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### Teaching to the Children (not the Test)

Whenever I have a conversation with educators who have been teaching for a decade or more, there is a recurring theme to our exchange. The educators lament how much more difficult it is to teach now. They attribute that complexity to the differences they see in the children they teach today from those of the past. I am not

sure children are really inherently dissimilar. There is a body of research that explores all of the problems that children are exposed to now in order to support this theory of difference. However, this same theory could be applied to the teachers who are educating our children. Teachers are also exposed to an array of issues that may affect the way they function.

Reasoning and theorizing aside... what can educators do to improve their classroom environment so that it is conducive to maximum learning? I purposed a theory of Compassionate Connectivity which was explored extensively in my dissertation research. Additionally a fellow scholar, Greg Bridges, explored this concept with his theory of Empowering Empathy. In straightforward terms, these theories explore the concepts of the leader in a classroom modeling the idea of care, concern, and connection between all members of the group. As this modeling occurs again and again, children recognize the example being set for them and begin to embrace similar actions. This compassionate or empathetic cycle begets more of the caring behavior which creates a connection of purpose for all.

My mother told me of an event that occurred during her growing up years that left a lasting impression of her teachers' Compassionate Connectivity.

The day started out as a normal one. Cathy was solving math problems when it started to rain. The rain was so heavy, it seemed the sky opened up and oceans of water were flooding the ground. This downpour continued for hours without abate, and her teachers were becoming concerned about the creek that Cathy and her brother and sister crossed to get to and from school. Miss Walters and Miss Bradley reassured the worried children and began walking with them toward the creek crossing. When they arrived, everyone was relieved to see daddy with a wagon hitched to a team of horses on the other side. However, it was quickly determined that it would not be safe for either group to cross the swirling waters of the creek that was roiling at their feet. Without hesitation, Miss Walters and Miss Bradley told Cathy's daddy that they would take the children home with them to spend the night until it was safe for them to return home.

As 'food for thought' for educators working with children no matter when or how they are raised, the following is a quote taken from my dissertation, Going Beyond Care, Concern, and Connection to Create a Classroom Environment of Compassionate Connectivity:

It is my strong belief that by nature we are all caring individuals. When we demonstrate Compassionate Connectivity in our human interactions, we build trusting relationships. Continuing to encourage the children to feel connection, we build on this foundation of trust. Having a trusting relationship with our students is essential in the production of just and compassionate behaviors. This connection reaffirms our sensitivity towards others and aids in transforming our (classrooms and) schools ....

Stephanie K. Holcomb, PH.D., Zeta Eta, Alpha State/OK

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# National President Jeanne Blain ~ Threads Of Friendship Run Through Kappa



Wasn't it an exciting time in Shreveport, Louisiana at our National Convention? Eta State/LA and Mu State/ MS Kappas did a superb job planning and preparing for all of us.

A special "thank you" goes out to Mary Lou Hughes who made sure everything ran smoothly. All of the business that was accomplished, along with such informative workshops, made for an enjoyable "reunion" for Kappas from all across these great United States.

The many wonderful Kappas that attended this convention certainly showed their love for Kappa in their participation and enthusiasm in being so generous in making donations to the General, Capital Improvement, and Scholarship Funds. Kappas have come through in a big way this past year, as shown in the 154,924 hours

volunteered and in the \$860,663 donated to various causes. Kappas do have big hearts.

I want to thank Past National Presidents Charlotte Schneider and Linda Smith for such a beautiful installation. You both are very special to me. I am so lucky to also be wearing the National President's pin that belonged to Elma Spurgeon, who was another Past National President from Ohio. She believed in Kappa with her whole heart, and it is quite an honor to be wearing her pin.

A great big thank you goes out to all of my Phi State Kappas who are truly amazing. I thank each and every one of them for all of their support throughout this journey to becoming National President.

Congratulations to all of the 2011-2012 state and local chapter officers. It is each and every one of you that make Kappa stronger, just as each piece of a quilt makes the whole quilt stronger and more beautiful. It needs each piece to make it whole, just as we need each and every one of you to make Kappa grow.

Always remember that each piece of our Kappa quilt is held together with "Threads of Friendship". Members make us strong. Please, reach out to others, and do your part in adding that one more piece to our Kappa quilt with your Thread of Friendship. With each added piece, we will become a much stronger organization.

I am looking forward to a great year as your National President. Please, feel free to call on me at any time. If you have any concerns, questions, or just want to say "hi", feel free to e-mail, call, or write to me.



# ~~~2011 Convention ~ Memories of Shreveport~~~



~~~ Threads Of Friendship Run Through Kappa~~~



# 2011-2012 STATE PRESIDENTS



Alpha State/OK Linda Long "A Kaleidoscope of Kappa Jewels"



Beta State/NM
Patricia McFarland
"Kappas are Like
Aristocrats. They are the
Cat's Meow"



Gamma State/KS
Jean Terrell
"Build a Cornerstone for
Kappa"



Delta State/TX
JoAnn Collett
"Kaleidoscopes for
Kappas - Keystones of
Knowledge"



Epsilon State/AR
Sharon Balloun
"Fly High with Kappa...
The Sky is the Limit"



Zeta State/MO Janet Ulrich "Friendships, Like Stars, Shine Bright in the Hearts of Kappas"



**Eta State/LA**Martha Thibodeaux
"Spread Kappa Ideals"



Theta State/AL
Jennifer Whitley Childers
"Kappa at Heart"



Iota State/NE
Jodi Linhart

"Book Your Adventure with
Kappa"



Lambda State/GA Kathy Russell "Kappa Kindness Inspires..."



**Mu State/MS**Marcy McMillin Bryant
"Weaving Friendships for Life"



Nu State/CA
Phyllis JiJi
"Kappa Friends
are for ..."



Xi State/FL
Pat Davis
"50 Years of Kappa Charm
in Florida, Xi State"



Omicron State/IA
Barbara Eckert
"A Role for All,
No Role Too Small"



Rho State/NC Freda Mayse "Branching out with Kappa"



Tau State/WY
Elaine Singleton
"Piece by Piece,
We Build Lives"



Upsilon State/SC Pamela Johnson "Life is a Journey, Not a Destination"



Phi State/OH Joann Velemirov "Kappa Sisters are Sew Special"



Chi State/HI
Elisabeth Brown
"Kappas are Blossoms,
Woven Together in a Lei of
Aloha, through Love and
Service"



Psi State/TN Chris Hockert "Sew Friends and Grow Kappa"



Alpha Alpha State/KY Beverly Bosley "Kappas Weave a Fabric of Friendship"



Alpha Beta State/IN Shirley Clark "Hoosiers for Kappa"



Maryland/MD Chapter Karen Yoho "Building Binding Friendships through Kappa"



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# 2011 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS





Education Grant - \$1,000 Haley Harmon Iota State/NE



Education Grant - \$1,000 Jacob Smilev Iota State/NE



Education Grant - \$1,000 Robert Tipton Phi State/OH



Sara Sunderman Campus Kappa Scholarship - \$1,000 Jessica Walker Mu State/MS



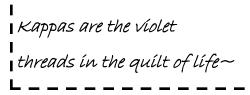
Mable Caldwell Scholarship - \$2,000 Debbie McLaurin Beta, Mu State/MS



Past State Presidents - \$1,000 Kim Wood Phi State/OH



Past State Presidents - \$1,000 Lenora Gunnoe Phi State/OH



Cindy Freegard, Upsilon, Zeta State/MO



### Kappa Kudos!

Odalene Coley, Charter President of Alpha Delta, MU State/ MS, received the "Heart of Tippah County" Development Foundation Award. Kristy McBryde, Past President of Alpha Delta, MU State/MS, was featured in the local newspaper for her third grade class project, "Flat Stanley Traveled 7,000 Miles from RES to Pakistan". Caroline Bryant, Otter Creek, was named Arkansas Teacher of the Year. Kay Crow received the Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence Award. Campus Kappas Amber Easley and Misa Zeidan were inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.



Brenda Fryer, Sigma, Theta State/AL, was presented the Edith Bonner Kappa Spirit Award at the Spring Convention in Spanish Fort, AL. Peggy Holcomb and Gail Joiner from Alpha Xi presented the plaque.

(left to right) Gamma, Mu State/MS, President Neola Cleveland, is shown congratulating Gamma member, Kay Crow,

selected as Northeast Community College's Working for Academic Excellence Honoree and Gamma member, Shelia Johnson - who was elected to serve as a member of the Prentiss County School Board of Education.



### **Retiring Kappas**

Marsha Armstrong, 31 yrs, Gamma Kappa, Alpha State/OK Mary Clearwater, 40 yrs, Kappa, Omicron State/IA Wanda Dishman, 35 yrs, Gamma, Eta State/LA Jeannie Martin, 36 yrs, Epsilon, Zeta State/MO Sonja Mennenga, 30 yrs, Delta, Omicron State/IA Judy Oliver, 44 yrs, Eta, Gamma State/KS



#### **Books and Bears Project**

On Behalf of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Community Programs, I would like to thank you and your organization for your generous donation of stuffed animals at the Kappa Kappa lota National Convention in Shreveport.

We are grateful for your support and generosity, which helps us to assist those in need in our community. In particular, one of our programs in the community is working with nursing homes. We have been successful in bringing happiness and smiles to the faces of the residents by bringing them small gifts. Your kind donation will help us to continue to make a difference in the lives of citizens in our area. Thank you again!

Sincerely, Steve Prator, Sheriff, LA



## **Executive Director's Corner**

As I launch my work as the Executive Director for National Kappa Kappa Iota, I am both energized and ready to begin my new role in promoting the advancement of education by providing an effective network for the exchange of education and teaching practices by educators. I want to send a special

thank you to the Louisiana and Mississippi Kappas for creating a welcoming environment for me and others as host states for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Convention held in Shreveport, LA. I am very pleased to have joined this wonderful organization, and I look forward to many more opportunities to exchange ideas and information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organization's Past National Presidents for their valuable guidance to National Kappa Kappa lota over the years. I want to express my gratitude to Jean Adams, Janice Luce, and Linda Smith for managing the transition between the departure of the outgoing staff in March and my arrival in April. I thank Marcelle Bridgeman and the National Executive Committee for taking over the leadership of this organization at a critical time – and for the support they have given me as I assume this new position.

I think you will agree with me that I am taking over this leadership challenge at an exciting time for educators, one that will require strategic thinking as well as committed action. One of my goals as Executive Director will be assisting you, the members, in gaining public visibility and understanding of National Kappa Kappa lota while enhancing the image of our organization. I will also be working with the National Membership Committee and National Executive Committee in implementing a short and long-term Membership Action Plan.

Your continued support and commitment to this organization creates an opportunity for me to hear your views on how to boost our visibility/credibility, attract value-added partnerships, increase/maintain membership, build awareness about our programs, scholarships, and services, and create a healthy future by making use of superior public relations. I know your guidance and advice will be critical to me in my new role.

My door is always open and I hope you will not hesitate to pick up the phone, or send Marilyn or me an email or note via U.S. Postal Service. Remember, this is your organization, and I welcome your thoughts and ideas on how to bring more value to your membership.

Kappa Kappa lota National Convention



June 20-23, 2012 Sheraton Read House Chattanooga, TN



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#### ~~~The Legacy of a Teacher~~~

(a loving tribute to my fifth grade teacher, Chora Godwin)
She loved violets; she wore purple.

She was well-versed; she was eloquent.

An actress at heart and a teacher, too.

She took us everywhere - within the wall of her classroom,

Stretching us beyond our limits,

Tricking us into learning.

Acting...reading: her first loves.

Helping children, both shy and bold: her mission in life. She had taught almost forty years when she died.

Oh, she taught us well,

Taught us to be strong and honest and caring,

Taught us to be independent, to stand on our own two feet,

And, of course, taught us a love of language.

Beautiful lady, an icon in her own time, a legend now in death, Revered by all those whose lives she touched, including mine.

As a child, I hung upon her every word.

Today I pledge to pass her legacy to someone

To whom the music of life echoes.

And so she lives on.

Mary Atchison, Alpha Gamma, Theta State/AL

~2011~

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Each state and local chapter, and all councils must file an annual 990-N e-Postcard, via the Internet, with the IRS to maintain your tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization.

This should be completed by November 15th for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

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\$3,125.00

TOTAL KAPPA KAPPA IOTA DONATIONS \$15,494.25

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Lambda State/GA

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In honor of Eta State/LA, Eta State Kappas and Kappa Guys

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In memory of Lila Rice

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Gamma Beta, Alpha State/OK In memory of Veta McGinty

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Gail Joiner, Theta State/AL In memory of Edie Bonner. Sylvia Sims, and Amie Hubbard Beta Tau, Eta State/LA

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Diana Spriggs, Gamma State/KS In honor of Linda Hilton

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Christena Poole, Omicron State/IA In memory of Tom Amimoto and Ruth

Connie Schobert, Omicron State/IA In memory of Tom Amimoto and Ruth Foster

Mu State/MS

In honor of Imogene Hardin Rho, Rho State/NC

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In memory of Veda McGinty

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Veda McGinty
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In memory of Carrie Hopkins
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Sallie Kilgore, Phi State/OH
In memory of Winifred Shahan
Jean Terrell, Gamma State/KS
In memory of Veda McGinty, Ruth
Foster, and Betsy Cook
Betty Peercy, Phi State/OH
In memory of Winifred Shahan

### Past State Presidents' Scholarship

Past State Presidents 2010-11
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In memory of Lila Rice
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In memory of Lila Rice
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#### Sara Sunderman Campus/ Past State Presidents

Wanda Huhn, Eta State/LA
In honor of Marcelle Bridgeman,
Charlotte Schneider, Mary Lou
Hughes, and Molly Blanchard

### **Retired Educator Grant**

Carolyn Garretson, Beta State/NM In memory of mom, Norma Hodge



Past National President Gail Joiner, Theta State/AL, leads Kappa members to present donations at the 3rd General Assembly.

# National Philanthropic Project

The Kempe Foundation for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect

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# **Past National President Betsy Cook**

Theme: "Kappa Needs Your Talent To Realize Her Dream"
National President: 1980 - 1981

Past National President Betsy Williams Cook joined the Omega Chapter on April 16, 2011. Betsy was born in Newnan, Georgia on September 22, 1919, the daughter of William Frank and Bess Williams Cook. She started school in Savannah, Georgia, graduated from Wesleyan College, and received her master's Degree from Emory University. She taught school for 41 years, beginning in Chipley, Georgia, and retired from the Cobb County School System.

Betsy served as National President in 1980-1981. She challenged every Kappa to "Climb Every Mountain and Ford Every Stream" because "Kappa Needs Your Talent To Realize Her Dream." She wanted each Kappa to apply that stimulant to their participation in Kappa activities, as our Diamond Jubilee approached.

In her message Betsy said, "The Dream of Kappa's founders in 1921 grew out of a need for teachers to have fellowship and fun." Betsy agreed that through the first 60 years that was followed, but now there was a great deal left to do through future years of Kappa to make the Dream come true. To quote Betsy, "Whatever work we undertake, whether for Kappa or someone else's sake, Kappa is shining through the gleam, moving nearer and nearer toward her Dream."

Betsy was a devoted member of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church where she served on the Administrative Board, sang in the Chancel Choir, and was a member of the Friendship Sunday School. She is survived by a niece and three nephews.