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NATIONAL PRESIDENT BRENDA MORRISON, RHO STATE, NORTH CAROLINA
"KAPPAS REACHING FOR THE STARS ~ MAKING A DIFFERENCE"



I hope this finds each of you well and enjoying these beautiful fall days. The National Executive Committee (NEC) and State Presidents (SPs) met October 1st and 15th, 2020 in a Zoom Meeting to hold our annual Fall Meeting. The agenda was full and included installation of the NEC and SPs, informative presentations from the NEC concerning philanthropy, membership, five-year strategic plan, and IRS 990N e-post card filing. Concerns from SPs (many insightful suggestions) were compiled earlier and addressed by the NEC. Financial reports, minutes, ad hoc committee reports, officers, executive director, standing committee reports were received and accepted. Unfinished and New Business was addressed. Exciting and meaningful work is continuing for Kappa through Zoom Meetings. Currently we have six ad hoc committees making a difference for Kappa Kappa Iota: Catastrophic Emergency, Centennial, Grant Writing, Legend of the Violets, Membership, Jewelry, and Sara Sunderman/Past State Presidents. The Kappa Spotlight is a new addition to www.nationalkappakappaiota.org ~ highlighting Kappas making a difference.

Perhaps you have a member in mind that you would like to nominate. Send a short paragraph about your nominee along with a photo to National Headquarters. As our year progresses, be mindful of our Five-Year Strategic Plan and how you can implement the strategies into your individual chapters and states:

- To increase, retain and reinstate a diversified organization.
- To explore a variety of resources to offer appealing programs for personal and professional growth.
- To promote awareness of Kappa Kappa Iota and showcase activities through all possible avenues of publicity.
- To investigate opportunities to generate increased funding resources and donations for revenue expansion and sustainability.
- To encourage and expand service opportunities.

My rotation states this year include Mississippi, New Mexico, Tennessee, Kansas, Kentucky, and Oklahoma. I have officially received an invitation to Mississippi in April and a Zoom invitation to Tau Chapter/Lambda State/GA in November. I would love to visit with you via Zoom or in person. My wish for you is a safe and peaceful holiday season. Reach for the stars and be the difference at your tables each and every day.

National President Brenda Morrison

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"Kappas Reaching for the Stars ~ Making a Difference" National Executive Committee Fall Meeting via Zoom

(Top/Left) Parliamentarian Melinda Sams,
Immediate Past President Chris Hockert, National President Brenda Morrison,
(Middle/Left) President-Elect Kay Palush, Executive Director Marilyn Bridges,
First Vice President Phyllis Thomas,
(Bottom/Left) 2nd Vice President Kathy Smith, Secretary Carolyn Garretson



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BALANCE...We are living during strange, uncertain times. We are asked to social distance, stay home when we can, and wear masks. Teachers are asked to teach in-person, remotely, or in-person and remotely. Whether you are teaching, working, or retired, your daily routines have changed.

Balance and wellness continue to be important - what you do to stay mentally, physically, and spiritually healthy needs to be a priority. Otherwise, you will not be able to give anyone 100%.

In order to maintain balance in my life:

- I play games with my kids - *Qwixx* is our favorite right now.
- I read and reflect - I am reading *The Way of Trust and Love* and *Daring to Lead*.
- I exercise - *Beachbody's 30 Day Breakaway* is the program I am completing.

What are you doing to keep your life "balanced"? Send me an email, at missyfrans@gmail.com, and let me know. I will share your ideas in the next Kappa Kappa Iota newsletter under Professional Development. Right now, learning how to stay well is most important.

DR. MELISSA FRANS, XI CHAPTER, IOTA STATE/NE
COORDINATOR OF HIGH ABILITY LEARNING AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
CRETE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Preserving Kappa History Centennial Fundraiser

Have YOU Purchased a Brick?

**NATIONAL KAPPA KAPPA
CENTENNIAL
1921-2021**

Honor a current Kappa Member, Kappa Guy, Kappa Kid, Chapter or State Officer or Local Chapter 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 beside the sidewalk in the Memorial Garden at National Headquarters. All donations will help fund renovations to Headquarters for the 100th Anniversary and beyond!

Call Headquarters to request an order form! **918-744-0389**



The Emergency Catastrophic Committee is working to compile a list of volunteers to assist National Headquarters in case of an unforeseen catastrophic event. Send your name to your State President to be on the list.

Immediate Past President Chris Hockert, TN, Chair
Cathe Kehe, OK, Co-Chair

Upsilon State, South Carolina

would like to issue a challenge. Which State can bring the most "K" dollars to the Centennial Convention Registration Area on 'K' Dollar Tuesday? What is a 'K' dollar? Look on the face of a one-dollar bill. Bring your "Ks" for Kappa!



Centennial 1921-2021 Convention ~ Pre and Post Tour Previews

The 2021 National Convention begins on Monday, June 28 with the Pre Tour offered prior to the opening of the First General Assembly and Welcome Reception.

Pre Tour, Monday, June 28 - Includes: Transportation, Admissions, Lunch & ALL Gratuities -Total Fees \$110

- ◆ The Pre Tour will take you to a place that is nestled in the open prairie of northeast Oklahoma. You will find the pace is a little slower, the people are friendlier and the food is out of this world in part thanks to Food Network TV star and Osage County resident Ree Drummond, a.k.a. **The Pioneer Woman**.
- ◆ Come along on a tour of some of the area's top museums, historic sites, shopping, dining and more as you walk in the footsteps of Ree Drummond. Discover what this little slice of heaven is all about!
- ◆ Immaculate Conception Catholic Church...known for its rare stained glass windows. This 1910 French Gothic-style Catholic church was the principal church of the Osage Tribe. Now, known as the the Immaculate Conception Church, the **Cathedral of the Osage** in Pawhuska features 22 stained glass windows that visitors can admire. Hear the story of the windows' creation while taking in the beauty of each individual pane.





Centennial Convention 1921-2021

Pre and Post Tour Previews Continued



- ◆ **Osage County Historical Society Museum** is housed in an old Santa Fe depot. This museum features western life, pioneer life, early day oil industry, Native American life, and Boy Scout displays. Pawhuska was home to the first organized, uniformed Boy Scouts troop in America, chartered in 1909 by a missionary sent from the Church of England.
- ◆ **The Pioneer Woman Mercantile** is where shopping and food is at the heart of The Pioneer Woman! Enjoy time browsing Ree Drummond's beloved restaurant, bakery, and boutique in the heart of Pawhuska, followed by a scrumptious lunch at the Merc Event Center.
- ◆ **Roaming the Osage Scenic Guided Tour** while in Pawhuska and the surrounding area while enjoying views of the Osage Hills and Tallgrass Prairie with a local guide as we make way to the Drummond Ranch. Discover the little town with a "BIG HISTORY!"
- ◆ A possible trip to **The Lodge on Drummond Ranch**. The Lodge is the family guest house, which also serves as the production location for The Pioneer Woman's Food Network show!



Post Tour, Friday and Saturday, July 2nd & July 3rd– Total Fees \$235

Includes: Transportation, Snacks, Admissions, Lunch & ALL Gratuities

Day 1 Cherokee Heritage, Friday, July 2nd

Tahlequah, the capital of the Cherokee Nation, contains a variety of hidden gems for you to discover! The Cherokee people were forced from their homes in 1836 starting what many would call "The Trail of Tears". The Cherokee were relocated to Oklahoma along with hundreds of other indigenous tribes. Enjoy views along the scenic Illinois River as we make our way to Tahlequah, to revisit history. Fall in love with shops, restaurants, museums and trails.

- ◆ **Cherokee Heritage Center** - Step back in time and experience the full richness with living history interpreters. Within the rock walls are a permanent Trail of Tears exhibit, along with other revolving history exhibits, plus the popular Cherokee Family Research Center. Learn the Cherokee style of **basket weaving** and purchase your own handcrafted basket.
- ◆ **Hunter's Home** - tour the only remaining pre-Civil War plantation home in Oklahoma.
- ◆ **Restaurant and Gift Shop of the Cherokees** - You will be welcomed with O-SI-YO (Hello) and enjoy a Cherokee style lunch. The Gift Shop features authentic Native American jewelry and art.
- ◆ **Cherokee National Prison, National Supreme Court & National History Museums**
- ◆ **Return to Hard Rock at 5pm**

Day 2 Bentonville, Saturday, July 3rd

There is no place that is unquestionably unique and strangely familiar. A place filled with culture and a strong sense of community, brimming with artistic and natural beauty. Explore with all of your senses; from fresh air in the Ozarks, to fresh cuisine on your plate. Bentonville, Arkansas...a town to visit, to see, to breathe, and to discover!

- ◆ **Walmart Museum** - The original location of the Walton's 5 & 10, launched by Sam Walton in 1950.
- ◆ **Shopping Downtown Bentonville**
- ◆ **Peel Mansion Museum and Heritage Gardens and Lunch** - Travel to a log cabin, to an Italian Mansion, and finally to the Heritage Gardens and enjoy lunch while taking in the fresh air of the Ozarks!
- ◆ **Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art** - Nestled in 120 acres of Ozark woods with miles of trails. Stroll through the permanent collection. Some of the best-known names in American art have works on display; Gilbert Stuart's George Washington, Asher B. Durand's Kindred Spirits, and Norman Rockwell's Rosie the Riveter.
- ◆ **Return to Hard Rock at 5pm**

Thank You for Your Generous Donations!

GENERAL FUND

Any Budgeted Area of Need

2020 Memphis Convention

In Honor of Chris Hockert

June Moore, Beta Chapter, Gamma State/KS

Jeri Hunter, Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK

In Memory of my brother,

Earl 'Sandy' Elliott, MD

Margaret Gund, Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK

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Alpha Rho Chapter, Alpha State/OK

In Memory of Earl 'Sandy' Elliott, MD

Carolyn Dye, Zeta State/MO

In Memory of Dick Schneider,

Husband of Charlotte Schneider

Alpha Rho Chapter, Alpha State/OK

In Memory of Barbara Sans,

Cathy Pinkston's Mother

Margaret Gund, Alpha State/OK

In Memory of Sandra Cousins and

Barbara Sans

Phi State/OH

In Memory of PJ Russell



Memorial Garden

Psi State/TN

In Memory of Patsy Morris

General Headquarters Maintenance

Theta Chapter, Lambda State/GA

In Memory of Jerry D'Arcy,

Husband of Johnette D'Arcy

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Undesignated

Zeta Chapter, Phi State/OH

In Memory of Joyce Sainato

Delta Chapter, Psi State/TN

In Memory of Patsy Morris

Past State Presidents

Connie Schobert, Gamma, Omicron State/IA

In Memory of PSPs that entered

The Omega Chapter 2019-2020 and

In Memory of Marylea Hall

Mary Lou Hughes, Alpha/Beta Pi/Eta State/ LA

In Memory of Eta State Presidents;

Margaret Burlew and Vyrtilis Cox

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Iota State/NE



Make a Difference Day ~ Saturday, October 24th, 2020

Please send an article and/or pictures of your project to Kappa Headquarters.

Thank you, Kay Palush, President-Elect and Philanthropic Chair