

# The Kappa PROFILE

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## "Osiyo to Kappa!"



Thursday, October 5th, the National Executive Committee gathered at National Headquarters for the Annual Fall Meeting led by National President Janice Luce. October 6th, Kappa State Presidents arrived at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for the 2017 State Presidents' Fall Meeting. Tulsa Area Council hosted the Hospitality Suite.

Friday evening National Officers, State Presidents and guests enjoyed dinner out at Zio's Italian Kitchen's private room and dined on great food and reveled in wonderful conversation! Rho State, North Carolina State President **Sandra Bollinger** was serenaded with a birthday song from everyone in the group— including the wait staff! The State Presidents returned to the hotel for a group meeting led by the Chair of the State Presidents, **Melissa Frans** (Iota State/NE). Also attending, **National President Janice Luce** and **Parliamentarian Sue Hagan**.

Saturday morning, the National Officers met formally with the State Presidents. The Fall Report Book was shared, National Officers facilitated workshops on Membership, Philanthropy, and Robert's Rules of Order. **Melissa Frans** presented information on Computer Documents.

The meeting allowed for questions and concerns from the State Presidents to be addressed. Afterwards, everyone got on board the Tulsa Urban Trolley and rode to Gilcrease Museum for a tour given by Kappa museum docents.



Indian Tacos were on the menu for Saturday's dinner! Special thanks to **Susan Mills**, Beta State, New Mexico President. Susan taught several State Presidents to stir up, pat out and cook the fry bread! Tacos were piled high! A tasty, colorful work of art...followed by Cherry, pineapple, pecan Dump Cake topped with whipped cream!

**National President Janice Luce** conducted an authentic Cherokee Indian blow dart game! Laughter could be heard way into the evening.

The Fall Event was blessed with fantastic, fall weather! Many thanks to members of **Tulsa Area Council** who helped in many different ways during the Fall Meeting and Event.

*National President Janice Luce, "The first bite".*



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**"Osiyo to Kappa!"**  
**2017-2018 State Presidents**  
**National President Janice Luce (front center)**

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## Osiyo to Kappa!

### National President Janice Luce, Alpha State/OK

My first official state visit was to Decatur, Mississippi the last weekend in August. The Mu State Kappa's in Mississippi were wonderful hostesses. I was able to attend their Executive Committee Meeting on Friday evening and the Mu State Fall Workshop on Saturday. They filled me with JOY as I visited, listened, had dinner, initiated five new members, and listened to their exciting "Continuous Improvement Plan for Mu State Kappa".

The first weekend in October was the Fall Executive Committee and State Presidents' Meeting in Tulsa. I was very pleased to see so many State Presidents attend. The meeting on Saturday was very productive. That afternoon was a trip to Gilcrease Museum to first enjoy the gift shop, then learn about early Indians with a tour by two Kappa's, Jane Watson and Silvia Furgason (Gamma Beta Chapter). A big thank you to Executive Director Marilyn Bridges who organized a delicious meal of Indian Tacos that evening. Also, thank you to Susan Mills (Beta State/NM) for taking charge of the fry bread station and teaching others to master this cooking technique! Special thanks to Tulsa Area Council for helping set up, cook, serve and clean up after the dinner (they also took items to the hospitality room on Friday, for the State Presidents to enjoy). The evening was completed with a game of Indian Blow Darts.

In February my planned visit is to Psi State/TN. I am excited to meet prospective members and visit interesting sites around Chattanooga. In April I plan to visit Gamma State/KS and Delta State/TX. Thank you to these states for the invitation. I am always so excited to visit with Kappas and learn the interesting and exciting things that are happening in their states.

Remember as you go through the year to say, "Osiyo" to prospective members and share what your membership in Kappa Kappa Iota means to you!

**LISTEN TO THE WIND,  
IT TALKS.  
LISTEN TO THE SILENCE,  
IT SPEAKS.  
LISTEN TO YOUR HEART,  
IT KNOWS  
NATIVE AMERICAN PROVERB**

*Osiyo  
To Kappa*



## ~ Picture Perfect Moments ~



## Come Sail with Kappa Kappa Iota 2018 Kappa Cruise!

Join your Kappa friends and enjoy a 7-day Eastern Caribbean cruise aboard the Norwegian 'Getaway'. Leaving from Miami, Florida, June 24–July 1, 2018 and sailing to St. Thomas, Tortola and Nassau!

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> guests

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Suite - \$982\*

### Cabin Reservation and Cruise Insurance:

To reserve your cabin or to purchase cruise insurance call Pedro, Monday-Friday (10am - 6pm).

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**Special Needs Accommodations:** Wheel Chair, Handicapped Room, Limited mobility, etc), call Pedro!

### Deposit & Payment Information:

First deposit of \$200 per person is due at the time of booking, and **final payment by April 15, 2018**. Penalties for cancelation begin on 4/15/18. Members **MUST** reserve cabins by March 1, 2018.

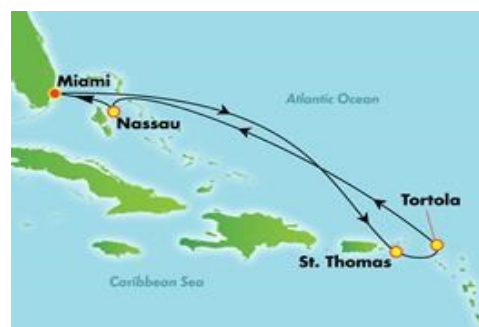
**Cabin price guarantee will expire March 1, 2018.**

### Passports:

Remember, everyone including children, must have a current passport. Apply for your passport early, as it can take 6 weeks to 3 months to obtain.

### Roommate Wanted:

Don't have a roommate for the 2018 Convention Cruise? Do not let that stop you from joining us!! Contact **Jackie Braun's Roommate Referral Service!** Jackie, Convention Treasurer, will assist you. Contact her at [jbrown992@aol.com](mailto:jbrown992@aol.com) or 786-295-3291.

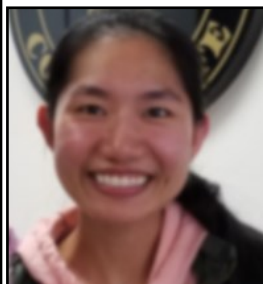


**See the NORWEGIAN GETAWAY video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UVP8fo2NsQ>

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## ~ Campus Kappa In the News ~



### Kappa Campus, Xi Chapter, Nu State, California

Bichphuong Pham was presented a \$1,000 scholarship from Nu State, California to continue her dream of becoming a teacher. Her story is not like others that applied for a scholarship, for you see, "BP", as she is lovingly referred to by her Kappa sisters, was born in Vietnam after the Vietnam War. In the village where she lived there was a virus causing many children to die. She, too, was infected and her parents sold everything they had to pay for her hospital stay. The hospital was her home for many months, but even though the doctor's had given up, her parents had not. They decided to escape from Vietnam in search of a new life. America had everything they needed to start over. They tried to escape by boat, but were captured and punished. They hid in the forest, dodging bullets, and finally were able to get on a boat where they were confronted by pirates. They finally landed on the island of Malaysia.

Eight years of living in a camp in Malaysia in a hut without a door or windows, with many other families in the same room, left BP unable to read or write, only able to speak Vietnamese. She claims they looked like "fish in a can" as they slept. Each day the family was issued four tickets for food. BP took the bucket to get the food for the family. Every day they prayed that someone in America would sponsor them. Seven years had passed when the family was forced to leave the hut, and told that if they needed food or medical attention they would need to "sign" to return to Vietnam. They knew if they returned they would certainly be put to death. Finally, without another choice, they decided to return, knowing they would be put into military educational camps and possibly tortured to death. BP was placed in school, where she recalls being punished because she was slow to understand. Her parents were poor and could not pay the teachers the "tip" they expected. They lived on rice and water. Finally, they were accepted into the American Refugee Program.

Beginning a new life again, in America, she was enrolled in the sixth grade. She did not know a single word of English. However, this time the teachers were "kind, pretty, and did not use physical punishment." The teacher gave her math problems to solve, and solve them she did! She shyly began to speak English. She found it interesting that people could understand her when she spoke English. She finished High School, and went on to get her Bachelor's Degree. She is entering the credentialing program to become a teacher. Her wish is that "one day, I can give back to this country". She feels that it is by the Grace of God that she has come this far.

~ Submitted by National Recording Secretary Kay Palush, Nu State/CA



## THANK YOU for Your Generous Donations!

September ~ November 2017

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Rho State/NC

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*Past State President*

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Mu State/MS

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Zeta State/MO



~ The Kappa Blessing ~