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Executive Committee and State Presidents Meet in Tulsa



National Kappa Kappa Iota Headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma welcomed over 30 guests on Friday, September 30th. Guests included National President Jeanne Blain, the Executive Committee, State Presidents and Kappa Guys.

The weather was beautiful, allowing for the Kappa grounds to be converted into a picturesque version of old country - with displays of hand sewn quilts, mason jars for tea, cotton plaid tablecloths and fresh picked mums. The main course of fried chicken was selected by President Jeanne! Apple, cherry, and pumpkin pies, fruit and beverages were provided by Alpha State Tulsa Area Council Chapters.



Following dinner, President Jeanne divided the group for touring the Kappa House, shopping for Kappa merchandise and walking through the Memorial Garden. This event was followed by an informal meeting in the Kappa House. While the Executive Committee stayed at National Headquarters collaborating in conducting Kappa Business (seldom sleeping) and over indulging in Mama Elsie's home cooking, the State Presidents enjoyed the comforts of the Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place. The hospitality room was hosted by Past Alpha State President Janice Luce and Alpha State Kappa Pat Kelley.



The Doubletree was also the site of the Fall Business Meeting and Luncheon. Past National President Linda Smith presented an informative presentation titled "A Little Bit of This & A Little Bit of That". Third Vice President Laurie Konrad led First Vice President Sue Hagan, Second Vice President Wanda Huhn and Recording Secretary Melinda Sams in a membership rap. Free time during the afternoon was spent shopping and resting. That evening, everyone dined at Charleston's Restaurant in a private area, extending the meaning of President Jeanne's theme ~Threads of Friendship Run Through Kappa ~.



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2011-2012 STATE PRESIDENTS/REPRESENTATIVES

Front L to R: Jean Terrell, Bonnie Bell, Phyllis Jiji, Chris Hockert 2nd Row: Pat McFarland, Martha Thibodeaux, Jodi Linhart 3rd Row: Linda Long, Susan Peterson, Pat Davis Back Row: National President Jeanne Blain, Kathy Russell, Marcy McMillin Bryant, JoAnn Velemirov and JoAnn Collett

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One of the "perks" of being National President - being the first one in line.

National President Jeanne Blain ~ Phi State, Ohio

Season's Greetings!

It is hard for me to believe that almost a half a year has gone by, and the holidays are so quickly approaching.

What a wonderful group of loving, caring, and sharing people Kappa members are. This was shown at our recent Fall Meeting. 13 State Presidents and 2 State Representatives enjoyed the absolutely beautiful weather of Tulsa. It was so good to get to share time with all the Quilting Bees! Getting to know them better, meeting some of our Kappa Guys and hearing about what is going on in our various states was so refreshing.

A big thank you goes to Administrative Assistant Marilyn Bridges and our Tulsa Kappas for putting on a beautiful down home Friday night dinner of fried chicken with all the fixings. And, my oh my, so many beautiful quilts were displayed – truly amazing.

Then it was on to Saturday when all got down to Kappa business. It was a very productive day. Some very interesting Kappa history was shared with a program presented by Past National President Linda Smith called "A Little Bit of This and A Little Bit of That". National Third Vice President Laurie Konrad then performed a skit, with the assistance of Second Vice President Wanda Huhn and Recording Secretary Melinda Sams, on membership with many recruitment ideas.

A few unexpected events occurred at National Headquarters while we were there. Executive Director Radious Guess resigned to relocate, as her husband had accepted a position in Texas. Administrative Assistant Marilyn Bridges was asked to move into the Executive Director position, and she enthusiastically accepted this new role. A hiring committee was then appointed for the hiring process of a new Administrative Assistant.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your National President this year and am looking forward to making sure that "Threads of Friendship Run Through Kappa". Please let me know if there is anything I can assist you with to help Kappa grow.



Lights, Camera, Headquarters Action



Do you recall meeting "Elizabeth Taylor" in *Hello, Hollywood* during the June 2011 National Convention in Louisiana? Well, she was our very own Administrative Assistant Marilyn Bridges, who recently has been promoted to Executive Director. This occurred when the former Executive Director unexpectedly resigned, due to her husband's new job. While serving as

Administrative Assistant, Marilyn's very strong work ethic was easily discerned by the Executive Committee due to the exhibition of her ability to readily learn and use new procedures, including new computer software, her impeccable attendance record, her winning personality, and her extremely high level of integrity. In the field of education, Marilyn served as a classroom teacher, lead teacher, mentor teacher and team leader. Her list of professional development activities and her honors are quite impressive. Marilyn's personal education includes a Bachelor of Science and Masters in Education +60 hours. She enjoys playing the piano and dotes on her cherished "Grand-Dogs". Marilyn is a long time member of Kappa Kappa Iota, active at the local, regional, state and national levels. Kappa members across the nation can look forward to the team work of this new Executive Director and new Administrative Assistant to bring about a high level of competency, with which they have been charged and which is so needed.



Congratulations to Dr. Stephanie K. Holcomb as the new Administrative Assistant at the Headquarters Office in Tulsa, OK! Stephanie is a Kappa member who is newly retired from the field of education. Her career included positions of classroom teacher, counselor, and administrator. In these various capacities, Stephanie gained experience in using all

the software programs which are used at Headquarters and in the production of many publications, as well as creating numerous spreadsheets. All these skills will help her to assist the new Executive Director in the efficiency, friendliness and effectiveness of our business office. As a member of the Tulsa Council, Stephanie spent many volunteer hours at Headquarters this past spring during the transition when the former long-time Executive Director left. Several professional references touted Stephanie's integrity, organizational skills, communication skills and completion of tasks, as being very strong character traits. This is quite evident when you consider that she achieved National Board Certification while working on her doctorate and dealing with several family medical emergencies, all at the same time. You may remember her as "Marilyn Monroe" at the *Hello, Hollywood* evening at the 2011 National Convention in Shreveport. The Hiring, Executive and Business Committees welcome Stephanie to Kappa Headquarters.



KAPPAS IN THE NEWS

KAPPA KAPPA IOTA PROCLAMATION: Mayor Robert Smith signs a proclamation declaring September as National Kappa Kappa Iota Month at City Hall in Columbus, Mississippi. **L to R:** Past State Presidents Debbie McLaurin, Diann Carter, Olivia Sansing, Pam Russell, Past State Treasurer Ann Sims and State President-Elect Mitzy Johnson Mills - Beta Chapter, Mu State/MS.



BOOK SIGNING: Sigma Chapter, Mu State/MS, hosted a reception and book signing for New York Times Best Selling Author Robert Hicks, at Union County Museum. Mr. Hicks signed copies of *The Widow of the South*. **L to R:** Jennifer Beam, Lanta Craig, Ninabeth Capaning, Bethany Dalton, Margorie Livingston and Anita Buster. Past Mu State President and President of Friends of the Library, Anita Buster, helped coordinate this event and more to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War and National Library Week.

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Each state, local chapter, and council must file an annual 990-N e-Postcard, via the Internet, with the IRS to maintain tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization.

The deadline is November 15th for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. If you missed the deadline, file as soon as possible.

Experience and Explore the Treasures of Historic Tennessee

The 2012 National Convention will be held at the Sheraton Read House in Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 20-23. The complete overview of workshops, tours, schedule and registration process will appear in the February Convention Issue of *The Kappa Profile*, plus ongoing information will appear on the Kappa Kappa Iota website.

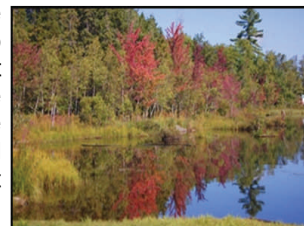
Psi State (Tennessee) Kappas invite you to relax and enjoy the beauty and culture of the area while traveling through the rolling hills of Central Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains, as you learn about the history and treasures of Tennessee since its statehood in 1796.

On Wednesday, June 20th, the Convention Pre-Tour will depart from the historic Sheraton Read House to travel from Chattanooga through Central Tennessee to the town of Lynchburg, Tennessee, home of the famous historic Jack Daniel Distillery. Upon arriving at the Welcome Center, you will be met by your tour guide for an escorted tour of the facilities. After the tour, you will leave for a short drive to the Historic Town Square, where you will enjoy a lunch of "down-home" cooking at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House Restaurant. After lunch, a visit to The General Store, Ladies' Handcraft Center or a local museum will conclude this Pre-Tour adventure.



Following the Convention on Sunday, June 24th, the Mable Caldwell Scholarship

Post Tour will depart from the Sheraton Read House in route to Gatlinburg, the Archway to the Great Smoky Mountains. A visit to the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum in Athens, Tennessee will captivate and educate everyone, as it depicts the Cherokee life and culture, as well as the early Pioneers. The journey will continue through Knoxville, Tennessee, home of the "Tennessee Volunteers" with an evening dinner show in Pigeon Forge at Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede. Beautiful Southern belles and gallant heroes will take you back to a long forgotten time. The next day, you will take a scenic drive around the magnificent "Great Smoky Mountains", arriving in Cherokee, North Carolina. An outdoor theatre drama, "Unto These Hills", portraying the Cherokee from a historical perspective will be your evening entertainment. Following the next day visit to Cherokee Oconaluftee Village, you will be headed back to Chattanooga. Oh, what a wonderful time you will have!



For additional information and cost/reservation process, see the Kappa website: www.nationalkappakappaiota.org. For any questions, call Chris Hockert at 423-842-0679 (Email - chockert@comcast.net) or Barbara Baker 423-364-6268 (Email -

National Kappa Kappa Iota Convention June 20-23, 2012
Sheraton Read House
Chattanooga, Tennessee
Call 1-800-325-3535, or register on line.
See Kappa Website for reservation link.

Thank You For Your Generous Donations

(7/01/11-10/21/2011)

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Any Budgeted Area of Need

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In Honor of Mary Lou Hughes

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In Memory of Cora Gascon,

mother of Charlotte Schneider

In Memory of Ida Poole,

mother of Christena Poole

Sue Hagan, Upsilon State/SC

In Memory of Cora Gascon

In Memory of Ida Poole

Nancy Johnson, Iota State/NE

In Memory of Ida Poole

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Past National Presidents

In Memory of Cora Gascon

Jeanne Blain, Phi State/OH

In Memory of Cora Gascon

Christena Poole, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of Cora Gascon

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In Memory of Cora Gascon

In Memory of Ida Poole

Elsie Clark, Lambda State/GA

In Memory of Cora Gascon

In Memory of Ida Poole

Connie Schobert, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of Cora Gascon

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

Past State Presidents'

Scholarship

Carol Jean Neary, Xi State/FL -

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In Memory of Cora Gascon

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Gamma Kappa, Delta State/TX

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In Memory of Debbie McBroom

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(July 11-October 4, 2011)

Kappa Nu, Upsilon State/SC

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Throughout the years since I received my degree

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I watch high school and college students so happy to graduate

Focused not on what's to come - only ahead to the graduation date.

Diploma in hand, it's world here we come to make our mark.

Education time is over they think - they're happy as a lark.

How can we tell them at such a young age

All learning isn't found in books on a page?

It's through the years that you soon find out

It takes years to find out what life is all about.

Attending workshops, conferences and classes

They're important even though I must wear glasses.

Life is a journey as we continue to learn each day

Mentoring to others to show them the way.

Learning doesn't end when the diploma is in hand.

There's so much to learn about our proud land.

Professional Development, Networking, Elder Hostel,

Learning continues long after the sound of the bell.

Mary Lou Hughes, Alpha Chapter, Eta State/LA

Learn from yesterday, live for today,
hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to
stop questioning. ~ Albert Einstein ~