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"Kappas Paint It Up Italian Style"

Friday, October 2nd, Kappa State Presidents arrived at the Doubletree Hotel in Tulsa for the 2015 Fall Meeting with the National Executive Committee. Tulsa Area Council hosted a Hospitality Suite from 1pm – 4pm. The following Alpha State Kappa members served as hostesses: Betty Craig, Rhonda Davis, Teri Poreda of Zeta Eta, Margaret Gund, Jeri Hunter of Alpha Rho, Patsy Story, Ann Wilkinson of Epsilon Tau and Sandra Wygle of Beta Omicron. That evening the wonderful sound of Kappa chatter and laughter soon filled the hotel's foyer as Kappas gathered in the lobby of the Doubletree Hotel. Everyone caravanned a short distance to Mimi's Restaurant and enjoyed good food and more conversation. After dinner State Presidents returned to the hotel and held a meeting while the National Executive Committee reconvened their meeting at Kappa Headquarters.



Early Saturday morning the National Executive Committee drove to the hotel and met formally with the State Presidents. The Fall Report Book was shared by members of the Executive Committee. Several important Kappa topics were discussed. The meeting allowed questions and concerns from the State Presidents to be addressed. Later the group had two opportunities to choose from that reflected National President Laurie Konrad's theme, **"Kappas Paint the World with Beauty"**. Sixteen Kappas chose *The Painted Lyon* (painting a canvas bag with an art instructor) at King's Point. Other Kappas chose to enjoy beautiful fall weather and tour the outdoor Art Exhibit at Utica Square Shopping Center.



Saturday evening everyone gathered at the Kappa House to continue celebrating the theme, **"Kappas Paint the World with Beauty"**. The Kappa House side yard was transformed into an outdoor Italian restaurant; the tables were set with red and white checked tablecloths, the heavy Kappa Syracuse China was used and several large easels were placed around the area displaying big paintings. As requested by the National President, everyone wore their favorite color t-shirts and donned a colorful beret. Several Kappas even wore fake mustaches! After dinner State Presidents toured the Kappa House and Memorial Garden and had time to shop at the "Kappa Store".

Many thanks to Tulsa Area Council volunteers who set-up, served and cleaned up for the fun filled evening: Betty Craig, Audrey Reis, Kat Rhoads of Zeta Eta, Helen Tate of Alpha Beta, Cathe Kehe and Jane Watson of Gamma Beta.

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Kappas Paint the World with Beauty!
2015-2016 State Presidents/Representatives
with National President Laurie Konrad

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Kappas Paint the World with Beauty! National President Laurie Konrad, Iota State/NE



Happy Fall Harvest! I had the pleasure of hosting the Fall National Executive Committee Meeting and a joint meeting with the State Presidents! We all learned some valuable information, shared ideas, asked and answered questions and enjoyed each other's company. Several husbands accompanied the State Presidents and were able to share in some of the fun activities, such as the "Kappas Paint It Up Italian Style" party held at Kappa Headquarters. The Executive Committee and State Presidents donned colorful tee shirts, berets and mustaches in keeping with the Italian artist theme. We enjoyed an Olive Garden meal of spaghetti and meatballs, salad and breadsticks, rainbow sherbet and sparkling grape juice. During the weekend, several of the Executive Committee Members and State Presidents took part in a painting party at The Painted Lyon. Canvas bags were painted with a "Funky Tree" design. The weekend was great!

I traveled to Shelby, North Carolina in October and joined Rho State Kappa sisters for a wonderful Fall Membership program. Four new pledges were in attendance. The air was crisp and the tree leaves were beautiful as I toured Shelby. I have returned to Omaha and am making plans to fly to Ohio in November. I hope for good weather and look forward to meeting with Phi State Ohio Kappas! After a knee replacement in November and after the holidays, plans will be made to visit the remaining contact states. The invitations are in and the calendar is set. Hopefully, plans for the remaining states will be firmed up for the Spring. Happy Harvest!

2016 Convention ~ Kappas Paint the World with Beauty ~ Charleston, SC

"Kappas Paint the World with Beauty" and paint Charleston, South Carolina purple...

Voted the #1 US City by Conde Nast Traveler, our convention hotel will be Embassy Suites North Charleston Convention Center.

Pre Tour, Monday, June 27. BROOKGREEN GARDENS TOUR Travel to **Brookgreen Gardens**, a beautiful botanical garden which features over 2000 kinds of plants including some that date from the 18th century and over 400 pieces of American sculpture by such well known sculptors as Frederic Remington, Daniel Chester French, Carl Milles, Gaston Lachaise, and Gutzon Gorglum. Tour the sculpture gardens, enjoy a delicious boxed lunch, and spend some time in Brookgreen's unique gift shop. A special feature of your visit to Brookgreen is the **Creek Tour** which explores the historic creeks and old rice fields of the plantation.

Post Tour, Friday-Saturday, July 1-2 We will continue to paint Charleston purple by using the convention hotel as a base from which we will explore some of the things that make Charleston unique. Friday begins with a tour of **Middleton Place Plantation**, a Registered National Historic Landmark and the plantation home of the Middleton family since 1741. Stroll through **Formal Gardens** (the oldest in America) laid out by Henry Middleton in 1741, and explore the **stable yards**, a **living outdoor museum** where the behind-the-scenes story of life on an 18th century plantation is told with **animals, artifacts, and craft exhibits**. Tour the remaining wing of the **Middleton House** furnished with heirlooms from the Middleton family, and enjoy a delicious luncheon in the **Middleton Place Pavillion**. You will be treated to the history of the large plantations which once occupied these islands and stories of the unique culture and language of the sea island people who worked these plantations. Enjoy views of rich farm land and forests, a drive by **St. John's Episcopal Church** and the **Angel Oak**, a 1400 year old live oak tree. The highlight of the tour will be a stop at the **Charleston Tea Plantation**, the only tea plantation in the United States. Over 100 years ago tea planters brought their finest tea bushes from China, India and Ceylon to the South Carolina Low Country. Now the descendants of those very plants are growing strong at the nation's only tea plantation, nestled on a serene sea island near the historic city of Charleston. You will see thousands of tea plants growing on acres of rich and fertile Low Country soil. A stroll under the avenue of oaks will take you to the porch of the new factory which affords remarkable views of the plantation. Included is a narrated **trolley tour** of the grounds and **Tea Factory tour**.

Saturday, the **BOONE HALL PLANTATION TOUR**... Grab your camera and journey across the **Cooper River** to visit "America's most photographed plantation", **Boone Hall**. Built during the colonial period, a working plantation to date, Boone Hall interprets the history of the families who owned the land, as well as the many slaves who lived and worked there. Upon arrival at Boone Hall, you will be captivated by the **"Avenue of Oaks"**. These nearly 300 year old trees inspired settings in the iconic film *Gone with the Wind*. Interpret day to day life on a plantation while visiting Boone Hall's nine original slave cabins and the **Colonial Revival plantation house** built after the Civil War. Your private guide will not only acquaint you with Boone Hall's history from a 17th century colonial cotton plantation to a modern day working farm, but also show you the leading role that this spectacular landscape has played in Hollywood. Fans of films like *North and South*, *Queen*, and *The Notebook* will be in for a real treat! We will be treated to a **COOKING DEMONSTRATION AT SOUTHERN SEASONS**...providing an epicurean education dished up with a heaping serving of expertise and style. Learn from regional notables and internationally renowned celebrity chefs as they share secrets, techniques and recipes in a cooking classroom that redefines the concept. After lunch enjoy some free time to shop and browse the extensive selection of gourmet gift items. Dinner will be at **MAGNOLIA'S**. Enjoy the dining experience of the Upper Level at Magnolias. Located along historic **East Bay Street** adjacent to the Charleston seaside, Magnolia's offers an extraordinary dining experience in an elegant atmosphere. The exquisite southern cuisine will leave you with a wonderful excuse to return to the city again and again.

2016 Convention Dates ~ Monday, June 27th - Friday, July 1st



Putting Your Ducks in a Row, or Getting Your Affairs in Order...

These two phrases we are familiar with but may not have well heeded. This summer brought about an event that made me realize the importance of doing just that. My father passed away suddenly, and I was thrust into the role of trustee of his estate. I knew I was the appointed trustee, but I did not know that I should have asked a lot more questions while he was here with me. Actually, my father planned his affairs very well, so what might have been a nearly impossible task was merely time consuming. I am writing this article because, I learned a lot through the process and in hopes of helping you and your family with any future planning that may be necessary.

The first task that seemed daunting was writing the obituary. It has to be done quickly and does not allow much time for reflection. To help your family, you could write out things you would like to be included in your memorial. You don't actually have to write the tribute. You could include any detailed information that family members may not know off the top of their heads.

My father had planned well, and all of his assets were connected to his Trusts. As I worked with them to settle his affairs, I discovered why this is a good idea and plan to do the same with my estate. Primarily a Living Trust provides continuity in the handling of your affairs by efficiently transferring your property to your loved ones. Thereby fully avoiding probate upon your disability or death with respect to your assets. They can be easily changed should you desire to do so. Living Trusts ensure your family's privacy following your disability or death and achieves your death tax objective. There are websites available which allow you to write your own trust at very little cost (www.legalzoom.com/Living-Trust) I plan to contact an attorney who specializes in trusts to have one drawn up, just for peace of mind.

Another thing my father did that really helped was having all of his documents in one notebook. He made sure I knew where the notebook was located and had access to it. Items to include are: Life Insurance Policies, Cemetery Plot Deed, Leases, Bills of Sale, Investment Securities, Stock Certificates, Bonds, Annuity Contracts, Pension Plans, IRA, Checkbook, Savings Account Information, Divorce/Separation Papers, Birth Certificates, Military Papers, List of Friends, Relatives and Advisors. I realize these may be difficult topics to discuss with a loved one, but a lot of problems can be circumvented with a little pre-planning and discussion.

**Dr. Stephanie K. Holcomb, Zeta Eta Chapter, Alpha State/OK
National Board Certified ~ National Professional Development Chair**

~ KAPPAS ARE RECOGNIZED ~



Jody Norton, Xi Chapter, Iowa State/NE was the recipient of the 2015 "Mad Hatter" Award. The award is given by SCYP (the School, Children's and Young People's Section of the Nebraska Library Association). This honor is given to those librarians who work with children and youth in the state of Nebraska. It is by nomination only and is quite an honor. She was honored Friday, October 16, at the annual Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska School Librarian Association joint meeting.

Beta State/NM, Nu Chapter President **Alice Money** and her husband **Jim** recognized Past Beta State President **Pat McFarland** (center) for volunteer hours at a recent OCAER meeting (Oter County Association of Educational Retirees).



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**Past National President
Eudora Grisham Kemp
Gamma Chapter, Mu State/MS
"Sing a Song of Kappa"**

January 12, 1921- September 19, 2015



Preceded in death by her husband of almost fifty years, Richard M. Kemp, as well as her parents and her twin sister, Eugenia Bennett, Eudora Grisham Kemp joined the Omega Chapter on September 19, 2015. Especially devoted to Kappa, this prolific poet organized her local chapter in Booneville, Mississippi and served as Kappa Kappa Iota National President in 1994-1995. Eudora was also a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Pilot Club of Booneville, in addition to serving as a member of Booneville Women's Club, Friends of the Library, and American Association of University Women. She also served as Past Chair of Mississippi English Teachers' Association and was selected as Booneville's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Always a strong advocate of public education, Eudora graduated as valedictorian of Wheeler High School and then with honors from Murray State in Kentucky. Later armed with a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Mississippi and a Master's Degree in English from Birmingham Southern University, this genteel lady had a long career as a high school English teacher and then as a professor at Northeast Community College, where she retired as Chair of the English Department.

Eudora is survived by her son, Mike Kemp of Corinth, Mississippi, and her daughter, Pam Rice of Galveston, Texas, along with their spouses, children, and grandchildren.