



# The Kappa PROFILE

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## 2011 PRE and POST TOURS: from North to South Louisiana

by Mary Lou Hughes, 2011 Convention Chair, Eta State/LA

Louisiana and Mississippi Kappas invite you to travel from North to South Louisiana as you join us for the Pre and Post tours. Our destinations will provide you with a time to get away, relax, and recharge.

Wednesday, June 22 you'll head for the historic town of Natchitoches, established 1714. We'll stop on the outer edge of town for a guided tour of a *National Historic Landmark*—Melrose Plantation—the home of famous primitive artist, Clementine Hunter, and stroll beneath the moss laden oak trees. A local tour guide will join us downtown to tell us about Historic Natchitoches Louisiana—a *National Landmark Historic District*. You may remember Natchitoches from the movie "Steel Magnolias"! Front Street, overlooking Cane River Lake, is filled with mercantile buildings and houses with cast iron grillwork. You will want to visit the *Kaffie-Frederick Hardware Store* established in 1863 and operated continuously as a general mercantile to the present time. The store still uses the *original cash registers and the freight elevator from 1890s*. Shopping is wonderful on Front Street and you will find numerous places to tempt your taste buds and enjoy viewing the river walk.

Following the convention in Shreveport, we will depart the Clarion Hotel to one of the world's most popular travel destinations, New Orleans. You will want to come and get spoiled by New Orleans' special brand of Southern hospitality. We will leave early Sunday morning, June 26, for a special evening in New Orleans. Sunday night will find us "cruising down the Mississippi River" on the steamboat "Natchez" for a

*Riverboat Dinner Cruise* with breathtaking skyline view of "the Big Easy".

Monday morning a bus trip with a local guide will highlight the city as you view the *French Quarter, St. Charles Avenue, downtown area, a local cemetery, and end at Mardi Gras World*. In the afternoon your free time will allow you to shop at the Riverwalk Mall, visit the aquarium, Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, World War II museum, or ride the famous street cars. Our hotel has shuttles that will transport you to the World War II museum, etc. Don't forget to enjoy some famous New Orleans food.

Tuesday morning we will say farewell to New Orleans and head back to north Louisiana. En route you will visit the beautiful *Louisiana Old State Capitol Building* in Baton Rouge. This building is recognized as one of the most distinguished examples of Gothic architecture in the United States, with towers, exterior stained glass windows and gables giving it the appearance of a 15<sup>th</sup> century Gothic Cathedral.

Leaving Baton Rouge, we'll have lunch en route and return to the Clarion Hotel in Shreveport in the late afternoon.

The post tour price includes lodging/roundtrip transportation, entry fees for all visits, and dinner on the steamboat. Breakfast will be provided by the Drury Hotel. The hotel has *Happy Hour* from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with food.

[More tour information and details inside](#)

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# LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

## You've been nominated for an Oscar!!!

Plan to attend Kappa's Night at the Oscars, Thursday, June 23, 2011. Come dressed as your favorite movie character. Winning nominees (you must be in costume to be nominated) will be announced and lavished with honor, fame and prizes. Join us for an exciting evening of festivities, contests and Louisiana cuisine.



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### HISTORY CORNER

*Did you know the former title for the national president was Supreme Grand Royal High Lady? Her duties were to preside at all meetings of the conclave, call Executive Committee meetings, countersign all orders for money to be drawn by the treasurer and to have general oversight of all business of the order. Now you know.*



The African House Slave Fort

## PLANTATIONS AND STEEL MAGNOLIAS A NATCHITOCHEs, LA TOUR JUNE 22, 2011

Join your friends of **Kappa Kappa Iota** on this **pre-convention tour** to the Deep South and Central Louisiana. You'll stroll on the grounds of **Melrose Plantation** beneath the moss laden oak trees and gentle summer breezes and enjoy a guided tour of this *National Historic Landmark*. The early plantation consists of three main structures: the circa 1796 **Yucca House** that was a Colonial residence, the circa 1800 **African House** that was a slave fort and provision house, and the circa 1833 **Big House**. **Clementine Hunter**, a former slave and resident, is one of Louisiana's most famous folk artists and whose works are on display at **Melrose**.

Next, you will tour **Natchitoches, LA** with a **local tour guide**. **Natchitoches** is the quaint and perky town in the movie *Steel Magnolias*! Experience the charm of the original French colony in Louisiana, established **1714**. You will see some of the film locations while on our city tour and discover the **Landmark Historic District** with shopping, dining, and attractions plus fort sites, museums, cultural events and festivals.

**TOTAL COST: \$ 70.00** per person includes tickets to the above attractions and roundtrip transportation.

**MINIMUM # PASSENGERS REQUIRED:** 30 people



The Melrose Plantation

## POST-CONVENTION 2011 NEW ORLEANS, LA TOUR JUNE 26 - 28, 2011

Join your **Kappa** friends on this post-convention tour to the **Big Easy, New Orleans, LA**. This motorcoach tour will take you from the hill country of North Louisiana through swamp lands of South Louisiana to the mighty *Mississippi River* near downtown **New Orleans**. Our downtown hotel gives you great access to

many local restaurants, the **French Quarter** and the **River Walk Shopping** area.

Shortly after our arrival, we'll board the steamboat "**Natchez**" for a dinner cruise on the *Mississippi River*. Bring your camera; you'll get great pictures of the city skyline, as well as the **French Quarter** area near **Jackson Square** and river traffic.

The next day we'll board our motorcoach for a city tour which will include the **French Quarter, St. Charles Avenue, Downtown** area, a local cemetery, **Mardi Gras World** and more. The tour will end at the **River Walk Mall** giving you plenty of shopping time for those **New Orleans** souvenirs. The balance of the day is free for you to do as you wish. You may want to shop and dine in the **French Quarter**, maybe take a nap or perhaps get a shrimp po-boy at **Mother's**, a famous **New Orleans** restaurant located just down the block from our hotel.

A tour of the **Old Louisiana State Capitol** is included on the return trip to Shreveport, LA. The stained glass dome and spiral staircase are focal points of the interior. \$ 25.00 of each participant's tour cost will go to the **Mable Caldwell Scholarship Fund**.



### TOTAL COST

2 people per room **\$435.00** per person  
3 people per room **\$400.00** per person  
1 person per room **\$575.00** per person

**FEE INCLUDES:** 2 nights lodging/breakfast, dinner on steamboat, tickets to the above attractions and roundtrip transportation.

**TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:** optional insurance available after payment.

**MINIMUM # PASSENGERS REQUIRED:** 30 people



**TOUR PAYMENTS ARE DUE BEFORE: April 1st, 2011**  
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2011 NATIONAL KAPPA CONVENTION**  
**SEND PRE and/or POST TOUR PAYMENTS TO:**

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**THANK YOU KAPPAS!**

**GENERAL FUND DONATIONS**

**Any Budgeted Area of Need**

Ginger Stout, Alpha State/OK  
*in memory of Linda George*  
 Loueen Morgan, Alpha State/OK  
*in memory of Linda George*  
 Barbara Hulen, Alpha State/OK  
*in memory of Linda George*  
 Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK  
*in memory of Linda George*  
 Margaret Gund, Alpha State/OK  
*in memory of Linda George*  
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*in memory of Helen Gray*  
 Linda Hilton, Gamma State/KS

**General Headquarters Maintenance**

Pi, Nu State/CA

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Patricia Hardin, Alpha State/OK  
*in memory of Claude Nichols*  
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*in honor of Beta Nu members*  
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*in memory of Linda George*

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

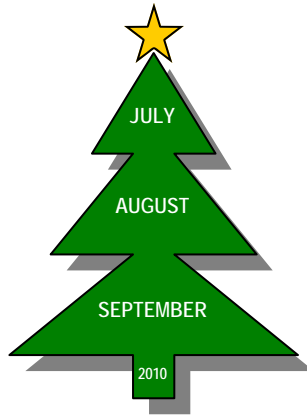
**Any Capital Improvement**

Psi, Rho State/NC  
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*in honor of Linda Hilton*  
 Jeanne Blain, Phi State/OH  
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 National Executive Committee

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Alpha Rho, Eta State/LA  
*in honor of Inez Marshall*  
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**HAS YOUR CHAPTER FILED THIS YEAR?**



*If not, do so, as soon as possible*

Each state and local chapter, and all councils must file an annual 990-N e-Postcard each year, via the Internet, with the IRS to maintain tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization. This should be completed by **November 15<sup>th</sup>** for the **2009-2010 fiscal year**. If it has not been filed, you need to do this, even if it is a late filing. State Presidents received directions and information at the State Presidents Meeting in Tulsa. Contact **Linda Smith**, with any further questions or need for assistance:

330-633-3118 [lsmith846@aol.com](mailto:lsmith846@aol.com)

**PHILANTHROPY AT WORK!**

**Chris Hockert, Gamma Chapter, Psi State/TN**, is on a mission with multiple purposes. Her most recent visit was to deliver donated school supplies from her foundation, *Nickels for Nepal*, to the remote Mijar Village School. Funds raised at Gamma Chapter meetings and through memorial donations from friends and family finance the endeavors. ([www.nickelsfornepal.com](http://www.nickelsfornepal.com), accepts online donations.)

Chris also provides teacher training at Kavya School in Kathmandu, a private school with over 180 students. The training includes IEARN (International Education and Resource Network, [www.iearn.org](http://www.iearn.org)) a global network of teachers and students working on projects and sharing results each year in a different member country). Other teacher training includes Thematic Integrated Units and Kidspiration as well as guidance for dealing with the differences between Nepal and U.S. schools.

The Mijar Village School is for the Dilat children "untouchables". It takes three hours each way to trek to the top of the mountain to the school. The 80 students delight in seeing the 15 adventurous souls (teachers and staff) from Kavya School arrive with pencils, pens, exercise books, Carrom game boards, badminton sets, soccer balls, jump ropes, volleyballs, glue, colored pencils, crayons, drawing and writing paper, water bottles, tape, erasers, Nepali dictionary, 120 children's books, water buckets, scissors, math instrument boxes, teacher diaries and red pens with refills. Photos are posted on Chris Hockert's Facebook page.



The climb to the Mijar village is incredibly hot and treacherous, but the rewards in meeting the children, parents and teachers to let them know there are friends in America who care for them and want them to succeed are worth it.

Future goals are to establish a fund for shoes and uniforms as well as a scholarship fund to enable the Mijar Village School children with an opportunity to obtain a scholarship to attend Kavya School in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Chris is grateful for the Kappa Kappa Iota Retired Teacher Scholarship award, which afforded her an amazing opportunity to travel half way around the world to Kathmandu, Nepal. Read more at: [www.chockert.edublogs.org](http://www.chockert.edublogs.org)

Five **Eta State** members picked up trash along the Louisiana coast at Holly Beach in Cameron Parish. They are members of **Beta Pi Chapter** in Bossier City.



Left to right are **Alpha Matlock, Nan Wellborn, Carolyn Battarbee, Patsy McGuirt, and Brenda Weaver.**

## KAPPAS IN THE NEWS

**Adam Lifscics, 2003 Kappa Kappa Iota Educational Grant recipient**, completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Oklahoma and currently teaches science at Norman High School. He was featured in an article for his work with the AP Environmental Science class.

Through a donation from the Sierra Club, he has constructed a small garden that will include native flowers, vegetables, a composting bin and a rain catching system. The mini-ecosystem will attract butterflies to spread the native pollens.

The garden will be used by science classes to educate students and community volunteers on the benefits and efficiency of owning a garden.

**Kathryn Blackwell, Beta Lambda Chapter, Eta State/LA** was named and has begun serving as the Principal of Juban Parc Elementary, a new elementary school in Livingston Parish.

**Sybil Dixon, Omicron Chapter, Rho State/NC**, was honored by the *Cleveland County Commission for Women* with the *2010 Distinguished Women Award*, recognizing 25 years of service to Cleveland County Schools as High School English Department Chair and Director of Secondary Education. She is also an adjunct professor at Gardner Webb University.

### New address? Let us know!!!

Call or email National Headquarters **AND** register a change of address at the US Post Office in person or online: [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)



**Dr. Ronna Vanderslice, Epsilon Chapter, Alpha State/OK** and Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Cameron University in Lawton, has been named as the 2009-2010 recipient of the *Jane Morse Service Award* by the *Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (OACTE)*. Dr. Vanderslice is a staunch advocate for high standards in teacher education and supports this belief by serving in many leadership roles both at the state and national level. She holds 18 Oklahoma teaching certificates. Dr. Vanderslice has served as a board member for the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and to the Teacher Competency Review Panel.

**Donna Knapp, Theta Chapter, Lambda State/GA**, has been nominated for *Teacher of the Year for Gwinnett County Public Schools*. Donna is an Elementary School music specialist.

Six year-old Eddie, great-nephew of **Terry Smith, Psi Chapter, Rho State/NC**, has had 6 surgeries in his young life. His family must stay nearby while he recuperates so the generous ladies of Rho State collected 120 pounds of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House during their State Convention.



**Correction:** In the Fall Issue, V.I.P. winner, JoAnn Collett, was identified as being from Alpha State/OK. She is from **Delta State/TX**.