



# The Kappa PROFILE

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## "Radiate the Kappa Spirit"



### National President Phyllis Thomas, LA/Eta State

The holiday season is upon us, and I'd like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a delightful New Year. I would like for all of you to be mindful of "the reason for the season". Take time to enjoy family and friends. The holiday season is a busy time of the year. The National Executive Committee hit the ground running as we took care of Kappa business. Another water leak at Kappa Headquarters has kept us on our toes. The Bylaws Committee has been busy reviewing the Bylaws of the rotation states. The Building and Grounds and Adhoc Headquarters Enhancement Committee have been working diligently to improve the appearance of Headquarters. The Membership Chair, Brenda Hope, has been sharing ideas that will enable us to have new activities to enhance our local chapter meetings, recruit and retain members. The Adhoc Grant Writing Committee has kept members aware of various grants that are available to them. Our Empathy Chair, Kay Palush, has been emailing weekly empathy concerns. Sherry Read, our Campus/Collegiate Chair, has been working with Oklahoma State University (OSU) as they initiated ten new members. Way to go! The 2023 National Convention Committee is finalizing plans for the convention to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana June 26-29, 2023. Make your plans now to join us! Enjoy your holidays! Kappa hugs, Phyllis Thomas, National President.

### "Radiate the Kappa Spirit" through Kappa Empathy Connections

When a person becomes involved in Kappa Kappa Iota the whole person enters the **friendship circle**. Support systems come in all forms with the Kappa Spirit being unique through the link of our Kappa's Empathy Program. Living life, including the births, celebrations, struggles, anniversaries, achievements, challenges, and deaths is universal. Having the Kappa Spirit bracing and supporting members, as well as communicating support, make life more manageable. Work with your local, state, and regional empathy chairperson to connect the Kappa membership when there are events affecting life. A walk to the mail box where Kappa greetings or words of encouragement are found make for a real day brightener. An email filled with good wishes or congratulatory comments spread joy. Kappa empathy shares greetings with immediate family members. Whether attending a local meeting, serving on a state committee or as an officer locally or through National Kappa Kappa Iota, **connect, help, and enjoy attending the activities while making lifelong supportive friends**. Radiate the Kappa Spirit throughout the organization's empathy network.

Barbara McKenzie, Eta State, Beta Theta, Bossier City, LA



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## e-Postcard

file your electronic IRS Form 990-N

Each state chapter, local chapter, and state 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.

These filings should have been completed by November 15 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. If you haven't completed your filing you may do so by logging onto <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

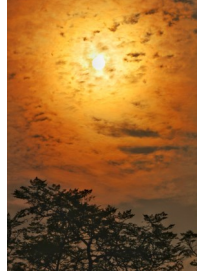
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### State Financials Completed and Submitted by:

NE/Iota State  
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AL/Theta State  
FL/Xi State  
TN/Psi State  
NC/Rho State  
OK/Alpha State  
MS/Mu State

OH/Phi State  
SC/Upsilon State  
IA/Omicron State  
CA/Nu State

If you haven't submitted yours to Kappa Headquarters, please get them in as quickly as possible.



## ATTENTION STATE AND LOCAL CHAPTERS

### The Heart of Kappa is it's Members



**Imogene Hardon** of Iota Chapter, Mu State, celebrated her **99th birthday** on Monday, September 26th. She has been a member of Kappa for 50 years and a charter member of her local chapter. She served as the 1983-1984 Mu State President and was instrumental in establishing the Blue Mountain College Campus Kappas in 1993, where she served as the chapter's first faculty advisor. She epitomizes a genteel lady and someone we should all strive to emulate.

### Ring in the Holidays

### Radiating the Kappa Spirit

Unlike many of the *Kappa Profile* readers I have not been a Kappa member for many years. I am humbled by those who have already reached that 50-year mark for membership. Having been a professional educator for over 50 years, I do have some observations that may be of help as we are attempting to grow Kappa membership in the coming months. I am a member of Kappa because someone invited me. New to the community I joined a church first thing to get to know people. In my church were two members of the Pi Kappa Chapter. Susan Hendrick, now an Omega member, did not ask me once, she asked me over and over and over again. I made all of the excuses I could for not joining. She did not give up.

About a month into my new home, I got a call from Pam Robinson (Newton), who had known my mom, and she invited me to Kappa, not once, but several times AND she said she would pick me up. She did not give up. Then when I did attend the first time, I was welcomed. Everybody wanted to know about me and the expectation was Pam would be picking me up from then on. I enjoyed that we were a philanthropic group, that we had common interests for the community and that we fellowshiped with food and conversation in homes and other public places. The members always included me in what was going on. Within 5 years I was chapter President and began to attend the state meetings. Fast forward 6 more years and I am Rho State President. How did that all happen? Because someone invited me and did not give up. Beyond that the Kappa Spirit of love, courage, faith, honor and loyalty has helped me remain positive about the world of education. Educators in classrooms and administrative positions are challenged like no other time in history, at least the last 50 years anyway. How can we continue to radiate the Kappa Spirit for them during the holidays? How do we reach out to educators, encourage them, shower them with thoughtfulness, prayers and support? We must invite and

not give up on those who could benefit from what we Kappas know already. Staying positive and supportive will help us grow others. Do not give up! By Susan Allred, Rho State President



# Thank You!

## 2021 AUG, SEPT, & OCT DONATIONS

### GENERAL FUND

#### ANY BUDGETED AREA OF NEED

Margaret Gund, Alpha/OK  
In Memory of Marie Norris  
Ginger Stout, Alpha/OK  
In Memory of Marie Norris  
Bruce Thomas, LA/Eta State  
Phyllis Thomas, LA/Eta State  
Alpha Chapter, AR/Epsilon State  
Phi Chapter, AR/Epsilon State  
Alpha Iota Chapter, AR/Epsilon State - In Memory of Sara Andrews  
Margaret Gund, Alpha/OK  
In Memory of Bud Hale, Becky Hale's husband  
Margaret Gund, Alpha/OK  
In Memory of Kaye Keithline, Anna Rothschafer's sister-in-law  
Alpha Rho Chapter, Alpha/OK  
In Memory of Kaye Keithline

### MEMORIAL GARDEN

Gamma Mu Chapter, Delta/TX  
In Memory of Katherine Stevener  
Lambda Chapter, Phi/OH  
In Memory of Mary K. Anasson

### GENERAL HDQTS MAINTENANCE

BRONNIE ROSE, AR/EPSILON STATE

CAROLYN MCELVEEN, LA/ETA STATE - IN HONOR OF HER HUSBAND, WAYNE MCELVEEN

### Centennial Brick Fund

Judy Oliver, KS/Gamma State  
In Honor of Her Husband, Ronald Oliver  
Rho Chapter, NC/Rho State  
In Honor of Earlene Davis  
Nancy Gallatin, Mo/Zeta State  
In honor of Jennifer, Jane and Jim Otradovec  
Wanita Humphrey, MO/Zeta State

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### UNDESIGNATED

National Kappa Kappa Iota  
In Memory of Dr. Jane Treat  
National Kappa Kappa Iota  
In Memory of Anne Baker  
Carolyn McElveen, LA/Eta State  
In Memory of Donna Arceneaux

### KEMPE FOUNDATION

Phi Chapter, AR/Epsilon State  
Alpha Lambda Chapter, TX/Delta State  
Mu Chapter, LA/Eta State  
Carolyn McElveen, LA/Eta State  
In Honor of Her Grandchildren  
Gamma Chapter, TN/Psi State  
Alpha Gamma Chapter, KS/Lambda State  
Rho Chapter, NC/Rho State



## ~ KAPPAS in the News ~

### Campus/Collegiate Kappa News



What an exciting Fall OK State Campus/Collegiate Kappas are having. They are back on campus with increasing enrollments. They are passing the torch of leadership from Dr. Sheri Vasinda, who served as advisor for 10 years, to Dr. Shelley Martin-Young from Sand Springs, OK. At the present time, they have 11 new members including their officers. Their ceremony took place **Monday, October 10, 2022, at 5 pm** in the **living room at Willard Hall, Stillwater, OK.**

Sherry Read, National Campus/Collegiate Kappas, Chair, Alpha State



### **“Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler” – “Let the Good Times Roll”**

Join us for the post tour and “Let the Good Times Roll” (a very common Cajun saying). Off we go across the Atchafalaya Swamp to Avery Island home of tabasco sauce, alligators, a large bird rookery with pink spoonbills and Chinese gardens complete with a bigger than life Buddha. Then a visit to New Iberia, the “Berry” of the Bayou Teche, settled by the Spanish prior to French occupation - a city spotlighted by a recent Hallmark movie and the setting for many James Lee Burke novels.



### **Then a Taste of New Orleans**



The “Big Easy” is our destination on the second day of the tour. Beignets, beautiful Jackson Square, courtyards and balconies, a close up glimpse of Mardi Gras, and standing on the bank of the mighty Mississippi are just some of what you will experience! Bring your camera and wear your best walking shoes, as we delight you with the sights and sounds of the city.



### **Tau Chapter, GA/Lambda State, Helping Three Middle Schools in Calhoun and Gordon County School Systems**



Tau Chapter, GA/Lambda State, of National Kappa Kappa Iota donated funds to Calhoun Middle School on September 29, 2022, for general school-based needs and other student essentials as part of their Philanthropic Project. Calhoun

Middle School expressed their appreciation for the donation and the continued support by Kappa Kappa Iota. Pictured: CMS Principal Dr. Allison Eubanks, National KKI member Kathy Russell, and CMS Assistant Principal Melissa Hawkins.



Myrtles Plantation

## 2023 Mabel Caldwell Scholarship Pre-Tour

Be ready for antebellum splendor as you board the bus for your tour of St.

Francisville Plantation country.



Rosedown Plantation

Of note – this town once served as the capital of the Republic of West Florida. You will visit the famous Myrtles Plantation known for its antebellum ghosts! Hopefully, ghosts are sleeping and all make it back on the bus to head downtown for lunch (on your own) with time to visit unique shops such as Grandmother's Button Gift Shop/Museum, a distinctive antique shop, located in an old historic bank building.

The last stop is Rosedown Plantation, one of the most

documented and intact plantation complexes in the South, known for its extensive, beautiful, formal gardens. You do not want to miss this tour of  
“Antebellum Life!”

