

# The Kappa PROFILE

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## "TWIST AND SHOUT FOR KAPPA"

**"Twist and Shout for Kappa"**...the theme for the weekend! Thursday, October 3rd, the National Executive Committee gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Southern Hills for their Fall Meeting led by **National President Chris Hockert**. The following Friday, Kappa State Presidents arrived at the hotel for the 2019 State Presidents' Fall Meeting. Tulsa Area Council hosted the Hospitality Suite. **Past National President Janice Luce**, **Betty Craig** (Zeta Eta) and **Cathe Kehe** (Gamma Beta) welcomed everyone to Tulsa and facilitated the Hospitality Suite. Friday afternoon the National Executive Committee, State Presidents and guests enjoyed The Oklahoma Aquarium tour! It was relaxing observing all of the sea life, and socializing with wonderful Kappa friends!

~ Executive Committee & State Presidents at Tulsa Aquarium ~



Everyone returned to the hotel and had enough time to change into poodle skirts and/or rolled up blue jeans. We traveled just five miles down the road to Tally's 1950s Diner and we were met at the door by **Elvis Presley**!



Nat'l President Chris Hockert with Elvis

After enjoying burgers, fries and a shake, the State Presidents met together at the hotel, led by Co-Chairs of the State Presidents **Jennifer Avellino** and **Michele Phillips**. Saturday morning, everyone enjoyed a wonderful breakfast buffet – compliments of the hotel. The meeting began at 8am; the Fall Report Book was shared, and the National Officers facilitated interaction sessions that generated much information relating to Membership, Philanthropy, and Robert's Rules of Order. After a delicious lunch at the hotel, the afternoon was spent with **Dr. Mitzy Johnson-Mills** (Mu State/MS) leading us in a Strategic Membership Planning session. After the meeting, a few items from the Kappa Store were available for sale. Saturday evening everyone celebrated the important work accomplished during the Fall Meeting at Mazzio's Pizza Italian Eatery. We were fortunate to have great weather during the entire meeting...just a few sprinkles one afternoon.

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### "Twist and Shout for Kappa" 2019-2020

**National Executive Committee**

Front/Left, **President-Elect Brenda Morrison**,

**Parliamentarian Sue Hagan**,

**National President Chris Hockert**,

**Secretary Kathy Smith**, **Executive Director Marilyn Bridges**,

**Immediate Past President Jennifer Otradovec**, **Second Vice**

**President Phyllis Thomas**, **First Vice President Kay Palush**



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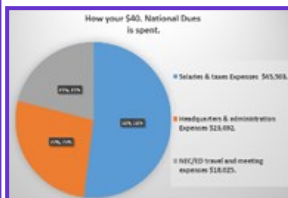


## “Twist and Shout for Kappa” National President Chris Hockert, Psi State/TN

Finally, Fall is in the air! It has been a long hot record breaking summer. The National Executive Committee and Executive Director Marilyn Bridges have been extremely busy dealing with the aftermath of storm damage to Kappa Headquarters since May.

It was wonderful to visit with State Presidents as a group at the National Executive Committee and State Presidents' Fall Meeting in Tulsa. We all worked very hard to create a **Five-Year Strategic Plan** for Kappa Kappa Iota. Dr. Mitzy Johnson-Mills (MU/MS) facilitated this event at our meeting (Picture Below). State Presidents learned about

**Parliamentary Procedures** from Parliamentarian Sue Hagan (Upsilon/SC), President-Elect Brenda Morrison (Rho/NC) conducted an informative and interesting interactive workshop about **Philanthropy**, Second Vice President Phyllis Thomas (Eta/LA) presented a workshop about **Membership**, and Executive Director Marilyn Bridges provided information regarding the **IRS 990-E-Postcard Filing Status** for each state.



Parliamentarian Sue Hagan is working with the National Executive Committee to develop a **Five-Year Financial Plan** based upon dues membership. Sue presented the State Presidents with data analysis and the impact on our financial standing. The National Executive Committee also reviewed how the **National Dues of \$40 per person was spent**. The data based on current budget figures reflects that **52%** going towards Executive Director and temporary part-time help salaries, taxes and benefits. Another **27%** is spent on NEC Meetings, Convention Expenses, and Travel. The balance of **21%** covers the costs for administration and headquarters expenses. This was presented to the State Presidents in a pie graph.

It was an enjoyable time sharing information, ideas, and concerns during our meeting. The “Twisted Rockettes” and National Executive Committee along with guests still had time to enjoy a “Night out at Talley’s Diner” on Friday evening where we dined on burgers, French fries, and milk shakes at the 50’s style diner. Saturday night we enjoyed a buffet of pizza, soft drinks, and salad at Mazzio’s Pizzeria.



My Kappa rotation state travel started with a trip to meet with State President Michele Phillips and members of Epsilon/AR on October 11-12, 2019. The following weekend I will meet with Patrice Smith and members of Delta/TX. In December, I will visit Pat Matthews and members of Lambda State/GA, in January you will find me in sunny Florida with State President Jennifer Avellino and members of Xi State/FL, in April I will visit with Judith Medlin and members of Upsilon State/SC, and in May, it is on to meet with Stacey Hamner and members of Zeta State/MO. I will visit Lynda Smitherman and members of Theta/AL in April (not on my rotation schedule). My wish to each of you is for a safe and peaceful holiday season!





## 2020 Pre and Post Tour Previews

**The 2020 National Convention begins on Monday, June 21** with the Pre Tour offered prior to the Opening First General Assembly and Welcome Reception. The Pre Tour features historical stops in both Memphis and Dyess, Arkansas where we will have this convention's first taste of music history. Mississippi will be highlighted in the Post Tour which will depart for its first day of fun rolling down the Delta Blues Trail on Friday, June 26. The Post Tour will return to the Marriott Memphis East for an overnight stay before completing our Post Tour frolic with a visit to the home of Jerry Lee Lewis and a trip to Tupelo, MS to visit the birthplace of Elvis Presley on Saturday, June 27. The Kappa Convention Hotel Group Rate will be honored the entire Post Tour weekend.

**Pre Tour, Monday, June 21 (8am-4pm)** The Pre Tour is all about experiencing the historical events in and around Memphis from feeling the power of the Civil Rights movement and those who led that fight to exploring the historic **Dyess Colony**, the Arkansas **boyhood home of Johnny Cash**, a man who fought for human rights in his own way. Picked up in a Back Beats Tour bus at our hotel, our day will begin immediately with a working **Memphis Musician** as our entertainment and our tour guide for the first hour of the day. Visiting the **National Civil Rights Museum** located in the **Lorraine Motel** is our first stop and it promises to be eye-opening, sobering, and inspiring as we examine each important step of the Civil Rights movement. A wonderful lunch will be followed by a trip into Arkansas to explore the **Historic Dyess Colony** which was created to aid in the nation's economic recovery after the Great Depression. Johnny Cash's family was just one of the families who got a fresh start in Arkansas. After a quick stop for a snack and a little shopping, we will return to the hotel in time for the Opening Session. (app \$60)



**Post Tour, Friday and Saturday, June 26-27** The Post Tour is sure to be filled with music and memories!



On Friday, we are headed down to the Crossroads! As we travel, we will stop at historic markers along the Mississippi Delta Blues Trail like **Dockery Farms**, the place regarded as the wellspring of the Delta Blues sound, as well as the proclaimed site of the famous **Devil's Crossroads** in Clarksdale, MS, home of Blues. A little further down the trail, we will tour the **GRAMMY Museum** in Cleveland, MS and then enjoy lunch and some window shopping in the charming downtown area before heading to Indianola to visit **B.B. King's Blues Museum**. Visiting **Peter's Pottery** in Mound Bayou- where Mississippi mud becomes art- will round out the afternoon. Moving toward

Memphis, we will enjoy dinner and live blues music in Clarksdale at **Morgan Freeman's Blues Club**, Ground Zero before returning for an overnight stay at the Memphis Marriott. Saturday morning, we will again head to Mississippi - Nesbit, MS to tour the home of **Jerry Lee Lewis**. Continuing south to Tupelo, MS, we will enjoy a traditional Southern lunch at **Romey's Grocery** before heading over to visit the **Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum**. We will be-bop on over to **Johnnie's Drive-In**, a favorite of Elvis' for a milkshake or piece of pie and might even get to sit in the "Elvis Booth"! Before returning to the Memphis Marriott, we will stop in at **Tupelo Hardware** where Gladys Presley bought her son his first guitar. What a great adventure! (app. \$90)

Martin, Johnny, Jerry Lee, Elvis, great food and the blues – between our Pre and Post tours, it just doesn't get any better than that! Make plans to join us for inspiration, fun, and frolic. We promise to show you a rocking good time in Memphis! You will want to Twist and Shout for Kappa during the whole convention!

### Preserving Kappa History Centennial Fundraiser

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CENTENNIAL  
1921-2021

Honor a current Kappa Member, Kappa Guy, Kappa Kid, Chapter or State Officer, Local Chapter or Kappa State with the purchase of an engraved brick. You may honor the memory of a Kappa Member in the Omega Chapter by purchasing a brick. Bricks may also be purchased in memory of Kappa Guys and/or Kappa Kids. Bricks will be placed around the boarder of the sidewalk in the Memorial Garden, continuing into the courtyard at National Headquarters. All donations will help fund renovations at Headquarters for the 100th Anniversary! [bricksrus.com/donorsite/nkki](http://bricksrus.com/donorsite/nkki)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

#### General Fund

#### Any Budgeted Area of Need

Margaret Gund, Alpha/OK  
*In Memory of Paul Martin*  
Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK  
*In Memory of Paul Martin*  
Ginger Stout, Alpha/OK  
*In Memory of Paul Martin*  
Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK  
*In Memory of Jim Davenport*

#### Memorial Gardens

Psi State/TN  
*In Memory of Sharon Moffet*

#### Headquarters Maintenance

Bronnie Rose, Epsilon/AR  
Peggy Davis, Beta State/NM  
Gracie Lee, Chi State/HI (OR)  
Alpha Beta, Zeta State/MO  
Nu Chapter, Upsilon State/SC  
Zeta Chapter, Iota State/NE  
SW Regional Council, Delta/TX  
Christina Stevenson, Delta/TX  
Past State Presidents/Eta/LA  
*In Memory of Past State  
President Margaret Burlew*  
SW Regional Council, Delta/TX

**If I Were a Brand-New Kappa ~ Wanita Humphrey, Zeta State/MO**

If I were a brand-new Kappa, my first reaction would be one of elation to have been chosen to an organization that holds such high values and whose members display such personal caring. My second reaction would be to heed the advice of a long-time member:

**Record your Kappa journey.**

I am not that brand-new Kappa; I am that long-time member who would urge each new, or even not so new, Kappa to **Record your Kappa journey**.

At some point, you may need to be reminded of your service on different levels at specific times in order to fill out forms, such as running for office or applying for a scholarship or grant (which prompted this). Or maybe there will just be times to take a walk down memory lane, alone or with sisters. With Kappas, there will be so many wonderful memories to share.

Preparation for this journey will, of course, require shopping. A notebook is a must—perhaps a purple one, or one with violets, or one with an especially crafted cover—something inspirational! A pen with purple ink will add a special touch.

Oh, and to that shopping list, add a box. Again, that can be one that is plain and simple, or Pinterest away! I would head directly to the nearest Tuesday Morning because they have the most beautiful boxes. Over the years, this box will fill with the beautiful, supportive cards you will receive from Kappas all over the country. They will commemorate happy times, congratulations, and sentiments of concern and sympathy. This box that started out so simply, will have become a treasure chest.

If you are just beginning this journey, or if you are miles down the road, you are on a special path, with special people—**record it**.

**Make a Difference Day ~ October 26th, 2019**

Please send an article and/or pictures of your project to Kappa Headquarters.

Thank you, Brenda Morrison, President Elect and Philanthropic Chair