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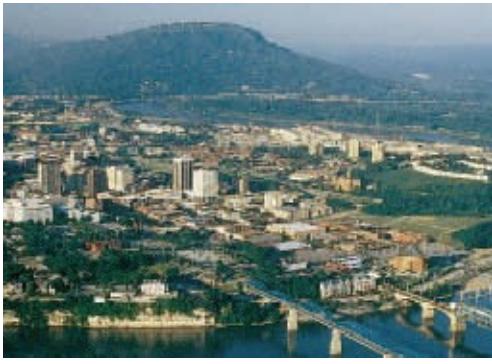
2012 CONVENTION ISSUE

National Kappa Kappa Iota 63rd Annual Convention

June 20-23, 2012 Chattanooga, Tennessee

Psi State Kappas welcome you to the breath-taking beauty of Tennessee and the Scenic City of Chattanooga. The city of Chattanooga has many world class attractions, museums, historical sites, excellent restaurants, wonderful shopping, Southern hospitality, and charm.

Chattanooga is surrounded by mountains, and the Tennessee Riverfront is a focal point for many cultural events. Chattanooga, located in southeast Tennessee, is the 4th largest city in Tennessee and easily accessible by car at the junction of four interstate highways or by air through the Chattanooga Airport.



Chattanooga City and Hamilton County have developed an extensive greenway system, which includes more than 5 miles of a constructed river-walk, beginning downtown and meandering through the historic art district and several parks. The city supports a downtown shuttle fleet of zero-emission electric buses. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy golfing, hang-gliding, caving, bass fishing, and mountain climbing. Chattanooga is one of the most progressive and livable mid-size cities in the U.S. It is a family friendly city. Come and enjoy the charm and beauty of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The 2012 convention hotel is the Sheraton Read House, which combines the ambience of yesterday with the amenities of today. It is located in the heart of downtown

Chattanooga and is on the free electric shuttle bus route and just blocks away from the Tennessee Aquarium, restaurants, shopping, and other exciting attractions. The hotel, which hosted the organizational meeting of Psi State, has given us reasonable room rates that include High Speed Internet Access, meeting space, historic Crystal Ballroom, pool, workout room, courtyard, and terrace. Meeting rooms are located on the first and second floors of the hotel. Make your reservations early and come to relax and enjoy the wonder and beauty of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Christine Hockert, Psi State/TN, Convention Chair

WORKSHOPS - Eight workshops will be offered on Thursday afternoon, based upon participation.

1:30-2:30pm Workshops:

Technology for Beginners—Presented by Hamilton County School Personnel

Learn the basic of the internet: how to Google, create a document, copy & paste, change fonts, create an email account, and use email.

Technology Project-Based IEARN Learning Circles—Presented by Dr. Barry Kramer, Franklin Township School

As an IEARN member for over 12 years, Dr. Kramer integrates IEARN Circles to improve literacy, technology, and social studies skills. He will share some of his experiences.

History of Barn Quilt Patterns—Presented by Kappa Member, Melinda Eval, Winding Road Ink

Learn how Melinda's interest and research of quilt patterns in North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee led to the book, Grow Old With Me, the first in a series of planned "Quilt Trail Novels".

Nutrition and Fitness—Presented by Kappa Member, Sylvia Green

Sylvia will share her experience, nutrition knowledge, and fitness techniques that helped her lose over 60 pounds.

2:30-3:30pm Workshops:

Advanced Technology—Presented by Hamilton County School Personnel

Learn how to work with Adobe PDF files and privileges, social networking sites such as Facebook, and create a blog.

Storytellers—Presented by Kappa Members Sylvia Green and Kathy Gordon

Sit back and get ready to laugh as Sylvia and Kathy share for your enjoyment their love of storytelling and some of their favorite stories.

Stress Reducer—Presented by Kappa Member & Water Aerobics Instructor, Melinda Eval

Put on your swim suit and meet Melinda at the hotel swimming pool for a great workout.

Civil War History in Chattanooga—Presented by National Parks Service Ranger

Learn why Chattanooga was vital during the Civil War to both the Union and the Confederacy.

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BOOKS and BEARS

Please bring your donations of books and bears to the Annual Luncheon.

The bears will be donated to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for children with special needs. The books will be donated to the Northside Neighborhood House or the Housing Authority Learning Center to be used in their GED program or after-school tutoring programs, etc. All kinds of books for K-12, dictionaries, and books for young adults in the GED program would be appreciated.



Convention Floral Order

(Order with Registration and pick up in hotel lobby on June 23 from 4-5:30pm)

Name: _____ State: _____

Corsage/s:

ordered _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Carnation # _____ Color/s preferred _____

Mini-roses # _____ Color/s preferred _____

Boutonniere:

ordered _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Flower preferred _____

Ribbon color preferred _____

2012 CONVENTION TOURS

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 KAPPA GUYS TOUR TENNESSEE RIVER GORGE EXCURSION CRUISE

Board the River Gorge Explorer at the Chattanooga Riverboat Pier for a 2 hour, 26 mile scenic tour of 27,000 acres of protected land. We will walk to the Tennessee Aquarium to enjoy a box lunch and tour the freshwater and saltwater exhibits. We will also visit *The Passage*, a new pedestrian link between downtown Chattanooga and the Tennessee River.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 CHATTANOOGA DUCKS CITY TOUR AND TENNESSEE AQUARIUM (1/2 day tour)

Kappas, kids, and guests will board an authentic WWII amphibious landing craft built specifically for the D-Day Invasion. The tour will take you through downtown Chattanooga before splashing into the Tennessee River at Ross' Landing . We will walk to the aquarium to visit the River Journey and Ocean Journey facilities. We will also visit *The Passage* located on the Trail of Tears at Ross' Landing.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 SOUTHERN BELLE 3-HOUR DINNER CRUISE & ENTERTAINMENT

A special night is in store for all Kappas as you relax and enjoy the climate-controlled Southern Belle 3-hour Dinner Cruise. History unfolds in a unique manner during the Sightseeing Cruise. A special dinner menu has been prepared for Kappa, and you will enjoy the toe-tapping music. A cash-bar is also available. Dress is comfortable and casual.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN INCLINE (Option 1 — 1/2 day tour)

The thrill of riding 'America's Most amazing Mile' has delighted guests for more than a century. As trolley-style railcars on the Incline climb historic Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga's surrounding mountains and valleys come alive. The Incline Centennial exhibits depict the history of one of Chattanooga's most unusual landmarks. We will take a brief walk to the site of the Civil War battle known as "The Battle above the Clouds." The bus will take us to Rock City Gardens for lunch and the opportunity to enjoy the quiet woodland paths and gardens.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 BLUFF VIEW ART DISTRICT (Option 2 — 1/2 day tour)

We will tour the Hunter Museum of American Art. The museum, comprised of a 1905 classical revival mansion and a 2005 contemporary structure, is built on a ninety-foot limestone bluff overlooking the Tennessee River. The Houston Museum of Decorative Arts is located across the street. The museum features one of the Southeast's most impressive private collections of contemporary American sculpture.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 ELECTRIC SHUTTLE BUS AND WALKING TOUR OF THE SOUTHSIDE

This tour offers a little bit of something for everybody. It begins at the English Rose Tea Room, in the foyer of the original Grand Hotel built in the 1890's for a "Tea Party" just for Kappas. We will visit the Chattanooga Choo Choo to see the world's largest working "HO" gauge model railroads, ride the authentic wooden New Orleans trolley, enjoy shopping, and the beautifully landscaped gardens.

(Tours continued on page 3)



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**Sheraton Read House Hotel Chattanooga
827 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402
A Non-Smoking Hotel**



Use National Kappa Kappa Iota 2012 Convention (Group ID: 2950) to receive the group rate.

Register at 866-716-8106, 866-837-4193, 800-325-3535 or online at:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1011090267&key=B9B0E>

Deadline: 5:00pm EST on May 30, 2012

Room Rates:

\$119 + tax for king or double queen \$139 + tax for junior king suite \$250 + tax for presidential suite

\$15 per day for valet parking, unlimited in & out (This is the same rate as nearby parking garages.)

Contact for Problems: Tyler Fordice, Convention Services Manager at 423-643-1228.

Ground transportation arrangements should be made individually. Suggestions are below:

All Aboard USA 800-499-9877

Millennium Taxi 423-648-4372 or 423-267-2008

Chattanooga's Airport Shuttle 423-316-2949

Post Tour: Remember to make reservations for Tuesday, June 26 2012.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 PRE-TOUR

Convention Pre-Tour will travel from Chattanooga through Central Tennessee to the town of Lynchburg, home of the famous historic Jack Daniel Distillery for an escorted tour of the facilities. After the tour, you will enjoy a lunch of "down-home" cooking at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House Restaurant on the Historic Town Square. After lunch a visit to The General Store, Ladies' Handcraft Center, or a local museum will conclude this Pre-Tour adventure.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 POST TOUR

Mable Caldwell Scholarship Post Tour will depart from the hotel 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.nationalkappakappaio.org.

For any questions, call: Chris Hockert at 423-842-0679 (Email - chockert@comcast.net) or Barbara Baker 423-364-6268 (Email - bsbk5t@bellsouth.net).

**Phi State/Ohio invites you to
Join us for Dessert Honoring
Our Quilting Queen, Jeanne Blain
Kappa Kappa Iota**

National President 2011~2012

Friday, June 22, 2012

8:00~10:00pm

Sheraton Read House



2012 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 19

3:00-4:00pm Registration
4:00-10:00pm NEC/Staff Dinner Meeting
5:00-8:00pm Registration
8:00-9:00pm Pre-Tour Meeting

Wednesday, June 20

7:00-8:00am Buffet Breakfast
8:00-4:00pm NEC/Staff Meeting-Lunch-Meeting
8:45-5:00pm **PRE-TOUR:** Lynchburg
11:00-2:00pm Hospitality Room Open
2:00-5:00pm Registration
3:00-6:00pm Exhibitors - Set-up (closed)
4:30-5:15pm Flag Rehearsal
5:15-6:00pm Organizational Meetings:
 Delegate Certification
 Scholarship (closed)
 Kappa Store
 Special Projects & State Sales
5:15-6:30pm 2011/12 State Presidents' Dinner
5:15-6:30pm Chorus Practice
6:00-6:45pm First-Timers' Get-together
7:00-9:00pm 1st General Assembly
9:00-10:00pm Welcome Party
10:00pm Group Get-togethers (on your own)

Thursday, June 21

7:00-8:00am Buffet Breakfast
8:15-11:15am Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales
8:30-10:30am Registration & Delegate Certification
8:30-10:30am Committee Meetings
 Nominating (closed), Scholarship (closed)
 Memorial, Music & Kappa Chorus
9:00-9:45am Committee Meetings
 Bylaws, Campus Kappa, Philanthropic,
 Empathy (2011/12-2012/13)
9:00-4:00pm Tours: (Kappa Guys/Kids/Guests)
 Tennessee River Gorge
 Aquarium/City Tour/Ducks
10:00-10:45am Committee Meetings
 Building/Grounds, History, Prof Development,
 Membership (2011/12-2012/13)
11:30-1:00pm Annual Luncheon (Bring Books & Bears)
1:00-5:00 pm Exhibit Areas Open
1:15-4:00pm Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales
1:30-3:30pm Board of Directors' Meeting
1:30-3:30pm Workshops (Choose from 4 each hour)
3:45-4:30pm Open Forum
4:30-5:30pm Hospitality Room Open
4:30-5:30pm Registration & Delegate Certification
6:00-10:00pm Southern Belle Dinner Cruise & Show
10:00pm Group Get-togethers (on your own)

Friday, June 22

7:00-8:00am Registration & Delegate Certification
8:00-9:30am Group Breakfasts
 Past State Presidents
 2011-12/2012-13 State Presidents
 Local Officers/All Other Attendees
 Kappa Guys
9:45-12:15pm 2nd General Assembly
12:30-2:00pm Registration & Delegate Certification
12:30-4:00pm Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales

1:00-3:00pm NEC/Staff Scholarship Meeting-Lunch
1:00-4:00pm Hospitality Room Open
1:00-6:00pm Exhibit Areas Open
1:15-5:00pm **2 TOURS:** Rock City & Museum Art
5:00-6:00pm Post Tour Registrants' Meeting
6:00-8:00pm Past National Presidents' Dinner
7:00-7:45pm 2012-13 State Presidents' Social
8:00-10:00pm National President's Reception
10:00pm Group Get-togethers (on your own)

Saturday, June 23

7:00-8:00am Buffet Breakfast
8:00-9:00am Group Photo Sign-ups
9:00-9:45am Registration & Delegate Certification
9:15-11:45am Memorial Service
12:00-3:00pm 3rd General Assembly
12:30-5:00pm Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales
1:00-2:30pm **TOUR:** English Tea Room/Southside City
2012-13 State Presidents' Meeting
1:00-4:00pm Hospitality Room Open
3:30-4:30pm Installation Rehearsal
4:00-5:30pm Registration & Corsage Pick-up
7:00-10:00pm Annual Banquet & Installation
10:00pm Group Get-togethers (on your own)

Sunday June 24

8:00-10:30am 2012-13 NEC/Staff Breakfast-Meeting
11:00am **POST TOUR:** Smoky Mountains

Tuesday, June 26

5:00pm POST TOUR returns to hotel

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please CHECK the workshops you plan to attend in order that rooms may be set up prior to your arrival.

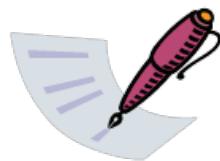
1:30 — 2:30pm
____ Technology for Beginners
____ Project-based IEARN Learning Circles
____ History of Barn Quilt Patterns
____ Nutrition and Fitness

2:30 — 3:30pm
____ Advanced Technology
____ Storytellers
____ Stress Reducer
____ Civil War History in Chattanooga

Door prizes will be given at each session.
(Please detach and mail this form with your Convention Registration.)

2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

JUNE19-23, 2012 CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE



Complete form and return with your check payable to:

Kappa Kappa Iota National Convention 2012

Mail to: Jane Curtis

710 Walker Road

Beech Grove, TN 37018

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Pre & Post Tours: April 1, 2012

Convention Registration: May 15, 2012

Sheraton Read House: May 31, 2012

Delegate Reports to Headquarters: June 1, 2012

NO CONVENTION REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2012

ALL attendees pay the Registration Fee. Guests attending Annual Banquet ONLY are not required to pay the Registration Fee.

Use a separate sheet for each person registering.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Chapter/State: _____

Email: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Airline: _____ Flight #: _____

Is this your first National Convention? If so, circle YES.

Dietary Concerns: _____

Special Needs & Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact/s At Home

At Convention (Name and Cell #)

Roommates for Post Tour

(Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Sheraton Read House, Chattanooga, TN, room needed upon Post Tour return.)

Note:

Delegates will receive credentials with registration if report is submitted to Headquarters by June 1, 2012.

Registration by May 15, 2012

All Kappa Members	\$40	_____
Kappa Guys/Guests	\$35	_____
Kappa Kids (12 & under)	\$15	_____
Campus Kappas	\$20	_____

Registration after May 15, 2012

All Kappa Members	\$50	_____
Kappa Guys/Guests	\$40	_____
Kappa Kids (12 & under)	\$15	_____
Campus Kappas	\$20	_____

Buffet Breakfast Tickets \$12: (Indicate days ticket needed)

Wed Thurs Sat Total # x \$12

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Pre-tour to Lynchburg	\$60	_____
2011-12 State Presidents Dinner	\$30	_____

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Aquarium & Duck Tour-Child	\$30	Adult \$50	_____
TN River Gorge (Kappa Guys)	\$60	_____	
Annual Luncheon	\$30	_____	
Southern Belle Dinner Cruise	\$50	_____	

Friday, June 22, 2012

Annual Breakfast (Circle one) \$20

*Past State Presidents Local Officers & Others
Kappa Guys 2011/12-2012/13 State Presidents*

NEC & Scholarship Lunch	\$30	_____	
Rock City Tour	Child \$45	Adult \$60	_____
Museum Art Tour	Child \$30	Adult \$45	_____
Past National Presidents' Dinner	\$30	_____	

Saturday, June 23, 2012

English Tea Room Tour	\$25	_____
Annual Banquet	\$45	_____
Total Flowers (Include Floral Order p 2)		_____

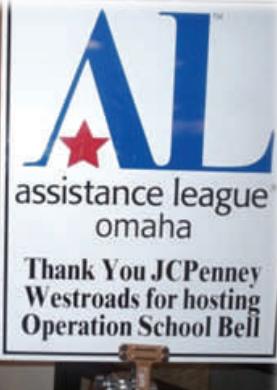
Sunday, June 24, 2012

2012-2013 NEC/Staff Breakfast	\$20	_____
Post Tour-Smoky Mountains (see below) (Triple \$400 Double \$475 Single \$575)		_____

Check # TOTAL ENCLOSED

KAPPAS IN THE NEWS

Karen Hicks and Janice Luce/Alpha State provided refreshments and door prizes for the initiation of 19 new members at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. Pictured below are the newly installed officers with Janice Luce, Alpha State Campus Kappa Chair.



Rose Sheehy/Iota State Treasurer works many hours insuring children have new coats and clothing for winter.



Janice Luce/Alpha State and Mary Lou Hughes/Eta State ...

Past National President Linda Smith/Phi State is discovered giving the ramp at National Headquarters a new coat of paint!



... working together to spruce up Kappa Kappa Iota National Headquarters.



Lambda State/GA Members donated toiletry items to Cartersville's Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS LEON LUCE?

The Kappa Profile is published quarterly by Kappa Kappa Iota National Headquarters.

News releases and other information may be submitted for publication consideration to:

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ATTENTION STATE and LOCAL CHAPTERS IRS 990-N (E-postcard) Filings Past Due!

Each state and local chapter (and council) must file an annual 990-N e-Postcard, via the Internet, with the IRS to maintain your tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization. This filing must be completed each fiscal year. If you have not done this filing, please file it, as soon as possible. Your State President has up-to-date information on the filings. Feel free to contact me for further information or help in completing your filing.

Linda Smith E-mail: lsmith846@aol.com phone: 330-633-3118

Listed below are those Local, Campus, and Council Chapters (listed under each state) and those State Chapters (marked with an * and underlined) who have not appeared on the IRS listing as having completed the 2010 filing for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. There is a slight time delay in filings being posted on the IRS listing so there may be a few chapters that may have filed but appear on the listing below. Please, email me if any chapters listed have disbanded so records may be updated with this information, also.

Alpha State/OK	Delta Zeta	Beta Delta	Alpha Epsilon	Mu State/MS	Rho State/NC
Delta	Delta Xi	Beta Theta	Alpha Nu	Gamma	Beta
Eta	Delta Rho	Beta Kappa	Eta State	Pi	Nu
Pi	Delta Sigma	Gamma Alpha	Alpha Beta	Rho	<u>Xi</u>
Rho	Epsilon Iota	Epsilon State/AR	Alpha Delta	Tau	COMPLETED
Phi	Epsilon Kappa	Alpha	Beta Epsilon	Upsilon	
Alpha Beta	Epsilon Tau	Gamma	Theta State/AL	Alpha Beta	Gamma State/KS
Alpha Epsilon	Zeta Zeta	Iota	Beta	Alpha Delta	Iota State/NE
Alpha Iota	OKC Metro Council	Nu	Gamma	Alpha Iota	Nu State/CA
Alpha Mu	Beta State/NM	Tau	Iota	Blue Mtn. Campus	Omicron State/IA
Alpha Pi	Alpha	Phi	Lambda	*Xi State/FL	Tau State/WY
Beta Zeta	Gamma	Alpha Gamma	Tau	Zeta	Upsilon State/SC
Beta Nu	Theta	Alpha Eta	Upsilon	Eta	Phi State/OH
Beta Tau	Nu	Alpha Iota	Psi	Sigma	Chi State/HI
Beta Upsilon	Xi	Alpha Theta	Alpha Gamma	Tau	Psi State/TN
Beta Psi	Upsilon	Zeta State/MO	Alpha Xi	Upsilon	Alpha Alpha State/KY
Gamma Beta	Phi	Iota	Lambda State/GA	Psi	Alpha Beta State/IN
Gamma Kappa	Delta State/TX	Pi	Kappa	Alpha Beta	Alpha Chapter/MD
Gamma Lambda	Gamma	Chi	Theta	FGCU Campus	
Gamma Mu	Kappa	Alpha Beta			
Gamma Chi					



GENERAL FUND

Any Budgeted Area of Need

Roger Waugh

In Memory of Harriett Waugh

Clarissa Combs, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of Harriett Waugh

Delores Carey, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of Harriett Waugh

Connie Schobert, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of Harriett Waugh

Christena Poole, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of Harriett Waugh

Tina Olson, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of Harriett Waugh

Rita Hauer

In Memory of Jean Gauntt Narmore

Memorial Gardens

Xi, Iota State/NE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Any Capital Improvement

Florence Tenney, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of Harriett Waugh

Psi, Rho State/NC

Linda Smith, Phi State/OH

In Memory of Cathrene Howerton

Mother of Stephanie Holcomb

Sigma, Mu State/MS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Past State Presidents' Scholarship

Alpha, Omicron State/IA

Ruth I. Foster Trust

Jean Terrell, Gamma State/KS

Lambda, Psi State/TN

In Memory of Ida West

Iota, Alpha Beta State/IN

In Memory of Shirley Clark

Scholarship Fund Undesignated/General

National Executive Committee

In Memory of Cathrene Howerton

Mother of Stephanie Holcomb

Educational Grant

Carol Neary, Xi State/FL

In Memory of Jean Narmore

KEMPE FOUNDATION

Alpha Beta Gamma, Iota State/NE

Xi, Iota State/NE

Beta Pi, Eta State/LA

Epsilon, Iota State/NE

Chi, Iota State/NE

Theta, Phi State/OH

Gamma Beta, Alpha State/OK

Epsilon, Alpha State/OK

Delta, Rho State/NC

Pi, Alpha State/OK

Gamma, Eta State/LA

Beta Pi, Delta State/TX

Beta Lambda, Eta State/LA

Gamma, Mu State/MS

Theta, Lambda State/GA

Alpha Rho, Eta State/LA

Alpha, Omicron State/IA

Southwest Regional Council

In Honor of Jo Ann Collett

Luetta White

Pauline W. Young

M. Celia J. Munoz

Sigma, Mu State/MS

The Kempe Foundation

c/o Rachel Lease

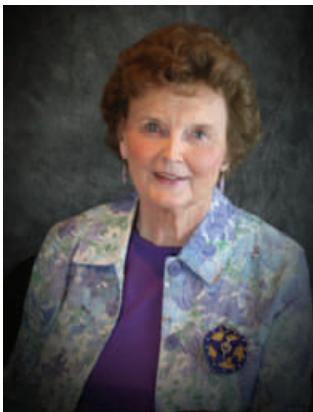
The Gary Pavilion

13123 E. 16th Ave. #B390

Aurora, CO 80045

Total Kempe Donations \$437.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS! October 22, 2011 — January 31, 2012



HOW GREAT IT IS TO BE A KAPPA!

Written by Gail Joiner, Past National President, Theta State/AL

It's so wonderful to be a Kappa! There is no way to count the blessings we all receive from the treasured friendships we have made and the many happy memories we have stored in our hearts because of the happy experiences we have had through our years in Kappa Kappa Iota. Every year we get excited thinking about the National Convention and seeing our Kappa Sisters. Even though many of us only meet once a year, our life has been enriched, and our chain of friendship has been lengthened because of these many dear friends. We laugh, we cry, sometimes we disagree, we dance, we sing (sometimes off-key), but we love each other with best friends forever love, which lasts a life time. There is nothing like sitting down to our annual breakfast, annual luncheon, going to the hospitality room, boarding the bus to go sightseeing, or getting all dressed up for the banquet with Kappa Sisters.

Renewing these friendships year after year keeps these bonds of friendships alive and well. Under my bed is a large box full of Convention Books, which I pull out occasionally and look at. I think of the officers who presided, the hotel we stayed in, the sisters I roomed with, the delicious food we ate, the tours we took, the fun we had traveling to the convention, and the many dollars we contributed to the special projects. The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched. They must be felt with the heart. Time and again my heart has been touched by a warm ready smile, a kind thoughtful deed, and a Kappa Sister's hand outstretched in an hour of need. It is a good thing to be rich. It is a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be loved by many beautiful friends. I thank God for Kappa friends everywhere. I hope to see many of these friends in Tennessee this summer at the Kappa Kappa Iota National Convention. This is where the action will be!