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2017 CONVENTION ISSUE

## National Kappa Kappa Iota 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention June 19–23, 2017 - Asheville, North Carolina



"Spread Your Wings" and Flutter around North Carolina at the 2017 Kappa Kappa lota National Convention in Asheville on June 19-23, 2017. Asheville is a vibrant city with surrounding areas featuring something for everyone. It has a beautiful, historic downtown, great scenery of the Appalachian Mountains, including the Blue Ridge Parkway, waterfalls, shopping for arts and crafts, Cradle of Forestry, and, of course, the Biltmore Estate. Asheville has been named the #1 Best in the U.S. Travel 2017 Destination by Lonely Planet, the largest travel guide book published in the world.

Come join us at the Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort located on 125 acres, just one mile from downtown Asheville. It offers indoor/outdoor tennis, 9-hole golf course, fitness center, and an indoor saltwater lap pool. There is a beautiful outdoor pool where you can watch those brave enough to try the onsite Asheville Zip Line Canopy Adventure! You can also just relax at the Adelaide Spa right on the premises or around the outdoor fire pit.



So register, pack your bags, and join the Rho State/NC Kappas in Asheville for the 2017 National Convention. Asheville is calling you. Ya'll come!!!

## WORKSHOPS - Jack Tales, Biltmore, Genealogy, Self Help...

#### 1:30-2:20pm WORKSHOPS

**Biltmore: Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow -** Presented by Rick King - Retired Vice President with Biltmore Estate Company Learn about the house, gardens, landscape, and lore behind America's largest privately owned home from one of Rho State's Kappa Guys who went to work there as a very young man and worked his way up to Vice President!

Jack Tales - Presented by Vixie Jill Glenn - Professional Storyteller

The Appalachian Mountains in this area were settled primarily by immigrants from Scotland and Ireland who brought their folktales with them, especially those about a clever fellow named Jack. The Jack Tales have been told in these Appalachian Mountains since the 1770s. Enjoy Vixie's story while mixing in history, characteristics of a Jack Tale, and uses of folktales in the classroom.

Self Help - Presented by Betty Ross - Rho State/NC, Rho Chapter Member

Come learn simple and inexpensive ways to create a self-care toolbox. As educators, we spend the majority of our time taking care of our mind, body, and soul. This session will allow you an opportunity to be intentional about practicing self-care.

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#### 2:40-3:30pm WORKSHOPS

Genealogy 101 for the "Beginner" - Presented by Rick King Ancestry and the Family Tree...who are you? Since retiring from Biltmore, Rick has put his energies into learning who he is through DNA and research. Learn how to get started - family tree programs, the Internet, local courthouse, DNA, local genealogy societies, etc.

Jack Tales (repeat of 1:30-2:20 session by Vixie Jill Glenn)

History of National Park Service - Presented by a Park Ranger The National Park Service turned 100 years old in 2016 and what a tremendous birthday it was! Come join a ranger from the NPS site closest to Asheville, the Blue Ridge Parkway, to learn a bit about the history of them and the volunteer opportunities available to you.

SIGN UP, PARTICIPATE, SHARE

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are keeping warm and dry through these winter/spring seasons. I am

doing a lot of traveling over the next few months. I went to North Carolina in January to check on plans for Convention. I am traveling in February to the Founders Day event in Tennessee, and I will be back in Tulsa in March for the Executive Committee Meeting, heading on to South Carolina for a visit after that. I will attend the Texas State Convention in April before "fluttering" away the next weekend to Missouri. I look forward to meeting potential members in my travels. After all of the traveling, I will finalize plans for our National Convention in Asheville. Exciting? - YES! I am looking forward to seeing all of you again.



# CONVENTION TOURS - "Travel, Explore, Dine"

MONDAY, JUNE 19 PRE-TOUR - Biltmore House and Gardens (elevator is available) (audio guide available for added cost)

Join us for a tour of America's largest privately owned home. The Biltmore House was completed in 1895 by George Vanderbilt. You



will experience 250 rooms filled with art, furniture, accessories, and clothing from the <u>Vanderbilt Era</u>. Also on display this summer is the *Designed for Drama* exhibition with 40 award-winning movie costumes highlighting great literature, costume design, and movie making. Lunch will be available adjacent to the house and gardens in a dining and shopping area - light bites to ice cream parlor to bake shop to full lunch café for your choosing.

The <u>Conservatory</u> and gardens covering over 8,000 acres designed by <u>Fredrick Law Olmsted</u> can be visited and viewed on your way to <u>Antler Hill Village and Winery</u>. You can spend time in the various shops and visiting the winery with a complimentary tasting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 - DuPont Forest Waterfalls/Cradle of Forestry Tour (onsite picnic lunch included) (Kappa Guys/Kids/Guests) View some of the most photographed waterfalls on this fun outdoor excursion. Enjoy a scenic motor coach ride to visit the beautiful DuPont State Forest, home of High Falls and Hooker Falls - both waterfalls were featured in the movie, The Last of the Mohicans. After a look inside the Visitor Center, take a leisurely stroll (if you choose) over to High Falls, a 125 foot drop over a sheer granite rock face. The motor coach will then transport you to view Hooker Falls, Sliding Rock, and Looking Glass Falls.

The <u>Cradle of Forestry</u> has been called "the birthplace of science-based forest management". This was made possible by a donation of 87,000 acres of land by <u>George and Edith Vanderbilt</u> (Biltmore Estate land), which is now the <u>Pisgah National Forest</u>. You will have an opportunity to visit the brand new <u>Forest Discovery Center</u>, which includes a 26 minute film, helicopter simulator over a forest fire, and many more exhibits. A knowledgeable local step-on guide will be of assistance on the tour.

<u>TUESDAY, JUNE 20 - Crest Mountain Dinner/Show</u> <u>Fiddles-n-Vittles</u> (<u>Traditional Mountain Music</u> featuring various local talent) Come join us! For this evening's dinner and entertainment, we are headed up to <u>Crest Mountain</u> where we will have a mountain hoedown in a glassed-in pavilion overlooking the Asheville skyline. <u>Fiddles-n-Vittles</u> is the theme for the night so dress comfortably, and bring an appetite and your dancing shoes!



Upon arriving at <u>Crest Mountain</u>, take time to enjoy the surrounding panoramic views of the mountains and valleys of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Next, a delicious full-course buffet awaits you. Then, the real fun begins with the show featuring a unique combination of traditional mountain music plus *Abby the Spoon Lady* showcasing the dying art of "playing the spoons". Add on some local entertainers who will show us a mountain dance known as "clogging" and maybe even a group square dance, and this will be a night to remember!

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## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

#### Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort Asheville **One Resort Drive** Asheville, NC 28806 (828-254-3211)

Use group code **NKK** to receive the group rate if making your reservation online.



Reservations may be made by directly calling toll-free reservation number 888-211-7755 (24/7) or 800-733-3211 (M-F 9am-5pm), identifying yourself as being part of the National Kappa Kappa lota, Inc. group. If you plan to go on the Post Tour and stay at the hotel, make sure to secure a reservation through Sunday, June 25.

Reservations must be made by midnight on 05/29/2017 to receive the Group Rate based upon availability of the Room Block.

Room quarantee: One night's stay plus tax will be charged unless cancellations are made at least three days prior to scheduled arrival. Hotel also requires a 24 hour notice for early departures; without notice a \$50 early departure fee will be charged.

Room Rates: \$115 Double/Queen Rooms, \$125 King Rooms plus taxes, currently 13% per room/per night. Three days pre and three days post event dates, the Group Rate may be honored based on room and room rate availability.

Check-In Time: 4:00pm. Check-Out Time: 11:00am.

Complimentary: Internet/Wi-Fi.

Complimentary: Breakfast vouchers offered at 10% discount to all registered guests in a room. Complimentary: 10% discount at Adelaide Spa & Salon. 10% discount at Asheville Adventure Center. Complimentary: Self-parking in outdoor parking lots adjacent to hotel. Valet Parking: Not available.

Airport Shuttle: The hotel shuttle is available for Asheville Airport pick-up/drop-off at a charge. This fee will be shared by those using each shuttle run. Advance notice with flight information is necessary to arrange this with Kappa Registration to be placed on the list for this service for arrival/departure time. Every effort will be made to coordinate the shuttle trips to lower the cost for individuals.

Downtown Shuttle: The hotel shuttle is available at \$5 per person, round trip, with a few hotel set drop-off and pick-up locations in downtown Asheville.

(Tours continued from page 2

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 (Option #1) - "Historic Downtown Asheville Tour"

Explore historic downtown Asheville on this fun and informative guided tour. Drive through historical and unique neighborhoods, look at amazing architecture (including the incredible Grove Park Inn), the River Arts District, and tour the Basilica of St. Lawrence, the largest freestanding elliptical dome in North America. Also enjoy lunch on your own and shopping in the Grove Arcade area (numerous restaurants within easy walking distance). Included in the price will be a knowledgeable local step-on guide.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 (Option #2) - "Lake Lure Pontoon Boat Ride Tour"

Spend a wonderful, relaxing afternoon on beautiful Lake Lure surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains. Our tour guide will share the history of the 720 acre manmade lake with some comedy mixed in. You will see locations where several classic movies were filmed: Thunder Road, Dirty Dancing, Firestarter, and My Fellow Americans. Also view the famous Flowering Bridge of Lake Lure. A picnic lunch is included. Also included is a knowledgeable local step-on guide.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - "Blue Ridge Parkway Tour"

The longest and narrowest national park runs through Asheville, the Blue Ridge Parkway. Spend the afternoon enjoying a little piece of this park. The Parkway is the second most visited unit of the entire national park services. A picnic lunch will be provided at Craggy Gardens, which features stunning views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The trip also includes a visit to the Folk Art Center (home of the Southern Craft Guild and Gallery). The center features the finest in traditional and contemporary Southern Appalachian crafts. Our last stop will be at the Blue Ridge Parkway Heritage Center, seeing a Parkway history film and viewing other exhibits related to the Appalachian area. Included in the price will be a knowledgeable local step-on guide.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23-24 POST TOUR - "Exploring Western North Carolina" (Our convention hotel will serve as our base, enjoying two full days and nights following convention seeing the sights, before traveling home on Sunday.) (one lunch, one dinner included)

Friday: Our journey travels west toward Cherokee, NC. The first stop will be Oconaluftee Indian Village, an authentic working village out of the 1760s. Interact with villagers as they hull canoes, make pottery, weave baskets, and plant crops. Witness the beginning of the Trail of Tears. A picnic lunch will be included. At the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, you will experience their history, life, and challenges by viewing artifacts, as well as computer generated imagery. Then, stroll among the arts and crafts of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee at the Qualla Arts and Crafts Shop. Our included Friday evening meal will be traditional southern cooking served family style at the Jarrett House in Dillsboro, NC. It was established in 1884, one of the oldest operating inns in Western North Carolina.

Saturday: Our tour will continue into the northern mountains of NC to the Linville/Blowing Rock area. Grandfather Mountain State Park will be the first stop where you will experience breath-taking views of this 5,946 foot high mountain, a "mile-high swinging bridge", environmental native animal habitat, and nature museum. While in the area, we will shop at the Original Mast General Store, established before the Civil War and on the National Registry of Historic Places. Walk on creaky floor boards to find country gourmet foods, old-fashioned cookware, toys, hardware, footwear, and even galoshes (if you need them). Lunch will be on your own in Blowing Rock. We will also travel along a section of the Blue Ridge Parkway, stopping to visit the Moses H. Cone Memorial Park and Home where the U.S. Park Service offices are located. Dinner will be on your own as we stop at Louise's Rock House Restaurant. Included in the price will be a knowledgeable local step-on guide. Oh, what amazing sights you will have seen and times to remember!

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, June 18 3:00-8:00pm Registration **NEC/Staff Meeting** 4:30-5:30pm **NEC/Staff Dinner** 5:45-7:45pm 8:00-9:00pm **Pre-Tour Meeting** 8:00-10:00pm **NEC/Staff Meeting**



Monday, June 19

PRE-TOUR: "Biltmore House and Gardens" 8:30-5:00pm

8:30-11:00am **NEC/Staff Meeting** 

10:00-11:00am Registration Meeting/Set-Up 11:15-1:15pm NEC/Staff Lunch 1:30-4:00pm **NEC/Staff Meeting** 1:30-6:30pm Registration 2:00-4:30pm Hospitality Room 4:30-5:15pm Flag Rehearsal

2016-2017 State Presidents' Dinner 5:15-6:30pm

5:15-6:30pm **Organizational Meetings** Delegate Certification

Kappa Store

Memorial

Special Projects & State Sales

Scholarship (closed) Kappa Chorus Practice 5:15-6:30pm 6:00-6:45pm First-Timers' Get-together 7:00-9:00pm First General Assembly

9:00-10:30pm Welcome Reception Group Get-togethers (on your own) 10:30pm

Tuesday, June 20

8:00-9:00am Memorial Service

9:00-4:00pm Tour (Kappa Guys/Guests)

"DuPont Forest Waterfalls/Cradle of Forestry"

Registration & Delegate Certification 9:15-11:15am

9:15-11:15am Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales

9:15-11:15am Committee Meetings

Nominating (closed) Scholarship (closed)

Music & Kappa Chorus Practice

**Committee Meetings** 9:30-10:15am

Bylaws

Campus Kappa Philanthropic

Empathy (2016-2017 & 2017-2018)

9:30-11:00am Hospitality Room 10:30-11:15am **Committee Meetings** 

Building/Grounds

History Membership

Professional Development

11:30-1:00pm Annual Luncheon (Bring Books & Bears) 1:15-4:00pm Registration & Delegate Certification 1:15-4:00pm Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales

Board of Directors' Meeting 1:30-3:30pm

1:30-3:30pm Workshops (choose from sessions offered)

3:30-4:30pm Hospitality Room 3:45-4:30pm Open Forum

Kappa Chorus Practice 3:45-4:30pm

"Crest Mountain Dinner/Show-Fiddles & Vittles" 5:00-9:30pm

Group Get-togethers (on your own) 9:30pm

Wednesday, June 21

7:30-8:00am Registration & Delegate Certification

**Group Breakfasts** 8:00-9:15am

Past State Presidents

2016-2017 & 2017-2018 State Presidents Local Chapter Officers/Other Members/Guests

8:00-10:00am Kappa Guys 9:30-11:45pm Second General Assembly 12:00-4:00pm Registration & Delegate Registration 12:00-4:00pm Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales 12:15-3:30pm NEC/Staff Scholarship Meeting-Lunch 12:30-5:00pm

"Historic Downtown Asheville"

"Lake Lure Pontoon Boat Ride" 1:00-4:00pm Hospitality Room

5:00-7:30pm Past National Presidents' Dinner/Meeting 7:00-7:45pm 2017-2018 State Presidents' Social 8:00-10:00pm National President's Reception 10:00pm Group Get-togethers (on your own)

Thursday, June 22

7:30-8:15am Registration & Delegate Certification 8:30-10:45am Third General Assembly Post Tour Meeting 10:45-11:00am 11:15-3:00pm Registration 11:15-3:00pm Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales 11:45-4:30pm **Tours** "Blue Ridge Parkway" 12:30-2:30pm

2017-2018 State Presidents' Meeting

1:00-3:00pm Hospitality Room 4:00-5:00pm Installation Rehearsal

Registration & Flower Order Pick-up 4:30-5:30pm

5:30-6:45pm **Group Photo Session** 

7:00-10:00pm Annual Banquet & Installation

Friday, June 23

7:30-10:00am 2017-2018 NEC/Staff Breakfast/Meeting POST TOUR: "Western North Carolina" 9:00 - 5:00pm

Saturday, June 24

Name:

**POST TOUR:** Return to hotel following dinner. 9:00 - 9:00pm

## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Email:
Phone:
Please CHECK the workshops you plan to attend so rooms may be set to meet the needs of each workshop.
Tuesday, June 20
1:30 - 2:20pm "Biltmore: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" "Jack Tales" "Blue Ridge Parkway and National Park Service"
2:40 - 3:30pm "Genealogy101: Genealogy for the Beginner" "Jack Tales" "What's in Your Self-Care Toolbox"
Please detach, and mail this form with your Convention Registration.

#### **National Convention and Tour Information** Contact:

**Convention Chair Kathy Gordon** 5 Brody Trail Asheville, NC 28804

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## 2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

## June 19-23, 2017 Asheville, North Carolina

Complete form, and return with your check payable to:

#### Kappa Kappa lota National Convention 2017

Mail to: Lynn McNeilly

124 John Thomas Drive Casar, NC 28020 1-828-442-6776 Craft1225@yahoo.com

#### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

Pre-Tour, Post Tour, Convention Tours: May 1, 2017

Convention Registration: May 1, 2017

Delegate Report Forms to Headquarters: June 1, 2017 Crowne Plaza Resort Room Reservation: May 29, 2017

#### **NO CONVENTION REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2017**

**ALL** attendees pay Registration Fee. Guests attending **ONLY** the Annual Banquet pay no Registration Fee.

Use a separate sheet for each person registering.	Registration by May 1, 2017			
Name:	All Kappa Members	\$50		
rame.	Kappa Guys/Guests Kappa Kids (12 & under)	\$40		
Street Address:	Campus Kappas	\$15 \$20		
City/State/Zip:	Registration after May 1, 2017			
Chapter/State:	All Kappa Members Kappa Guys/Guests	\$60		
<u> </u>	Kappa Gdys/Gdests  Kappa Kids (12 & under)	\$50 \$15		
Email:	Campus Kappas	\$20		
Contact Phone:	Monday, June 19, 2017			
Arrival Date: Time:	PRE-TOUR: Biltmore House/Gardens			
	2016-2017 State Presidents' Dinner	\$25		
Airline (if flying): Flight #:	Tuesday, June 20, 2017	<b>#</b> 00		
*The Crowne Plaza Hotel Shuttle has a charge for	Tour: Waterfalls/Cradle of Forestry	\$80		
airport transports. This charge will be divided by those	Annual Luncheon	\$30		
on each shuttle. You MUST notify Kappa Registration,		\$75		
in advance, if you want this service to/from the hotel.	Wednesday, June 21, 2017			
Is this your first National Convention? If so, circle YES.	Group Breakfasts (check 1 below)	\$22		
Do you plan to sing in the Chorus? If so, circle YES.	Past State PresidentsLocal Officers & All OthersKappa Guys2016-2017 & 2017-2018 State Presidents			
	NEC/Staff & Scholarship Lunch	\$25		
Dietary Concerns:	Tour: Historic Downtown Asheville	\$60		
	Tour: Lake Lure Pontoon Boat Ride	\$85		
	Past National Presidents' Dinner	\$40		
Special Needs & Allergies:	Thursday, June 22, 2017			
	Tour: <i>Blue Ridge Parkway</i>	\$75		
	Annual Banquet	\$75 \$47		
Emergency Contact/s at Home (Name/Phone Contact)	Total Floral Order (see page 7)	\$		
geney contacts at notice (value). Hence contact,	Friday, June 23, 2017			
	2017-2018 NEC/Staff Breakfast	\$20		
	Friday - Saturday, June 23-24, 2017			
	*POST TOUR: Western North Carolina \$290			
Emergency Contact/s at Convention (Name/Cell Phone)	*(Note: Hotel room is not included in the	*(Note: Hotel room is not included in the price.)		
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	*(Hotel reservation arrangements must be made for Friday and Saturday with the Asheville Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort, if room is needed for the Post Tour.)			
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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 taxexempt 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 Headquarters for further information or help in completing your filing. 1-800-678-0389 1-918-744-0389

Listed below are those Local 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 filing for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Due to a slight time delay in filings being posted on the IRS listing, a few chapters may have filed but appear on the listing below. Email Headquarters if any chapters listed have disbanded so records may be updated with this information.

Alpha State/OK Alpha Delta Alpha Epsilon Delta **Epsilon** Epsilon lota Gamma Lambda Rho

\*Beta State/NM Alpha Epsilon Kappa Χi

\*Gamma State/KS Alpha Gamma Alpha Rho Eta

**GENERAL FUND** 

Zeta

Delta State/TX Gamma \*Theta State/AL Alpha Gamma Alpha Theta Beta Chi Nu Psi Rho

Sigma Tau Upsilon \*Iota State/NE

Alpha Beta Gamma Delta

**Epsilon** Eta Kappa Mu Psi Χi 7eta

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\*Omicron State/IA Beta

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**Rho State/NC** Psi

\*Tau State/WY

Epsilon

Alpha Alpha State/KY

\*U of Evansville Campus Kappa

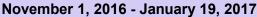


Epsilon State/AR Zeta State/MO Eta State/LA Mu State/MS Nu State/CA Xi State/FL **Upsilon State/SC** Phi State/OH Chi State/HI Psi State/TN

Maryland Local/MD

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!





Any Budgeted Area of Need

Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK In Memory of Darrell Mullins Margaret Gund, Alpha State/OK In Memory of Darrell Mullins Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK In Memory of Benny Denham Margaret Gund, Alpha State/OK In Memory of Benny Denham Linda Smith. Phi State/OH In Memory of Frances Hagan, Mother of Past National President Sue Hagan Janice Luce, Alpha State/OK In Memory of Frances Hagan

**General Headquarters Maintenance** 

Beta Tau. Eta State/LA Sigma, Mu State/MS In Honor of Mu State President Katie Draper

Rho Chapter, Rho State/NC

#### **Memorial Gardens**

SW Regional Council, Delta State/TX In Memory of Edna Sharp Alpha Beta, Alpha State/OK In Memory of Dorothy Moore

#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

General/Undesignated

Zeta Eta, Alpha State/OK In Memory of Doris Sheldon Zeta Theta Chapter, Alpha State/OK

#### **Past State Presidents**

Patty Fleming, Upsilon State/SC In Memory of Frances Hagan, Mother of Past National President Sue Hagan

#### NAT'L PHILANTHROPIC PROJECT **KEMPE FOUNDATION**

Xi, Iota State/NE Beta Iota, Eta State/LA Beta Tau, Eta State/LA Beta. Phi State/OH Alpha Rho, Eta State/LA Gamma Kappa, Delta State/TX Omicron, Rho State/NC Sigma, Mu State/MS

Send Kempe donations directly to:

The Kempe Foundation The Gary Pavilion 13123 E 16th Avenue B390 Aurora, CO 80045

Thank You!

## **Kappas in the News**

### Campus Kappa

The National Campus Kappa Committee is working with the Executive Committee in building interest in helping maintain current and form new Campus Kappa Chapters. There are active chapters in Louisiana (two), Indiana, and Oklahoma, Chapter news is published on a regular basis in The Kappa Profile, sharing their activities and that of several Campus Kappa Members-at-Large in areas where there are no active chapters. Chapters are encouraged to continue sending articles for The Kappa Profile to National Headquarters for publication. There is interest at the state level in forming new chapters in Kansas, Nebraska, and California. Contact Kay Palush (Kpalush@aol.com), Chair of the National Campus Kappa Committee, for further information.

Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions.

- Unknown -

## **Bits and Pieces**

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**BOOKS and BEARS** 



Our annual Philanthropic Project at Convention will be "Books and Bears" so pack them up for their journey to Asheville, NC. Your donations will be given to the Eblen Foundation during the Annual Luncheon. Eblen was founded in 1991 by Joe Eblen, President of Biltmore

Oil Company in Asheville, NC. Eblen Charities helps tens of thousands of families through heating assistance, food distribution, clothing, school supplies, and their Saint Nicholas Project. The support for our annual philanthropic outreach each year is overwhelming. Thank you for your continued care and generosity for those in need!

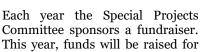


# Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

-William Butler Yeats

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

"Spread Your Wings"





the Capital Improvements Fund for the upkeep of our National Headquarters. State Presidents have raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1 a ticket and six for \$5. Tickets may be purchased for jewelry, electronics, and gift cards in your state and at the Convention in Asheville. Winners need not be present to win. Chapter Presidents can take the tickets to the Convention or mail them to the Special Projects Chair. Each state is asked to provide two items: small electronics, jewelry, and/or gift cards. Each item donated should have a value of \$75 for a total of \$150 per state. States may send money, and the committee will purchase items for them. The winners will be announced at the Annual Banquet. If you need more information, contact:



# Special Projects Chair Wanda Huhn PO Box 308 Princeton, LA 71067 318-949-6756 wanda.huhn@lsus.edu

## 2018 Caribbean Cruise

Get ready for a cruise to the exotic ports of call and spectacular beaches during our 2018 National Convention. You read correctly. Florida is hosting the 2018 National Convention on a Caribbean Cruise! Current passports are



MANDATORY for Identification so make sure yours is up to date! On this great working vacation, you only have to unpack once, and then you're off for an island-hopping adventure. You'll enjoy fun activities with Kappa friends, fabulous meals, complete spa and exercise facility, lavish Vegas-style shows, friendly casino, and all the pampered service you can imagine. Want to know more? You'll have to attend the 2017 National Convention in June (Asheville, NC) to get details. Bring your checkbook, as Xi State/FL Kappas will be accepting \$200 refundable deposits for the cruise.

Laurie Brown, Xi State/FL, 2018 Convention Chair

## **Kappas in the News**

## Xi State/FL Welcomes New Chapter

Welcome to the new members of Alpha Gamma Chapter of Xi State/FL! On November 12, 2016, thirteen recruits were initiated in Lakeland, Florida. Thanks to Laurie Brown, Mary Alice Hratko, and Poinsetta Tillman, a new Xi State/FL Chapter was formed. It all began when Sigma Chapter offered to give away a free membership to Kappa Kappa Iota at the Council for Exceptional Children Conference in October! These excited members look forward to meeting other Kappas at our State and National Conventions. Our members look forward to meeting them, too.



Alpha Gamma Chapter officers: (I-rt) Treasurer Stephanie Brooks, President -Elect Latonnja Key, President Poinsetta Tillman, Secretary Jillian Tauring

## Convention Floral Order

Complete Order Form, place Total Cost on Registration Form (page 5), and return Order Form with Registration Form.

name			Phone	
Number of Each	Flower		Туре	Color (Circle 1)
	5 Mini Roses	\$16.00	Corsage	Wht /Red/Yel
	5 Mini Carnations	\$11.00	Corsage	Wht /Red/Yel
	5 Mini Roses	\$16.00	Wristlet	Wht /Red/Yel
	Mini Roses	\$ 6.00	Boutonniere	Wht /Red/Yel
	Mini Carnations	\$ 3.00	Boutonniere	Wht /Red/Yel

## Reflections from an Introvert: Reach One, Touch Many!

Submitted by Chris Hockert, National Second Vice President - Gamma Chapter, Psi State/TN

It is difficult to look back over my life and remember that I was a very poor, shy, and quiet child. Frequently, I ask myself, "How could this poor, quiet, shy, child have made an impact on the lives of others?"

That's when I realized that it was with a great deal of help, support, security, and encouragement of many teachers in my life. As a member of National Kappa Kappa lota, a Professional Organization for Educators, I have felt the support, security, help, and



encouragement from all members at the local, state, and national levels. Initially, I was reluctant to join, but, as a favor to the educator who invited me, I attended several local and state meetings and enjoyed the feeling of friendship, companionship, and commitment to help others through philanthropic projects, scholarships, and special programs.

It took one educator to reach me, and since then I have reached out to other educators serving at the local, state, and national levels. One of my most passionate philanthropic projects I am involved with is our local Gamma Chapter "Nickels for Nepal".

It was through the scholarship assistance from a National Kappa Kappa lota Retired Educator Grant that I was able to reach across the world to help poor and underserved school children in remote villages of Nepal. It took one trip to Nepal to become fully committed to helping these children. It has also taken one educator in Nepal, Nawaraj Baskota, to reach me and teach me about the difficulties the poor and underserved children endure in these remote villages. His dedication to children who need educators to step up and help them long term has touched me deeply.

I challenge each and every Kappa Kappa lota member, as well as those who are thinking about joining Kappa Kappa lota, to reflect upon how you can make a difference in the life of a child. Go beyond your comfort level, and get involved in helping children to succeed. It is easy to do when you have the encouragement and support of Kappa Kappa lota members.