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June 26-30, 2013 ~ Omaha, Nebraska

Iota State/Nebraska Kappas are ready to welcome you to Omaha, host city of the 2013 National Convention. Located on the western banks of the Missouri River, Omaha is the largest city in Nebraska, known for its history, sports, and melting pot of ethnic and cultural experiences. Omaha's principal tourist attractions are the Henry Doorly Zoo and the NCAA College World Series Men's Baseball Tournament. The Old Market in downtown Omaha is another key attraction.

The DoubleTree by Hilton Omaha Downtown Hotel will serve as our convention hotel. Just having undergone a complete renovation, the DoubleTree is an ideal facility with its central location, close to Omaha attractions. The hotel offers spacious guest rooms, fitness center, indoor swimming pool, and the signature, warm chocolate-chip cookie! The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle to Eppley Airport and surrounding downtown locations within a 5-mile radius.

Business meetings, keynote speakers, committee meetings, entertainment, workshops, tours, breakfasts/lunches/dinners, and much more are all part of the convention experience, along with networking with fellow educators, improving leadership skills, and furthering the purpose of Kappa Kappa Iota. It is time to make your plans, complete your registration form, and get ready to head to OMAHA!

WORKSHOPS - Seven workshops will be offered on Thursday afternoon, based upon participation.

1:30-2:30pm WORKSHOPS

Woven Basket Making (1:30-3:30pm 2 hour session) - Presented by Lisa Paquette
Coil baskets have been made for centuries. This workshop will teach the basic winding of yarn around a core of cord. All materials to make one coil basket will be available. You are welcome to bring your favorite yarn colors to match your home décor.

Connecting People in and through Storytelling - Presented by Kappa Chapter, Iota State Member Lucille Sanders
Do you remember when you asked a grandparent or parent to tell you about their life, when they were young? Stories like these become treasured memories as loved ones pass them on to others. Participants will learn how to develop a family story for telling.

Water Exercise - Presented by Rose Emsick
Rose will lead participants in a variety of water exercises in the beautiful DoubleTree indoor swimming pool.

Reclaim Your Space - Presented by Jen Bartelt, Professional Organizer
If you want to know how to organize your home and your life, this is the workshop for you. Jen can help if you are downsizing your home or relocating, de-cluttering and reorganizing any space or room, creating filing and paper management systems, etc.

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kappa@galstar.com

2:30-3:30pm Workshops

Tai Chi - Presented by Angie Walker
Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese art form that uses beautiful flowing movements. It builds strength and relieves stress, and can be a stress reliever just watching the smooth dance-like moves.

Scarf Making - Presented by Artist Jacqueline Bequette
How would you like to take an old (or new) t-shirt and create a beautiful scarf/necklace out of it? Sign up for this fun workshop and create a beautiful piece of wearable art! Remember, bring a t-shirt (plain back and front - no pockets).

Fraud Awareness - Presented by Omaha Police Officer John Supeh
The Nebraska Attorney General Office created the Nebraska Senior Anti-Fraud Education Program (S.A.F.E.). Officer John will present information to help you recognize scams and tips on what to do if you or someone you know is a target of fraud.

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National President Christena Poole Omicron State/Iowa

Greetings for the New Year! I hope that it is off to a GREAT start for you. In November, I visited the Phi State Akron, Ohio area. While there, I met with the State Executive Committee at Miss Molly's Tea Room, attended the Annual Style Show, and had an opulent supper with Kappa members at the O'Neil House. I was able to visit with prospective members at the Style Show and meet many wonderful Kappas. Now, after an outstanding Holiday Season, I am looking forward to visits to California, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Lubbock, Texas later this spring.

Phi State Ohio President JoAnn Velemirov (left) welcomes National President Christena Poole to Ohio.

The 193 new member increase is exciting. When seeking new members, remember to also reach out to former members for reinstatement. They are a resource that is important to the growth of our organization.

We are still looking for a state or states to host the 2014 Convention. It is not too late to contact the Executive Committee, as soon as possible, to issue your invitation, for consideration.

I am also excited about the National Convention in Omaha this June and hope to see many of you there. The Nebraska Kappas have planned great tours, meals, hotel accommodations, and workshops for your visit.

Iowa Kappas
Invite you
To join them for a
Tea Party to honor
National President
Christena Poole
Friday, June 28, 2013
8:00-10:00 P.M.
Omaha Doubletree Hotel

CONVENTION TOURS *(there is a 30 person minimum for each tour)*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 PRE-TOUR - "Welcome to Omaha!" (lunch and wine-tasting included)
Kick off a fabulous week in Nebraska/Iowa during this all-day tour of local sites that make the greater Omaha area unique. This outing begins with a morning tour of the world-famous Father Flanagan's Boys Town. A step-on guide will show you the historical sites. A perfect spot for lunch and tour is your next stop at Soaring Wings Vineyard. A visit to Weiss Studios and Gardens finds you experiencing whimsical wonders, where custom-made artwork comes to life. This tour ends with a visit to the inspirational Holy Family Shrine.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - "Planes, Trains, and BBQ" (lunch and beer sampling included)
What a way to begin a day - an adventurous visit to Cabela's, the world's foremost sporting outfitter. The Strategic Air and Space Museum is the next stop to explore collections of strategic aircraft. On to Po' Boys BBQ for a deluxe lunch, followed by a refreshing break at the Lucky Bucket Brewery. The final stop is the Durham Museum to explore the hands-on exhibits and full-size locomotives.

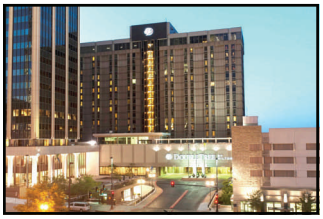
THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - "Henry Doorly Zoo" (lunch not included in tour price)
Omaha is fun for everyone! Welcome to Omaha's world-famous Henry Doorly Zoo. Rated as one of the top zoos in the country, you will be able to visit Lied Jungle (one of the world's largest indoor rainforests), Scott Aquarium, Desert Dome, Butterfly House, Lemurs of Madagascar, plus many additional activities (train ride, carousel, gift shop, etc.). The zoo offers several dining experiences.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - "Nebraska Cowboy Roundup & Chuckwagon Dinner"
All aboard for a memory-filled evening of Wild West cooking and campfire fun at the Bellevue Berry & Pumpkin Ranch! Special cowboy-themed entertainment and surprises will be featured. The buffet dinner will be from the "Chuckwagon Menu". Also included are hayrack rides for everyone and a huge campfire outside the Western Barn. Casual or Western dress is recommended.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 - "Laurtizen Gardens" (Option 1 - 1/2 day tour - lunch included)
Escape to an urban oasis of beauty and tranquility to experience the glory of Omaha's Lauritzen Gardens. Discover a hidden sanctuary in the heart of the city, and relax while cultivating your mind in this living plant museum. There will be a narrator-led tram tour, and a boxed lunch will be provided so you can dine while enjoying the beautiful flowers and landscaping.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 - "Joslyn Art Museum" (Option 2 - 1/2 day tour - lunch included)
The perfect afternoon stop for the art lover, Omaha's Joslyn Art Museum has a comprehensive permanent collection, which includes works from Paolo Veronese, El Greco, Titian, among others. You will enjoy lunch together at the onsite Café Durham, and a docent-led tour of the exhibits will follow.

(Tours continued on page 3)



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

DoubleTree by Hilton Omaha Downtown

1616 Dodge Street Omaha, NE 68102

A Non-Smoking Hotel

Use Kappa Kappa Iota 2013 National Convention (Group Code: KKL) to receive the group rate.

Reservations may be made: by directly calling hotel number 1-402-346-7600 or toll-free number 1-800-766-1164, by accessing the Internet at Hilton.com, or by using a Personalized Online Group Link (POG) at:
http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/OMAH-DT-KKL-20130625/index.jhtml

Reservations must be made by 6/10/2013 — 12:00am. Reservations after this date will be accepted based upon availability.

Room Rates:
$109 + taxes/fees for king or double queen (applicable state/local taxes, fees and assessments, currently 18.16%).

Check-In Time: 3:00pm. **Check-Out Time:** 12:00pm.

Contact for Hotel Registration Concerns: Jill Dorathy, Convention Services Manager at 1-402-522-5127.

Complimentary Hotel Shuttle service to/from Eppley Airport.
Complimentary Hotel Shuttle (downtown area, upon availability).

Complimentary Parking in the Central City Parking Garage on 17th and Capitol - underground walkway to hotel.
$7.00 Self Parking On-Site, on a space available basis.

(Tours continued from page 2)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 - "Old Market Trolley" (Option 3 - 1/2 day tour - lunch included)
Experience one of Omaha's most unique and charming neighborhoods! The Old Market features one of a kind shops, exquisite restaurants, and many hidden surprises. You will lunch at the Spaghetti Works Restaurant and then tour the market via trolley.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 - "Nebraska's Nature" (Option 1 - 1/2 day tour - lunch included)
Here's your chance to see the Midwest's finest nature up close and personal. Enjoy a boxed lunch en route to visit the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center to explore the indoor and outdoor exhibits. Next, you are headed to the Arbor Lodge State Historical Park to tour a 52-room mansion and gardens. A brief stop at Lied Center for refreshments will end your tour.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 - "Western Iowa" (Option 2 - 1/2 day tour - lunch included)
Here's your chance to tour some of Western Iowa's most historic attractions. You will be able to enjoy a boxed lunch en route to the Squirrel Cage Jail, Union Pacific Railroad Museum, and Ditmar Orchards for refreshments and a tour of the orchards.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 - July 2 POST TOUR - "Discover Iowa" (2 expanded Continental breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner included)
Join Kappas and guests for a fun-filled Convention Post Tour. From the hotel, you will journey to Des Moines, Iowa to visit the Salisbury House and Gardens and wind up your day at West End Architectural Salvage for a wine reception and scavenger hunt. Day 2 will have you off to the Amanda Colonies to learn about The Community of True Inspiration, a religious group of German settlers. You will then visit Pella, Iowa, a charming and well kept Dutch community, famous for its 147 bell carillon clock. Day 3 will find you exploring the Pella Historical Village Museum and the Bridges of Madison County. Your local guide will share stories and history, as you visit the various bridges and John Wayne's Birthplace. Your journey ends where it began, the Omaha DoubleTree, your home away from home.

For complete itineraries and additional information on all tours, see the Kappa website:

www.nationalkappakappaiota.org

For any registration and convention questions contact:

Convention Chair Nancy Johnson
12777 A Street
Omaha, NE 68144
402-330-8649 (home)
402-871-7906 (cell)
nancy.johnson5@cox.net

Convention Floral Order

Name: _____ State: _____

Corsage/s:
ordered _____ x $20.00 = _____

Carnation # _____ Color/s preferred _____

Mini-roses # _____ Color/s preferred _____

(Mark payment due on the Registration Form, and include this order slip. Flowers will be available for pick up at the Registration Desk on Saturday, June 29 from 4-5:30pm.)

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 25

3:00-8:00pm	Registration
4:00-5:00pm	NEC/Staff Meeting
5:15-7:45pm	NEC/Staff Dinner
8:00-9:00pm	Pre-Tour Meeting/Social
8:00-10:00pm	NEC/Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 26

8:30-11:00am	NEC/Staff Meeting
8:30-5:00pm	**PRE-TOUR:** "Welcome to Omaha!"
11:15-1:15pm	NEC/Staff Lunch
1:30-4:00pm	NEC/Staff Meeting
1:30-6:30pm	Registration
2:00-4:30pm	Hospitality Room Open
4:30-5:15pm	Flag Rehearsal
5:15-6:30pm	2012-2013 State Presidents' Dinner
5:15-6:30pm	Organizational Meetings Delegate Certification Kappa Store Memorial Special Projects & State Sales Scholarship (closed)
5:15-6:30pm	Kappa Chorus Practice
6:00-6:45pm	First-Timers' Get-together
7:00-9:00pm	First General Assembly
9:00-10:30pm	Welcome Party
10:30pm	Group Get-togethers (on your own)

Thursday, June 27

8:00-9:00am	Memorial Service
9:15-4:00pm	Tours (Kappa Guys/Kids/Guests) "Planes, Trains, & BBQ" "Henry Doorly Zoo"
9:15-11:15am	Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales
9:15-11:15am	Registration & Delegate Certification
9:15-11:15am	Committee Meetings Nominating (closed), Scholarship (closed) Music & Kappa Chorus Practice
9:30-10:15am	Committee Meetings Bylaws, Campus Kappa, Philanthropic, Empathy (2012-2013 & 2013-2014)
10:30-11:15am	Committee Meetings Building/Grounds, History, Prof Development, Membership (2012-2013 & 2013-2014)
11:30-1:00pm	Annual Luncheon (Bring Books & Bears)
1:15-4:00pm	Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales
1:15-5:00pm	Registration
1:30-3:30pm	Board of Directors' Meeting
1:30-3:30pm	Workshops (Choose from 4 each hour)
3:30-5:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
3:45-4:30pm	Open Forum
3:45-4:30pm	Kappa Chorus Practice
5:45-10:00pm	"NE Cowboy Roundup & Chuckwagon Dinner"
10:00pm	Group Get-togethers (on your own)

Friday, June 28

7:00-8:00am	Registration & Delegate Certification
8:00-9:30am	Group Breakfasts Past State Presidents 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 State Presidents Local Chapter Officers/All Other Attendees Kappa Guys
9:45-12:15pm	Second General Assembly
12:30-4:00pm	Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales
12:30-4:00pm	Registration
12:45-3:00pm	NEC/Staff Scholarship Meeting-Lunch
12:45-5:00pm	Tours (lunch Included) "Laurtizen Gardens" "Joslyn Art Museum" "Old Market Trolley"
1:00-4:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
5:00-6:00pm	Post Tour Registrants' Meeting
5:00-7:30pm	Past National Presidents' Dinner/Meeting
7:00-7:45pm	2013-2014 State Presidents' Social
8:00-10:00pm	National President's Reception
10:00pm	Group Get-togethers (on your own)

Saturday, June 29

7:30-8:30am	Registration & Delegate Certification
8:30-11:15am	Third General Assembly
11:30-3:00pm	Kappa Store & Special Projects/State Sales
12:15-5:15pm	Tours (lunch included) "Nebraska's Nature" "Western Iowa"
1:00-2:30pm	2013-2014 State Presidents' Meeting
1:00-4:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
4:00-5:00pm	Installation Rehearsal
4:00-5:30pm	Registration & Corsage Pick-up
7:00-10:00pm	Annual Banquet & Installation

Sunday June 30

7:30-10:00am	2013-2014 NEC/Staff Breakfast-Meeting
10:30am	**POST TOUR:** "Discover Iowa"

Tuesday, July 2

5:30pm	POST TOUR returns to hotel

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please CHECK the workshops you plan to attend in order that rooms may be ready for your arrival.

1:30 — 2:30pm
_____ Woven Basket Making (2 hour session)
_____ Connecting People in and through Storytelling
_____ Water Exercises
_____ Reclaim Your Space

2:30 — 3:30pm
_____ Woven Basket Making (continued)
_____ Tai Chi
_____ Scarf Making
_____ Fraud Awareness

(Please detach and mail this form with your Convention Registration.)

2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

JUNE 26-30, 2013 OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Complete form and return with your check payable to:

Kappa Kappa Iota National Convention 2013

Mail to: Mildred Boyd
5124 N 87th Avenue
Omaha, NE 68134-2816
402-571-1556 mboy1@cox.net

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Pre-Tour & Post Tour: May 1, 2013

Convention Registration: May 15, 2013
Delegate Report Forms to Headquarters: June 1, 2013
DoubleTree Hotel Room Reservation: June 10, 2013

NO CONVENTION REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2013

ALL attendees pay Registration Fee. Guests attending **ONLY** Annual Banquet pay no Registration Fee.

Use a separate sheet for each person registering.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Chapter/State: _____

Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Airline (if flying): _____ Flight #: _____

Is this your first National Convention? If so, circle YES.

Do you plan to sing in the Chorus? If so, circle YES.

Dietary Concerns: _____

_____

Special Needs & Allergies: _____

_____

Emergency Contact/s at Home (Name/Phone Contact)

_____

_____

Emergency Contact/s at Convention (Name/Cell Phone)

_____

_____

*Roommate/s for **Post Tour**: _____

_____

***(Separate Hotel reservation must be made directly with the DoubleTree Omaha Downtown Hotel, if room is needed upon Post Tour return for Tuesday night.)**

Registration by May 15, 2013

All Kappa Members	$40 _____
Kappa Guys/Guests	$35 _____
Kappa Kids (12 & under)	$15 _____
Campus Kappas	$20 _____

Registration after May 15, 2013

All Kappa Members	$50 _____
Kappa Guys/Guests	$40 _____
Kappa Kids (12 & under)	$15 _____
Campus Kappas	$20 _____

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

PRE-TOUR: *"Welcome to Omaha!"*	$80 _____
2012-2013 State Presidents' Dinner	$35 _____

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Planes, Trains, & BBQ Tour	$90 _____
Henry Doorly Zoo Tour (lunch not included but available on site)	$40 _____
Annual Luncheon	$30 _____
Roundup & Chuckwagon Dinner/Tour	$90 _____

Friday, June 28, 2013

Group Breakfasts (Check one below) $20 _____

___*Past State Presidents* ___*Local Officers & Others*
___*Kappa Guys* ___*2012-2013 & 2013-2014 State Presidents*

NEC/Staff & Scholarship Lunch		$25 _____
Laurtizen Gardens Tour	(lunch included)	$65 _____
Joslyn Art Museum Tour	(lunch included)	$65 _____
Old Market Trolley Tour	(lunch included)	$65 _____
Past National Presidents' Dinner		$37 _____

Saturday, June 29, 2013

Nebraska's Nature Tour	(lunch included)	$75 _____
Western Iowa Tour	(lunch included)	$75 _____
Annual Banquet		$50 _____
Total Floral Order (see page 3)		_____

Sunday, June 30, 2013

2013-2014 NEC/Staff Breakfast $21 _____

Sunday, June 30 - July 2, 2013

***POST TOUR:** *"Discover Iowa"* _____

(Double $475 Triple $425 per person Single $625)

Check # _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** _____

ATTENTION STATE and LOCAL CHAPTERS

IRS 990-N (E-postcard) Filings Past Due!

Each state and local chapter (and council) 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 filing must be completed each fiscal year. If you have not done this filing, please file it, as soon as possible. Your State President has up-to-date information on the filings. Feel free to contact Headquarters for further information or help in completing your filing. **1-800-678-0389 1-918-784-0389**

Listed below are those Chapters **(listed under each state)** and those State Chapters **(marked with an * and underlined)** who have not appeared on the IRS listing as having completed the filing for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. There is a slight time delay in filings being posted on the IRS listing so there may be a few chapters that may have filed but appear on the listing below. Please, email Headquarters if any chapters listed have disbanded so records may be updated with this information.

Alpha State/OK
Alpha Delta
Alpha Epsilon
Alpha Mu
Alpha Pi
Alpha Xi
Beta Delta
Beta Eta
Delta
Delta Rho
Delta Xi
Delta Zeta
Epsilon
Epsilon Beta
Epsilon Iota
Epsilon Kappa
Gamma Beta
Gamma Lambda
OKC Metro Council
Pi
Rho
Upsilon

Beta State/NM
Alpha
Phi
Upsilon
Xi

***Gamma State/KS**
Alpha Gamma
Beta
Eta
Gamma
Iota
Zeta

Epsilon State/AR
Gamma
Iota
Tau

Zeta State/MO
Alpha
Alpha Beta
Alpha Epsilon
Upsilon

Eta State/LA
Alpha Psi
Crescent City Council
Northeast Louisiana Council
Rho
Southeast Area Council

Theta State/AL
Alpha Gamma
Alpha Xi
Beta
Gamma
Lambda
Rho
Tau
Upsilon

Mu State/MS
Alpha Beta
Alpha Delta
Alpha Iota
Gamma
Iota
Tau

Xi State/FL
Sigma

***Omicron State/IA**
Delta
Iota
Kappa

Rho State
Epsilon
Kappa
Mu
Nu
Pi
Rho

Psi State/TN
Delta

Alpha Alpha St/KY
Delta
Gamma

Alpha Beta St/IN
U of Evansville

COMPLETED

Delta State/TX
Iota State/NE
Lambda State/GA
Nu State/CA
Tau State/WY
Upsilon State/SC
Phi State/OH
Chi State/HI
Maryland Local/MD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

October 22, 2012 — January 24, 2013

GENERAL FUND

Any Budgeted Area of Need
Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Helen Palmer
Margaret Gund, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Helen Palmer
M. Don Stout, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Helen Palmer
Alpha Xi, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Lovis 'Happy' Davenport
Alpha Rho, Alpha State/Ok
In Memory of Lucille Bernhardt
Margaret Gund, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Lucille Bernhardt
Linda Smith, Phi State/OH
In Memory of Anne Hornish
Mary Lou Hughes, Eta State/LA
In Honor of Psi State/TN Kappas
Gracie Lee and May Look, Chi State/HI
In Memory of Emma Look
Rho, Rho State/NC
Linda Smith, Phi State/OH
In Memory of Gladys Harland
Maxine Ledford & Jan Spannagel, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Mary Sue Silk
Margaret Gund, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Dean Schroeder
Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Dean Schroeder

Memorial Gardens
Charlene Reynolds, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Lucille Bernhardt
Linda Smith, Phi State/OH
In Memory of Loretta Barnette
Zeta, Phi State/OH
In Memory of Anne Hornish
Linda Smith, Phi State/OH
In Memory of Edna Moomaw
Charlene Reynolds, Alpha State/OK
In Memory of Helen Palmer

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Current Special Projects
Sigma, Mu State/MS
In Honor of Mitzi-Johnson Mills

Any Capital Improvement
Linda Smith, Phi State/OH
In Memory of Doris Shank
Psi, Rho State/NC

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Undesignated/General
Beta, Omicron State/IA

THE KEMPE FOUNDATION
The Gary Pavilion
13123 E. 16th Ave. #B390
Aurora, CO 80045

August 24, 2012—January 9, 2013

Gamma, Psi State/TN
Beta Epsilon, Delta State/TX
Gamma Eta, Delta State/TX
Beta Theta, Eta State/LA
Theta, Lambda State/GA
Alpha Delta, Alpha State/OK
Delta, Phi State/OH
Beta, Delta State/TX
Delta, Iota State/NE
Beta Lambda, Eta State/LA
Theta, Phi State/OH
SW Regional Council, Delta State/TX
Epsilon, Alpha State/OK
Gamma Kappa, Eta State/LA
Zeta, Iota State/NE
Tau, Eta State/LA
Mu, Beta State/NM
Sigma, Mu State/MS
Alpha Lambda, Eta State/LA
Kappa, Rho State/NC

BOOKS and BEARS

Bring Books and Bears to the Annual Luncheon

As part of our ongoing convention philanthropic endeavors, "Books and Bears" will be donated to the Open Door Mission. The Mission is committed to helping to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, which provides safe shelter, meals, and preventive measures to people living in poverty. "Books and Bears" will also be donated to Project Harmony, whose mission is to protect and support abused and neglected children in Nebraska and Iowa, along with providing training and mental health services.

KAPPAS IN THE NEWS

Epsilon Chapter, Tau State/WY Geri Kraft was honored for her sixth grade teaching abilities through the OfficeMax Company's program, "A Day Made Better". Geri received $1000 worth of school supplies, and her school, Baggs Elementary, received almost $9000 worth of additional supplies.

(L-to-R) Maryland Chapter President Janice Lounsbury, Shari Ostrow Scher, Cindi Diamondstone, and Stacey Hiltner

Maryland Chapter donated books to the nonprofit Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership. Founder and President of the Partnership Shari Ostrow Scher was present at their December chapter meeting to accept the donated books and to speak about her organization.

Zeta Chapter, Iota State/ NE Mary Lu Larson, retired teacher, was one of four inducted into the Technical High School Hall of Fame. Mary Lu is a retired Tech teacher and a Curriculum Specialist.

READING OPENS DOORS at Blue Mountain Mississippi. Teacher, Beatrice Cook, receives a donated book from Campus Kappa Member Samantha McCall.

Blue Mountain Elementary School classroom doors in Mississippi were opened through generosity and the love of books by the Blue Mountain College Campus Kappas. Campus Kappas helped provide books for elementary students that could not afford to purchase a book for themselves in participation of the Scholastic Book Fair hosted by the Campus Kappas. Teachers selected several books for their classroom and approximately $300 worth of books were given to the Guyton Library at Blue Mountain College. This is just one example of how to share the love of books among our children of today and leaders of tomorrow.

"There are many little ways to enlarge a child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

Jacqueline Kennedy, former First Lady of the US

Zeta Chapter, Iota State/ NE Rose Sheehy continues to be a reminder of doing goodness toward others. Rose is a member of the Omaha Assistance League and serves as Chair of the league's Operation School Bell, helping the children purchase needed clothing items. Rose is a model of how we should help others in a very real way.

CONVENTION 2014

Kappa Needs a Host State!

Our Executive Director Marilyn Bridges has her bag packed ready to do a hotel site selection!

Now is the time to step forward, issue an invitation to host the 2014 National Convention in your state to the Executive Committee, and start the ball rolling! Help is available to guide you in hosting a convention. Once a state and convention chair is secured, the process will begin to choose the city and hotel site. The function agenda will be decided upon and the contract signed with the chosen hotel.

Planning and preparing to welcome Kappa Members, Kappa Guys, Kappa Guests, and Kappa Kids to your state is an exciting and fun experience. What a rewarding time you will have in sharing your state and hospitality with Kappa Members from all over the country!

Kappa Kappa Iota, as an organization, depends upon a state chapter to provide a location each year and serve as host of our annual business meeting (National Convention). **Please**, contact National Headquarters, National President Christena Poole, or any member of the National Executive Committee if your state is willing to hold the 2014 National Convention. We need to secure a commitment and location for it, as soon as possible.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Each year at National Convention, a Memorial Service is conducted to recognize the members who have died during the year and become members of the Omega Chapter. This service may include songs, prayers, poems, scriptural readings, and/or an inspirational message. During this celebration of the deceased members' lives, the names of each are read. Local and/or state chapters need to make sure that they report the names of their deceased members to National Headquarters to be included in the Memorial Program Booklet and to be remembered at this service.

Many state and local chapters have a similar service each year. Some chapters even take part in a special tribute at the funeral of a deceased member, and Kappa Kappa Iota encourages such a tribute. Members need to notify the family of this option, if they are interested.

A booklet, Initiation Services and Other Ceremonies, is available from National Headquarters that has some information on memorial services.