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"Kappas Spread Their Wings and Share at Fall Meeting"



Thursday, October 6, 2016 the National Executive Committee gathered at National Headquarters for the Fall Meeting led by President Melinda Sams. Friday morning Kappa State Presidents arrived at the Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place for the 2016

State Presidents' Fall Meeting, Tulsa Area Council hosted the Hospitality Suite. Friday evening at 4:30, the National Executive Committee, State Presidents and guests caravanned a short distance to the new Brothers' Hooligan Restaurant and enjoyed great food and conversation! National Parliamentarian Jean Adams was serenaded with a birthday song from everyone in the group! Early Saturday morning, the National Executive Committee drove to the hotel and met formally with the State Presidents. The Fall Report Book was shared, and the National Officers facilitated interactive sessions that generated information relating to Membership, Philanthropy, Leadership and Robert's Rules of Order. The meeting allowed for questions and concerns from the State Presidents to be addressed. Late afternoon, everyone was invited to tour the Linnaeus Gardens with Master Linnaeus Gardener

Betty Craig (Zeta Eta Chapter)! Betty pointed out the new area of Butterfly Bushes and a few butterflies were spotted. Saturday evening everyone gathered at the Kappa House to continue celebrating the theme, "Flutters of Inspiration -Spread Your Wings for Kappa". The Kappa House side yard was transformed into a butterfly sanctuary...tables were set outside with purple linen tablecloths, butterfly napkins, lightup butterflies, and HUGE purple, nylon butterflies sat in the red tip bushes. Our outdoor dinner's theme was the Life Cycle of a Butterfly...Yeast Roll (chrysalis), Spring Mix Salad with Cucumber (caterpillar), Butterfly Pasta loaded with red, vellow and green peppers, carrots, and red onion (Paula Dean and Son's recipe), and Grilled Butterfly Breast of Chicken with Asparagus for the Body, Dessert...Rainbow Sherbet and Butterfly Cookie, with purple and yellow highlights (Butterfly over the Rainbow)! After dinner, opportunities were given to tour the Kappa Grounds and

opportunities were given to tour House. The Kappa Store was available. Connie Schobert and Bonnie Bell (Omicron State/IA) did an amazing job setting up, selling and putting away the Kappa Store! Many thanks to Tulsa Area Council Members who helped immeasurably and to Greg Bridges, master griller!



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Flutters of Inspiration! 2016-2017 State Presidents/Representatives with National President Melinda Sams

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"Flutters of Inspiration – Spread Your Wings with Kappa" 2016 - 2017 National President Melinda Sams, Lambda State/GA

Fall has arrived and soon the holidays will be here!

It is hard to believe that almost half the year has passed. It was a joy to see the State Presidents once again as a group at the Fall National Executive Committee Meeting and State Presidents' Meeting in Tulsa. We all enjoyed seeing each other as we shared valuable information, ideas, and concerns. Several husbands accompanied the State Presidents and shared in many of the fun activities, such as "Dinner with the Wingettes" held at Kappa Headquarters and the meal at Brothers' Hooligan Restaurant.

We have been "spreading our wings". On September 16th and 17th I visited Russellville, Arkansas and joined the Epsilon State members in their Fall Membership Event. Several new members joined that day with more to follow. The following Saturday, I visited the Psi State/TN State members for a delightful luncheon and meeting. Several other states have shared with me information about their new members. At last count, we have added 92 new Kappas and 12 new Campus Kappas. After Tulsa, I have plans to return home to visit Lambda State/GA to attend a membership event and State Meeting. Following the holidays, plans for visits to other contact states which have invited me will be made. My wish to each of you is for a safe and happy holiday season!

"Fluttering" around in North Carolina—2017 Pre and Post Tours

North Carolina Kappas invite you to "spread your wings" and explore Western North Carolina at the Crown Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort-Asheville. Our mountains will inspire your Kappa spirit! The 2017 National Convention begins on Monday, June 19 with the Pre Tour, committee meetings, First General Assembly, and Welcome Reception. The Annual Banquet & Installation will end on Thursday, June 22. Our North Carolina mountains will continue to inspire on Friday and Saturday, June 23-24 for those participating in the Post-Convention Tour. During these two days our overnight stay will continue at the convention hotel as a home base for our travels. Outlined below is a *Sneak Preview* of the Pre and Post Tours.

Pre Tour, Monday, June 19 will take you to America's largest privately owned home, <u>Biltmore House and Gardens</u>. Beginning in 1895, George Vanderbilt realized his vision of a home in Asheville, North Carolina. Your visit to the house will include three floors and the basement. You will see displays of art, furniture, accessories, and clothing that illustrate the Vanderbilt's way of life. After exploring the house, experience acres of gardens designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted. Later in the day, you can tour the winery and enjoy the tasting room. Lunch will be on your own with a choice of various restaurants on the estate.

<u>Post Tour, Friday-Saturday, June 23-24</u> will continue your North Carolina visit with a journey to the <u>Oconaluftee Indian</u> <u>Village</u> and <u>The Museum of the Cherokee Indian</u>. You will be taken back in time to witness the Cherokee's challenges as Europeans invade Indian Territory and eventually leads to "The Trail of Tears".

Friday evening dinner will be traditional southern cooking, served family style, at <u>The Jarrett House</u> in Dillsboro, North Carolina.

Saturday you will travel up into the mountains to the <u>Linville/Blowing Rock</u> area where you will visit <u>Grandfather Mountain</u> (yes, you can see a grandfather in the rock formations!). This mountain attraction features breath-taking views, a mile high swinging bridge, environmental native animal habitats, and a nature museum.

While in the area, shop at the <u>Original Mast General Store</u>, established before the Civil War and is on the National Registry of Historic Places. Also on that day we will travel along the <u>Blue Ridge</u> <u>Parkway</u>, stopping to visit the <u>Moses H. Cone Memorial Park and Home</u> where the US Park Service offices are located.

Please make plans to come to Asheville, and enjoy all our area has to offer. It is a special, not to be missed, place! Check the February <u>2017 Convention Issue of **The Kappa Profile**</u> for convention registration, hotel reservation, tour, workshop, and schedule information.



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Reflections from Mu State/MS President Katie Draper...

If you would have told me when I joined Kappa Kappa lota in 1994 that I would one day represent Mississippi as the State President, I would have said that my small dreams of being a teacher in my community would never result in such a prestigious honor. Belonging to one of the nation's oldest teaching organizations has brought me so many more opportunities than I ever thought possible! I thoroughly enjoyed a weekend with 17 other State Presidents from around our great nation and our National Executive Board during the Fall Meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma as we met, planned, prayed, smiled, and bonded over the love of teaching and Kappa Kappa lota. May my aspirations never be limited by my small dreams again!

National Philanthropic Chair

Janice Luce facilitated an interactive brainstorming session during the State Presidents' Fall Workshop. Everyone present shared an individual philanthropic



activity by writing on one wing of a paper butterfly and a **chapter philanthropic** activity on the other wing. After the activity was shared with the group, the purple and yellow colored butterflies were placed on a Butterfly Bush! A very beautiful visual representation of Kappa Philanthropy!



Katie Draper, Eta Chapter, Mu State/MS

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Philanthropy...that is KAPPA! Beta State/New Mexico, Nu Chapter Past President **Alice Money** and Chapter Secretary **Barbara Telles** are pictured presenting the Director of Shelter and Advocacy Services of COPE, Veronica Gutierrez, school supplies for the children of COPE in Alamogordo, NM.

"Campus Kappa In the News"

There is a Celebrity Campus Kappa in our MIDST!



Nu State, California **Campus Kappa Miss Kerri Olobri** has been named the Norco Mounted Posse Rodeo Queen. Signing autographs is part of her "queenly" duty along with representing the Mounted Posse at various events such as Bishop, CA Mule Days; Huntington Beach, CA Fourth of July Parade; Banning, CA Stage Coach Days and of course the South California Fair. Part of Kerri's duties include carrying the American Flag on horseback at the beginning of each of the events, and signing autographs!

Kappas are proud of this young lady. Many of you may have met Kerri at a convention. She has inspired others to become Campus Kappas. Kerri invited her teacher **Bonita Zentgraf** to participate in Kappa. Pictured right, Bonita with

Kerri following Bonita's initiation. Bonita is serving as Campus Kappa Sponsor!

Kerri continues to work toward her teaching degree, works for Kahoot's Feed Store in Riverside, and assists with the Farmer's Daughters. Plans include helping at the South California Fair while continuing her educational journey.

Kay Palush, Xi Chapter, Nu State/CA National Campus Kappa Chair





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I want to say an overdue "thank you" to ALL you Kappa Guys for your continuous support and Assistance in every way. We often times overlook the fact that we Kappa Ladies could not manage without you. So, **THANK YOU!** Melinda Sams, National President



THANK YOU...

Tulsa Area Council Members for serving our Executive Committee and State Presidents during the Fall Meeting!

