



# The Kappa PROFILE

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## “MAKING KAPPA MEMORIES AND FRIENDSHIPS”

“**Get Your Kicks on Route 66**”...the theme for the weekend! Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>, the National Executive Committee (NEC) gathered at National Kappa Headquarters for their Fall Meeting led by **National President Jennifer Otradovec**. Friday the Kappa State Presidents (SP) arrived at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Southern Hills for the 2018 State Presidents’ Fall Meeting - Hospitality Room hosted by Tulsa Council. Friday evening, The NEC and SPs and guests enjoyed dinner out at Zio’s Italian Kitchen’s private room and dined on great food and socialized with wonderful Kappa friends! The SPs returned to the hotel, joined by the NEC – answering questions and concerns. The SPs continued their group meeting led by **Chair of the SPs Vanessa Maze (MO)**, Saturday the NEC drove to the hotel and met formally with the SPs. The Fall Report Book was shared and the NEC facilitated sessions that generated information relating to Membership, Philanthropy, and Robert’s Rules of Order. Each session was interactive, informative and inspiring! Late afternoon, everyone got on board the Tulsa Urban Trolley for a tour on Route 66-The Mother Road! The tour began at The Blue Whale, in Catoosa, Oklahoma...ventured down Tulsa’s 11th Street, with a stop at Tally’s Diner – where a shake was waiting for everyone! The tour ended Where the East meets

West, for a special Kodak Moment! That evening everyone gathered at the Kappa House to continue celebrating the theme, “Get Your Kicks on Route 66”. Tally’s Diner catered our meal with huge Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans (like your Grandma used to make), and the largest yeast roll that you can imagine! **National President Jennifer Otradovec**



treated everyone to an old fashion, glass bottle of soda pop (in a Route 66 bottle)! Unsweet Tea and Bottled Water were also available. Many thanks to **Tulsa Area Council Members** who helped with the Fall Meeting

Event! Everyone enjoyed the apple and cherry pies – alamode, provided by Council Members. After dinner outside on the Kappa Grounds, many SPs toured the Kappa House and visited the Kappa Store – set up and run by **Connie Schobert (Gamma, Omicron State/IA)**.



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## “Making Kappa Memories and Friendships”

2018-2019

**Executive Committee, Staff, and State Presidents (front/center) National President Jennifer Otradovec**

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# MAKING KAPPAS MEMORIES AND FRIENDSHIPS NATIONAL PRESIDENT JENNIFER OTRADOVEC, ZETA STATE/MO

Someone greeted me in Tulsa and asked, "So how is it to be the National President?" I replied back, "Busier than I expected, and that is a good busy." I have daily emails, correspondence and of course, meetings with Kappas! Last summer I chose to travel almost weekly to Headquarters in Tulsa. Those trips added to my "busyness" and the number of emails almost got me snowed under when my computer decided to take a vacation from life.

had 30 minutes free time to allow the State Presidents to hold another planning and social time together. We hopped on the Tulsa Trolley for the Route 66 tour. At the Blue Whale, I had the opportunity to visit with the son of the man who built the attraction for his grandchildren as a



I enjoyed putting finishing touches on the State Presidents' tour, "Get Your Kicks on Route 66".

play area and as an addition in the pond on his land. It has become a landmark on Route 66. We stopped for wonderful milkshakes at Tally's, my favorite diner on Route 66. Tally's catered the dinner at Headquarters, too.



The October National Executive Committee meeting was productive and we even had time to take our own "mini" trip to an ice cream shop on Route 66. I totally enjoyed the evening with the State Presidents on Friday. The meeting on Saturday was good and we

In late October I traveled to North Carolina. They had several potential members in attendance plus a very young potential Kappa Kid. The Kappas treated me and my Mother with such warm hospitality and the Rho Kappa Guys showed my dad a grand time, too. We leisurely traveled home and made many stops along the way. I am excited to accept an invitation to visit California in November. I hope several of you have been receiving cards from Kappas. I "piggy-backed" an idea from a Kappa in Ohio during my visit in August. I was assigned "homework" to correspond with a fellow Kappa. My assignment was to "thank" a fellow Kappa for being a member and to encourage them to bring another person into Kappa.

**I encourage you to...  
Share your "Memories  
and Friendships" with  
others.**



**"Making Memories and Friendships" 2019 Pre and Post Tour Previews**

The 2019 National Convention begins on Monday, June 17 with the Pre Tour offered prior to the Opening First General Assembly and Welcome Reception, later in the evening. The Annual Banquet & Installation will end on Thursday evening, June 20 with the overnight Post Tour departing on Friday, June 21 arriving back to the hotel Saturday evening, June 22.



**Pre Tour, Monday, June 17 (8am-4pm)** will take us to the rolling hills of Ohio's Holmes County. Founded in 1808 by Pennsylvania Amish pioneers, it now has more Amish than the better-known Lancaster, Pennsylvania area. Our first stop will be at Behalt, the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center. We will experience an included 30-minute guided tour of the 265-foot mural-in-the-round, America's most exciting cyclorama on the Amish faith, life, and culture. Our next visit will be the Wendell August Forge retail store and museum. Founded in 1923, Wendell August is America's oldest and largest forge. The company crafts functional and decorative metalwork. Amish Country is most known for its family-style cooking. We will dine at the historic Der Dutchman Restaurant in the heart of downtown Walnut Creek, enjoying an included luncheon with all the trimmings, topped off with freshly-made pie. After a brief stop in Sugar Creek, known as "Little Switzerland of Ohio", site of the "World's Largest Cuckoo Clock", we will be on our way back to our hotel in time to prepare for our Opening Session! (app. \$80)



**Post Tour, Friday, June 21-22** begins our Ontario, Canada Niagara Falls adventure, traveling through Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and into the Province of Ontario, Canada. Upon arrival, we will have time to enjoy Niagara Falls on our own, choosing a boat cruise under the Falls or the attractions on Clifton Hill. After checking into our hotel, we will depart for Canada's award winning included dinner show at "Oh Canada Eh?" meeting a singing Mountie, a hockey player, Anne of Green Gables, and other interesting cast members while dining on their famous all-Canadian dinner. Enroute back to the hotel, we will be seeing the illuminating beauty of the Falls. On Saturday, we will travel over to Niagara-on-the-Lake, a village founded by a number of Scottish sea captains. Our included luncheon will be at the historic Pillar Post Inn, a delightful dining establishment once visited by Queen Elizabeth. Time will be provided to browse some of the unique shops in this quaint town before departing for home. A stop will be made at the Duty-Free Shoppe for extra savings before crossing into the USA heading back to the Cleveland Marriott East. (app. \$375)



**Passport or Passport Card Required for Post Tour See Next Newsletter for All Tour/Registration Information**

2019 National Convention - Cleveland, Ohio  
June 17-21, 2019 - Cleveland Marriott East

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**Mu Chapter/Eta State/Louisiana**

Mu Chapter in Eta State/Louisiana sponsored a team for the Acadiana Alzheimer's Associations Walk for Life. The team, Kappa Chicks, raised over \$1000! Those who lost a family member to this disease walked in the Walk for Life at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette, Louisiana. It was a rainy day, but the organizers pulled it off and everyone enjoyed the heart-felt ceremony and walk inside the coliseum.

Kappa Chicks Left to Right:  
Taylor Serio, Renee' Spencer, Charlotte Sicard, Maia Inzerella, Margaret Landry and Michelle Musso



Submitted by Mu Chapter President Charlotte Sicard

**THANK YOU  
for Your Generous Donations!  
September ~ November 2018**

**General Fund**

**Any Budgeted Area of Need**

Margaret Gund/OK

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Emma Look*

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*In Memory of a friend,  
Charles Brown*

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**Scholarship**

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**Past State Presidents**

Mary Lou Hughes/LA



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Mu Chapter, Nu State/CA**



**WHAT IS STEM?** **STEM** is the acronym for cross-curriculum activities that promotes the teaching of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Instead of teaching single subject objectives, the goal is to integrate all four into one objective or unit. **STEM** activities are a way of engaging students in math and science. It is a way to unlock a student's potential curiosity and show them a world that they may have not known existed.

Recently I was able to take a couple of my students to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society's (AISES) National Convention held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. AISES holds a three-day convention every year in October. During the three-day convention, they sponsor a Student **STEM** Day. This year it was sponsored by Boeing.

**STEM** is not expensive. We used spaghetti straws to build a tower that could hold a marshmallow. We joined a team to design a paper airplane AND built it on a budget! We even made slime, plasma and designs out of Legos. Our biggest treat was when my students played a game called HotSeat Warning Simulator on a laptop. They competed with other students to see who could send out weather warnings based on reading a weather map. My student won on his first try! HotSeat Warning Simulator is free to use and is provided by the National Severe Storms Laboratory (<https://www.nssl.noaa.gov/education/hotseat/howto/> or google, HotSeat Warning Simulator). Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2019 will be the next AISES Convention. Check their website for more activities/information. Thank you OKCPS Native American Student Services for sponsoring our **STEM** day.

Anyone can do these activities. Try them with your grandkids or in your local chapter. Ask your local schools what supplies they would need to promote **STEM** activities. DonorsChoose.org is a great way to contribute to a worthwhile **STEM** project. Be an engineer for a day or two. After all, as teachers, we engineer learning on a daily basis.

**Promoting Professional Development throughout our Kappa Kappa Iota World: Sherry Read  
National Professional Development Committee Chair, Epsilon Beta, Alpha State, Oklahoma**