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“Kappas Walk in Beauty and Light the Way for Education”



National President Carolyn Garretson

With the upcoming Holiday Season, Beauty surrounds us, whether from the seasonal holidays or Nature’s glorious displays of autumn and early winter. Our Kappa hearts display both philanthropy and empathy in our donations, especially to those red kettles and food pantries, happy voices wishing everyone, “Happy Thanksgiving” or “Merry Christmas,” or in those joyous Christmas Cards we send. A wonderful time of the year is here.

At the Fall Meeting, the NEC held their annual business meeting and hosted the annual State Presidents’ Meeting/ Workshop and afternoon social. Workshops were presented concerning Empathy, Membership, Philanthropy, IRS Ein number requirements, and Robert’s Rules of Order regarding parliamentary procedures. A Hot Dog Supper followed an afternoon of playing Bunco. Special thanks to the National Building and Grounds Committee, Frannie Spencer, the NEC, the Tulsa Area Council, Past National President Janice Luce, Linda Reutlinger, and Master Grill Chef Danny Reutlinger for making the afternoon social and meal a success.

As your National President, it has been a very interesting and wonderful time. I have had the great pleasure to attend the Eta State Purple Tea in Lafayette, Louisiana. State President Charlotte Sicard and the Mu Chapter Kappas hosted a beautiful tea given in honor of the Eta State Chapter Presidents. Also attending were Past National Presidents Wanda Huhn, Phyllis Thomas, and Charlotte Fontenot and many past Eta State Presidents. Thank you, Eta State Kappas, for a wonderful afternoon and the warm loving memories you gave me.

As we finish out this year and prepare to greet a new one, remember to take care, travel safe, and Walk in Beauty until we meet again.



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Past National Presidents at National Convention 2024

(Back) Brenda Morrison, Nancy Johnson, Carolyn Dye, Jennifer Otradovec, Marcelle Bridgman, Linda Smith, Chris Hockett, Janice Luce, and Lenora Mahan
(Front), Melinda Sams, Phyllis Thomas, Pat Southerland, Ellen Patterson, Sue Hagan, Linda Hilton, Lorie Konrad, Wanda Huhn, and Kay Palash

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Recent Donations

General Fund

Any Budgeted Area of Need
 Margaret Gund Alpha Rho Chapter/Alpha State/OK
In memory of Paul Porche'
 Nu Chapter/Upsilon State/SC
 Anonymous Donation
 Peggy Davis/Kappa Chapter/Beta State/NM
In honor of National President Carolyn Garretson

Enhancement/Brick Account

Carolyn Dye/Pi Chapter/Zeta State/MO
 Centennial Bricks Purchased
 Zeta Zeta Chapter/Alpha State/OK
In memory of Becky Newlin
 Diane Ross/Nu Chapter/Phi State/OH
In honor of Lenora Gunnoe/State President 2023-2025
 Kappa Chapter/Psi State/TN
In memory of Barbara S. Baker
 Ann Burnette/Alpha Chapter/Upsilon State/SC State President
 2024-2026
 Cathe Kehe/Gamma Beta Chapter/Alpha State/OK
 State President 2023-2024
 Sue Hagan/Alpha Chapter/Upsilon State/SC
In honor of E. "Pete" Johnston
 Mary Lou Hughes/Alpha Chapter/Eta State/LA
In memory of Carol Jean Neary State President 1989-90
In memory of Mary Margaret David State President 2010-2011
 Laura Still/Alpha Epsilon Chapter/Beta State/NM
In memory of William Still
 Laura Still/Alpha Epsilon Chapter/Beta State/NM State
 President 2009-2010, 2024-2025
 National Executive Committee
In honor of Brenda Hope National President 2025-2026
 Linda Reutlinger/Beta Omicron Chapter/Alpha State/OK
Alpha State President 2021-2022
Reutlinger Family-Linda, Dawn & Danny
Memorial Gardens, Danny & Linda Reutlinger

Memorial Gardens

Margaret Gund/Alpha Rho Chapter/Alpha State/OK
In memory of Curtis Davis
In memory of Arlene Rizzo
In memory of Paul Hoskin
 Epsilon Tau Chapter/Alpha State/OK
In memory of Sonny Hargrove, Mother of Kappa member,
Dana McBurney
 Margaret Gund/Alpha Rho Chapter/Alpha State/OK
In memory of Darlene McCellan
In memory of Louise Read

Scholarships

Iva Duggan
 Theta Chapter/Lambda State/GA

Capital Improvements

"Proud to be a Kappa"
 Jan Anderson/Iota Chapter/Lambda State/GA
 Charlotte Sicard/Mu Chapter/Eta State/LA
 Marsha Coffee/Gamma Gamma Chapter/Delta State/LA
 Henrietta Hamilton/Xi Chapter/Nu State/CA
 Kathy Smith/Lambda Chapter/Theta State/AL



Membership Challenge

Are you ready for a challenge? A new membership program is being created to help increase membership in Kappa Kappa Iota. The program is simple, but the rewards are great for both the new member and the current Kappa.

To accept this challenge, all one must do is adopt a Kappa for a year. When one adopts a new member, she/he will pay the membership dues for the adoptee for one year and will mentor the adoptee. After the first year, the membership dues will be the responsibility of the adoptee.

Our goal is to increase membership to 2,025 members in 2025. We are asking each State to increase their membership by a minimum of 5 (five) new members.

To reach this goal, we need everyone's help. Adopt a new member and show her/him the benefits of being a Kappa. While mentoring this new adoptee, you will develop a new friendship and connection. Maybe you would like to challenge another Kappa to adopt someone, too. Make this a friendly rivalry to see who can adopt more than one new member. Or, ask your State President to issue a challenge to a sister state to determine which State can gain the most new adoptees!

Each member who adopts a Kappa will receive a certificate and a special pin at the National Convention.

States who reach the goal of a minimum of 5 (five) new members will receive a certificate at the National Convention in Chattanooga, TN, as well as a special surprise.

Let's all do our part to "Raise the Curve" by adopting a Kappa! Let's meet or exceed our membership goal of 2,025 members in 2025!

Dana Terrell
 Membership Chairman
 Second Vice President



Donations Continued

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Lambda Chapter/Eta State/LA
 Gamma Chapter/Psi State/TN
 Beta Theta Chapter/Eta State/LA
 Alpha Theta Chapter/Delta State/TX
 Beta Omicron Chapter/Alpha State/OK

National Make A Difference Day

By Brenda Hope, President Elect, National Kappa Kappa Iota, Rho State

National Make a Difference Day is an annual community service event which is held on the fourth Saturday of October. Millions of people have united in the common mission to improve the lives of others. What a perfect day it was to show our kindness as Kappas for others. The definition of Philanthropy is the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donations of money to worthy causes. We as Kappas are known for our generosity. This year many of our Kappa sisters and brothers were devastated by Hurricanes, Helene, and Milton. As Kappas we made a difference for North Carolina and Florida. The need is still great for North Carolina and Florida. You still can make a difference, please contact Brenda Morrison (NC) or Amanda Powell (FL) to ask how you can make a difference this year for a fellow Kappa in need.

National President-Elect Brenda Hope would like photographs of your events. She will gather all the activities and will share them in an article for **The Kappa Profile**.



A group from PSI Chapter/Rho State/NC, located in Hickory NC, held a philanthropic event and invited President-elect, Brenda Hope. She was privileged to a part of their soup and sandwich supper fund raiser. The food was excellent! The fund raiser was a benefit for Kappa Headquarters and for the PNP Janice Jones Scholarship. To the right, PSI Chapter initiated a new Kappa, Jan B. Wright.as part of the Adopt-a-Kappa program. Jan



was adopted by PSI member Karen Bowman, and she is pictured here with Chapter President Sandra Bollinger.

Mu Kappas Give TREATS not Tricks

By Margaret Landry



Eta State Mu Chapter/LA participated in a Fall philanthropic activity to help Hearts of Hope Center for Sexual Trauma, which includes a Children's Advocacy Center. Mu ladies provided Halloween bags, pumpkin buckets, treats,

trinkets, and candy so that children could "Trick or Treat" at the center and celebrate Halloween in a safe and fun environment. Mu Chapter Liaison, Jada Theriot (third from the left), delivered the items to the directors of the Hearts of Hope Center.

Convention T-shirts

Our 2025 Convention Planning team has created an Orchid colored ladies size T-shirt for this convention. We are taking pre-orders and payment in advance so that upon arrival at registration your T-shirt will be available for pick up. Please fill out and return the T-Shirt order form below with your convention registration form. You may also pre-order for members who are unable to attend the convention but would like to order a T-shirt. Please fill out a separate order form for each member and include payment.

SEE A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT FOR THE ORDER FORM



VIP (Very Important Person) Membership Awards

The Membership Committee has the honor of recognizing VIPs at National Convention in June. Every Kappa is eligible to receive the VIP Award each year! When you use the VIP criteria as your guide, you can meet the mission of Kappa and be recognized for your commitment to our goals. You don't need to be present at National Convention to receive this honor (although we hope you are!). Let's set a goal to increase the number of award recipients this year. Kappas are giving, caring, and learning. You can find the application form on the national website in the forms section.

2025 National Convention Tour Information Preview

2025 National Convention begins on Monday, June 23, 2025, with the Pre- Tour offered prior to the Opening First General Assembly and Welcome Reception. The Pre-Tour features a visit to the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center. Members will learn about the culture and history of the Cherokee Native Americans. During the week there will be daily tours to explore the history and diversity of Chattanooga. The Mabel Caldwell Post Tour will depart on Friday June 27, 2025, to Nashville “Music City” experience. The post tour will return on Sunday June 29, 2025, to The Read House for an overnight stay at the convention rate of \$144 plus taxes. Book your room in advance.

Pre-Tour, Monday, June 23, 2025 (7:45am-4:30pm), The Pre -Tour to Smoky Mountain Heritage Center includes interactive 30- minute activities Blow darts, Basket weaving, and Candle-making. Museum/Village Tour- 45 minutes to 1 hour. There will be active demonstrations of hearth cooking or a loom in operation. **Lunch at your own expense** will be at the Apple Valley Café in Townsend. Participants will order from the menu. If time permits, there will be shopping at the General Store next door. We will return to the hotel in time for the Opening Session. Price \$70 per person based on 40 people.

Post-Tour, Friday through Sunday, June 27-29, 2025 The Mabel Caldwell Post Tour will travel to “Music City” Nashville, TN with stops along the way. The tour will gather at 10:00am EST to load the bus for a 10:30am EST departure. Mabel Caldwell Post Tour price per person is \$720 for singles, \$540 for doubles in one room, \$450 for 3 or more in one room. The tour price is based upon 40 people.

Friday- Kappas on this tour should have a leisurely breakfast Friday morning at the Read House or at The Inside Restaurant on Chestnut Street on their own.

1st Stop: Miss Mary Bobo’s. Lunch cost is included in the total post-tour price. The gift shop is available.

2nd Stop: Arrive at Opryland Convention Center where participants will be free to wander, shop, and eat a snack on their own.

3rd Stop: Check-in at Alexis Hotel for two (2) night stay. The Group Rate room cost is included in the overall tour price for this two- night stay. Do not contact the hotel directly. We will provide them with a list of members for the tour. Free hot breakfast. Free Wi-fi.

4th Stop: Ole Red’s, Honky-Tonk time in Nashville! Dinner on your own is to be ordered from the menu. There will be entertainment, and dancing. A bar is available.

Saturday- Begin the day with breakfast at Alexis Hotel.

1st Stop: Tennessee State Museum. Free wheelchairs and portable stools are available.

2nd Stop: Monell’s, great southern food in historic Nashville setting. Their famous fried chicken, meats of the day, hot southern vegetables, salads, drinks, dessert, and biscuits are served family **style lunch on your own.**

3rd Stop: Alexis Hotel to freshen up.

4th Stop: Opry Mills. Members may make their choice of an **early dinner on your own** from the many restaurants available. **Departure at 5:30pm** to go to the Grand Ole Opry.

5th Stop: Grand Ole Opry Show. The building is handicapped accessible and accessible seating is available. Wheelchairs are free on a first-come, first-served basis.

6th Stop: Return to the Alexis Hotel.

Sunday– Start the day with breakfast at the Alexis Hotel and checkout before leaving for the final tour day.

1st Stop: Country Music Hall of Fame.

2nd Stop: Cracker Barrel for lunch and shopping.

3rd Stop: The Lodge Cast Iron Museum and shopping.

4th Stop: The Read House unload luggage and check in for an overnight stay at the convention rate of \$144 plus taxes.

During the Convention, daily tours include;

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Kappa Guys Tour 8:00-3:00 pm, Chickamauga National Battlefield and Medal of Honor Museum (\$75.00)

Tuesday Evening, June 24,2025 Southern Belle Buffet and Boat Ride (\$90.00)

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Chattanooga’s Coolidge Park & Popular Northshore (\$60.00)

Thursday June 26, 2025 Homefront Tea Room luncheon & TVRRM (Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum) and Train Ride Tour 11:30 -4:00 pm (\$120.00)