



# The Kappa PROFILE

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## 71st Annual National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee CANCELLED DUE TO PANDEMIC "Kappas Twist and Shout for Kappa"



It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as 2019-2020 National President. I encourage Kappa Members to become engaged on the National Level to learn new leadership skills and understand how the business of Kappa Kappa Iota is conducted on a daily basis.

During my travels to the rotation states, I did encounter many great, knowledgeable, and resourceful Kappas. I believe every Kappa Kappa Iota member has the talent and skills necessary to be a great organizational leader to guide us through the next century.

I want to thank each and every Kappa Kappa Iota member for their confidence and willingness to support me as your National President. Your kindness and hospitality during this year is very much appreciated.

I want to thank Team 2020, volunteers from LA, TN, AR, MS, and my Psi/TN Kappa sisters for their dedication and hard work to make plans for a memorable convention that did not happen due to Covid 19.

On my journey as National President we all "Twisted and Shouted for Kappa." I have received many words of advice, encouragement, and a great deal of support from our Past National Presidents and the "Twisted Rockettes," our 2019-2020 State Presidents.

I am delighted to turn the gavel over to your next leader Brenda Morrison, Rho/NC, as National President. Brenda has demonstrated great understanding, patience, love, kindness, and willingness to help others during her term on the National Executive Committee. Brenda will do a fantastic job as your new National President for the Centennial year 2020-2021.

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### Installation of National President Brenda Morrison via Zoom

Top L to R: President Chris Hockert, Parliamentarian (PNP) Sue Hagan, Immediate Past President Jennifer Otradovec, President-Elect Brenda Morrison, 1st Vice President Kay Palush, Executive Director Marilyn Bridges, 2nd Vice President Phyllis Thomas, Secretary Kathy Smith, PNP Laurie Konrad, Ann Burnette, PNP Melinda Sams

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

### General Fund

#### Any Budgeted Area of Need

Carolyn McElveen, Iota Chapter, Eta State/LA

*In Memory of Margaret Burlew*

Mu Chapter, Lambda State/GA

Margaret Gund, Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK

*In Memory of Lacy LeGall's Father*

*In Memory of Coy Dale Coffman, Jr.*

*In Memory of Linda McLaughlin's Husband,*

*Howard McLaughlin*

*In Memory of Rose Tollette's Relatives;*

*Niece Cheryl Tollette,*

*Brother-in-Law Bob Butler and*

*Cousin Sissy McCaitins*

*In Memory of Sharon Russell's Sister*

Alpha Rho, Alpha State/OK

*In Memory of Sharon Russel's Sister*

Rho State/NC

*In Honor of Nancy Morgan and Betsy Ross*

Laurie Konrad, Kappa Chapter, Iota State/NE

*In Memory of my Father Kenneth L. Ray*

Gracie Lee, Chi State/HI

*In Memory of My Mother May Look*

Lambda State/GA

Xi Chapter, Phi State/OH

#### General Headquarters Maintenance

Psi Chapter, Rho State/NC

Epsilon Beta Chapter, Alpha State/OK

Iota Chapter, Lambda State/GA

Bronnie Rose, Alpha Iota, Epsilon State/AR

Wanda Rombach, Gamma Beta, Alpha State/OK

#### Memorial Garden

Alpha Rho, Eta State/LA

*In Memory of Nancy Hurlbut*

#### Special Projects

Zeta State/MO ~ Gamma Chapter, Psi/TN ~ Rho/NC ~

Lambda State/GA ~ Mu Chapter, Rho/NC

### Collect "Ks" for Kappa



The Centennial Committee held an impromptu meeting at the conclusion of the March 7th, 2020 Spring Tulsa Area Council Bunco Scholarship Fundraiser. It was discussed having an additional "Special 'K' Dollar Bill" fundraiser

at the June 2020 National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. Since the National Convention was canceled, **Upsilon State, South Carolina would like to issue a challenge** to all states to see which State President can bring the most "K" dollars to the State Presidents' Meeting in October. For those that do not know what a "K" dollar is – look on the face of a one-dollar bill and bring your "Ks" for Kappa!

~ Past National President Sue Hagan, Upsilon/SC ~

### National Philanthropic

#### Kempe Donations

#### January 2020 ~ June 2020

Delta Chapter

Alpha Rho Chapter, Alpha State/OK

Gamma Gamma Chapter, Delta State/TX

Delta Chapter, Eta State/LA

Alpha Gamma Chapter

Alpha Gamma Chapter, Epsilon State/AR

Northwest Council, Eta State/LA

Xi State/FL

Alpha Beta Chapter, Zeta State/MO

Upsilon Chapter, Xi State/FL

Nu Chapter, Epsilon State/AR

Gamma Mu Chapter

Xi Chapter, Phi State/OH

Mu Chapter

Psi Chapter, Rho State/NC

Pi Chapter

Alpha Delta Chapter, Mu State/MS

Rho Chapter

Diane Ross

Alpha Pi Chapter

Iota Chapter, Lambda State/GA

Carol Lunsford

Mu Chapter, Lambda State/GA

Mu Chapter

Iota Chapter, Eta State/LA

Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Alpha State/OK

Epsilon Chapter

Kappa Chapter, Rho State/NC

Upsilon Chapter, Mu State/MS

Delta Chapter

Theta Chapter

Gamma Kappa Chapter, Delta State/TX

### Preserving Kappa History Centennial Fundraiser

Honor 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 of the sidewalk in the Memorial Garden, continuing into the courtyard at National Headquarters. All donations will help fund

**NATIONAL KAPPA KAPPA  
CENTENNIAL  
1921-2021**

## ✓ 2020-2021 National Officers

National President Brenda Morrison, Rho/NC  
 President-Elect Kay Palush, Nu/CA  
 First Vice President Phyllis Thomas, Eta/LA  
 Second Vice President Kathy Smith, Theta/AL  
 Secretary Carolyn Garretson, Beta/NM  
 Parliamentarian Melinda Sams, Lambda/GA  
 Immediate Past President Chris Hockert, Psi/TN

✓ The Five Year Strategic Plan, \$10 Dues Increase and 2020-2021 Budget Passed

## 2019-2020 Convention Book

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, a limited number of Convention Report Books will be printed. Usually, the Convention Report Books are printed from the funds that members send in for Convention Registration.

This year, if you would like to have a 2020 National Convention Book, the purchase price (includes; printing, shipping and handling) will be \$10.

**Please send check before August 1st made payable to:**

**National Kappa Kappa Iota ~**  
 Memo Line: 2020 Convention Book

Thank you,  
 Jennifer Otradovec, Immediate Past President

## Scholarships 2020-2021

**Marcelle Bridgeman, Lambda/GA**  
 Scholarship Chair

**Jean Terrell Scholarship**  
 Sherry Read, Alpha/OK~ \$2000

**Retired Educator Grant**  
 Dr. Sandra Leder, Eta/LA ~ \$1000

**Non-Member Educational Grant**  
 Tiffany Cone ~ OK ~ \$750  
 Morgan Kirchman ~ FL ~ \$500

## "Kappas Reaching for the Stars -Making a Difference" National President Brenda Morrison, Rho State/NC



July 1, 2020 in a Zoom meeting, I was officially installed as your new National President of Kappa Kappa Iota for the 2020-2021 year. Past National Presidents; Janice Jones (Rho) and Laurie Konrad (Iota), and Ann Burnette (Upsilon) provided a beautiful modified installation. I am more than honored to serve as your National President and will strive to uphold the values and morals of our Kappa Kappa Iota Code of Ethics. **The purpose of our organization is to promote the advancement of education by providing an effective network for the exchange of education and teaching practices by educators.**

Our new Strategic Plan will guide us in working together to achieve our goals. Each of us can make it our goal to reach for the stars as we strive to be and do our very best. Each of us can choose daily to make a difference. Thank you for this opportunity to serve Kappa Kappa Iota as part of the New Executive Committee along with the other officers who have been elected or appointed. With your support we can and will do great things together this coming year.

## President-Elect Kay Palush

I hope this letter finds you and your family well, as this certainly has been a trying few months for America, and for the World. COVID-19 has required all of us to adapt and be patient. As Kappas we remain strong. Our commitment to each member has not changed. We have continued to conduct the business of the organization, support our members and their families through empathy, scholarships, and networking at a distance using Zoom. In 2021 we will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as an organization. Many of our traditions have never changed. In 1921 many Americans could not afford to donate. They often helped others by "passing the hat", raising money for Kappa Kappa Iota scholarships, and helping Kappa members...a tradition we still practice. We have stood with our members through natural disasters, the Great Depression, the "Kappa Katastropic" and, now, Covid-19. We have always come away stronger. Kappas will always have a heart for philanthropy, empathy, prayers for others, and a passion for education. I look forward to being able to fully reinstate our activities, hold our conventions, recognize and appreciate our elected officers, meet with our chapters, and help our teachers "teach" in classrooms.

## **Engaging Families ~ By Dr. Melissa Frans, Xi Chapter, Iota State/NE**

Family engagement is a hot topic in education. All over the country, schools are writing strategies and implementing plans to improve their family engagement practices. During the 2017-2018 year, I was given the opportunity to research and then write, *Family Engagement: Finding Parents' Perspectives*. The following is the definition my research yield for family engagement:

**Family engagement happens both at school and at home. Strong partnerships  
Between families and schools form when a strong school community is prevalent  
And open, reciprocal communication is established, and the whole child is developed.  
Parents should be valued as the primary educators of their children and their ideas should  
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Welcome in schools, and the importance of education should be supported at home. (Frans, 2018)**

One of the best indicators of student success is a supportive family. As educators, we want to empower families to lead their children to success. If a family asks you, "How can I help my child achieve his/her goals?", you can respond by saying:

### **Make learning important in your home.**

- Designate a quiet, study or reading time at home.
- Ask your child what he/she is learning at school.
- Make sure your child is getting enough sleep.
- Have conversations about interesting topics.
- Read together.
- Attend open house, special events, parent/teacher conferences, and band/choir concerts.
- Communicate with the school when your child is going to be absent, is struggling, and has questions.

**With these strategies, there is a higher indication of family engagement, and, therefore, student success!**