



Kappa Kappa Gamma

Tradition of Leadership

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# Historically Speaking.....

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Carl Sagan, noted astrologer, said, "You must look to the past to see the future."

Kristin Van Ogtrop, editor of *Real Simple* magazine, says, "History is pattern recognition."

Linda Patton, Theta Province Director of Alumnae, said in her 2010 Candlelight Banquet speech, "If we look at the pieces of our lives, we see the kaleidoscope of who we have been, who we are and who we want to be."

What patterns and pieces of living did our Founders leave for us?

Louise Bennett Boyd, one of the four original signers of Alpha Chapter's charter, wrote, "Our aim was to draw into the society the choicest spirits among the girls, not only for literary work, but also for social development. Of course, we thought always, that we had the very brightest and best of all who came (our egotism seems very amusing at this day, but you know just how students feel)."

So, our Founders laid patterns for us as early as 1870. These patterns included:

- Scholarship
- Community service
- Increasing membership with quality women.

Through the years, Kappa Kappa Gamma has prided itself on repeating the patterns set by our Founders.

Chapters continue to excel in scholarship and provide many hours and financial contributions to their communities. Our membership has grown from the original six to 238,467 collegiate and alumna members today.

In the April 1938 issue of *The Key*, Ina Craig Sarorius, ΓH, National Scholarship Chairman, reported that 30 of our 72 chapters were first, second or third on their respective campuses in scholarship. Alpha Chapter was awarded the Kiwanis Club Silver Cup on Scholarship Day for maintaining the highest average during the second semester of 1936-37. The summer 2010 issue of *The Key* lists 163 members with a 4.0 GPA.

In 1925, Xi Chapter held a combination bake and rummage sale and raised about \$80. In 2010, through fundraising activities on campuses and in their communities, chapters contributed \$67,865 to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

Membership in Kappa started with the six Founders we all know and love: Mary Louise Bennett, Hannah Jeannette Boyd, Mary Moore Stewart, Anna Elizabeth Willits, Susan Burley Walker and Martha Louisa Stevenson. In the 2009-10 fiscal year, 5,192 members were initiated.

How are you setting patterns for those who follow us? What patterns are you setting for the future of our organization?