



# The Kappa PROFILE

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## Executive Committee and State Presidents 'Step Back in Time'



The Tulsa temperature plummeted and put a chill in the air as the National Executive Committee and State Presidents arrived in Tulsa to attend the 2012 Fall Meeting. Their meetings were held at Kappa Headquarters and at the Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place. Tulsa Area Council members prepared homemade refreshments for the hotel hospitality room, with members Pat Kelley, Patsy Story, and Louise Read serving as welcome greeters and hostesses.



To honor our National President Christena Poole, with the assistance of many Tulsa Area Council members, the Kappa House was transformed into a 'Tea Room' and the Kappa Kitchen resembled a London Tea Shop filled with the customary delicate sandwiches, cheeses, scones, elaborate sweets, and hearty potato corn chowder.



Laced tablecloths, eclectic teacups/saucers (take-home keepsakes), unique teapots, and three-tiered servers awaited all for High Tea at Kappa Headquarters Friday evening for relaxation, fun, and socializing. Ladies were adorned with beautiful hats, while Beta State President Curtis McFarland (Kappa's first male State President) wore his western hat!



Saturday evening, after all business meetings were completed, an Old Urban Trolley Tour of Tulsa history was offered, researched and narrated by Tulsa Council President Dr. Stephanie Holcomb (former Kappa Kappa Iota Headquarters' Administrative Assistant). The tour was followed by dinner at Jamil's Restaurant - specializing in Lebanese hors d'oeuvres and steaks since 1946. A good time was enjoyed by all, ending their weekend stay.



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### Make Kappa Your Cup of Tea

Parliamentarian Jean Adams, President-Elect Sue Hagan, President Christena Poole, Advisor Linda Smith, 1st Vice President Wanda Huhn, Recording Secretary Janice Luce, 3rd Vice President Melinda Sams, and 2nd Vice President Laurie Konrad.

(Not pictured - Immediate Past President Jeanne Blain)

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## National President Christena Poole, Omicron State/IA

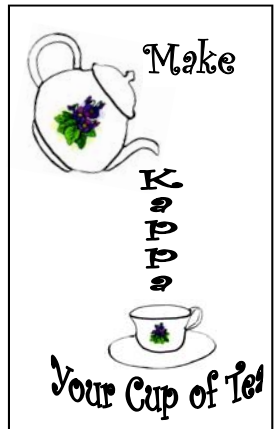
The first weekend in October, we had a productive meeting in Tulsa for the Fall Executive Committee and State Presidents. I was very pleased that so many State Presidents were able to attend. I think that the meetings went well and hope that the State Presidents learned some new things and enjoyed themselves. On Friday evening, Executive Director Marilyn Bridges arranged an elegant formal tea for our dinner. I want to express my thanks to Marilyn and the Tulsa Council for making this so very special. Saturday morning was our business meeting and workshops. Past National President Linda Smith spoke about "A Little Bit of This and a Little Bit of That", State President responsibilities were discussed, concerns were addressed, and door prizes were awarded. Kappa Member Greg Bridges discussed ways to increase and retain membership. Third Vice President Melinda Sams had a "make-n-take" and a skit about membership. Later in the afternoon, we took a trolley ride around Tulsa and ended the day at Jamil's for dinner.

Later in October, I made my first official state visits to North Carolina, South Carolina, and Louisiana. The Rho State Kappas in North Carolina were wonderful hostesses. I attended their "Fall Gathering" at the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center and was able to also attend Rho Local Chapter's meeting and visit the Cataloochee Valley to see the elk. Next, it was off to South Carolina where Upsilon State invited me to assist in the initiation of Sigma Chapter in Columbia, and I also was able to attend President-Elect Sue Hagan's chapter meeting in Monks Corner. The Carolina Kappas were great hostesses. From there, I continued on to Louisiana to attend a membership event in Houma and "The Purple Tea" in Baton Rouge. I have looked forward to this event for several years. In November, I will visit the Phi State Ohio Kappas for their "Style Show" to meet the prospective members that have been invited.

It is wonderful to be included in new member activities, and I hope all state and local chapters are promoting membership.



Welcome – Sigma Chapter, Upsilon State/SC



## Sneak Preview of Omaha, Nebraska - 2013 National Convention



The Iota State/NE Kappas are anticipating welcoming you to the "Good Life" in Nebraska at the 2013 National Convention. Omaha, one of the top 10 best

cities to live in, is a visitors' paradise that features the world class Henry Doorley Zoo, Joslyn Art Museum, and Mormon Winter Quarters. The newly renovated Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Omaha Downtown turns travel into a human experience, located in the heart of downtown Omaha. Complimentary airport shuttle service is available from/to Eppley Airport, as well as complimentary local shuttle service, too.

On Wednesday, June 26, the **Pre-Tour** will be a day of exploring! The tour begins in West Omaha with a visit to the world-famous Father Flanagan's Boys Town, an inspirational stop where we learn how Father Flanagan offered troubled boys a chance to get off the street by providing them shelter, food, clothing, work trade skills, faith, and love. The next stop, Soaring Wings Vineyard, is perfect for lunch and wine tasting. Ex-pilot Jim and wife Sharon started their operation in March of 2002 and have been welcoming guests to learn about Nebraska wines at their tasting room, overlooking the Platte River Valley. Our next visit is the Weiss Sculpture Gardens that feature delicate copper creations, bronze sculptures, and beautiful hand-forged ironworks. One last stop at the Holy Family Shrine features a beautiful structure welcoming people of all faiths.

On Thursday, June 27, Kappas and guests have the chance to enjoy a **Nebraska Cowboy Roundup & Chuckwagon Dinner Tour** for a memory-filled evening of Wild West cooking and campfire fun at the Bellevue Berry & Pumpkin Ranch. Saddle up for some down home country vittles and an evening of fun entertainment for the entire family. So, dust off your boots, polish up your spurs, and get ready for a wild time in the ol' West, 'cause this is sure to be an evening you won't forget.

On Sunday, June 30, the **Post Tour** will depart for Iowa to the Salisbury House and Gardens, Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1977, built in 1928 for \$3 million, this wonder was modeled after the 42-room Kings House in Salisbury, England. Monday will take us to the Amana Colonies where we will learn about the 18th Century German settlers who founded the seven villages of the Amana Colonies and developed a communal style of living that has become America's oldest communal society. Next is Pella, Iowa - a charming and well kept Dutch community where a local restaurant will host a Dutch dinner and provide entertainment. On Tuesday, we will tour the Pella Museum, which houses a 22 building complex that honors Pella's Dutch founders and early Iowa settlers and includes the tallest working windmill in the United States. To end our time in Pella, we will see the Klokkenspel performance - a 147 bell carillon clock. Winterset, Iowa, our last stop, was made famous by the novel Bridges of Madison County.

**National Kappa Kappa Iota Convention**  
June 26-29, 2013

**Omaha Downtown Doubletree Hotel**  
See Kappa Website for additional tour information.

## Notification of Proposed Bylaw Changes

At the 2012 National Convention in Tennessee, under New Business, Parliamentarian Anne Baker announced that the Executive Committee had approved to propose Bylaw changes to reduce the National Executive Committee by one (1) member and duties to be reassigned, as appropriate, with vote on changes to take place at the 2013 National Convention in Nebraska.

The Executive Committee has forwarded the following Bylaw changes to the Bylaws Committee to be presented:

- 1) Bylaws page 7: Article VI – OFFICERS, Section 1-Elected Officers, A. The officers of the National Chapter shall be: **delete** #5. "Third Vice President" (**renumber** #6. #7. to #5. #6).
- 2) Bylaws page 10: Article VI – OFFICERS, Section 4-Duties of Officers, **delete** D. "Second Vice President" and #1. #2. #3., **reletter** E. to D. **changing** "Third" to **Second**, **reletter** F. to E. Recording Secretary, **adding** #3. **Serve as chair of the History Committee.** and #4. **Assist the President in preparing the President's annual report for The Legend of the Violets' file.** (**reletter** G. to F.)
- 3) Bylaws page 12: Article VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Section 4-Quorum, **change** "five (5)" to **four (4)**.
- 4) Bylaws page 15: Article X – COMMITTEES, Section 4-Duties, G. History, **delete** #2. "Compile the National President's Book to reflect the term of office." (**renumber** #3. to #2.)



Administrative Assistant Dr. Stephanie Holcomb resigned from her position and returned to teaching. Stephanie, an active and loyal Kappa member, was a dedicated, valued employee of Kappa Kappa Iota and will be missed at Headquarters. She is now employed with Tulsa Public Schools as a 2nd grade teacher. We wish you the best, and take good care of those "little ones", Stephanie!

## Mu State/MS Holds First Ever Strategic Planning Retreat



Mu State (Mississippi) holds a first this year. Mu State President Mitzy Johnson-Mills appointed an ad-hoc committee, the "Mu State Strategic Planning Task Force", to establish strategic planning goals and objectives to move Mu State Kappa towards our national organization's mission. In June, a *Kappa Assessment Survey* was mailed to Mu State Kappa members who had not renewed their membership over a period of time (from one to five years). This survey served as a component of the Mu State Kappa's overall plan regarding retention of members. On July 21, 2012, the Task Force consisting of Mu State Executive Officers, Mu State Standing Committee Chairs, Past National President, and representation from Past State Presidents gathered in Columbus, MS to review the findings of the survey along with environmental scanning of a five year Mu State Membership Report and review of the National Kappa Membership Recruitment PowerPoint presentation. The Task Force performed a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Challenges exercise and then broke out into teams to develop strategic long-range planning goals. During the Mu State Fall Workshop in August, the Task Force created objectives to complement the strategic long-range planning goals.

The following Oliver Wendell Holmes quote summarized the strategic task at hand: "Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it-but sail we must, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."

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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 2011-2012 fiscal year. If you miss the deadline, file as soon as possible.

## "HELPING HANDS"

Iota State/NE Kappas are always busy giving a helping hand to many projects in their schools and communities. Two exemplary members are Lorene Behrends, Alpha Beta Gamma Chapter, and Ann Danner, Kappa Chapter.

Lorene is very active in the Nebraska State Education Association -Retired, as well as Kappa Kappa Iota. Each year, Lorene creates a unique and imaginative quilt that is raffled off. This year's quilt raised \$743 for association projects, which brings her total to over \$10,000 contributed. She has successfully combined her artistic talent with a wonderful philanthropic project. She was featured in the NSEA-Retired Newsletter with this year's raffle winner, Aaron Stearns, the 10-year old grandson of a member.

Ann Danner created an award winning outdoor education program that began with a small pilot grant 35 years ago. Ann has been the driving force in the growth of this wonderful environmental experience which includes a two day overnight camp. Study units cover: the forest, soils and prairies, fresh water, environmental activism, and a trust course that builds leadership. The program is now part of the curriculum of the district, and all sixth grade students benefit from this unique learning experience. Her efforts have earned her the Nebraska Environmental Educator Award and Outstanding Educator for the Papillion LaVista School District. Ann continues to be a driving force in the continual program improvement.

Both of these Kappas continue to lead by example and are making their communities a better place to live. They are the working and helping hands of Kappa.

*Thank You For Your  
Ongoing Donations  
(9/01/2012 - 10/21/2012)*

**GENERAL FUND**

**Any Budgeted Area of Need**

National Executive Committee  
Past National Presidents  
Linda Smith, Phi State/OH  
National Executive Committee

*In Memory of Kenneth L. Ray -  
Laurie Konrad's father*

Christena Poole, Omicron State/IA  
*In Memory of Harvey Dye - Carolyn*

*Dye's father, Margaret Harding,  
Ruth Fellers, Ruth Straight*

Connie Schobert, Omicron State/IA  
*In Memory of Austin Griego - Wanda*

*Huhn's grandson, Ruth Fellers,  
Ruth Straight, Harvey Dye - Carolyn*  
*Dye's father, Margaret Harding*

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND**

**Any Capital Improvement Project**

Alpha Delta, Alpha State/OK

*In Memory of Marjorie Thompson,  
Olga Zaffos*

Phi State/OH

*In Honor of Immediate Past National  
President Jeanne Blain*

**SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS**

**Past State Presidents' Scholarship**

Delta, Psi State/TN

*In Memory of Mary Frances Brandon*



*Job Well Done  
THANK YOU*

**FALL WORK DAY AT HEADQUARTERS**

Tulsa area Kappas and husbands gathered at National Headquarters on a sunny September Saturday (with their yard tools) and trimmed bushes, planted flowers, pulled weeds, spread mulch, pruned the crepe myrtles, picked up sticks, bagged and hauled away debris, and some even provided snacks for the day. What a job they did sprucing up the grounds! A special thank you goes out to Janet/Bob Persson, Rhonda Davis, Joanna Mason, Betty Craig, Margaret Gund, Silvia Furgason, Marilyn/Greg Bridges, Janice/Leon Luce, and Cathe Kehe for volunteering their time and energy toward helping keep our grounds well maintained.

***KAPPA KAPPA IOTA DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE***

Volunteers and donations help to maintain Kappa Kappa Iota as an organization. As a 501 (c)(3) organization, donations are tax deductible on your income tax return. With the end-of-year fast approaching and the giving nature of the Holiday Season, please consider making a donation to Kappa Kappa Iota to our General, Capital Improvements, and/or Scholarship/Grant Funds.