according to Carol Kline, co-author of *Chicken Soup for a Mother's Soul*.

Since not all families are able to house a pet, the authors have provided alternate ideas for parents to engage in the teaching power of nature.

*Parenting with Pets* was a winner in the Parenting/Family category of the 2008 Next Generation Indy Book Awards.

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# Commuting to 1600 Pennsylv

Meet Racquel Russell, Deputy Assistant to the President for Urban Affairs and Economic Development

**T**he traffic in the Washington, D.C., area is known to be among the worst in the U.S. But when your workplace happens to be 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, the commute may be a little easier to bear. **RACQUEL**

**RUSSELL, Miami**, serves as deputy assistant to the president for urban affairs and economic mobility. Her role focuses on a range of issues important to urban communities across America, as well as policies that create opportunities for struggling families, including community and economic development, housing, transportation and nutrition.

"My job is to advise the president on a range of domestic issues related to revitalizing urban communities and lifting families out of poverty and into the middle class," Racquel explains. "Each day is very different, but I lead a team that works with our colleagues throughout the White House, several of the

federal agencies, as well as outside stakeholders to carry out the president's agenda on economic development in urban cities and policies to grow the middle class."

Racquel attended the University of Miami, and although she had a lot of friends in the Greek community, she became very involved in other campus activities and assumed that joining a sorority was just not for her. One day, after a Greek Week event, Kappa adviser **ALLISON GILLESPIE, Miami**, and Racquel's friend, **SARAH MORGAN, Miami**, asked Racquel why she wasn't a Greek—and more specifically, a Kappa. Racquel stopped for a second and answered honestly. "I would have loved to have been a Kappa," she said, and suddenly realized that maybe it wasn't too late after all.

"Of all the women student leaders I admired the most throughout my college career—for their leadership, character, friendship and laughs—the overwhelming majority were Kappas." During the second semester of



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After college, Racquel moved to Washington, D.C., to attend law school. She quickly became a member of the **NORTHERN VIRGINIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**, in which she has held several leadership positions. Before joining the White House, Racquel played roles in developing policies such as the health care reform law and the Affordable Care Act. She has also worked with U.S. Senators Tom Carper and Bob Graham on policy matters related to the safety net and income support programs, immigration, housing and transportation, and she joined the White House Domestic Policy Council in September 2010. Through it all, she reflects on the traits she has gleaned from her membership in Kappa, which has been an ongoing influence in her life and career.

## nia Avenue

—By KELLY MATYAS MAGYARICS, Pittsburgh

"Loyalty and camaraderie are so important in my job and are attributes that I experienced all the time in Kappa," she muses. "The ability to work as a true team (and to have trust in your team) can help you accomplish even the most difficult tasks."

Of course, working at the most famous address in the country leads to piqued curiosity from friends and family. "People often ask me if it's anything like the NBC show *The West Wing*," adding that the real West Wing is much smaller than it is portrayed on the show. But similarities do exist between fiction and real life. "A completely new and unique issue will come across your desk more times than you would ever imagine," she explains. "And it's the diversity of work and never really knowing what you're going to be working on that day that makes it exciting!"

Racquel isn't sure where her passion and experience will take her next, but she considers this role her dream job. "Working for President Obama on issues that are so important to the country and that I am personally passionate about is an amazing experience." 

## From Dream to Reality

The distance between dreaming and being is a gap far too wide to cross alone. As a women's organization, Kappa has helped many women get from here to there. For more than 143 years, we've provided programs, leadership opportunities and most importantly, the unwavering support of loyal sisters to help our members cross that bridge from dreams to reality. The Kappa Kappa Gamma **LinkedIn** group can help by connecting members with alumnae across the continent. On the LinkedIn group page you can view and post new job listings, find roommates, housing for internships or job relocation and ask for advice from professional Kappas. To join, select the LinkedIn icon on the home page of Kappa.org!

# Lovely Things Designed by Kappas!

## Sharp & Sally

**EMILY WILKERSON WARD**, *Richmond*, is the new owner of Sharp & Sally, a purveyor of fine stationery sold exclusively (to the trade) through paper boutiques nationwide. Emily, a marketing professional, partnered with childhood friend Sally Ball Sharp, designer and creator, and took the brand retail in early 2013. The collection features note cards, invitations, return address/sticker tags, etc. Plans are in the works to launch a special collection, “Ashley,” with profits going to help another childhood friend, **ASHLEY CADDELL**, *Arizona State*, in her battle with breast cancer. For more, visit [www.sharpandsally.com](http://www.sharpandsally.com).



## Animalia Design



**GRETCHEN SCHWIEBINGER CULP** and **ANN SCHWIEBINGER MAYER**, both **GAMMA OMEGA**, *Oregon*, have created note cards featuring animals struggling for survival. They began with animals native to Oregon and plan to expand. One of their designs includes the Northern spotted owl.

Animalia Design's goal is to donate a portion of profits to conservation efforts. Their stationery is printed in Portland, Ore. For more, visit [www.animaliadesign.com](http://www.animaliadesign.com).





# How to Start Your Own Business? Look Straight Ahead!

—By **KRISTIN JOHNSON SANGID**, *Georgia Southern*

Despite her traditional career in finance, from corporate finance to stockbroker to raising capital for others, **JULIE LORENZ ALLINSON**, Iowa, always has had an irreverent and slightly jaded side. With the eyewear company she founded at age 42, called eyebobs, Julie dares to be who she is and encourages others to do the same. “Do people wear this stuff?”

The idea for eyebobs came from Julie’s quest to find a pair of fashionable reading glasses. The pair she wanted at her optician’s office

was about \$600. When she balked, he suggested a drugstore, where she found affordable reading glasses, but thought, “Do people actually wear this stuff?” A self-proclaimed optimist, Julie set out to create a mid-price but high-design eyewear company.

When starting eyebobs, Julie faced a tight market that was not exactly warm and open to a new product line. Her aesthetic—not for the meek and mild—comes from her gut. A favorite early design, called “Top Down,” looks like a pair of upside down glasses. An extrovert, Julie acknowledges the hardest part of founding eyebobs was working alone before she could afford employees. “It was bleak at first. For interaction, I talked to the postal

workers when I packaged and shipped my product. I had no peer group.”

With difficulty breaking into the optical market, Julie’s turning point for eyebobs’ success was realizing that her product is fashion. She approached a men’s store in her hometown of Minneapolis and persuaded the owner to let her to leave some pairs of eyebobs. Within two weeks, they sold out. Eventually, Julie was able to hire employees as the business took off.

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**FLORIDA STATE AND CENTRAL FLORIDA.** KELLY GILLIAM and SARAH WOOD had a down-under adventure in Australia, from kangaroos to skydiving. They met during their travels organized by Contiki Travel.



**AKRON.** JULIA DIXON, *Lambda*, traveled to Spain this summer to run with the bulls for the second time in Pamplona during the annual San Fermin festival. On day one, she wore Kappa letters, and says it was fun when people recognized them.



**LOYOLA.** ETA LAMBDA members JOLINE DE CASTRO, NICHOLE CABRAL, LIZZY PRATTY and KELLY ROESSLER enjoy the beautiful background of the Chicago skyline during their senior boat cruise .





**INDIANA.** DELTA's race team shows the winning time at the University of Indiana's Little 500 bike race. Racing 100 laps, the Kappa team finished first. The 62-year-old race is modeled after the Indianapolis 500.



**MISSOURI.** Cowgirl up! THETA CHAPTER member MEL EGAS leads a new rider around the ring, where the chapter volunteers weekly at Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center.



**OHIO STATE.** BETA NU members spend a beautiful Saturday hiking at Old Man's Cave in Hocking Hills, just outside Columbus, Ohio.



**SOUTH CAROLINA.** EPSILON KAPPA took their new member class of 108 on a retreat to the YMCA Camp in Greenville, S.C. They enjoyed a weekend of ziplining, crafting and outdoor games





**UTAH.** DELTA ETA members **KINSEY LANCE, NANDINI DEO, DEBORAH DUPONT** and **KELSEY STRONG** volunteer at a benefit carnival for patients, families and their guests by Shriner's Hospital for Children in Salt Lake City.



**AUBURN.** EPSILON ETA's 5k Kolor Run raised more than \$8,500 for their local philanthropy, the Jean Dean RIF warehouse. The race had more than 300 participants and they are looking forward to an even better turn out next time.



**WILLIAM & MARY.** GAMMA KAPPA members **JILLIAN TURNER, TESS POWERS, ROSE MURATORE** and Philanthropy Adviser **LINDA TRIPP McNITT, Hillsdale**, accept the Outstanding Organization and 2013 STAR award from the Williamsburg-James City County Community Action Agency for Gamma Kappa's work with Head Start and RIF.

**MCGILL.** DELTA DELTA members get together before Recruitment for some sisterhood time, bringing along their new KKG letters and a giant fleur-de-lis.







**OREGON STATE. GAMMA MU** member and former Vice President-Academic Excellence **SAMANTHA PLACE** was awarded the Waldo-Cummings Outstanding Junior Student Award by Oregon State University for academic achievement and leadership

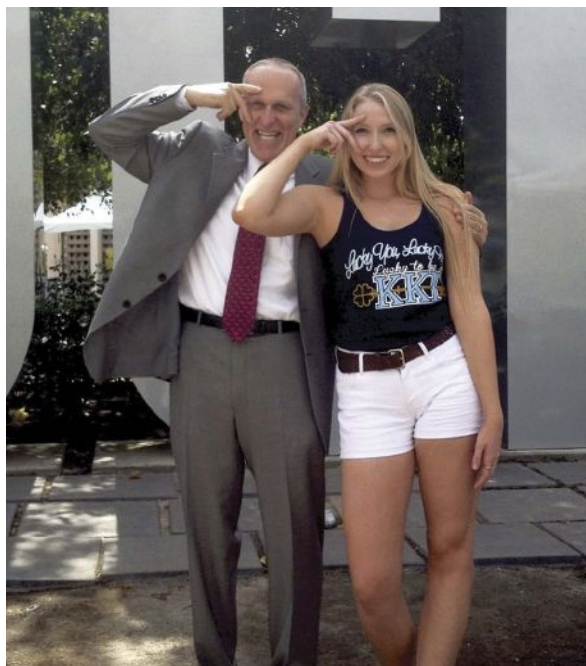


**MINNESOTA. CHI** members are prepared for the open house round of Recruitment.



**BOWLING GREEN. ZETA KAPPA** members get a great start selling popsicles in September to raise money for their Kappa Kidney Camp philanthropy, a camp for children with diabetes.





**UC RIVERSIDE.** EPSILON PI member JUSTINE STERLING (right) welcomes new Chancellor Kim Wilcox (left) on the first day of classes.



**WEST VIRGINIA.** Through all the hustle and bustle of Recruitment, BETA UPSILON recently had a sisterhood activity visiting an overlook near Morgantown, W.Va.







**BRITISH COLUMBIA.** Members of **GAMMA UPSILON** prepare to greet potential new members on the first day of “tours,” which is the first round of Recruitment at UBC.



**FLORIDA STATE.** With a theme of “Kappily Ever After,” **EPSILON ZETA** members celebrate Bid Day!



**LSU. DELTA IOTA** members are ready to welcome potential new members on the first day of Recruitment.



**CREIGHTON.** **ETA IOTA** members **DANIELLE ARUDA** and **TARYN BEARD** take a break from the hunt for perfect pumpkins during the chapter’s fall sisterhood event.



**MARIST. ZETA CHI** chose the classy theme, “Kappa & Co: Fall Collection 2013” for fall Recruitment.





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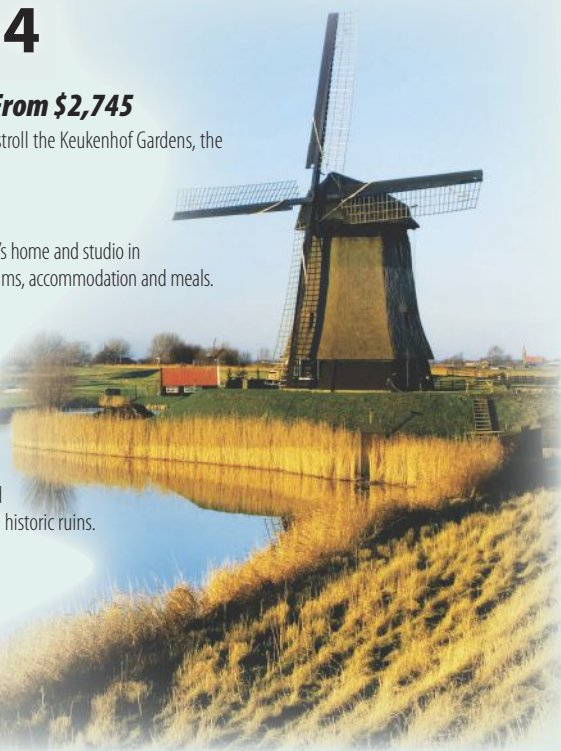
Begin in Sofia, Bulgaria, and continue with a nine-night cruise of the Danube aboard *MS Amadeus Brilliant*. Visit opulent palaces, cathedrals, the Iron Gate Gorge and the Wachau Valley. Explore Budapest and Vienna as well as the region's natural beauty. End with a three-night stay in Prague. Includes excursions and meals.

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### Cruise the Panama Canal, **Nov. 11–30 From \$3,135**

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# What *Were They*

Sharing ideals and bonds of friendship through the years, Kappas also shared moments of laughter—intentional or otherwise.

What were the women in this photo doing as they posed with a number of miscellaneous items that appear to have no obvious connection to the times or the usual pursuits of college women? If we could just ask these Kappas from **EPSILON CHAPTER, Illinois Wesleyan**, in 1892.

Taken a year before the chapter would celebrate its 20th anniversary, perhaps they were planning activities for the celebration. One young lady seems to like the idea of—tennis anyone? And is she wearing a fashionable sporting costume of the time or did she forget to change out of her nightgown?

Maybe the young member strumming her guitar had early dreams of gathering others to form a Kappa Pickers group!

What is that unladylike pose by the member with her knees spreading her skirt wide? Was she sitting cross-legged on the floor? And why is she holding a carnation?

On the right, that looks like a peeled banana. Hmmm. Ooops, there it is again—a banana held by the middle figure in the back row. And in the second row is a member, eyes closed, looking like she's about to bite into the banana. Snack time? It appears that she's holding a bowling pin or juggling pin. What is that all about?

Books appear in the hands of several members. Someone's paying attention to her studies.

Whatever was on the minds of these Epsilon members is lost to history. But what an interesting find this photo was and how lucky we are to have it preserved in the Fraternity's archives. We may think of a rarely opened closet, a dusty attic or a battered file cabinet—fusty, dusty, overlooked collections of boring papers.

Boring? Never. Chapter records and photos, governmental affairs, family history—it's all worth preserving for the stories of ancestors and events we never knew or long forgot. Archives tell the story of who we are and how we have become who we are. Archives teach us about ourselves and perhaps suggest how we should proceed in becoming who we aspire to be.

And besides, they're fun! 🗝️



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