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## “KAPPAS REACHING FOR THE STARS ~ MAKING A DIFFERENCE”



My year serving as Kappa Kappa Iota's National President is coming to an end. What a year it has been! Nothing at all like I might have envisioned!

The National Executive Committee's (NEC) last meeting at Kappa Headquarters was March 2020, then, Covid-19 arrived! The week before schools in my area were dismissed

due to the Covid pandemic. Headquarters had not even completely recovered from the 2019 "Kappa Katastrophe."

No 2020 National Convention in Memphis, TN, no 2020 Fall Meeting in October, no 2021 Spring meeting in March. What was a Kappa leader to do? Well, under the technology expertise of **Immediate Past National President Chris Hockert**, we embraced Zoom. On June 24, 2020 Chris Hockert brought her year as National President to a close through a Zoom Meeting. On July 1, 2020 **Past National President Janice Jones** installed me as your new National President for 2020-2021 in a Zoom Meeting in the living room of my home. Installation for the National Executive Board and State Presidents followed in October through a Zoom Meeting.

Kappas are resilient and the business of Kappa Kappa Iota did not go amiss. The NEC, State Presidents, and Committee Chairs and their committees all rose to the occasion and didn't miss a beat!

We survived the 2019 "Kappa House Katastrophe," and we have survived the 2020-2021 Covid Pandemic. We belong to beautiful, strong organization.

I am extremely proud of the work done this year with the Catastrophic Emergency Plan, the Grant Writing Committee, Website Kappa Spotlight and the new Membership Pin. Also, NEC enjoyed our monthly visits with our State Presidents with our virtual Koffee Breaks. We are also blessed that **Christina Oliver, daughter of Past National President Laurie Konrad**, is updating our National Website. We are so excited about all of the good work happening in Kappa and look forward to **President-Elect Kay Palush**, as she has many fresh new ideas.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your National Kappa Kappa Iota President for 2020-2021. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent our organization. I am amazed when I look back over the twenty-one years I have been a Kappa member and see the growth that has taken place in my life and the beautiful friendships I have been endeared, too, as our paths intertwined. Mentorship is one of the great benefits of our organization that we sometimes overlook.

Thank you for the care you showed me and my family as we lost my husband, Larry, this year after his courageous ten-year journey with melanoma. My family has been truly blessed by your outpouring of love.

What a difference you have made in my life!

Thank you with love, Brenda

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## e-Postcard

file your electronic IRS Form 990-N

## ATTENTION STATE AND LOCAL CHAPTERS

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

Listed below are Local Chapters and State Councils (**listed under each state**) and the State Chapters (**marked with an \* and underlined**) who have not appeared on the IRS listing as having completed the 2019-2020 filing. Complete filing as soon as possible. Questions; Contact National Headquarters at 1-800-678-0389.

Alpha/OK  
Beta Eta  
Epsilon Tau  
Gamma Mu  
Alpha Alpha/KY  
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\*Delta/TX  
\*Gamma/KS  
Alpha Gamma  
Beta  
Gamma  
Zeta  
\*Theta/AL  
Tau



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Epsilon State/AR  
Eta State/LA  
Iota State/NE  
Lambda State/GA  
Maryland Chapter  
Mu State/MS  
Nu State/CA  
Phi State/OH  
Psi State/TN  
Rho State/NC  
Upsilon State/SC  
Xi State/FL  
Zeta State/MO

# Thank You!

## 2021 MARCH & APRIL DONATIONS

### GENERAL FUND

#### ANY BUDGETED ARE OF NEED

Charlene Reynolds, Alpha/OK  
*In Memory of Janice Glenn,  
Sister of Margaret Gund*  
JoAnne Cox, Alpha/OK  
*In Memory of Janice Glenn,  
Sister of Margaret Gund*  
Ginger Stout, Alpha/OK  
*In Memory of Janice Glenn,  
Sister of Margaret Gund*  
Lana Cruz, Omicron/IA  
*In Memory of Peggy Ord*  
Iota State/NE  
*In Memory of  
Betty Aufenkamp*

#### MEMORIAL GARDEN

Ellen Patterson, Theta/AL  
*In Memory of Past National  
President Gail Joiner and  
Her Kappa Guy Doyle Joiner*  
Ellen Patterson, Theta/AL  
*In Memory of State Past  
President Brenda Masterson*  
Ellen Patterson, Theta/AL  
*In Memory of Kathy Amos*  
Past National Presidents  
*In Memory of Nat'l President  
Brenda Morrison's  
Kappa Guy Larry Morrison*

#### GENERAL HDQTS MAINTENANCE

Psi Chapter, Rho/NC  
Rho Chapter, Rho/NC  
Mu Chapter, Lambda/GA  
*In Memory of  
Brandon and Alan Burks*  
Gracie Lee, Chi/HI  
*In Memory of May Look*  
**Centennial Brick Fund**  
Cathe Kehe, Alpha/OK  
*In Memory of Sue Burden &  
Past Nat'l President Gail Joiner*  
Janet Martin, Lambda/GA  
*In Honor of Immediate Past  
President Chris Hockert*

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

##### UNDESIGNATED

Rose Tollette, Alpha/OK  
*In Memory of Janice Glenn,  
Sister of Margaret Gund*  
**PAST STATE PRESIDENTS**  
Connie Schobert, Omicron/IA  
*In Memory of Peggy Ord*  
**SARA SUNDERMAN CAMPUS**  
Past National Presidents  
*In Memory of Past National  
President Gail Joiner and  
Her Kappa Guy Doyle Joiner*

## NATIONAL KAPPA KAPPA IOTA PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022

### INCOME

Change in Market Value of Investments	2,500.00
Dividends/Capital Gains	1,000.00
Donations – General Fund/HQ Maintenance	7,000.00
Donations – Memorial Gardens	350.00
Dues/Fees	79,175.00
Headquarters Rental	150.00
Interest	700.00
Merchandise Sales	5,000.00
State Sales/Vendors/Trademark/Conv Returns	500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$96,875.00</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Membership Development	2,150.00
National Convention	4,025.00
Professional Leadership Development	250.00
President's Expenses	180.00
Executive Committee Meetings	5,120.00
Other Committee Expenses	180.00
The Kappa Profile	3,500.00
Office/Administrative	8,432.45
Salaries, Taxes	49,950.00
Headquarters	9,501.00
Insurance	4,075.00
Philanthropy	100.00
Merchandise	3,000.00
Contingency	6,408.55
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$96,875.00</b>

### Books and Bears... The Annual Philanthropic

Project at the National Convention. Pack up your books and bears for their journey to Tulsa, Oklahoma! (Donations presented during the Annual Luncheon.)

**Empathy Shower...** Send or bring cards and/or sheets of stamps with you to the National Centennial Convention to be given to the National and Regional Empathy Chairs. This helps defray expenses in responding to Empathy concerns. Cards and/or stamps will be collected in the Kappa Store.

**Memorial Service...** May 15 is the due date for names of Kappas who joined the Omega Chapter to be included in the Memorial Book and Service at the National Convention. Names are provided by the local and/or state chapters. If a member dies after that date, please call National Headquarters immediately, and every effort will be made to include their name in the Memorial Book.

**Special Projects...** The NEC voted to have funds raised from Special Projects sales go toward Capital Improvements Funds for Headquarters. Each state is asked to bring two items to be raffled off during the convention. The items combined should total an amount of \$150 jewelry, electronics, or gift cards are requested. The cost of the tickets are: 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 12 for \$10. Contact your State President for raffle tickets. **Marsha Armstrong, Special Projects Chair**

## ~ KAPPAS in the News ~



**Campus Kappa Amberly Thompson** was born and raised in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She currently is a **Senior at McNeese State University** and will be graduating on May 14, 2021. Amberly is pursuing a career in **Elementary Education**, shaping the little minds of our future. Amberly is also a business owner of Amt Photography for four years where she provides a service of lifestyle and portrait photos. While completing her education at McNeese State University she has held positions in many organizations throughout her school and community. She was secretary of NAACP, **Campus Kappa Member**, Student Life Coalition's Campus Life and Pop Culture Coordinator, The National Society of Leadership and Success Member, MMATC, Inc. Ambassador, and Sunday School Teacher. Amberly has been honored Sophomore Maid for homecoming court 2018 and recently **2021 Homecoming Queen**. After earning her bachelor's degree, she plans to return back to McNeese State University to get a master's in **curriculum instruction**, with a certificate in **educational technology and teaching gifted students**. Amberly plans to secure a job in the education field to fulfill her passion for teaching next school year.



**Carolyn Wilkins, Xi State/Florida** According to the Oxford dictionary, volunteerism is "the use or involvement of volunteer labor, especially in community service." When you consider the mission of Kappa Kappa Iota you see a connection to volunteerism. Kappas volunteer to improve their practice through professional development and personal development through networking. Kappas volunteer time to check in on each other through our empathy work. Kappas volunteer time and treasure to this organization and other movements in their communities. During 2020 the world learned the value of volunteers. There were so many people who were out of work but found ways to contribute to their communities. On the nightly news you saw mask makers, food pantry volunteers, and even retired health care professionals who returned to help others in need. Volunteering helps you stay connected to your community and provides opportunities to find kindred hearts. If everything has a purpose, perhaps the purpose of this pandemic has been to teach us to slow down, reconnect to those in our own house, and find a way to contribute to the betterment of our global society by acting locally. Keep the Kappa mission and goals in mind and find ways to volunteer in your community. You will be glad you did!

## ~ Mark Your Calendar ~

### CONVENTION TOUR INFORMATION

✍ **May 28** - Deadline to finalize the **Pre and Post Tours**, and other tours.

### ✍ **MASKS - REQUIRED**

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINES: Extended

- ✍ **May 28** - Convention Registration
- ✍ **May 28** - Hard Rock Hotel and Resort Reservation

### FORMS AND REPORTS:

- ✍ **May 1** - National Officer Nomination Forms  
National Officer Reports  
Standing Committee Reports  
State President Year-End Reports  
V.I.P. Award Report Forms  
Incentive Award Report Forms  
National Nominating Committee Delegate Report Forms
- ✍ **May 15** - Deceased Members Form  
2020-2021 State Officer and Committee Chair Lists

### DELEGATE CERTIFICATION

- ✍ **June 1** - Deadline to send **Delegate Report Forms** to National Headquarters in order to receive delegate ribbons during the registration process.

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP/GRANTS

✍ **June 1** - Deadline to submit National Scholarship Applications for consideration. Applications are available from the National Website, State Presidents, and/or National Headquarters. The total number of awards each year is based on funds available and the number of qualified applicants. The Scholarships/Grants are awarded for professional or personal enrichment and are available for Active Members, Campus Kappa Members and Non-Members.

**National Scholarship Chair Wanda Huhn**  
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### Preserving Kappa History ~ Centennial Fundraiser

Celebrate Kappa's Centennial by honoring a current Kappa Member, Kappa Guy, Kappa Kid, Chapter or State Officer, Local Chapter or Kappa State with the purchase of an engraved brick. You may honor the memory of a Kappa Member in the Omega Chapter by purchasing a brick. Bricks may also be purchased in memory of Kappa Guys and/or Kappa Kids. Bricks will be placed around the boarder in the Courtyard and along side the path in the Memorial Garden at National Headquarters. All donations will help fund renovations inside and outside of National Headquarters. Order forms can be emailed to you. Call National Headquarters 918-744-0389

**NATIONAL KAPPA KAPPA  
CENTENNIAL  
1921-2021**



### PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT GAIL JOINER ~ ALPHA XI CHAPTER, THETA/AL

I met Gail very early on in my Kappa membership. She said I looked so much like a friend of hers. I never met the friend, but am happy that Gail thought we favored, so much that she approached me to share that with me. That led to a long and warm friendship. She gave me a tiny little blue bird of happiness at the first National Convention where we met. Every year after that, I looked forward to Convention and seeing Gail Joiner. We both served on the National Executive Committee together and became friends, rooming together at Conventions, as well as sharing fun, foolishness, food and business ideas at the Kappa House during the October and March Meetings. Gail was a true Southern Lady in so many ways. She held to tradition, manners and loyalty. She loved Kappa Kappa Iota almost as much as she loved God and her family. Her faith was so very evident – she was not timid about being a Christian and letting you know it -she did not preach. Gail was a major prayer warrior. She wrote a prayer for every occasion and for every person. While serving as a National Officer she compiled a book of beautiful prayers, along with some of her favorite recipes, and used all the proceeds from it for Kappa. My copy is still pulled out anytime I need a special prayer or recipe. It is an honor to have that little book. Nor was Gail timid about letting you know about her wonderfully supportive husband, Doyle, her two boys and her grands. At meetings, the first thing Gail did each day was to call Doyle, just to say good morning. Of course, she was also checking to see how her beautiful white cat, Doc, was doing. He was another great source of joy to Gail. She always came up with something that made you smile or just burst out laughing. She loved nice clothes and wore them well, with her stately stature. When I was National President-Elect, I received a phone call from Gail. She wanted to know what size dress I wore. Her windshield had been cracked, and she had gone to have it repaired at a glass shop. Only you ladies who live in small Southern towns will understand. The man who ran the glass shop also had odd flea market type items that he sold there. While waiting for her windshield to be replaced, Gail found a gorgeous gold sequined evening gown for me, which I wore at my President's Reception on the first cruise convention. She also found a beautiful white dress that she wore to the annual banquet when she was National President in Mobile. Both dresses were brand new with the original tags on them, but were marked \$15 each. We both wore them proudly and laughed for years about our \$15 dresses from the glass shop! Every few months I received a call out of the blue from Gail. It was so much fun to catch up on family and Kappa. She ended every call with, "I love you and I miss my Kappa friends so much". Well, Gail, we love you and miss you so much!

**Fondly submitted by Past National President Charlotte Schneider**