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“Kappas, Forever Friends”



National President Brenda Hope

It is hard to believe the holiday season is already here. I want to start this article by wishing everyone Happy Holidays. This past fall, I had the pleasure of seeing and meeting with the State Presidents in Tulsa. We held the State Presidents’ business meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn. Following our business meeting, we explored the Oklahoma Aquarium and stopped by the Kappa House, where the State Presidents had a chance to shop at the Kappa store. Later that evening we enjoyed a delicious meal together at the Salt Grass Restaurant. During the week, the NEC was busy with Kappa business with meetings from early morning until the evening.

This year my theme is “Kappas, Forever Friends.” My journey and deep connection with Kappa Kappa Iota began because of friendships. In honor of Kappa’s forever friendships, I would like to celebrate our friendships with each other by awarding the “The Kappa Friendship of the Year” award during the banquet at the Kappa Kappa Iota in Charlotte, NC Convention. To participate, simply write a brief statement stating both your name and your friend’s name. Include how you met and describe the impact Kappa has had on your friendship. I must have written submissions by April 29th for your nomination to be considered.

I love the old Girl Scout song, about making new friends, with one slight change:

“Make new Kappa friends, but Keep the Old, One is Precious and the other is Forever! Thank you for being my “Forever Friend!”

Brenda Hope,
National President



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**2025-2026 State Presidents with
National President Brenda Hope**

**State Presidents’ Meeting
October
Tulsa, OK**

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Recent Donations

General Fund

Any Budgeted Area of Need
 Melinda Sams Tau/Lambda State/GA
 Marcelle Bridgeman Iota/Lambda State/GA
 Alpha Rho/Alpha State/OK
In memory of Bob Westerberg
 Fall Meeting
 Tulsa Area Council donation for Hospitality at Hotel (NEC/State President Meeting)
 Headquarters rental Arlon Garretson Beta State/NM

Capital Improvements

Any Capital Improvement Project
 Alpha Omicron/Theta State/AL
In memory of Larry Weldon Youngblood

General Headquarters Maintenance

Annie Davis Zeta/Xi State/FL
 Patty Barry MAL/Xi State/FL
In memory of Jackie Braun/Eta Chapter/Xi State/FL

Memorial Gardens

Margaret Gund Alpha Rho Chapter/Alpha State/OK
In memory of Bob Westerberg
In memory of Leonard Sansom
In memory of Delores Jean Morris
In honor of Norma Foreman
In memory of Joann Guin

Iva Duggan Scholarship

Theta Chapter/Lambda State/GA

Past State President Scholarship

Beta Chapter/MU State/MS
In memory of Ann Sims

Kempe Foundation

Beta Chapter/Mu State/MS
 Gamma Chapter/Psi State/TN
 Alpha Lambda/Eta State/LA
 Beta Delta/Alpha State/OK
 Zeta Chapter/Iota State/NE

National By-Law Change Proposal

The Bylaws Committee moves that:

The Bylaws, on page 7, Article VI Elected Officers, Section 1. B. Eligibility, which reads:

“National Officers shall be members in good standing who have been active at the state level and have served on **their** State Executive Committee. A member shall have served a term as Kappa Kappa Iota State President before that member is eligible to serve as National President-Elect or President.”

Proposed change, so that it reads:

“National Officers shall be members in good standing who have been active at the state level and have served on **a** State Executive Committee. A member shall have served a term as Kappa Kappa Iota State President before that member is eligible to serve as National President-Elect or President.”

ADD:

In the event of a transferred member who has served as state president in their former state wishes to pursue a position on the NEC, the transferred member must submit transfer paperwork to National Headquarters for verification of their credentials as well as a vote by the membership of the new state to either waive their bylaws requirement that this transferred member does not have to serve as a state president to represent this transferred candidate to NEC or the transferred member must follow the new state bylaws requiring that they serve in office as stated in the new state bylaws before they can serve on NEC.

National Bylaws Committee

Chair, Nancy R. Johnson, Xi Chapter of Iota State NE
 Committee members
 Jean Adams Alpha State OK,
 Chris Hockett Gamma Chapter Psi State TN
 Carolyn Dye Zeta State MO

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. Please be mindful of the due date for applying.

Christmas Recipe (submitted by Mary Lou Hughes)

1 cup greetings	2/3 cup love (more if needed)
1/2 cup smiles	2 cups hospitality
1 large handshake	1 heaping teaspoon sympathy

Cream greetings and smiles thoroughly. Add handshake separately; slowly stir in love. Sift in sympathy an hospitality and fold in carefully. Bake in a warm heart.

Serve often.



Martha Lee Wilson, submitted by Mitzi Johnson

Martha Lee Wilson was a Kappa member of the MU State (Mississippi) Eta Chapter and resided in Walnut, MS until her death at the age of 81. She was a graduate of Mississippi University for Women and taught high school math for many years before retiring from the Corinth City Schools. Martha Lee was a lifelong Methodist and a member of Campground United Methodist Church, where she served as Lay Delegate to the Mississippi United Methodist Annual conference for many years. Martha Lee



was an accomplished musician as a church organist and pianist. She was an avid Dulcimer player and member of Tippah County Dulcimer Guild. She loved traveling with the Dulcimer group and giving demonstrations of Mountain Dulcimer Music at Visitor Centers, Nursing Homes, and to various groups.

She also did extensive work in Genealogy. Martha Lee Wilson had a kind and caring heart for she wanted her legacy to continue to help others through the Martha Lee Wilson National Kappa Scholarship for Kappa Members, Martha Lee Wilson Educational Grant for Non-Members, and the MLW Grant for Growing Minds (Classroom Grant Program). She was preceded in death by her husband William Odell Wilson who she loved dearly. She and Odell did not have any children but through Kappa and the Gideons, their legacy will be embraced forever.

The Kappa Spirit submitted by Brenda Morrison

On September 27, 2024, wind and flooding from Hurricane Helene devastated North Carolina, primarily in its western Appalachian region, causing at least 108 reported deaths and major destruction of infrastructure and residential areas.

At the October 2024 Kappa Kappa Iota NEC & State President's Meeting, Rho State President and Past National President, Brenda Morrison shared this devastation with the attendees, sharing how the preschool where her daughter was employed, Boone United Methodist Preschool located a mile from the city's flood ravaged downtown, was stepping up to meet the needs of those assisting the area. Although the preschool was spared damage by the winds and rain of Helene, many of the preschool's regular children could not attend, due to their own family's losses and the damaged infrastructure. So the preschool made the decision to open up their facility to the children of those volunteering to help with the recovery of the area at no cost, opening their doors to serve the most fragile among them, the children of first responders, healthcare workers and volunteers taking part in relief efforts. The church also hosted a free weekday breakfast for anyone who wanted to be nourished physically and spiritually. There were enough volunteers daily for every baby to be held, coming from the preschool employees who could get there safely, volunteers from the church and community, and volunteers from Appalachian State University.

At the NEC/State President's meeting, Charlotte Sicard, 2024 Chapter President of Louisiana, asked for more information about the situation. When Charlotte returned home, she asked her church to make donations, and a generous gift was donated to Boone United Methodist Preschool to help meet their budget in helping with this cause. Charlotte said, "We are members of the Exodus Sunday School Class at Asbury United Methodist Church. When I came back from Tulsa and told them about all the things that you told us that your daughter's preschool's church was doing to help people that were so devastated by Helene they wanted to help. So, I took donations and sent them! In South Louisiana we are used to storm and flood damage and are so willing to help others when we can!"

Now, that is the Kappa spirit!



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Review begins immediately and will continue confidentially until the position is filled.

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2026 Call to National Convention and Tour Preview

Rho State/North Carolina would like to invite you to the 2026 National Kappa Kappa Iota Convention in Charlotte, NC June 15-19, 2026.

The convention will be held at the [Sheraton Airport Hotel](#) in Charlotte. They are now taking reservations, so book your room as soon as possible. This hotel is popular with business travelers because it is really close to the airport and may fill up quickly. The room rate is \$139 per night. They will honor that price 2 days before and 2 days after the scheduled convention. For assistance, contact Cathy Cook, Group Reservation Coordinator at 704-392-1200. Mention you are with the Kappa Kappa Iota Convention. There is also a link on [Facebook](#). Go to National Kappa Kappa Iota and click on "Featured."

It will be very important that everyone register by the May 1st deadline when the Convention Profile comes out. Several of the tours will close a month in advance and we will not be able to add at the last minute. We are very excited and working hard to make this convention special.

The 2026 National Convention begins on Monday, June 15, 2026 with the Pre-Tour to Tryon International Equestrian Center located in the Blue Ridge Foothills of Mill Spring, NC. During the week, there will be daily tours around the Charlotte area. The Mable Caldwell Post Tour will begin on Friday with a trip to Seagrove, the Pottery Capital of the World. You will also visit Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory and have a traditional seafood dinner at Rocky River Springs Fish House. On Saturday, you will visit the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, eat lunch at the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar and end the day at The Billy Graham Library.

Pre-Tour, Monday, June 15, 2026. You will have the option of a buffet breakfast before leaving the hotel. The Pre-Tour is to the Tryon International Equestrian Center which is a riding facility, event venue and a 1,400-acre resort. From March to December, the center hosts top-tier equestrian competitions, attracting Olympic-level riders and spectators from across the nation. Beyond the showgrounds, Tryon International Equestrian Center offers a luxury resort experience with breathtaking mountain views, boutique shopping, and dining. Upon arrival, you will have brunch on the covered patio and view a demonstration and information session by a local participant. You will be able to visit the boutiques and local craft vendors. The tour will also include a tour of the property. We will return to the hotel in time for the Opening Session.

Mable Caldwell Scholarship Post-Tour, Friday, June 19, 2026. You will have the option of a buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant on your own. This tour will include lunch at the Seagrove Restaurant on your own, a tour of the Seagrove Pottery Museum where you can view and purchase beautiful pottery pieces for friends, family and yourself. Seagrove is considered the Pottery Capital of the World. Our next stop will be at the Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory. You will tour the factory and have an opportunity to taste and purchase their delicious fruitcakes and treats. Our last stop of the day will be dinner at The Rocky River Springs Fish House. They are best known for their fried flounder and catfish but have other wonderful options.

Mable Caldwell Scholarship Post-Tour, Saturday, June 20, 2026. You will have the option of a buffet breakfast at the hotel restaurant on your own. We will travel to The Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont, NC. Along with the beautiful gardens, there are places to grab a snack and shop. Our next stop will be the Billy Graham Library. Upon arrival, you will eat lunch on your own at The Graham Brothers Dairy Bar. When you finish lunch, you will have an opportunity to tour the Billy Graham Library, Bookstore, the Graham Family Home,

During the convention, daily tours include:

- Tuesday, June 16, 2026 Kappa Guys Tour 9:30am–3:30pm–Nascar Hall of Fame and Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Tuesday Evening, June 16, 2026 Narroway Dinner Theater – “The Emperor’s New Clothes.”
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026 Sullenberger Aviation Museum
- Thursday, June 18, 2026 Charlotte Premium Outlets –You can eat lunch at the Food Court