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- To inform, inspire and challenge
- To promote leadership, scholarship and friendship
- To sustain and nurture loyalty and interest
- To recognize the accomplishments of individuals, groups, the Fraternity and its Foundation
- To provide a forum for an exchange of information and opinion
- To be a permanent record.

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Thank You, Sisters

This past spring was filled with activities for chapters and alumnae associations. Thank you for what each of you is doing to make Kappa Kappa Gamma the special organization we treasure.

Some of you are aware that in addition to my volunteer role as Fraternity President, I have a career with Eli Lilly and Company. Although I am able to retire from Eli Lilly, I have decided to delay that for some time. In fact, I have started a significant initiative that will last beyond the next biennium and make available time an even greater challenge for me. With this in mind, I have removed my name from the nominating list for Fraternity office, as I believe this is in the best interest of Kappa and me and my family.

In no way is my decision meant to deter those who seek to balance Kappa in their busy lives. I truly am in awe and appreciative of the many volunteers who generously give of their time while caring for children and elderly parents, serving in leadership roles in their communities, managing a household and being employed outside the home. Such is Kappa's Tradition of Leadership.

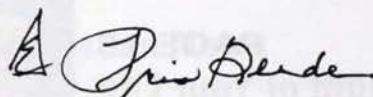
I have truly enjoyed this biennium and the exciting things we have accomplished. I strongly believe it is time to once again shift leadership to enable Kappa to make another leap forward. Since 1970 I have served Kappa in some capacity each year and I look forward to supporting you and your initiatives in the future.

We are an organization with a wealth of talent. I continue to be excited by the challenges to Kappa and now is a good time to transition leadership.

One thing I ask of each of you: Please encourage others and enable them to see the value of volunteering for Kappa. We will need to continue to grow our talent to make sure we are a relevant and vibrant organization when we celebrate our sesquicentennial in 2020.

Again, thanks for giving your time, talent and treasure to my favorite organization of women supporting women.

Loyally,

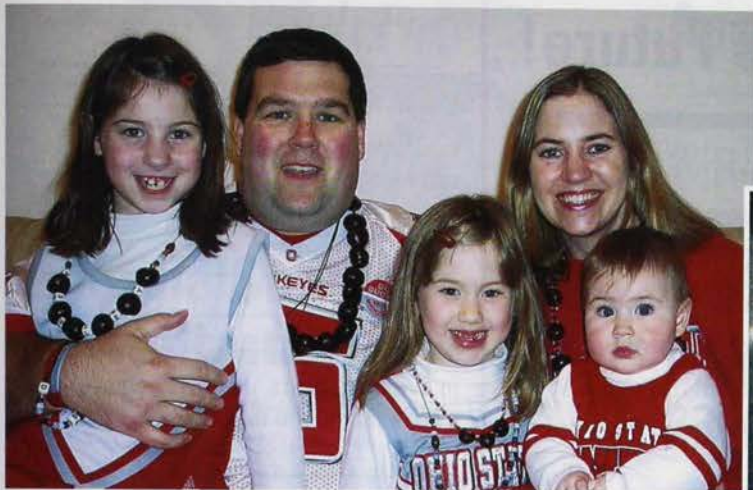


PRISCILLA (PRIS) MURPHY GERDE, *Purdue*
Fraternity President



Our Mission Statement

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.



JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER, *Bowling Green*, with husband Chris and daughters (L to R) Ashley, Anna and Ava.



KRISTIN JOHNSON STYERS, *Georgia Southern*

Editor Says Farewell

It has been a great pleasure serving you over the past nine years, but the time has come for me to step down as Editor of *The Key*. This has been a difficult decision, but my three young daughters need more of my time and attention, so I am letting go of the deadlines and responsibilities that *The Key* requires.

I am truly going to miss the job and everyone involved with it. I say a heartfelt "thank-you" to the wonderful and talented Editorial Board members. It has been my honor and privilege to work with so many talented and dedicated volunteers. I also thank our readers who have offered feedback, as well as support and encouragement through the years.

It is my pleasure to pass the torch to the newly appointed Editor, KRISTIN JOHNSON STYERS, *Georgia Southern*. Her educational background includes a bachelor's degree in English from Georgia Southern University and a juris doctorate, *cum laude*, from the University of Baltimore.

From 1997-2003, Kristin filled several roles within the Communications Department at Fraternity Headquarters

involving writing, editing, printing and production. She was involved with the *History 2000* project, *Leadership Guide*, the Fraternity's first Web site and numerous other publications and programs. She is also a former Collegiate News Editor for *The Key*. Kristin and husband Adam have 11-year-old twins, Kara and Will.

I know Kristin will enjoy the same support and cooperation you have given me. Our award-winning publication, which is approaching its 125th anniversary, is in excellent hands. Please welcome Kristin, and share your thoughts with her about what you would like to see in future issues. *The Key* truly exemplifies Kappa's Tradition of Leadership, and I am proud to have been a part of it.

Love and loyalty,

JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER, *Bowling Green*
Editor 1997-2006

Welcome New Editorial Board Member

The Key welcomes new Editorial Board member JANICE (JANNIE) THOMAS BARRON, *Missouri*. Jannie brings a wealth of experience to the board. Recently retired from directing the Aerospace Engineering Short Course Program at the University of Kansas, she has been involved with the Fraternity for many years. She is currently the President of the LAWRENCE (KAN.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, and a former member of the OMEGA, *Kansas*, Advisory Board. She also has held officer positions in the GREATER KANSAS CITY (MO.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION. Jannie will serve as Contributing Editor.

The Editorial Board is seeking a Collegiate News Editor with strong writing and interviewing skills. This volunteer position requires approximately 10-20 hours per month and computer access (high-speed Internet connection preferred). Attendance at an annual Editorial Board meeting is required. Related expenses are reimbursed. For a detailed job description, contact KRISTIN JOHNSON STYERS, *Georgia Southern*, Editor, at Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038, (866) KKG-1870, or via e-mail, kstyers@kkg.org. Qualified applicants will be referred to the Editorial Board for approval by Fraternity Council.

Help Shape Kappa's Future!

Please send in your thoughts for the Fraternity's strategic plan! At this year's Convention, former Fraternity President, ANN STAFFORD TRUESDELL, Ohio Wesleyan, and the Long-Range Planning Chairman, BETH SHARP, Penn State, will be facilitating several focus groups. The feedback gathered from these discussions and from your responses to the questions below will be shared with the new Fraternity Council as it begins work on a new strategic plan.

If you have any questions about the process, feel free to contact Beth Sharp at bsharp@aerosoles.com, or DENISE RUGANI, UC Davis, Fraternity Vice President, at drugani@earthlink.net, or Ann Truesdell, at astruesdell@cs.com. Thank you for your participation—your input is invaluable.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Strategic Plan Survey

Hurry! Respond by July 15, 2006!

E-mail your responses to kkghq@kappa.org or mail to Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity Headquarters, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038 or fax (614) 228-7809.

Optional

Please include your information if you would be like to be notified that your feedback was received.

Name _____
(First) (Last) (Maiden)

Address _____
(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(College/University Attended)

Phone number () _____

E-mail address _____

This form is for your convenience only. You may send your responses on a separate sheet or via e-mail if you wish.

1. How do we make Kappa more accessible to our membership?

2. How do we make Kappa more relevant to you?

3. Think about where you see yourself in five to 10 years. How do you see Kappa fitting into that vision?

4. What should Kappa:

- Keep doing to meet your needs?
- Do differently?

5. How can Kappa distinguish itself from all the other choices that vie for your time and energy?

6. Think about other organizations that are successful in attracting and retaining members. What are they doing to make their organizations so appealing?

7. If you had an opportunity to sit down with the new Council and give them one piece of advice, what would it be?

8. Please share any additional thoughts that are not covered by these questions.



Georgia Southern Revitalization

Kappa Kappa Gamma is reestablishing the ZETA UPSILON Chapter at Georgia Southern University. We are looking for fresh faces with leadership skills to get the chapter off to a bright new start.

If you know of a potential member who will be attending Georgia Southern in the fall of 2006, please contact ELIZABETH BAILEY, *Mississippi*, Province Director of Chapters, at 2393 Caladium Dr., Atlanta, GA 30345, or via e-mail, baileyeliz@aol.com or MARY TILESTON WAGNER, *South Carolina*, Province Director of Alumnae, at 6623 Formosa Dr., Columbia, SC 29206, or via e-mail marytwagner@yahoo.com.

As we reestablish Zeta Upsilon Chapter we are looking for potential members who are leaders within your community—women who will carry on Kappa's Tradition of Leadership. Thank you for helping us find the future leaders of this chapter!

Membership Directories— Just for Kappas

Did you know that Kappa Kappa Gamma member directories (lists of names and addresses of Kappas available through Fraternity Headquarters) are for the use of alumna and undergraduate members of Kappa Kappa Gamma only in conducting Fraternity business and shall not be used for non-Fraternity business or furnished to or used by anyone outside the Fraternity?

This policy also includes directories created and maintained by alumnae associations and chapters. These directories are private and may be used only by our members for Kappa-related purposes. Online member information is only available to other Kappas via a secure, password-protected site; however, if you do not want your contact information available on the Web site, please call the Membership Services Department at Fraternity Headquarters at (866) KKG-1870 or kkgHQ@kappa.org.

New Alumnae Associations

Kappa Kappa Gamma welcomes the following alumnae associations. To join the TEMECULA VALLEY (CALIF.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, contact KELLY WHITE DANIEL, *Arizona*, at 4kdaniel@msn.com or (951) 244-8842. To join the NORTH CENTRAL OHIO ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, contact KELLY BOSSERMAN, *Tennessee*, at kbossvol90@msn.com or (440) 734-3899.

Leadership Academy 2006 Is Coming!

Kappa Kappa Gamma is pleased to announce the 2006 Leadership Academy to be held September 28 through October 1, 2006. Funded through a generous grant from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, there is no cost to participants.



Leadership Academy is an intensive four-day retreat at Bradford Woods outdoor education center in Martinsville, Ind. A fun-filled experience, the Leadership Academy features outdoor leadership challenges, personal reflection and group interaction, while encouraging participants to reach their leadership potential. Programming was developed in partnership with the TomPeters! Company and Bradford Woods.

An intergenerational event, Leadership Academy is open to one representative from each chapter and 70 alumnae from across the United States and Canada. Plumb your leadership potential!

If you are interested in attending Leadership Academy this fall or simply want more information, please contact Marla Williams, Director of Education and Training, at (614) 228-6515, ext. 132 or e-mail to mwilliams@kkg.org. Openings may still be available.

Online Rose McGill Magazine Orders

Members and non-members can now order magazines via the Kappa Kappa Gamma Web site. The new features include an online catalog and secure credit card transactions. Ordering online is easy and secure! Here's how:

- 1 Go to www.kappa.org/rose.
- 2 Log in using your member number found on *The Key* mailing label or for non-members, create a log-in.
- 3 Browse the online catalog to make your magazine selections.
- 4 Fill out the order form with your credit card information and submit.

You may also use the online order process if you are using a check; however, the order will not be processed until the check is received. The online order form will guide you through the process.

The Rose McGill Fund, established in 1922, provides confidential aid to deserving Kappas of all ages who unexpectedly find themselves in financial need due to misfortune or illness. Approximately 50 percent of the price of each subscription comes back to Kappa. Read a Rose McGill recipient's story on Page 31.

Ordering magazines online is easy and secure with this new feature on www.kappa.org/rose.

Chapter Finances Now Online

The Chapter Finance Department is pleased to offer our chapters the *QuickBooks 2006* online edition! As soon as the 2005-06 year-end finance materials are submitted by chapter Treasurers to Fraternity Headquarters, they can transition to the *QuickBooks 2006* online edition. Transitioning to a Web-based chapter finance program will be more convenient—no software to install and maintain, improved support, and new features that allow for e-mailing member invoices and paperless reporting to Fraternity Headquarters. For more information, contact the Chapter Finance Department at (614) 228-6515, ext. 105.

Share Your Story or Expertise

The Key is considering future stories on eating disorders, depression and online communities—Facebook, MySpace, Xanga, etc. If you are willing to share your story or if you have a professional or personal background in any of these areas or other topics that you feel would be of interest to readers of *The Key*, please contact KRISTIN STYERS via e-mail at kstyers@kkg.org or call (800) KKG-1870, ext. 124. Articles used may be edited for clarity, length and style by the Editorial Board.

For submission guidelines, see Page 7. For more detailed instructions, visit www.kappa.org and click on "The Key."

Protect Your Badge



In order to ensure that your membership badge is properly protected, please fill out the form below and keep it with your badge or personal papers. This simple step will help make sure that your precious badge, an official emblem of the Fraternity, does not fall into the possession of a nonmember who may not realize its significance.



Kappa Kappa Gamma Badge Disposition Instructions

I, _____,
as a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, request
that my membership badge, a one-inch golden
key bearing the Greek letters KKTΓ and ΑΩΩ,
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___ left to my sister, daughter, granddaughter,
great-granddaughter or other direct legacy
connection.

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to be used as an award badge for _____.

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association to be used as _____.

___ buried with me.

Date: _____

Member Signature: _____

Keep with your badge or legal documents.



What *The Key* Is Looking for:

- Feature stories that inform, inspire and challenge.
- Stories that exhibit leadership, scholarship and friendship.
- Informative, heartwarming or humorous stories.
- Stories with broad appeal to our more than 160,500 readers.
- Good ideas from one alumnae association or chapter that may be used by others.
- Feature articles from Kappa experts in various fields of interest.
- Articles about Greek and campus trends.

What *The Key* Can't Use—and Why:

- Stories or photographs of weddings, babies, birthdays and 50-, 65- and 75-year pin recipients. (There are simply too many to allow for fairness and broad reader interest. These are more appropriate for local alumnae association and chapter newsletters.)
- Photos that show glasses, bottles or cans that may contain alcohol.
- Obituaries or profiles of deceased members (Exceptions are made for former Fraternity Presidents.)

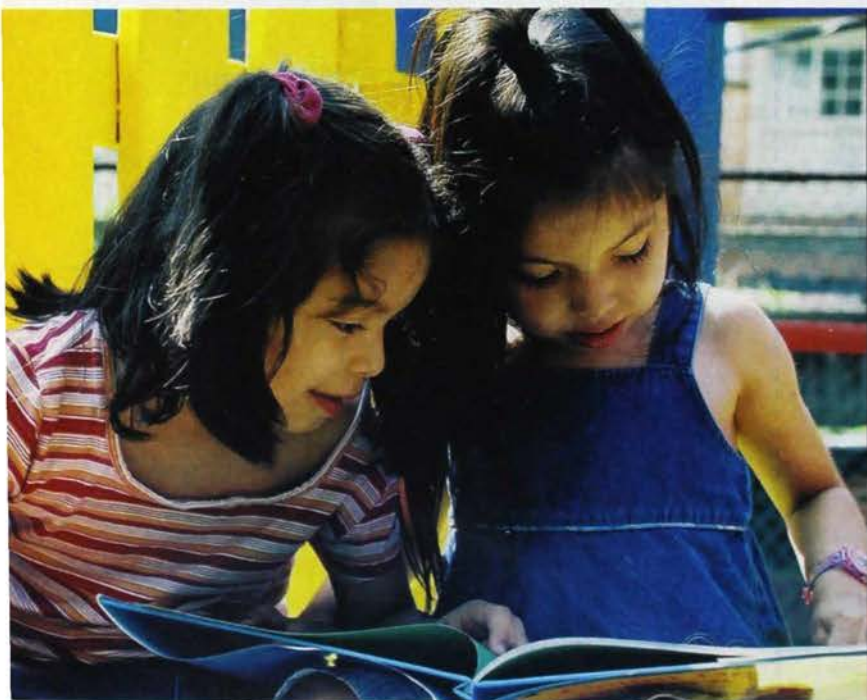
Tips for Submitting Photographs to *The Key*

- Digital images and film prints are acceptable—but digital photographs must be large, high resolution (300 dpi).
- Use at least a 3.2-megapixel camera on the highest-quality settings. The resolution must be set on large, while the compression must be set on superfine.
- Images must originally be captured at the highest/largest resolution. Taking a picture with a small-resolution setting, then increasing the file size to 300 dpi in a photo-management program won't work!
- Aim for good lighting, minimal clutter and no beverage containers. Have your group step away from the dinner table and find an uncluttered area.
- Get up close so faces can be seen.

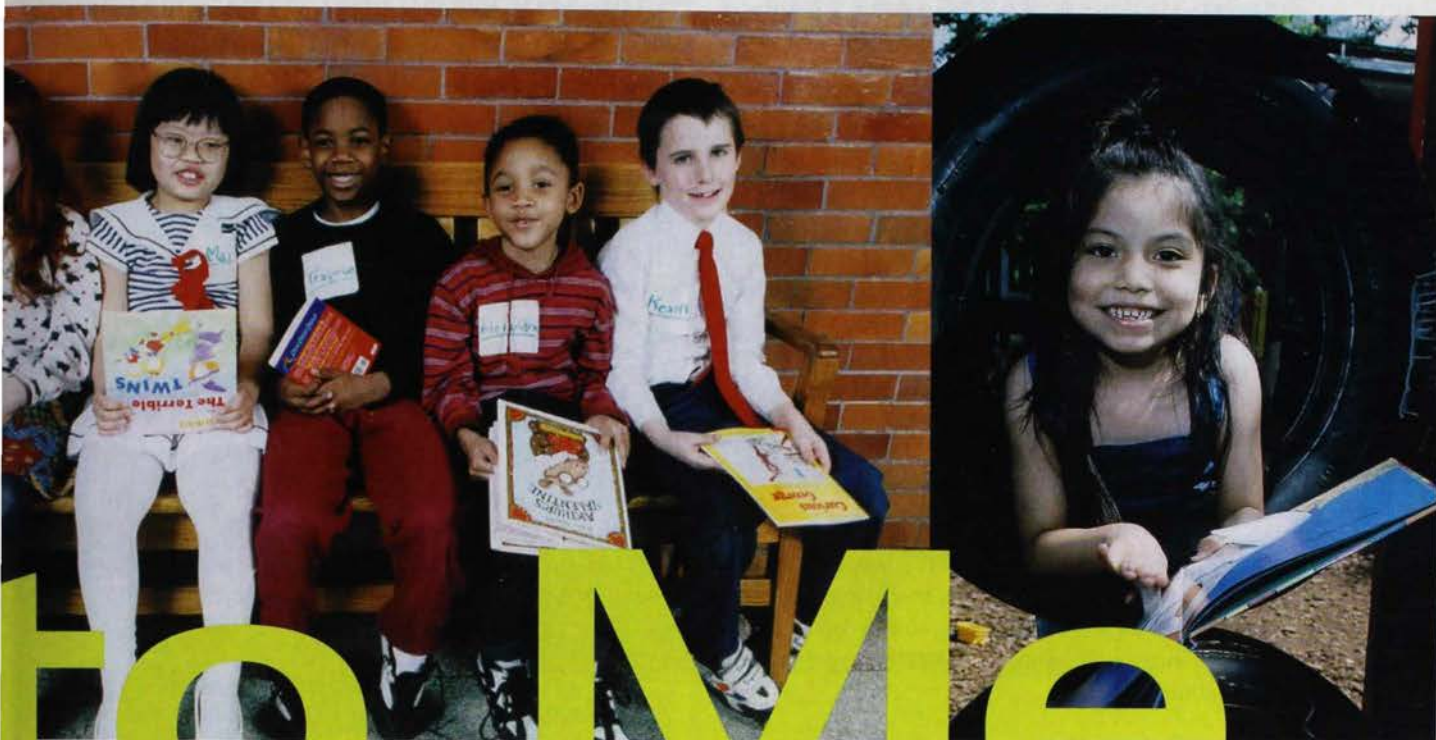
When we talk about reading and children, it's easy to get lost amid statistics and test scores. While extremely important, they are not, and should not be, the whole story. Reading is more than a mechanical, measurable exercise; it's a journey into the human imagination, a doorway to new worlds and boundless possibilities.

Read

Reading Is Fundamental for



— By TARA GRECO, *William and Mary*, Director of Public Relations, RIF



to Me

ur Children and Our Future

Reading Is Fun

Reading Is Fundamental's (RIF) efforts in communities across the United States are rooted in the idea that to ensure that children *can* read, it's vital to ensure that they *want* to read. Our task should be not just to create competent readers, but to shape new generations of willing and eager readers. We should never forget that reading should be fun. As we strive to increase reading achievement, let's always leave room for the joy of discovering new worlds and ideas, the excitement of unfolding mysteries, and the recognition of ourselves in a well-formed character.

Create Lifelong Readers

While the magic of reading might not show up on test scores, it can be written in the hearts of children who are given the chance to experience it. The best way to create lifelong readers is to show children that reading is about *life*. It cannot happen without access to books and to caring adults eager to forge that special bond between children and the world of reading.

Statistics show that most students do not read for pleasure regularly, and that the older they get, the less they read. The most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) scores reveal that only 43 percent of fourth-graders and a mere 19 percent of eighth-graders read for fun every day.

This decline poses a danger to literacy levels, especially as children head into summer vacation. According to the Johns Hopkins Center for Summer Learning, students—particularly children from low-income families—can lose as much as two months of reading achievement during summer break. Over the years, this gap can lead some children to fall more than two years behind their peers in verbal achievement.

Plant a Seed

This is where RIF comes in. The millions of books RIF provides each year are seeds planted in the imaginations of children, ready to be nurtured by families, caring adults, teachers and entire communities.

Every community can take action to keep children reading. As parents, family members, community

organizers, childcare professionals, health-care professionals, clergy or even business leaders, we must lead community-wide efforts that show that we think reading is important, and we find joy in reading.

Start Reading Early

We must encourage a child's language and literacy development before that child can even walk. We must share books with infants from birth, when language and reading experiences begin to build a foundation for future reading achievement. And as they grow, we must continue to talk with our children—about books, about play, about events in our daily lives—because this is how children learn to use and understand language.

Read at Home

In the home, families can support good reading habits. For the youngest children, motivating them to read can be as simple as sharing stories together regularly. Snuggle with them, read to them, get them excited about books.


Set an Example

Reaching older students requires different strategies. Find ways to link reading to their current interests. For the baseball fan or player, suggest reading a favorite player's biography. Remember that anything a child reads, from comic books to the current sports or teen magazines to a short novel, helps build reading skills. Keep plenty of books, magazines and newspapers available and make an effort to be seen reading them yourself; your reading habits will set an example that will encourage a child to read.

Use Local Resources

Supporting children's reading habits is also a community responsibility, and it can be done even with limited resources. Work through libraries and community activity centers to establish programs such as summertime book clubs or reading mentorship programs that partner older students with young children. These activities provide an outlet that will not only improve reading skills, but will also make students feel good about doing it.

Stay Committed

Literacy is a defining issue for all of us. The literate children of today become the literate adults of tomorrow, staffing our workforce, contributing to our economy, and directing our future. We owe it to them—and to ourselves—to make a commitment to keep them interested in reading and learning. 

Many children and adults struggle with reading....

■ Thirty-six percent of American fourth-graders read below the "Basic" level on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reading test (National Center for Education Statistics [NCES], 2005).

■ Forty million adults in the United States can't read well enough to read a simple story to a child (NCES, 1992).

■ The number of high school seniors who read at or above "Proficient" has been declining since 1992, according to the NAEP reading test (NCES, 2002).

■ Fourth-graders who reported having 25 books or more at home had higher scores on the NAEP reading test than children who reported they didn't have that many books (NCES, 2005).

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Celebrating the Joy of Reading for 40 Years

Reading Is Fundamental, Inc. (RIF), founded in 1966, motivates children to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life. RIF's highest priority is reaching underserved children from birth to age 8. Through community volunteers in every state and U.S. territory, RIF provides 4.5 million children with 16 million new, free books and literacy resources each year. For more information and to access reading resources, visit www.rif.org.

On November 3, 2006, RIF will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Activities and events are occurring throughout the year to mark the occasion. Log on to www.rif.org/40years to learn how you can join the celebration.

Kappas Across the Continent Support RIF

In support of RIF, the **ST. PETERSBURG ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** donated more than 20 books to the Christmas Toy Shop, a nonprofit organization which distributes toys to underprivileged children.



NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY ALUMNAE support RIF by collecting pre-school children's books for a new library being started at *Casa de Amparo*, a residential facility for abused children. The project started slowly but picked up steam when **MARY ANN FRASER KENNEDY, Pennsylvania**, pictured, announced that she, personally, had collected more than 150 books. Not only did she collect the books, but offered to label them with the Kappa Kappa Gamma bookplate available from the Fraternity. This successful project made more than 250 books available to *Casa de Amparo*.



The **DESERT ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION** combined their support of RIF with a project to benefit the children of the nearby 29 Palms Marine Corps base. Members raised \$2,500 to purchase personal activity books that use games and pictures to help explain the concepts of military life, including deployment, dealing with emotions and taking pride in being a member of a military family. An additional \$150 is earmarked for an essay contest for children at the base to write about "What this library means to me."

Presenting the check to Major Matt Baker, (center), Deputy Director of Marine Corps Community Services at 29 Palms are (L to R), **PENNY PENROSE BIGNOLD, Whitman**, **ANN PLUMPTON BROADWELL, UCLA**, association President **TRICIA STAPLES BOTHMER, Utah**, and **DONNA JEAN ROEBEL DARBY, Michigan State**, RIF Project Chairman.

Lean on Me

When hope seems lost, Kappa sisters are there.

—By COLBY ROGERS (McNAMARA) CORMIER, *Michigan State*

Last year, what began as a simple reunion of Kappa sisters became a pivotal event in the lives of five women, me included. We never dreamed that our Kappa friendships could have such a meaningful impact on our lives so long after college.

KATHY LINDE, *Michigan State*, planned a summer reunion for Kappa sisters who pledged in the early 1970s. Kathy, who had never been married, was blissfully unaware that in a few months she would die of pancreatic cancer. By gathering friends around her, she unknowingly set up the support structure she would need for her impending diagnosis.



KATHY LINDE and her beloved dogs enjoy their time together. This picture was taken a month before her death.

MARY JO STACKS and MARI WINSOR make sure KATHY LINDE (right) enjoys her time in Hawaii.



Another Kappa in our group, KATHIE SINCLAIR, *Michigan State*, joined us at the reunion. She, like all of us, looked forward to laughing, crying, sharing memories and absorbing the stories of each other's lives. Years ago, her own life had taken a dramatic turn when her husband left her and their three-year-old daughter, and she was alone to provide for and take sole responsibility for their child. Kathie worked and reared her daughter and remained single for 27 years.

Like Kathie Sinclair, I had a painful story to share. My four sons and I were devastated four years ago when my husband, their father, died suddenly. My youngest, James, was 12 on that day. Now, at 16, he is as excited as any young man about getting his driver's license and owning his first car. For my family it has been invaluable to have the care and support of dear friends during difficult times.

Another Kappa who reminisced with us at the reunion is MARY JO STACKS, *Michigan State*. She helped with the planning, and the event was marvelous. MARI WINSOR, *Michigan State*, came too, and we marveled at how the days had long since passed when an impending exam was a crisis and our dress size was of overpowering importance. All of us had dealt with problems, and many of us had shouldered the greater

burdens of a failed marriage, a sick child or the death of a husband. Our college friendships had established a base and the shared memories were precious. As we laughed about the past, something of far more substance began to grow. The pains of our lives could be offered up so that others might give sympathy, support, encouragement, prayers and help. Since my husband's death, I have learned how much this support matters.

Later, I wrote to Kathy and Mary Jo to thank them for planning the reunion and especially for the renewed friendships that came from it. There were e-mails flying among us, lunch dates planned and promises to get together again soon. The past year proved to us that the Kappa experience can rise to the most serious of life challenges, and mean far more to us than we had imagined those many years ago.

When Kathy Linde was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on April 1, 2005, she didn't have a family structure to help her in her time of need. Estranged from her siblings and with no living parents, she died two months later at age 54. But Kathy didn't face death alone. Her loving Kappa family was by her side every moment.

COLBY ROGERS (McNAMARA) CORMIER and husband Curtis.



KATHIE SINCLAIR VON GRUBEN and husband Bob.



“By planning the reunion, she brought people together in ways none of us could have imagined.”

After her diagnosis, Kathy began to suffer financially. She applied for emergency aid through the Rose McGill Fund of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, and began to receive a monthly check for basic expenses. Kappa sisters took the place of her family in this desperate time and cared for her until the moment she died.

Mari Winsor and Mary Jo Stacks took Kathy to Hawaii to spend her final days. They pampered her with spa treatments, her favorite foods and the touch of human hands. Her suntan disguised her jaundiced skin, and she sported a new hairdo and nails. Somehow her pain subsided to the extent that she skipped on the beach and enjoyed watching videos. No expense was spared, no pampering was too much, and it was all provided by Mari, whose Pilates exercise tapes have brought her financial success.

Kathy had been worried about finding a home for her beloved dogs, so another Kappa promised them a good home. Mari and Mary Jo sustained and encouraged one another as Kathy reached a calm and peaceful place, and died in the loving embrace of her friends. Kathy was gone in the physical sense, but her presence is still felt by those she touched. By planning the reunion, she brought people together in ways none of us could have imagined.


In June 2005, we gathered at Kathie Sinclair's wedding, where we celebrated her joy and remembered our dear Kathy Linde, who died the week before. Kathie Sinclair's new husband, Bob von Gruben, professed himself the happiest of men because he had been in love with Kathie for 34 years, since he had been a busboy at the Kappa house at Michigan State. So how did Kathie and Bob, who were living several hundred miles apart, reunite? At the reunion, a Kappa sister gave Bob's phone number to Kathie and said, "Why don't you give him a call?" And, she did.

But this wasn't the only matchmaking that occurred because of Kathy Linde. At the reunion Mary Jo made plans for me to meet Curtis Cormier, a widower from Farmington Hills, Mich. She had a hunch we would hit it off, and she was right.

When my first husband died, we had just moved to a new community. Six weeks after his death, my second son began to struggle with depression and

mental illness. These were difficult tasks to manage alone in a town where I didn't yet have a support system. I learned to trust God, and accept comfort from caring and sympathetic people, and I learned how sad it is to spend your days without someone you love.

But my sadness is in the past. Curtis didn't flinch at taking on my four boys, one of whom suffers from bi-polar disorder. Curtis' only son was killed by a drunk driver, and he decided four of mine was just about the right number. So I share this story in the joy of a new marriage, and while my youngest son discusses what his first car should be with my new husband. I write this knowing that whatever new difficulties life brings, I will not face them alone.

I know I speak for my dear Kappa friends when I say that our lives have been profoundly changed by simple acts of friendship that began so many years ago. 

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Rose McGill aid is confidential. Names and stories of recipients are only shared when recipients desire to tell their stories. Kathy's Kappa sisters believed that she would want others to know this special story of loyalty and friendship.*

To learn more about Mari Winsor's Pilates books, videos and studio, see www.winsorpilates.com.

Supporting Sisters in Need

The Rose McGill Fund, established in 1922 and named after the first recipient, ROSE MCGILL, Toronto, has many programs that provide confidential aid to deserving Kappas of all ages who suddenly find themselves in financial need due to misfortune or illness. Applications are available online at www.kappa.org or by calling the Foundation office toll free at (866) KKG-1870.

Planning a Reunion?

Contact the Membership Services Department toll free at (866) KKG-1870 or via e-mail at kkghq@kappa.org for mailing labels for the Kappas in your reunion group.

Sisterhood for a Lifetime

Kappa "Aunties" Create a Memory Quilt

When I pledged 38 years ago, it never occurred to me that my sisters would become more than college friends. But that is the beauty of Kappa—college friendships can endure, growing deeper and richer, for a lifetime.

My sisters have been there for me through all kinds of ups and downs. I feel especially blessed by the love and support they've provided in difficult times. A visible testament to that love is the memory quilt they created for my daughter, Anna Elaine.

Anna's father and my husband, Brad Reetz, died suddenly in a motorcycle accident when Anna was only 13. Shortly afterward, my Kappa sisters in Minneapolis swung into action. **BETSY ROBINSON**, *Minnesota*, who had lost both her parents at the same age, called me in New York, asking for photographs to use in making a quilt. She said, "We want to make something for Anna to wrap herself in, so she can feel safe and warm."

The photos were sent and the months went by. I knew they were meeting regularly to work on it—just

like an old-fashioned quilting bee! I couldn't imagine how it would look. Then, the day before the first anniversary of Brad's death, the memory quilt arrived.

It took my breath away, reduced me to tears ... and still does, every time I see it. Betsy transferred photographs of Brad, Anna and Brad, and the three of us, to 20 quilt squares. The squares are made of the most beautiful and varied fabrics with a tiny fleur-de-lis next to each picture in which I appear—all either donated, or specially acquired, by my sisters.


When the individual squares were complete and it was time to assemble them, **LYNN JOHNSTON RUDELL'S**, *Minnesota*, quilting expertise was invaluable. Everyone—even the non-seamstresses—helped with the sewing.

The quilt was carefully hung in a place of honor on our living room wall. On the back, there's a photograph of my Kappa sisters sitting in a circle around the quilt as they worked.



Anna Elaine Reetz in front of her memory quilt made by Kappa friends of her mother.

The caption reads, "Stitched With Love For Anna, From Your Kappa Aunties," with all of their signatures: Betsy Robinson, Lynn Johnston Rudell, Helen Field Clark, Ginny Hultmann Ehlen, Letty Tenner Fitzgerald, Susan Kinder, Sarah Thoreen Kumagai and Diane Matachek Robinson. Anna received a perfect remembrance of the close, loving relationship she and her father shared. She, and I, will treasure it always.

Thank you, dearest friends. 

— CAROL BRANDENBURG, *Minnesota*



CHI, *Minnesota*, alumnae, including many of the quilt makers, enjoy their annual summer reunion in July 2005.

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The Fight of Your Life—

Survivors, Friends and Families Cope with Cancer

— By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

It's one of the most feared words—cancer. Most of us in our lives will know a friend or loved one who will face cancer. Some of us will battle it ourselves, but not alone, we hope. Rarely has one issue of *The Key* sparked such an outpouring from readers as the article “But I’m Too Young to Have Breast Cancer,” by KELLN ZIMMER, *Texas A&M*, Spring 2005. Many readers have written to *The Key* sharing their stories on how cancer has affected them and how they’ve coped through the support of friends or have given support to others and taken action to prevent and fight this disease.

We’ve heard from Kappas who have started fundraising events in honor of fallen sisters, who have participated in walk-a-thons, who have written books or are authorities on the subject. In response to those correspondents, we would like to share a few of the stories, illustrating how Kappas across the continent care for and support each other in a wide variety of ways.

While this subject cannot be covered in every issue of *The Key*, we recognize how close to all of us is the

fight to eradicate all forms of cancer. With the onset of summer and the rise in occurrences of skin cancer, we begin with DONNA HARTLEY, *Montana*, a single mom who is on a crusade to educate others by telling about her fight with Stage 3 melanoma.

When Donna heard the words from her doctor that she had Stage 3 melanoma and that there was a chance she might not live, she was struck with fear. (There is no cure for Stage 4.) She was 54 years old, and a single mother with a 6-year-old adopted daughter. When told that she had six months to live, she determined that she *had* to survive to raise her child; there was no one else to do so.

A motivational speaker and trainer for more than 20 years, she was used to teaching others survival skills. Donna is the author of the book *Fire Up Your Life!*, a member of the National Speakers Association and owner of Hartley International. She has been featured on NBC, ABC, PBS, *The Learning Channel* and in the *New York Times*. Her doctor’s news jolted her into using her motivational techniques on herself to prepare mentally for the fight of her life.



SEATTLE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members and advisers to BETA Pi, *Washington*, participate in the Safe in the Shade Walk-a-thon to promote skin cancer awareness in memory of LESLIE MOSLER ROBINETT, *Arizona*. From left are KARISSA GABLE SAMS, *Washington*, COURTNEY ANDERSON, *Washington*, KIM ALBERS NISBIT, *Oregon*, ALLISON RICHARDS BEAM, *Washington*, and CHELSEA BASHOR SAMANO, *Oregon State*.

DONNA HARTLEY, Montana, says her daughter, Mariah, was her absolute motivation for staying alive and conquering her melanoma.



When she was finally scheduled for the three surgical procedures to remove the cancer, she began a routine of daily exercise, healthy foods and vitamins and constant meditation. Days before the surgery, she and daughter Mariah were ice-skating in Squaw Valley when Mariah told her she wished she had the “boo-boo” on her own leg so she’d be sick and her mom healthy. Donna says she looked at her daughter and knew she had to live.

A team of 12 doctors performed the three procedures and, after 11 days, Donna received the report that she had no melanoma left in her body. As a college student she skied in the winter and baked in the sun in the spring and summer. She later moved to Hawaii (she is a former Miss Hawaii) and learned to surf, knowing very little about the sun’s UV rays, which would catch up with her 32 years later.

For more information about Donna Hartley, visit www.donnahartley.com or e-mail Donna at hartley@donnahartley.com.


LESLIE MOSLER ROBINETT, *Arizona*, was not as fortunate as Donna and died at the young age of 35 from melanoma. Leslie’s family, friends and Kappa sisters mobilized to promote awareness of this preventable disease. After Leslie lost her two-year battle with melanoma, a grassroots effort evolved into the “Safe in the Shade Walk-a-thon” (now called Safe From the Sun).

After working together for several years in Phoenix, Leslie, who was from Bellevue, Wash., and KELLEY STOVER KANE, *Arizona State*, returned together to the Seattle area and became roommates until they both married. Being such close friends, Kelley was determined to do something about melanoma awareness after losing her friend and Kappa sister at such an early age.

Friends and sorority sisters in Phoenix and Seattle organized the walk-a-thon not only to honor Leslie’s memory, but also to raise awareness of melanoma and promote early detection of skin cancer. The first walk, to be held annually, was held simultaneously in Philadelphia, Seattle and Phoenix on May 1, 2005, the first day of National Melanoma Awareness Month. The Melanoma International Foundation (MIF), located in Philadelphia, was a source of support to Leslie during her illness, and helped her friends organize the walk in that city.

More than \$200,000 was raised for MIF. Volunteer dermatologists gave free skin-cancer screenings during

the event. Kappa alumnae in Phoenix and Seattle and members of BETA PI Chapter, *Washington*, mobilized to fill dozens of volunteer slots.

The Melanoma International Foundation is located at 350 Mapleflower Rd., Glenmoore, PA, 19343. The toll-free patient/family hotline is (866) 463-6663. For more information, visit www.melanomaintl.org. 

Skin Cancer Prevention Tips

1. Doctors recommend using a sunscreen rated SPF 30 or higher. Donna advocates SPF 45 or higher. Reapply hourly and apply a generous amount. Use waterproof or sweat-proof sunscreen for swimming and exercise.
2. Sunscreen should be applied 15-30 minutes before going outdoors.
3. If you use a sunless, self-tanning lotion or spray, you still need to use sunscreen when outdoors.
4. Avoid tanning beds.
5. Don’t fall for the “base-tan” myth. A tan from the sun or tanning bed is skin damage and does not protect against skin cancer.
6. Avoid overexposure. Stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wear hats, visors and long-sleeve shirts.
7. Wear sunglasses with UV filters to protect from eye damage.
8. Perform a monthly self-skin examination. Any spot or mole that is irregularly shaped or changes color, shape or size should be checked.
9. Visit a dermatologist on a regular basis to have spots checked.
10. Check with your doctor if you are taking antibiotics; some increase the sensitivity of the skin to the sun’s rays.
11. Drink plenty of water, exercise and minimize stress.

Kappas Run, Walk and Tee Off Against Cancer!

KATIE SHAMBERG, *Idaho*, JEN HENRIKSEN, *Idaho*, CHRISSE HARDY and MELANIE ADAMS, *Idaho*, formed Think Pink, Inc. Proceeds from the sale of their creative breast-cancer awareness T-shirts are donated to the local Susan G. Komen affiliate. For more information, visit www.thinkpinkcda.com.



SHANNON ELDER, *Kansas State*, and AIMEE MOSESSON ECKMANN, *Miami (Ohio)*, met in a marathon training program in Chicago in the summer of 2005. Between the two of them, they raised over \$2,700 for the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization.



DOLLY ASHTON O'NEAL, *Alabama*, left, with LPGA Pro Caroline Blaylock and Don Plaus, Merrill Lynch Presenting Sponsor for the 2005 Xerox Drive Out Breast Cancer Golf Pro-Am in Birmingham. Dolly organized the tournament 10 years ago to help find a cure after her own diagnosis of breast cancer.



ANNA SUSAN BOYKIN, *Mississippi*, CAROLINE BENNETT, *Texas Tech*, JESSICA MCGRAIL-DETTUNG, *Bowling Green*, and KATIE CLARK, *Michigan*, join other walk-a-thon team members in Detroit. They walked 60 miles in three days to raise money for breast cancer research. Anna, Caroline and Katie are former Kappa Leadership Consultants

BOSTON INTERCOLLEGIATE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members JANICE FRANKLIN LARSON, Akron, LESLIE STEWART, North Carolina, COURTNEY SAYTHER, DePauw, and DIANA GALE, North Carolina, walked 39.1 miles in the Boston Avon Walk for breast cancer. The walk raised \$4.1 million for research and care.



HOUSTON ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members serve as tour guides for the Pink Ribbon House, a designer show house built to raise funds for the Baylor Breast Center.

LYNN PAINTER WEST, Texas, left, and MARY DEE NEAL, Oklahoma, are on the board of the Baylor College of Medicine Breast Center, and were the first co-chairs for the Pink Ribbon House in Houston.



SISTER STRENGTH Cancer Support Group for Kappas

Sister Strength embodies Kappa Kappa Gamma's mission of "women supporting women" by connecting members whose lives have been affected by cancer. This special support group offers opportunities to communicate with Kappas across the continent who have faced similar experiences with everything from diagnosis, courses of treatment, decisions about care and hospitals, to alternatives, surgeries, remedies for side-effects, emotions, triumphs and more.

Sister Strength is open to ANY Kappa who has cancer, has survived cancer, has a family member or friend with cancer or to any Kappa who simply wants to help support other Kappas during trying times. Join the e-mail listserv or simply add your name to the support group database to be included in Sister Strength mailings. Kappa chapters are showing support as well by decorating picture frames, making care-packages and raising money for cancer research organizations.

To join or to learn more, please contact KELLN ZIMMER, Texas A&M, at kazimmer@gmail.com or (806) 792-2141.

Meet Our 2006 Alumnae Achievement Award Recipients

— By JENNY STRUTHERS HOOVER, *Bowling Green*, and LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

A biennial tradition since 1946, Alumnae Achievement Awards recognize individual excellence in volunteer and professional pursuits on a national or international level. The 2006 awards will be presented to the recipients at the 66th Biennial Convention in June. Congratulations to **MARILYN GROSS COORS**, *Cornell*, science/bioethics; **ASHLEY JUDD**, *Kentucky*, performing arts/social activism; **RUTH SHELLHORN KUESER**, *Oregon State/Cornell*, architecture/urban planning; **MAUREEN ORTH**, *UC Berkeley*, journalism/broadcasting; **NANCY PATERSON**, *Miami (Ohio)*, international law/social justice; **JEANNE LINDER JOHNSON PHILLIPS**, *Arkansas/Georgia*, statesmanship/public service, **SHARON BROOKS WEBER**, *Ohio State*, international gymnastics. These seven women truly exemplify Kappa Kappa Gamma's Tradition of Leadership.

Scientist Marilyn Gross Coors

As the assistant professor of bioethics and humanities at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, MARILYN GROSS COORS, *Cornell*, teaches, writes and speaks about the ethics of human genetics.

Beginning with a bachelor's degree in science education from Cornell, Marilyn then earned a master's degree in cytogenetics, a master's in ethics and religion, and a Ph.D. in ethics, all from Denver University. Marilyn also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in ethics and human medical genetics through the University of Colorado.

Marilyn's fields of research include the ethics of human genetic modification and the use of genetic information in common complex genetic disorders with a focus on behavioral genetics, and research ethics in developing countries. Her book, *The Matrix—Charting an Ethics of Inheritable Genetic Modification*, is a textbook used by a number of medical schools.

Receiving an honorary degree from Regis University in 1991, Marilyn has been appointed by the White House to the National Advisory Council of Human Genome Research. In addition to numerous awards, Marilyn has published many articles and essays on science and ethics, and she is a frequent guest lecturer to medical societies, state senate hearings, universities, private companies and medical conferences.

Marilyn says her greatest achievements are her six children, now spanning the ages 23 to 33. Marilyn and husband Peter, chairman of the Coors Brewing Company, enjoy bike riding, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

An active member of the DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, Marilyn says, "Kappa is a wonderful, warm environment for women. ...Being an only child, my Kappa sisters mean a great deal to me."



MARILYN GROSS COORS, *Cornell*, with granddaughter, Caroline.

Marilyn is involved with numerous charitable and community organizations including the local children's hospital foundation and the Caring for Colorado Foundation. She is also co-founder of Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women (ENDOW), a nonprofit group dedicated to promoting the teachings of Pope John Paul II emphasizing the nature and dignity of women.

"Marilyn embodies all that is Kappa," says VICKI RUNCO PALUCK, *Colorado State*, the 2005-06 President of the DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION. "She is smart, caring, gracious and dedicated, and she believes strongly in moral and intellectual excellence."

Actress Ashley Judd

ASHLEY JUDD, *Kentucky*, may be one of the most versatile and sought-after performers in Hollywood, but she has remained grounded and true to herself with the support of family and friends. Daughter of legendary country singer Naomi Judd, and sister of country star Wynonna Judd, Ashley took the tenacity and charm that runs in her family and quickly carved her niche as an actress, never relying on her family name to open doors.

Attending 12 schools in 13 years while growing up, Ashley found at the University of Kentucky—and through Kappa—a consistency she desperately needed. After college, where she majored in French with minors in anthropology, women's studies, art history and theater, Ashley pointed her BMW toward Los Angeles and set her mind on fulfilling her childhood dream of becoming a famous actress. She enrolled in acting classes and earned a minor role in the 1992 movie, *Kuffs*, allowing her to join the Screen Actors Guild. From there, the parts kept coming. She starred in *Ruby in Paradise*, a 1993 coming-of-age film for which Ashley received the "Independent Spirit Award"—the highest honor an actress can receive from the independent filmmakers. Fans remember Ashley's role on the TV series, *Sisters*, from 1991-1994.

After that, the roles came in quick succession. Ashley's credits include *Smoke* (1995), *Picnic* (Broadway, 1995), *Heat* (1995), *A Time to Kill* (1996), *Kiss the Girls* (1997), *Simon Birch* (1998), *Double Jeopardy* (1999), *Where the Heart Is* (2000), *Someone Like You* (2001), *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (2002), *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Broadway, 2003) and *De-Lovely* (2004), to name a few, as well as many TV appearances. In 1996, Ashley was nominated for an Emmy and a Golden Globe for her portrayal of a young Marilyn Monroe in *Norma Jean and Marilyn*, an HBO biography.

Having graced the cover of numerous magazines, Ashley was named one of the "25 most intriguing people in the world" by *People* magazine. A philanthropist, social activist and currently a spokesman for YouthAIDS International, Ashley spends every minute she can with husband Dario Franchitti, a Scottish motor-sports star. They were married in December 2001, and enjoy living on their farm in Franklin, Tenn.

An "A" student who made the dean's list most semesters, Ashley served BETA CHI Chapter, *Kentucky*, as Vice President of Programming and as a member of several committees. "There have been a few defining moments in my life, but some of the best have simply been the tenderness and intimacy of friendships," says Ashley, who is still in contact with several Kappas. A fan of UK men's basketball, Ashley serves on the dean's alumni advisory board.



Photo Courtesy of Sigma Phi Epsilon

ASHLEY JUDD, *Kentucky*, visits Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) fraternity at the University of Kentucky. SigEp and Ashley have partnered with YouthAIDS to create an HIV/AIDS campaign on college campuses.



Photo Credit: Getty Images

Ashley signs dog tags for YouthAIDS.



RUTH SHELLHORN KUESER, *Oregon State/Cornell*

Landscape Architect Ruth Shellhorn Kueser

RUTH SHELLHORN KUESER, *Oregon State/Cornell*, has had a 57-year career as a landscape architect and earned numerous honors for her work in the field.

Joining Kappa in GAMMA MU Chapter, *Oregon State*, Ruth's scholastic and artistic achievements began to gain recognition. Transferring to Cornell University's College of Agriculture, she continued to receive honors for her design work, affiliated with Psi Chapter and served as chapter President for two years. But this was 1933, the early years of the Great Depression, and Ruth faced financial difficulties.

The financial problems of many students were recognized by the school and male students were allowed to finish the five-year landscape program in four years by "loading up on extra courses" in their senior year. Ruth, however, was denied that option because the dean at that time believed women couldn't handle such a heavy academic burden. She was told to return the following year, with only four units left to complete, an option her family could not afford.

Returning to her home in California, she found jobs were hard to come by but a local home furnishings store allowed her to display some of her drawings and she soon found work with an interior decorator designing home landscapes. Her work attracted wealthy clients and she designed estates for Gene Autry, Spencer Tracy, Barbara Stanwyck and other stars. For a time she worked with noted landscape architect Ralph

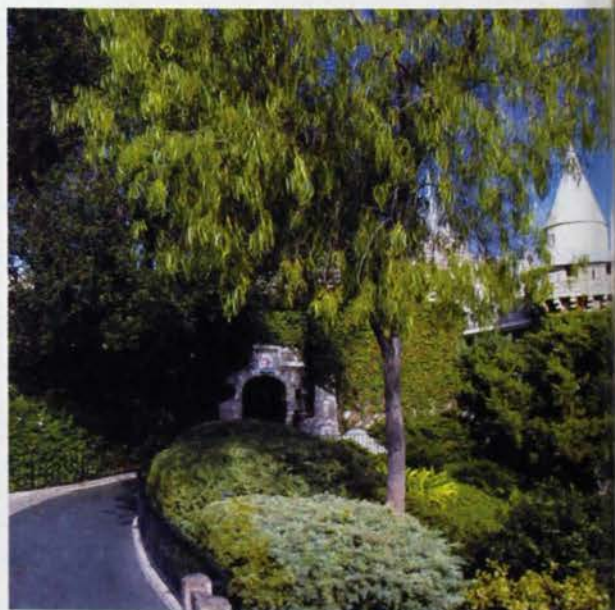
Cornell, UCLA's first landscape architect, and with FLORENCE YOCH, *Cornell*, a neighbor, who created the film landscape of the plantation Tara in "Gone With the Wind."

During World War II, Ruth began working on the Shoreline Development Study for the city of Los Angeles. This led to work for the Bullock's department stores, creating park-like courtyard settings. In 1955, Walt Disney hired Ruth for his new theme park, Disneyland, where she brought to life much of the small-town-America feel that Disney sought.

Ruth was married for 51 years to Henry Kueser, who handled the financial end of her business until his death in 1991. They were close companions as well as business partners.

Named a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects and honored by the city of Los Angeles and surrounding communities, Ruth's biography has been prepared by the National Park Service for its publication, "Pioneers in Landscape Architecture."

Ruth received one more significant recognition. In 2005, representatives from Cornell University traveled to California with a mortarboard and diploma to present Ruth with the degree she had earned many times over. At present she uses her talents to design altar arrangements at Christ Episcopal Church in Redondo Beach, Calif.



Ruth's designs helped create the small-town-America feel still present at Disneyland.

Journalist Maureen Orth

MAUREEN ORTH, *UC Berkeley*, has a distinguished career as a journalist and special correspondent. She has been a correspondent for *NBC News*, a contributing editor to *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*, and has written for *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone* and *Esquire* as well as other major publications. One of the first women to write for *Newsweek*, Maureen won a National Magazine Award for group coverage of the arts.

As a reporter who generally covers pop culture, Maureen has written about everything from Hollywood to murder trials to politics. Columnist and author Dominick Dunne said of Maureen, "She writes beautifully. In every article she gets to the very essence of the matter, which gives the reader a complete understanding of the complexity of her subjects. She is one of the defining commentators on this era of celebrity madness."

Having interviewed such world leaders as Russian President Vladimir Putin and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as well as fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld and Madonna, Maureen also has authored an investigative report highlighting the role of Afghanistan's illegal opium trade in funding terrorism.

She is the author of *Vulgar Favors*, which is based on her interviews with Andrew Cunanan, the man convicted of killing Gianni Versace. *The Importance of Being Famous: Behind the Scenes of the Celebrity-Industrial Complex*, is a collection of her essays about famous people which appeared on the non-fiction best-sellers list. An article on Michael and Arianna Huffington was nominated for a National Magazine Award in reporting.

Maureen was a member of the Peace Corps and spent two years in Medellin, Colombia, in urban community development. She also has been involved with the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Comparing her career in journalism and her Peace Corps work, Maureen mentions the need for energy and curiosity in both—wherever the story takes you and whatever the cultural environment. Empathy and winning people's trust is essential and listening well is a vital skill. Through the years, traveling in search of a story has taken her on private jets with celebrities and in an airliner with burlap strips on filthy seats to an airport with no lights on a pitch black night.

In recent years, Maureen has been able to do more investigative reporting, "tackling tough, thorny subjects, which take a tremendous amount of research," she says, adding, "I remember reading about nine books on Northern Ireland just to prep for the Gerry Adams profile."

Looking toward the future, Maureen hopes to do something with international themes—perhaps about women or a woman...perhaps a great biography.



MAUREEN ORTH, *UC Berkeley*



Maureen interviews Paul McCartney.



Maureen and husband Tim Russert visit the White House.



NANCY PATERSON, *Miami (Ohio)*

Prosecutor Nancy Paterson

NANCY PATERSON, *Miami (Ohio)*, has devoted her considerable energies to social justice in the United States and abroad.

After college and her service with the juvenile justice system in Maryland, she earned a juris doctorate from Syracuse University. Moving to New York City and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Nancy focused on child abuse, sex crimes and domestic violence. Long before the initials became part of a popular television show, she helped to develop the first Special Victims Unit (SVU) which handled more than 1,000 reports of child abuse, hundreds of domestic violence cases and many juvenile offender cases annually.

Having volunteered, Nancy was selected as team leader for a special project with the U.N. Commission of Experts to investigate allegations of widespread wartime sexual abuse in the former Yugoslavia. After a month in Croatia and 200 victim interviews, the project report helped convince the United Nations of the need to establish a tribunal to prosecute sex crimes in the broader scope of international humanitarian law.

In 1994, Nancy was named a trial attorney for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, Netherlands. Planning on a stay of a year or two, she remained for seven years. She co-managed the investigative team responsible for the successful indictment of the recently deceased Slobodan Milosevic and four others. With a 50-person multi-disciplinary team, the historic indictment was completed in only 52 days, the first ever issued against a sitting head of state.

Returning to Washington, D.C., Nancy was selected to be one of 10 fellows at the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life at Brandeis University designing a plan for educating international judges. Simultaneously, she accepted a position as an investigator in the Department of Institutional Integrity for the World Bank where she was responsible for conducting internal investigations of allegations of staff misconduct, fraud and corruption.

Now continuing her work in complex investigations, Nancy serves the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System overseeing investigations of bank fraud, embezzlement, money laundering and terrorist financing.

Having maintained active interest in Kappa activities through the NEW YORK CITY and WASHINGTON, D.C., ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS, Nancy says, "Kappa has always had a positive energy force that serves as a wonderful jumping off point in college," adding that, "Kappa serves as both an educator and a cheerleader." Our Tradition of Leadership reminds her of a card that she keeps on her desk with a Chinese proverb: "Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it."

Following a quote from Muriel Strode, "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail," Nancy Paterson has left a trail where many may proudly follow.



Nancy Paterson interviews a witness in Bosnia.



JEANNE LINDER JOHNSON PHILLIPS, *Arkansas/Georgia*

Political Ambassador Jeanne Linder Johnson Phillips

Not long after graduating from Southern Methodist University, JEANNE LINDER JOHNSON PHILLIPS, *Arkansas/Georgia*, formed her own public relations, special events and fund-raising firm in Dallas. However, her interest in politics led her to serve as senior finance adviser and director in George W. Bush's gubernatorial campaign. She later joined Public Strategies, Inc., as managing director of the Dallas office where she worked with Fortune 500 clients on management training programs.

Jeanne served as senior finance adviser again in George W. Bush's presidential campaign and as executive director for his inaugural events. She even moved her wedding date one week to work on a fund-raising event. Jeanne served on the Presidential Exploratory Committee and as deputy chairman for the Victory 2000 Committee. Appointed as executive director of the 54th inaugural ceremonies, Jeanne produced all the festivities in 31 days, with a staff of 600 employees and 5,000 volunteers.

In August 2001, Jeanne became Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France. She was the youngest multilateral political ambassador appointed by President George W. Bush and the first woman to hold such a position in his administration. In this post she was the personal representative of the president and chief spokesperson for the United States on issues and policies before the OECD.

With her husband, David, a psychotherapist, and then 8-year-old daughter, Margaret, Jeanne and her family looked on their two years in Paris as "a great adventure." She says, however, "I was raised to be an ambassador's wife, not an ambassador." Several personal traits and abilities have served Jeanne well: She makes good decisions, knows how to work with people in all stations of life, is always positive, pays attention to details and is thoughtful toward others. It has been said that "[Jeanne] has an uncanny ability to identify people, to remember who they are, their strengths and weaknesses, and then put them to work in just the right spot."

Honored as a distinguished alumna of Southern Methodist University and serving as a member of its board of trustees, Jeanne is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, New York, and she served as a delegate to the World Economic Forum in 2002 and 2003.

Now a senior vice president for corporate affairs and international relations for Hunt Oil Company, Dallas, Jeanne reflects on her Kappa membership saying, "I think the leadership development opportunities, the situations where I was able to develop a consensus and the responsibilities placed on me to communicate well, have all contributed to my career development." She advises others to "work hard, keep your word, take a few risks and always remember those who helped you get where you are today."



JEANNE LINDER JOHNSON PHILLIPS, *Arkansas/Georgia*, greets President Vicente Fox of Mexico.




SHARON BROOKS WEBER, *Ohio State*

Gymnastics Federation in numerous officer positions including regional technical director and national judges training chairman. She was named "Colorado Judge of the Year" and "Colorado Sportswoman of the Year," and has presented programs at many courses and symposiums throughout the United States and Europe. She also has contributed to numerous publications.

During the 1984 Olympics opening ceremonies, Sharon was chosen by the U.S. Olympic Committee to deliver the "Oath for Officials" representing all officials at the Olympics. In January 2005, the *Federation Internationale de Gymnastique* named Sharon an honorary judge in recognition of long-term distinguished service. "I strive to be the best I can be in all that I do," says Sharon. "This began with my Kappa experience and has continued throughout my life."

Inspired by her supportive husband of 39 years, Bill, and their daughter, Tristanne, Sharon enjoys teaching, coaching and mentoring young people "to be the best they can be." She believes Kappa's role in women's lives is "to build upon the leadership they bring to Kappa, impart responsibility for oneself and one's sisters and to build friendships that will last a lifetime."

An active member of the DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, Sharon has served as a Province Director of Chapters, Regional Director of Chapters, and currently as a member of Kappa's Advisory Board/Housing Committee. Future goals include completing a new home and a barn they are constructing themselves, and winning a championship with her horse, Imax, in the dressage arena. 

Gymnastics Judge Sharon Brooks Weber

An international judge in the world level of gymnastics competitions, SHARON BROOKS WEBER, *Ohio State*, has been recognized for her technical knowledge and unblemished judging record. She has judged the World Gymnastics Championships 11 times, and served as an Olympic judge in 1984 and 1996.

With a master's degree in physical education, Sharon has been involved in performing, coaching or judging gymnastics for 39 years. She taught physical education for 26 years at junior high, high school and university levels, and also has worked as a gymnastics consultant.

With a "brevet" rating qualifying her to judge international competitions, Sharon has served the U.S.



Sharon judged her 13th World Gymnastics Championship in 2005 in Melbourne, Australia.

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KAPPA TRAVELS



Members of the STARS AND STRIPES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION in Hawaii: LEIGH GUMBINER D'AMICO, Auburn, ANDREA KOWALSKY TRELLES, Emory, and ANDREA BOOSINGER BLAU, Auburn.



Stars and Stripes

A New Alumnae Association Connects Military Families

— By ANDREA KOWALSKY TRELLES, *Emory*

“I think it’s a great idea to connect military Kappas,” says an alumna named Jennifer who responded to the “Stars and Stripes” ad in a recent issue of *The Key*. “I never seemed to be able to connect to local Kappa groups since we move so much—seems as soon as I get settled in and begin to think about it—off we go again!”

Staying connected with Kappa sisters can be a challenge for those serving in the military or who have family members serving. The new STARS AND STRIPES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION brings together Kappas living all over the world via the Internet with online meetings and chat rooms. They are also able to gather in small groups locally and continue Kappa friendships and traditions. And, they find ways to comfort and sustain one another

through the harsh realities of war and separation from loved ones.

The association of women with the military evokes different perceptions. For some, women are thought of as spouses first, the support system of men in uniform. For others, actively enlisting or being commissioned in the armed forces is their way of defending freedom. Countless other women support their children, parents, siblings, and other family and friends in their chosen path in the military. Regardless of the connection to the military, generations of women have provided the groundwork for future generations to continue to accept the challenges that a life with the military presents.

In addition to serving in support roles, women were able to enlist for the first time in the armed forces in World War I. World War II saw an even greater participation of women. WINIFRED LOUISE STILWELL CULP, *Kansas*, joined the Womens’ Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) in 1942, working her way to lieutenant colonel, and commanding a battalion of 600 women in the Philippines. In addition to active duty roles, almost 18 million women worked outside the home in support of the war effort.

For women on active duty, however, integration did not occur until the late 1970s. Service academies began enrolling women in 1976 and, in 1979, the Coast Guard had its first female cutter captain. Women were allowed to fly combat aircraft and serve on warships beginning in the early 1990s. By 2003, 14 percent of those on active duty were women, with numbers increasing every year.

Women’s roles in the military go beyond the front lines and uniforms. Mothers, sisters, wives,



First Lt. KATHRYN SHAW, *New Mexico*, is shown on duty as a police officer at Camp Walker, Korea. She returned to the United States in June to serve as honor guard platoon leader at West Point, where she will participate in ceremonies.

"I think it is very important to reach out to military members and their families as they never seem to find themselves in one place for long."

— JUSTINA, Arizona State

aunts, grandmothers and others have supported active-duty military at home. During deployments, wartime and other operations, women have cared for their families, held jobs and managed the household.

PHYLLIS EASON GALANTI, *William and Mary*, served as chairman of the board of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia (POW/MIA). Phyllis was thrust in the spotlight when her husband was captured in North Korea and remained a POW for seven and a half years. Her article, published in the *U.S. Naval Academy Shipmate* (Oct. 2003), states: "As the men forged a bond in the prison camps, we wives built a similar camaraderie here at home. We maintain very strong friendships, correspond often and get together regularly. These are the people who *really know* what we experienced." It is the strong friendships of those in similar positions that allow the experience to be completely shared and provide the utmost level of support.

With the STARS AND STRIPES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, Kappas from all branches of the armed forces serving in active and support roles can come together with shared experiences. Military members, spouses and family members face unique challenges regarding careers, frequent moves to unfamiliar locations and deployments. Additionally, they confront the same challenges accompanying marriage, family, careers and other interests faced by women everywhere. An intergenerational as well as global group, Stars and Stripes aims to provide an opportunity for those with military connections to create new Kappa friendships and gain stability through frequent moves and life events.

More than 60 women responded to the "Stars and Stripes" ad in *The Key*. Excerpts from their correspondence show how meaningful this group has been. Through online chats, the group has elected officers and received its alumnae association charter. They plan to support a chapter through the "Adopt-a-Chapter" program, as well as provide care packages

and support for actively deployed Kappas. Stars and Stripes will be represented at the General Convention in Salt Lake City in June. Some members enjoy dual membership in their local association and Stars and Stripes, another example of how Kappa Kappa Gamma is for a lifetime.

ANDREA KOWALSKY TRELLES, Emory, holds a bachelor's degree from Emory University and a master's in public health from the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. As the spouse of a Navy pilot, Andrea volunteers for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at Pearl Harbor.

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LEE BENNETT MILLER, *Drake*, left, instrumental in organizing the STARS AND STRIPES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, meets with the new association President, CASSANDRA MARTIN WALKER, *Auburn*.

How to Join

If you are a Kappa currently serving or you have served in the armed services, or have family members serving, contact association President, CASSANDRA MARTIN WALKER, *Auburn*, 5129 Waters Street, El Paso, TX 79906, aucrw@yahoo.com.

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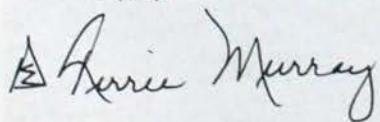
As summer shifts into full gear and the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation's fiscal year draws to a close, it is nice to reflect on the wonderful accomplishments of the last 12 months.

We are blessed to have more than 7,500 loyal donors each year giving money to four terrific Foundation programs. We consider all of these donors and all of our members to be friends of the Foundation. A friend helps with her time, talent and treasure. We appreciate all of these contributions, but most importantly, we value the individuals who generously open their hearts and their wallets to help us financially support the programs that benefit the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We focus our energy on providing scholarships and financial assistance to members in need, offering extraordinary training and leadership opportunities, and operating two educational museums. It is the passion, the belief and the commitment of your Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees to do all in our power to realize our vision—"Invest in Every Kappa." Our hope is that someday we can help every member of our Fraternity who asks for the financial assistance she needs to further her education, to be a contributor in her community and a leader in any endeavor undertaken.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, thank you for helping us make a difference. Your financial support this year has helped us help others. Please continue to be a friend of the Foundation—continue to "Invest in Every Kappa."

Loyally,



KERRIE QUINN MURRAY, Idaho
Foundation President



New Program Features Women Leaders in the Victorian Age

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation supports two historic museums: The Heritage Museum in Columbus, Ohio, and The Stewart House in Monmouth, Illinois. In addition, educational programs are developed to interpret the history of Kappa Kappa Gamma, especially in its larger historic context.



A new slideshow has been developed that highlights women leaders in the Victorian period, including several leaders who were also Kappas. Archivist-Curator KYLIE TOWERS, *Simpson*, notes: "The mark of these women leaders on history is indelible, and their roles beg the question—What makes a leader? Leadership is defined by time, social norms and the experience of the leader. Many leaders were not recognized as such until long after they passed into the annals of history—particularly women leaders."

The six Founders of Kappa Kappa Gamma demonstrated a keen sense of leadership and innovation when they laid the groundwork for our sisterhood. *Victorian Women Leaders* highlights their place in history among other women leaders of the day. This program can enhance a chapter's or association's understanding of and appreciation for Kappa as well as our history as women.

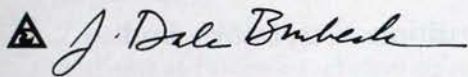
Victorian Women Leaders is available on the Kappa Web site, www.kappa.org/pathways_cd/index.html, or on the *Pathways Resource CD*, which is available to purchase through Kappa Kappa Gamma Headquarters at (614) 228-6515, ext. 126.

Rose McGill Helps Member in Need

As Executive Director of the Foundation, I meet Kappas all over the continent, and they love to hear how the Rose McGill Fund is helping our sisters. I asked a Rose McGill recipient, CAROL KEE, *Boston*, if she would mind sharing her story. Carol is grateful for the help we were able to provide in her time of need, and now she regularly sends a gift of her own to the Rose McGill Fund. Thank you, Carol!

The Rose McGill Fund, established in 1922, provides confidential aid to deserving Kappas of all ages who unexpectedly find themselves in financial need due to misfortune or illness.

Loyally



— J. DALE BRUBECK, *William and Mary*, Foundation Executive Director

Dear Dale,

"In spite of being disabled my entire adult life, I developed a successful business career and rose to the level of senior vice president, operations and new business development, for a major company in the Northeast. I had stock options and a retirement package that I thought would allow me to enjoy my senior years.

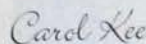
Within a short year, my life changed dramatically. My company filed for bankruptcy and was bought by another organization. I was in the midst of a series of six surgeries that I needed in order to be able to function in the workplace, and I was unemployed. I managed to survive for several years, but eventually it came to the point where I had exhausted my savings and 401K.

*When times become difficult, many "friends" suddenly vanish. I felt extremely uncomfortable asking for financial support. I was about to lose my home when I read about the Rose McGill Fund in *The Key*. I contacted the Kappa volunteer who oversees the Rose McGill Fund and was overwhelmed when she told me that the Foundation would be providing financial support during this difficult period.*

The financial support provided by Rose McGill allowed me to keep my home while I recuperated from my surgeries. After my recuperation, I was able to find a job, and I now contribute as much as I can, as often as I can, to the Rose McGill Fund to return the kindness shown to me and to help other sisters who are in need.

I place an extremely high value on loyalty. Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Rose McGill Fund truly understand what the word "loyalty" means. I cannot adequately express how much your support has meant to me.

Loyally,



CAROL KEE, *Boston*

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A New Scholarship

Marisol Scholarship Established Through a Generous Bequest

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Marisol Scholarship for undergraduate members of Kappa Kappa Gamma. This scholarship will provide up to 75 percent of the cost for undergraduate tuition, fees, books, and room and board for one year. If sufficient funds are available, more than one scholarship may be awarded.

Applications are due by February 1, 2007. Requirements include:

- 1 The Marisol scholarship application form and supporting documents.
- 2 A 500-word essay stating how her "real and persistent desire for a college or university education" is reflected in her daily life.
- 3 An additional recommendation letter from an unbiased third-party (non-relative) who would be in a position to support No. 2.

Because of the extent of this scholarship, an undergraduate member may only receive the scholarship one time. Applicants for the Marisol Scholarship also will be considered for other Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation scholarships.

The Scholarship application and the Rose McGill Aid for Undergraduates forms are available on the Kappa Kappa Gamma Web site, www.kappa.org, or contact the Foundation office:

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HELEN TAYLOR ABBOT, *Alabama*, established the Marisol Scholarship in her will as a bequest to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. This fund of \$1.6 million will be used to provide up



Helen Taylor Abbot during her years at the University of Alabama

to 75 percent of the costs of an undergraduate's tuition, fees, books, and room and board for one year. This gift was established anonymously, but Helen eventually allowed limited use of her name. Helen's family has graciously shared her story so we can know more about this thoughtful and generous Kappa sister.

Helen attended the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, graduating in 1934. Helen joined the GAMMA PI Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She remained in Tuscaloosa for one year after graduation, employed by the university's physical education department to teach diving. Helen also made a name for herself as a tennis player at Tuscaloosa and was named the university's women's tennis champion.

Helen returned to Mobile where she taught at an elementary school, and then physical education at Murphy High School. In World War II, Helen was commissioned as a Wave (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in the U.S. Navy and served on active duty throughout the war.

Later, Helen worked at Brookley Air Force Base as a civil service employee and then at the photo school at Naval Air Station Pensacola. She commuted to Pensacola daily for a number of years from her Mobile Bay, Ala., cottage, which she named "Marisol," derived from "sea and sun" in Spanish. Eventually she retired from the Navy Reserve, as a lieutenant commander, and from civil service as well.

Helen continued to play tennis into her early 80s. She had a beautiful golf swing, "smooth as silk," and would probably have been a low-handicap golfer if she'd had more time to play. She owned a series of boats, each of which was slung in a hoist out on the pier from Marisol. After acquiring her first boat, *Starflight*, in her early 60s, she learned to water ski.



HELEN TAYLOR ABBOT, *Alabama*, commissioned as a Wave in World War II, established the Marisol scholarship through a bequest to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

With an ordinary income and a modest bequest from her father's estate, Helen saved a substantial net worth. She gave most of her life's worth to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation for the establishment of the Marisol Scholarship. Helen was careful, if not frugal, with her expenses. But, she was astute in investing and acquiring real estate.

Helen passed away on July 11, 2003, just 42 days before her 90th birthday. The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation is grateful for the vision of Helen Taylor Abbot, who through this scholarship will be investing in her Kappa sisters in perpetuity.

Friends from EPSILON GAMMA, *North Carolina*, KATE HUDSON SAUNDERS, LORI VANORDEN and ALLISON MAIURI enjoy their annual mini-reunion with dinner at the Atlanta Westin hotel.



SHARON BOHNER BYERS, *Tennessee*, left, Province Director of Alumnae for Nu Province, visits the SANDHILLS (N.C.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION. Members decorated a Christmas tree, which was auctioned at the Festival of Trees, earning more than \$200 for the Children's Center of Moore County. With Sharon is association member ELIZABETH DURLAND NICKERSON, *Tulane*.



Members of the WESTERN COLORADO ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION gather to celebrate Founders Day.



Sisters of DELTA LAMBDA, *Miami (Ohio)*, take a harbor cruise during their 25-year reunion on Balboa Island, Calif.

During a Founders Day dinner, Lambda Province Director of Alumnae, ALICE JACKSON CURTIN, *William and Mary*, presents the Philanthropy Award announced at the 2004 Convention to CELIA ROGERS, *Colorado College*, President of the HOWARD COUNTY (MD.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.





"Kappa Day Trippers," an interest group within the WILLIAMSBURG (VA.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, enjoy a tour of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home near Charlottesville. From left are ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*, LEE BENNETT MILLER, *Drake*, SUZY ZACHERLE KLUNK, *DePauw*, KAREN MURPHY WONNELL, *Idaho*, and LIZ JOHNSON PINNELL, *Ohio Wesleyan*.



SHARON SPENCE LIEB, *Northwestern*, a globe-trotting travel writer, rides an elephant in the mountain town of Chiang Mai. Her adventures are chronicled in *Mystical Elephant Encounters*, published on www.travelworldmagazine.com.



Members of the MID-MARYLAND ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION hold a yard sale to raise funds to help set up a library in a local low-income housing area.



Members of the ROANOKE (VA.) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION inventory items prepared for the Blue Owl Boutique at LAMBDA's Province Meeting.

The "Tantara Terrors" have been getting together for 27 years since they first met at Convention at Tantara Resort in the Lake of the Ozarks. Each of these Kappas is active in her alumnae association.



PATRICIA CLOVER GOBBLE, *Texas Tech*, retired after 15 years at the helm of the United Way of Denton County, Texas. Pat and her staff have made the organization an icon in the community, working hard even when the economy slowed. Pat plans to return to an earlier interest, as an artist, in her retirement.

The Chicago skyline is the backdrop for a reunion of DELTA OMICRON's, *Iowa State*, class of 1954.



The new BOULDER/DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS' "Mom's Group" enjoys an outing at the Denver Zoo with their children.



Fifty years after graduation, members of BETA Upsilon, *West Virginia*, gather at the home of PAGE HARMER THOMAS in Charleston, S.C., for a reunion. Back: KITTY HORNOR SHAW, SUE PRICE KENNER and PAGE HARMER THOMAS. Front: MARY ANN SUTTER HOPKINS and GINA SHOWALTER MARVIN.



Next-door neighbors in Bellevue, Wash., JENNIFER SIMPSON ROBERTSON, *Puget Sound*, left, and DIANE GRESHAM FERN, *UC Santa Barbara*, were delighted to discover they are both Kappas. The following spring a bed of irises planted by a former owner bloomed along their shared property line.



The NORFOLK ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION gathers for its first meeting of the year. Members make an effort to contact every Kappa on their galleys and invite them to join.

Members of BETA Pi, *Washington*, traveled from all over the country to Seattle to celebrate their chapter's 100th anniversary in conjunction with Founders Day. Pictured are members of the Beta Pi Centennial Committee who organized the celebration.



Members of the NORTHERN VIRGINIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION began a sub-group, KICKS (Kappas with Infants to College Kids), when their children were toddlers. Their children are now in college and KICKS still meets monthly.

Hometown Honors Broadcast Journalist

Myrtle Beach native NANCY O'DELL, *Clemson*, co-host of *Access Hollywood*, returned to her roots as she was honored by Governor Mark Sanford as he declared February 1st "Nancy O'Dell Day" in South Carolina. "Being recognized by the state of South Carolina was one of the greatest honors I have ever received," says Nancy. "You can receive many honors in life, but when you get one from your home folks, there is just something intangibly special about that."

An award-winning journalist, Nancy has been honored with three awards from The Associated Press, two Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) awards, and is a five-time Emmy Award nominee.

Nancy makes time in her busy schedule for philanthropic work. She has been inducted into the American Red Cross' National Celebrity Cabinet and served as the 2005 National Ambassador Program celebrity spokesperson for the March of Dimes.



NANCY O'DELL, *Clemson*, co-host of NBC's *Access Hollywood*, with husband Keith Zubchevich, receives a plaque commemorating Nancy O'Dell Day in Myrtle Beach.

To young Kappas interested in a broadcast journalism career, she advises to start in a small TV market to get the critical experience needed and to learn all aspects of presenting a story. It is just as important to learn what goes on behind-the-scenes, she says, as it is to have on-camera skills. Nancy feels that her Kappa experiences are invaluable. She says, "being in Kappa taught me leadership skills, communications skills...how to rally a group. But most importantly, it taught me the value of true friendships for a lifetime."



DELTA TAU, *Southern Cal.*, members volunteer with NANCY O'DELL, *Clemson*, at an AmberWatch Foundation event.



MARY STENDEL AUSTEN, Lafayette

Top Philanthropic Honor Goes to Young CEO

MARY STENDEL AUSTEN, Lafayette, president and CEO of Tierney Communications headquartered in Philadelphia, has been given her city's top philanthropic honor, the Spirit of Life Award, during a reception held to benefit the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center.

City of Hope is a world-renowned research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and other life threatening diseases. *U.S. News & World Report* has called it one of the nation's best medical centers for cancer treatment. Mary is honored, she says, to be recognized by an organization that touches so many people.

Mary's company, Tierney Communications, is a full-service communications firm representing clients from McDonalds' to Verizon.

Career Path Often Untraditional for Founder of New Consulting Firm

MARGARET "MEG" JOHNSON CARLSON, Idaho, is the co-founder of The C&H Group, LLC, a Boise, Idaho-based consulting firm created to serve the merger, acquisition and divestiture needs of middle market companies with revenues ranging up to \$150 million in the Intermountain West area.

Meg's career, more than 16 years with a Fortune 500 company, began with Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., after earning her bachelor's from Idaho and her master's in business administration from Washington State. Upon graduation, Meg focused her job search on Ore-Ida in Boise. For eight months she was told they were not hiring. She learned that a small division of Ore-Ida, known as Weight Watchers, was looking for marketing people. She convinced Ore-Ida's general manager of marketing that she could be an asset. With her foot in the door, Meg was on her way.

Meg was quoted in a recent article in the University of Idaho's alumni magazine that "every door wasn't a traditional one, but I chose to step over boundaries." Meg later served as chief operating officer for Duckets, an online marketing company, before co-founding The C&H Group.

Meg, a member of the BOISE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, has served as a chapter adviser, President of two alumnae associations, and as a Province Director of Alumnae. She is a second-generation Idaho Kappa, and along with her mother and sister, recently attended the 90th anniversary of BETA KAPPA Chapter. For more information, visit the C&H Group Web site at www.thechgroup.biz.



MARGARET "MEG" JOHNSON CARLSON, Idaho.



Trading Spaces' LAURIE HICKSON-SMITH, Southern Methodist, with broadcast student JULIA STOLL, Mississippi.

Concert Creates Awareness of Mississippi's Hurricane Damage

JULIA STOLL, Mississippi, was a senior broadcast major at Ole Miss, covering local and university events when Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on August 29. In her media classes following the disaster, it was discussed that New Orleans was getting the majority of the media attention even though Mississippi also suffered major damage. A gala event featuring dozens of celebrities, the "Mississippi Rising" concert was created by leaders of the Mississippi Hurricane Recovery fund to raise national awareness of the destruction all along the Gulf Coast, as well as New Orleans. The event raised in excess of \$15 million.

As a broadcast student and anchor on the school's *Newswatch*, Julia was part of the local press that covered the concert. LAURIE HICKSON-SMITH, Southern Methodist, from the hit TV show *Trading Spaces*, took part in the event and Julia introduced herself to Laurie, who said her reason for coming to Oxford for the concert was to help in the effort to keep the disaster and the evacuees in the public spotlight.

The concert took place on the day of DELTA RHO's, Mississippi, final recruitment party and Laurie made a special visit to the chapter house earlier that day. Julia says that, during the chapter's philanthropy round, Laurie is featured in a video of

famous Kappas that is shown to prospective members. Julia graduated a semester early and is now in New York working in public relations for Buffalo Jeans.

Kappas Help Hurricane Survivors

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, JUDY SWITZER WALKER, Indiana, volunteered at the Astrodome and wrote to her DELTA Chapter sisters about the chaos and how much help was needed. A pledge sister in Phoenix, SUE SMITH QUIGG, Indiana, responded that in Phoenix they were helping an evacuee by the name of Lucille Bridges who had been in Houston and whose family was still there.

Friends had flown Lucille to Phoenix, and Sue sent out e-mails announcing a fund-raising event to help her return to Houston. People responded, including many Kappa sisters, with clothes and \$6,000 in cash. Kappa sisters joined together across the miles to help the Bridges family. One sister from Phoenix shipped 835 pounds of clothing.

Judy and her daughter, Tammy Smith, agreed to help Lucille and her family as they returned to Houston. The Bridges family of nine needed everything including jobs, a place to live, furniture and basic necessities. Kappas spent countless hours helping the Bridges integrate into a city so different from New Orleans.



JUDY SWITZER WALKER, Indiana, right, and her daughter Tammy Smith (left), with Lucille Bridges (center) and her family. Lucille is the mother of Ruby Bridges, known for her bravery at age 6 when she was ordered to attend a segregated school in 1960 after the landmark desegregation ruling.



SHARON HAZELET SCHICK, *Kansas*, third from left, was supported with the presence of some of her 1959 OMEGA, *Kansas*, pledge sisters as she was initiated 46 years after pledging.

A Sister in Every Sense

— By ANN GRAHAM SCHNAEDTER, *Missouri*

October saw many incredible women initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma. Among them was SHARON HAZELET SCHICK, *Kansas*, of Overland Park, Kan. She was unique—becoming a Kappa 46 years after pledging. Seven of Sharon's 1959 OMEGA, *Kansas*, pledge sisters traveled from four states for the event. Her badge was a gift from all 26.

When Sharon's pledge class heard about the Fraternity's procedure for initiation of alumnae who pledged but were not initiated due to special circumstances, they took action. Forms were submitted, letters of support from pledge class members were sent, and Director of Alumnae CAROL GEORGE SANDERS, *Cal. State, Northridge*, was flooded with paperwork. Their efforts were rewarded on October 7, 2005, as Sharon, who attended several reunions but "had the feeling I wasn't really legal," became an official member at last.

Omega Chapter was delighted to rely on the Proxy Initiation of Alumnae and requested that one of the "older members" explain the history—a perfect lesson in the lifelong commitment of Kappa. JEANNE RUSTEMEYER KERN, *Omega*, current Province Director of Alumnae for Zeta North, explained that Sharon lived in the house, went through the rigorous pledge training of the times and became a sister in every sense except one: She married and left the house before Initiation.

"And *why* would this be important to a woman over 50? Because," Jeanne explains, "you have just begun to form a bond that does not end with graduation. You will be Kappas all your life. Some will turn their backs on college and forget. The lucky ones stay in touch and get together as often as they can.

"In today's workforce, the chance of being relocated to a place where you know nobody is high. But you won't be alone—contact Kappa. Headquarters and the Web site can connect you with nearby alumnae, and you will be surrounded with friends—sisters—who can help you find a plumber, a day-care center and a hairdresser. Maybe you'll find yourself devastated by something like the recent hurricanes. The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation will be there to help you.

"Most of all, you will discover as you grow older that Kappa ties strengthen over time. Even girls you weren't close to during college suddenly are women who shared your background and hold your values and can be counted on to support you with affection. The older you get, the more clearly you see how important this bond is."

The 26 still-in-touch members of the Omega pledge class of 1959 now number 27. And they are stronger because of it. 🗝️

Taking Kappa's Message into the Community

An Alumna gives and works for the "greater good."

— By Lois Catherman Heenehan, *Adelphi*

"It's who we are—it's what we do." Sometimes it's difficult to communicate to others what Kappa is all about and how we bring Fraternity ideals and qualities into other aspects of our lives. ROSALYN KEMPTON WOOD, *Emory*, has found a local project that exemplifies Kappa traditions and to which she can devote her time, talent and treasure.

A member of the Development Committee of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and a Foundation donor at the Gold Key level, former Rho Province Director of Alumnae and Region 1 Director of Alumnae, Rosalyn has broad experience and knows well the Fraternity philosophy of Philanthropy 1, 2, 3—giving to "family, community and the greater good." A new entity in a neighboring city provides the perfect opportunity for her to extend Kappa's Tradition of Leadership through opportunities for leadership, scholarship and friendship.

Lawrence, Mass., was a thriving mill town at one time. The Wood Worsted Mill, built in 1905, was the largest in the world. For more than a century the Wood family has been a force in the area. However, the mills are long gone and Lawrence is suffering many problems:

- *the highest unemployment rate in the state
- *the highest teen-pregnancy rate in the state
- *one third of the children live in poverty
- *close to half of the adults have not finished high school and many immigrant residents struggle with limited proficiency in English
- *smoking, alcohol and threats of violence range from 22 to 50 percent.

With 43 percent of the residents under 25 years old, Lawrence youth battle tremendous obstacles.

"I want to continue the Wood family presence in the area," says Rosalyn, "and I view this also as an opportunity to memorialize my late husband, Cornelius (Connie) Ayer Wood, Jr., as an Episcopal priest and a concerned member of the community." Before his death last spring, Connie had expressed interest in the project Rosalyn has undertaken.

Enter Esperanza Academy, School of Hope. *Esperanza* means hope in Spanish and the new

academy's goal is to "provide a quality education in the Episcopal tradition, welcoming girls of diverse faiths, races and cultures ... challenging each student to realize her potential by developing academic competence, confidence, curiosity, integrity and hope." For girls from the fifth through eighth grades, it is tuition-free and follows the Nativity Model, begun in 1971 on Manhattan's lower East Side, and now includes 43 schools in the nationwide network.

Reaching out to girls who are not performing well in school, *Esperanza* will open in September 2006 with the fifth and sixth grades, with 20 girls in each grade, adding the seventh and eighth grades during the next



ROSALYN KEMPTON WOOD, *Emory*, and Esperanza Academy Head of School Laurie Bottiger inspect building renovations.

two years. In addition to smaller classes and individual programs, the school will have extended days, offering three meals a day and a quiet place for supervised study until 9:30 p.m. All classroom teachers will be reading teachers in addition to other content areas. In addition to the master teachers, there will be interns, some of whom may come from Teach for America, an organization where many Kappa collegians find employment and job satisfaction.

Esperanza will advertise on local Spanish-speaking radio stations and use posters throughout the community to encourage students to apply for admission. The Department of Social Services may refer up to 20 percent of a class. Not only must the student be committed to the 12-hour-a-day programming, but a parent/caregiver must also commit to specific involvement criteria, ensuring that the home and school work together. Finally, the first 40 students will be chosen by lottery from among the applicants.

The school will be housed in two floors of the parish house at Grace Church in Lawrence, a central location opposite the town library, the "Y" and similar youth-oriented organizations. Although there will be renovations to include an elevator, sprinkler system, etc., the facility already includes a gymnasium and industrial kitchen.

Upon graduation from Esperanza, students will go on into mainstream high school or to one of several local prep schools that have agreed to admit those who meet their standards. Esperanza girls will receive follow-up guidance and will be given additional help toward academic success, including assistance with college applications and references.

The goals, structure and planning so impressed Rosalyn that she began by giving of her "treasure," with a substantial donation of funds, plus some from the Wood Family Trust, to aid in the renovations and purchase of start-up materials. She continues to give of her time as she follows the progress and says, "I'll put on jeans and a sweatshirt and go paint a room, if that's where I can be useful." A great deal more time will be devoted since she has been elected to serve on Esperanza's Board of Directors.

Rosalyn also spreads the word and encourages others to take part. Her "talents" involve a presentation to the BOSTON INTERCOLLEGIATE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION to combine local philanthropy efforts with RIF to purchase books for the school and perhaps enjoy mentoring opportunities. Sharing experiences through Rosalyn's memberships with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Museum of Fine Arts are other avenues she may use to broaden the horizons of Esperanza students.




Esperanza Academy: School of Hope is scheduled to open in September 2006 and interest in applications has the phone "ringing off the hook."



ROSALYN KEMPTON WOOD, Emory, points out that Esperanza Academy will offer an after-school haven for quiet study.

"This is an opportunity in the Kappa tradition," Rosalyn says. "It is an opportunity for these students to know the value of a same-sex experience that builds and strengthens their self-esteem, personal development and leadership skills. Like Kappa Kappa Gamma, it will carry into the rest of their lives, supporting them as women who, in turn, may one day give back to their communities."

Leadership helps develop individual competence and confidence. Scholarship prepares for stronger roles and opportunities for advancement. Friendship is everyone's need. Sharing her funds, the hours of her day and her organizational and personal skills, Rosalyn is taking Kappa into the community and demonstrating who we are and what we do. 

Kappa Authors

The Skin Type Solution—A Revolutionary Guide to Your Best Skin Ever

By **LESLIE STAFFORD BAUMANN, M.D.**, Texas
528 pgs., Bantam Books
(www.skintypesolution.com)

With an ingredient-driven approach to skin care, this book shows how everyone needs a personalized skin care program. Associate professor and director of cosmetic dermatology at the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami, Leslie advises and conducts research for numerous cosmetic companies.



The Wabi-Sabi House—The Japanese Art of Imperfect Beauty

By **ROBYN GRIGGS LAWRENCE**, Iowa
192 pgs., Clarkson Potter
(www.clarksonpotter.com)

As editor in chief of *Natural Home*, a magazine that helps readers create healthy, serene homes, Robyn wrote this book to promote the *wabi-sabi* practice of design, which sets aside the pursuit of perfection in order to appreciate the simple, unaffected beauty of things as they are.



Toni's Simply the Best

By **TONI NORMAN HAYNES**, LSU
260 pgs.
(e-mail: haynestoni@cs.com)

A collection of Toni's best recipes from her 30-plus years as a caterer, this cookbook is full of time-tested recipes with ingredients that can be decreased or increased at will according to taste.



A Mother's Mission—Thirty Thoughts for Thirty Days

By **SHERRY CARPENTER LEAVELL**, Kentucky
62 pgs., SL Publishing
(amothersmission@aol.com)

Written to encourage mother's who desire to raise godly children in an ungodly world, this book of short devotionals seeks to take the complicated concept of parenting and boil it down to a clearly defined purpose.



About Teaching Difficult Students: Blue Jays in the Classroom

By **NICOLE GNEZDA SMITH, Ph.D.**, Ohio Wesleyan
144 pgs., Scarecrow Education
(www.rowmaneducation.com)

Exploring the nature of young people and their behaviors, this book sheds light on why traditional discipline methods often aggravate behavior problems. Inspirational stories from Nicole's 30 years as a K-12 teacher and as a mother of three demonstrate a seven-step plan for positive discipline.



Flexible You—A Cat's Quick Guide to Stretching and Self-Massage

By **NANCY FLANDERS LOCKSPEISER**, Cornell
47 pgs., Catamount Publishing LLC
(303-839-1687)

An artist and former editor/copywriter, Nancy enjoys her work as a massage therapist. Her pocket-sized book, which includes "21 stretches a day for a 9-lives body," includes whimsical illustrations and diagrams for specific body stretches.



Mocking Birdies

By **ANNETTE DAUPHIN SIMON**, Cincinnati
40 pgs., Simply Read Books
(www.simplyreadbooks.com)

"Stop copying me!" This phrase has been parroted for generations. Can dueling voices find harmony? Follow along in this picture book for young mimics (ages 3-5). This is Annette's second book. She is the creative director of an ad agency in Austin, Texas.



A Good Man

By **JUDITH HENRY WALL**, Oklahoma
304 pgs., Simon and Schuster

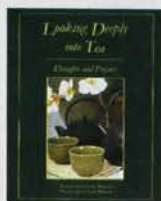
At the heart of Judith's sixth novel is her masterful portrayal of the bonds of sisterhood and the demands that family and career place upon a loyalty that three women thought could stand the test of time. Judith also wrote *The Girlfriends Club*, *My Mother's Daughter*, *If Love Were All*, *Love and Duty*, and *Blood Sisters*.



Looking Deeply into Tea— Thoughts and Prayers

By **SHELLEY M. RICHARDSON**, *Florida State*,
photography by Bruce Richardson
84 pgs., Benjamin Press/Elmwood Inn Fine Teas
(www.elmwoodinn.com)

Owners of The Elmwood Inn in Perryville, Ky., Shelley and Bruce are tea connoisseurs who have produced numerous books and articles. This latest book inspires readers through personal meditations and mesmerizing photography to consider the beauty and magic of the people in far-away lands who labor to produce tea for the world.



A Taste of the Sweet Apple

By **JO ANNA HOLT WATSON**, *Kentucky*
232 pgs., Sarabande Books (sarabandebooks.org)

In this memoir of small-country life, a young white girl of robust curiosity develops a friendship with a black foreman amidst the backdrop of traditional tobacco culture. Jo Anna's memoir began as a letter to her 4-year-old grandson about her childhood and idiosyncratic family and their love of the land.



6 Myths About Alternative Medicine: Using it Wisely

By **COLLEEN C. BADELL**, Ph.D., *Indiana*
192 pgs., Turning Point Press

One of three concise guides to understanding and using alternative medicine, this book raises important questions and offers suggestions on maximizing the benefits of alternative treatments and therapies for people of all ages. Carol is the founder of the free consumer information Web site, www.health-advocate.com.



Coming of Age with Aging Parents: The Bungles, Battles and Blessings

By **GAIL GLADDER GOELLER**, *Washington State*
264 pgs., Patina Productions
(www.patinaproductions.com)

Real-life stories and probing questions give readers a fresh perspective on eldercare as well as increased purpose and power. A noted eldercare specialist, Gail and husband John write and produce the *Directory for Seniors and Their Families*, distributed in the Northwest.



Ohio Wine Country Excursions

By **PATRICIA LATIMER**, *Syracuse*
238 pgs., Emmis Books (www.emmisbooks.com)

This complete guide full of gorgeous photography profiles 65 of the best wineries and vineyards in the Buckeye State. Patricia is also the author of *California Wineries of Sonoma and Mendocino*, and she is founder of Patricia Latimer Associates, a public relations and strategic planning company in San Francisco and Cleveland.



The Smart Couple's Guide to the Wedding of Your Dreams

By **JUDITH SHERVEN**, *UCLA*, and James Sniechowski
256 pgs., New World Library
(www.newworldlibrary.com)

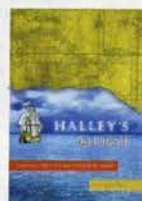
This husband-wife team is on a mission to help newly engaged couples plan a meaningful wedding that fits their lifestyle while creating a solid foundation for their marriage. Tips include how to avoid going into debt, being overrun by the demands of others and much more advice based on their years of experience as therapists.



Halley's Quest: A Selfless Genius and His Troubled Paramore

By **JULIE ALBERS WAKEFIELD**, *Wisconsin*
261 pgs., Joseph Henry Press
(www.halleysquest.com)

An accomplished science writer, Julie takes readers on a trilogy of sea voyages to discover what few people know about Edmond Halley and his greatest achievement—solving the riddle of accurate navigation for seagoing vessels.



Tai Chi Mind and Body

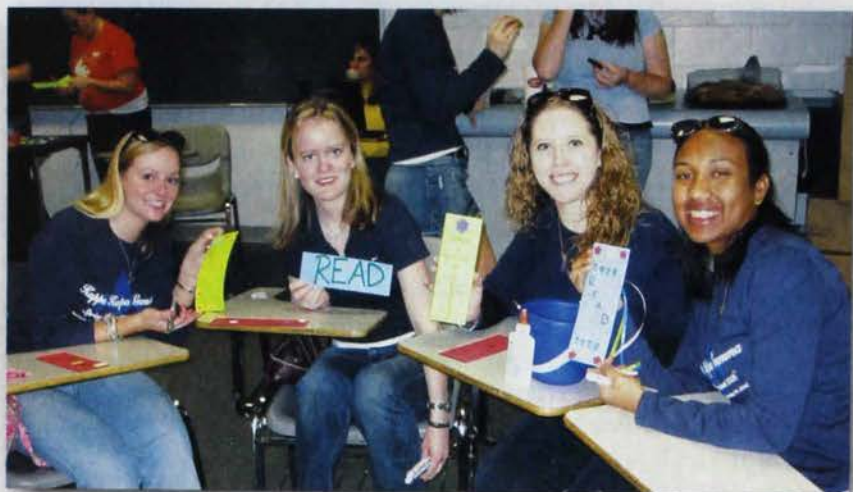
By **TRICIA YU**, (**PATRICIA BEADLES YU SWAYNE**), *DePauw*
160 pgs., DK Publishing (www.dk.com)

This Tai Chi basics program teaches non-impact, flowing movements that build strength and endurance, enhance flexibility, improve coordination and help reduce stress. Tricia is director of the Tai Chi Center in Madison, Wis., one of the oldest of its kind in the United States. For more, visit www.taichihealth.com.



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CATHERINE GURINSKY, *Valparaiso*, far right, with students from Yuyao Dongfeng Primary School in China. Catherine researched China's education system during spring break.



ETA ETA, *Central Florida*, members VICKI FINN, MEGHAN MARONEY, NIKKI KIRDAHY, and DANIELLE AMING make bookmarks during Membership Recruitment to be donated to local schools. The chapter collects books, donates money and volunteers reading hours for Reading Is Fundamental throughout the year.

DELTA LAMBDA, *Miami (Ohio)*, members helped clean up their community during the annual Spring Clean Oxford event.



DELTA PSI, *Texas Tech*, members join breast cancer survivor KELLN ZIMMER, *Texas A&M*, at the Race for the Cure in Lubbock, Texas. The chapter had the second-largest Greek team entered in the event.

GAMMA OMICRON, *Wyoming*, members ASHLEY HERRMANN, BRITNEY LEFFERDINK, NICHOLE GREEN, TARA TROCCHIO, DIXIE THOMAN, CALLEY RICKS, JENNIFER HARDY and KASSIE THOMPSON, read Dr. Seuss books to kids at the Head Start Learning Center where they celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with the children.





GAMMA ETA, Washington State, members shipped care packages with hygiene items, movies and puzzles to two U.S. military units in Iraq. The chapter keeps in touch with both units via e-mail.



CHI, Minnesota, members enjoy a pep rally on campus.



DELTA UPSILON, Georgia, members MEREDITH MORGAN, LAINIE SMITH, KATIE MACHEN and SALLY JACKSON take a break during the annual Crawfish Boil. Proceeds were donated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and the Rose McGill Fund for Hurricane Katrina relief. Prior to the event ELIZABETH BOARDMAN, Georgia, an ovarian cancer survivor, shared her story with the chapter.



For members of ZETA KAPPA, *Bowling Green*, JENNIFER CRIBBS, AMY CARPENTER, AMY STENGER and ANDREA WHITMER, hurricane relief work was an unforgettable experience.

Campus Service Trip Changes Lives

—By ANDREA WHITMER, *Bowling Green*

At 5 a.m., on December 17, 2005, five sleepy Kappas boarded a charter bus headed for Mobile, Ala. Fellow ZETA KAPPA, *Bowling Green*, members April Stenger, Amy Stenger, Alexis Kallas, Amy Carpenter and I had volunteered to participate in a campus service trip during the winter break to help with hurricane relief along with 50 other students from Bowling Green State University.

While in Mobile, we spent time at three different work sites. Students entered water- and mold-damaged homes with the help of Americorps and Volunteer Mobile to tear out dry-wall, insulation and floors. We laughed at the end of the day, realizing we had definitely broken down the stereotypical sorority image by ripping up a hardwood floor, tearing out a ceiling and knocking out the drywall of a house! We were fortunate to share this experience with other sorority women on the trip, working as a team on the house tear-outs and experiencing the bond we all share as members of the Greek system.

Throughout the trip, groups also spent time assisting with a toy drive for low-income families and working at several Habitat for Humanity sites in the Mobile area. We gained a deep appreciation

for what community service can look like when everyone makes a sacrifice for the greater good. We talked about how important it is to just be present, and serve in the ways that are available. After sharing the excitement from the trip with our chapter, several members expressed interest in attending another campus-wide trip down South during spring break. Many Zeta Kappa members planned to head to Pass Christian, Miss., for more hurricane relief work.

Athlete Overcomes Obstacles

JACKIE DUBOIS, *Oklahoma*, received the 2006 Coach Wooden Citizen Cup, which recognizes collegiate and professional athletes who embody character, teamwork and citizenship. Jackie, a track-and-field and cross-country runner who has won numerous Big 12 awards, says this award means so much to her because it honors character over athletic talent. Jackie's accomplishments are all the more remarkable since she has cystic fibrosis (CF). She says that while being an athlete with a lung disease is challenging, she is motivated to push herself because of CF.

Jackie admits to setbacks and frustration along the way, but credits her Kappa sisters with helping her to understand and cope with her disease. She admits she didn't talk about it while in high school, but had to tell her Kappa sisters once she had 90 roommates. She credits their love and acceptance to much of her success and happiness.



JACKIE DUBOIS, *Oklahoma*



Sarah's classroom in Ghana, which she painted to make the school more colorful.



Sarah dances with Mariana and other children during break at school.



Braiding Sarah's hair takes three hours!

An Unforgettable Journey

— By SARAH SENNOTT, *Colgate*

I landed in Ghana, West Africa, late in the night. During the short taxi ride to my hotel through the dark ghettos of the capital city, Accra, I noticed groups of people gathered around the dull, smutty glow of kerosene lamps. Bodies shifted in the shadows and children slept upon cardboard on sidewalks. I was escorted by my volunteer coordinator to a stifling, sparse room, and told to meet him in the lobby at 8 a.m. Sleep did not come easily that night.


The next morning, after the first of what would be many bucket-showers, I headed to the lobby. Through the windows, I saw the sun shining, a delightful sight for a girl coming from a long winter in London, England. I opened the door and there she was—a tall woman walking confidently down the street about 10 feet in front of me. On her head perched a basket full of brightly colored cloth, similar to the beautiful material wrapped around her voluptuous body. She must have noticed my dropped jaw, because she carefully turned her head and smiled from ear to ear.

This amazing feeling became a pattern during the three months I spent volunteering in Ghana: with Ellen, the “house mother” at the volunteer compound I stayed in; on the porch of my hairdresser’s shop where five women spent hours braiding my long hair; with Grace, the animated community nurse running a conference on nutrition for rural villagers; and with Sarah, a chef, talking over the shared making of peanut-butter stew and rice in the small, intimate kitchen of an eco-village I was staying in.

For one month, I taught at a school in a rural village located in the southeast of Ghana. The school was a three-room, yellow-and-brown brick building, set between a small mountain and a grand lake (Lake Volta). On my first day, I stood before 50 boys and girls, aged

2-10 years, who did not speak English. Not knowing what to do, I looked out the window. In the distance, a young man on a boat was reeling in fishing net. I turned back to the class, and slowly the words “Row, Row, Row Your Boat,” came streaming out. In the coming weeks, we shared the joy of learning the words and choreographing hand-and-body movements to the song.

It was during this time that I met Mariana, an outgoing, intelligent teenage-girl in the upper class at school. She was a natural leader, and one of the only students who could read English. She quickly sought me out as a friend and mentor. She brought me to hold her newborn baby-girl cousin just days after she was born. We spoke about her dreams of selling lace from Nigeria, where her family originated. But our connection was bittersweet. Like me, she loved to read, but I just couldn’t swallow the stark difference in opportunity to indulge in that hobby. Growing up, I was surrounded by books: in my room, at my school, at the public library. Mariana’s reality, and those of all the students I met, was entirely different. There were no textbooks for the children, and no books at home. About half of the students had a pencil and paper. There was no school library.

I am still trying to digest all that I witnessed in Ghana—the splendor and the sorrow. But one thing is for sure: I am determined to help make books more available to children like Mariana. Now back in the United States, I am working with a nonprofit organization called Friends of African Village Libraries (www.favl.org). FAVL has built seven libraries in Ghana and Burkina Faso in the last four years. It is my hope to help build libraries in the villages where I connected with such strong, bright women who have goals and dreams just like you and me. 

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Fraternity Headquarters Welcomes Interns

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity and Foundation Headquarters staff welcomes interns LAURA BIEDIGER, *North Carolina*, and JENNIFER MCCLOY, *Clemson*. In March 2006, Laura was selected as the Catherine Schroeder Graf intern and Jennifer was selected as the intern for the Education Department.

A history/sociology major, Laura was an honor student and received her bachelor's degree in May 2006. Laura recently finished work as a museum education volunteer at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, North Carolina. She will work closely with KYLIE TOWERS, *Simpson*, Archivist/Curator, to assist with the care and display of our archives and museum collections.

Jennifer is an early childhood education major and is looking forward to her graduation in May 2007. She plans to study abroad in Italy, attend graduate school and eventually teach students to become great teachers. She will work with Marla Williams, Director of Education and Training, and Sarah Bohman, Education Specialist. This summer Jennifer will assist in developing and planning educational programming for Kappa.

These internships are funded by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.



JENNIFER MCCLOY, *Clemson*, left, is the 2006 Department of Education intern, and LAURA BIEDIGER, *North Carolina*, right, is the 2006 Catherine Schroeder Graf museums intern.

Hoots and Salutes!

◆ The BETA PI, *Washington*, Academic Excellence Committee hosts a banquet where a chapter member is awarded a special scholarship key each quarter in recognition of academic achievement or improvement. The scholarship key is passed from one recipient to the next each quarter. The committee provides study treats and incentives, including a monogrammed robe for members who have not missed any classes or chapter meetings.

◆ DELTA ALPHA, *Penn State*, received the "2006 Chapter of Excellence" designation from The Pennsylvania State University. Part of a newly created "Greek Pride Initiative," the award recognizes the chapter's many accomplishments over the past year involving community service, philanthropy, educational programming and strategic planning.

◆ ZETA ETA, *UC Irvine*, members participated in a risk-management workshop weekend, which included educational sessions on health and wellness, self-defense, leadership and team-building. Speakers included staff from the university's health education center and a Kappa Trainer.

◆ ETA THETA, *Harvard*, members have been busy with many service projects including a service day at the Margaret Fuller House in Cambridge, in which chapter members helped with fall cleaning in the basement, served at the food bank operating there, and painted the front and back porches. The Margaret Fuller House is a community center that offers computer classes and other educational programming for underprivileged children.

The chapter also established the "Literacy and Leadership" program, a literacy-focused mentoring group at the Martin Luther King School in Cambridge. Once a week, chapter members mentor local eighth-grade girls, who in turn mentor fourth-grade girls, helping them with homework and working to improve reading skills.

Stand Up! Stand Out!

New Self-Empowerment Program Available to NPC Groups

Along with 23 other National Panhellenic Conference groups, Kappa Kappa Gamma is pleased to participate in *Stand Up! Stand Out! Why Settle for Fitting in When You Were Meant to Stand Out?* This self-empowerment program addresses the root cause of negative peer pressure and teaches young women to be empowered to stand up against it. This program, developed by Kappa Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha, is designed to be held the first week after recruitment and complements Kappa's educational programs.

"When *Stand Up! Stand Out!* was created, we hoped that it would become a women's movement, a nationwide opportunity for college women to become empowered and stand up against negative peer pressure," said Melanie Schild, Executive Director of Kappa Delta Sorority. "Now with 24 national sororities banding together, with a combined collegiate membership of over a quarter of a million women, the campus culture can be changed." The program encourages participants to explore the issues that are particularly relevant to their campus, such as alcohol abuse, hazing, low self-esteem, sexual promiscuity, pressure to overachieve and more.

"Those of us who serve as leaders in the Greek community take pride in helping our members become their best selves and make a difference in the world," said Bonnie Purvis Warren, National President of Kappa Delta Sorority. "We believe that the combined efforts of Greek women across our nation have the power to change things!"

Participants will be challenged to ask themselves, "Why do I and other women make bad decisions when we have been taught better?" They will be encouraged to explore their value systems and come up with concrete ways to stand up for what they believe. The first *Stand Up! Stand Out!* workshops will take place this fall.

Stand Up! Stand Out! is about using the synergy of Greek women to start a movement of college women across the country to stand up and stand out against negative peer pressure and work together to create concrete solutions and develop action plans to deal with these issues.



How the Program Works:

Who: All women in the campus Panhellenic System

What: A program designed specifically for your campus

When: Held after formal recruitment (fall or deferred or when your campus prefers)

Where: To be determined by the individual campus

How: The program will be planned and implemented by the Greek women on campus. They provide their own funding, ideally by securing sponsorships from the local community.

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Nu Province

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Emory
Florida
Florida State
Miami (Fla.)

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Southern Methodist
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Xi Province

Arkansas
LSU

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Kansas State

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Colorado
Colorado College

Iota Province

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Lawrence
Wisconsin

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Eta Province
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Colorado College

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Alabama, University of
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Allegheny College
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 McAllister, Nancy Fulton, '45, d. 07/05
 Penninga, Elizabeth Graf, '50, d. 12/05

Arizona, University of
 Mack, Mary Blish, '41, d. 12/04
 McIlvan, Ethel Fisher, '31, d. 11/05

Arkansas, University of
 Gilman, Ann Nickle, '44, d. 01/04

Burn University
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 Tise, Sandra Hensley, '69, d. 10/05

Caylor University
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Boston University
 Macaulay, Violet Danielson, '23, d. 11/03
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Ducknell University
 Gregg, Sally Morris, '49, d. 10/05
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Butler University
 Macraff, Helen Griffith, '42, d. 12/05
 King, Lois VanArendonk, '47, d. 03/06
 McElsbury, Martha Sturm, '40, d. 11/05
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 Evans, Beverly, '47, d. 01/05
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 McCorkindale, Helen Graham, '25, d. 12/05
 Woolery, Mary Dewey, '36, d. 10/05

New Mexico, University of
 Cornish, Marion Wilson, '41, d. 01/06
 Horton, Betty Thorne, '48, d. 02/06
 Lafferty, Frances, '64, d. 02/06
 Macey, Jean Mullins, '41, d. 02/06
 McCormick, Dorothy Cox, '35, d. 01/06
 Stamm, Florence Bradbury, '39, d. 03/06

*** North Dakota State University**
 Conmy, Doris Nelson, '32, d. 12/05
 Sears, Gretchen Muehlenbein, '52, d. 04/05
 Shaw, June Sanstead, '37, d. 02/06

Northwestern University
 Brown, Ruth Shepard, '30, d. 01/87
 Mabry, Jean Caldwell, '40, d. 07/02
 Wade, Dorothy Raymond, '38, d. 04/05

Ohio State University
 Capron, Jane Hoffman, '32, d. 07/05
 Klages, June Knowlton, '39, d. 01/06
 Shepherd, Mary Lambert, '34, d. 02/06
 Stephan, Virginia Lape, '51, d. 01/06

Ohio Wesleyan University
 Brown, Margaret Falconer, '36, d. 11/05
 Wight, Marjorie Bains, '42, d. 12/05

Oklahoma State University
 Clarke, Sara Jones, '55, d. 03/05

Oklahoma, University of
 Douglass, Doris Beverley, '55, d. 02/06
 Grisham, Kathleen, '59, d. 10/05

Oregon State University
 Giles, Linda Hammack, '65, d. 03/06

Oregon, University of
 Boone, Victoria Sandner, '40, d. 11/05
 Briles, Judith English, '57, d. 02/06
 Walton, Barbara Hawkins, '43, d. 11/05
 Wiener, Mary Bentley, '41, d. 12/05

Pennsylvania State University
 Kaulfuss, Betty Thompson, '32, d. 07/05
 Thrapp, Carolyn Erb, '40, d. 10/05

*** Pennsylvania, University of**
 Woll, Ruth Crowther, '25, d. 02/06

Pittsburgh, University of
 Beerbower, Betty Weddle, '41, d. 02/06
 Pringle, Jane Bell, '36, d. 12/05
 Rink, Virginia Saunders, '50, d. 01/06

Purdue University
 Gay, Carol Fenton, '52, d. 10/05

Rollins College
 Finley, Patricia Pritchard, '40, d. 11/04
 Murphy, Mary Mills, '60, d. 01/06

*** San Jose State University**
 Rossmann, Inadell Strohmaier, '49, d. 11/05

Southern Methodist University
 Lochridge, Jennifer, '93, d. 12/04

St. Lawrence University
 Smith, Elizabeth Cooke, '51, d. 11/05

Stanford University
 Black, Grace Erskine, '38, d. 11/05
 Kilduff, F Delanie Madison, '42, d. 10/95

*** Swarthmore College**
 Bennett, Katherine Hunt, '29, d. 12/05

Syracuse University
 Young, Lillian Bright, '39, d. 11/05

Texas Tech University
 Crews, Sandra, '65, d. 12/05
 Thomsen, Juanelle Tallbot, '53, d. 04/05

Texas, University of
 Blanchard, Betty Bird, '40, d. 11/04
 Burns, Hallie Houston, '39, d. 01/06
 Carpenter, Betty Dupree, '46, d. 01/00
 Dillon, Rowena McNeel, '57, d. 08/05
 Estes, Martha Munday, '50, d. 02/06
 Finn, Dorothy Bell, '40, d. 01/04
 Gilliland, Ruth Harsh, '49, d. 02/06
 Robinson, Joline Street, '60, d. 09/05

Toronto, University of
 FitzGerald, Janet Grubbe, '37, d. 02/06

Tulane University
 Jaubert, Marie Monrose, '40, d. 10/05

Utah, University of
 Ensign, Virginia, '38, d. 12/05
 Hansen, Blanche Burdick, '37, d. 12/05
 Hine, Ella Ballinger, '41, d. 11/05
 La Salle, Lavon Crane, '32, d. 02/06
 Myers, Harriet Walker, '33, d. 01/06

Washington State University
 Burt, Jean Fraser, '30, d. 01/06
 Miller, Patricia Jones, '51, d. 03/06
 Sanders, Susan Simpson, '38, d. 02/06
 Santos, Elsie Jacobsen, '39, d. 03/06
 Wade, Bonnie Lovell, '38, d. 07/05

Washington, University of
 Bell, Marie McNair, '15, d. 01/75
 Lovsted, Louise Clarke, '50, d. 01/06
 Traudjan, Prudence Lambuth, '34, d. 12/05

West Virginia University
 Beam, Betsey Gramlich, '55, d. 04/05
 Clegg, Susan Ellis, '59, d. 02/04
 Kauffelt, Miriam West, '33, d. 10/05
 Nelson, Ann Patrick, '53, d. 10/05
 Thomas, Ruth Woodrum, '45, d. 10/05

Whitman College
 Kirkman, Marjorie Pifer, '45, d. 01/02
 McCartney, Marion Houck, '50, d. 02/06
 Tuttle, Elizabeth Johnson, '36, d. 12/05

William & Mary, College of
 Bloxom, Margie Hoskins, '36, d. 10/05
 De Witt, Katrine, '23, d. 12/05

Wisconsin, University of
 Copeland, Jane Muskat, '32, d. 12/05
 Hess, Mary Brim, '37, d. 12/05
 Nelson, Iona Zink, '36, d. 01/01

Wyoming, University of
 Grant, Alyce Reinking, '28, d. 12/05
 Nichols, Sharon Dickensheets, '55, d. 12/05
 Richardson, Evagene Davis, '39, d. 02/06
 Roberts, Marjory Updegraff, '39, d. 10/05

*Indicates inactive chapters.

Correction:
The Key apologizes to DANA JONES BENET, Colorado, and VIRGINIA BARTLESON, Wisconsin, and their families. Dana and Virginia were listed in the spring 2006 In Memoriam list by mistake due to incorrect information submitted to the Membership Services Department.

In order for names to appear in "In Memoriam," verification and date of death must be sent to Fraternity Headquarters and Foundation Office, P.O. Box 38, Columbus, OH 43216-0038. Memorial gifts may be sent to the KKT Foundation.

The Ties That Bind

— By LOIS CATHERMAN HEENEHAN, *Adelphi*

After the excitement of Recruitment, your first experience in Kappa Kappa Gamma was to recite the words, “I give my name and interest to ...,” pledging your loyalty to your chapter and the Fraternity. Almost 3,900 young women said those words this year.

Fifty years later, about to receive the golden fleur-de-lis symbolizing your years of membership, you hear, “Fifty years ago you gave your name and interest to ...” And this is repeated in your 65th and 75th years. More than 2,000 women have reached those milestones.

Are these the ties that bind? Possibly. But beyond our pledges and years of membership is a simple concept, stated in the Preamble to our Fraternity *Bylaws*:

“We, believing in a closer union in the bonds of friendship to be for our mutual benefit ...”


Friendship is our tie that binds. Through our friendships we gain the benefits of laughter, applause, sympathy and support. We share celebrations for a new job, finding our terrific partner, having a baby—or several! We also share the sadness of divorce, being down-sized, losing everything in a natural disaster, the death of someone near and dear. And through it all, we share our friendships, making the good things even better and the bad things more manageable.

Our ties that bind can be a thin thread stretching across the years and the miles. Or they can be a thick cable that goes back a year or two and just across the street. From a chapter whose diversity is broad but whose members are still anchored by time and space, we enter alumna life and experience close bonds with

women our grandparents’ age or those we meet at Convention who remain close through phone calls and e-mail. Kappa has no boundaries, but we sure do have connections!

This issue of *The Key* celebrates lifetime connections. A reunion changed lives and created a wide-spread family, celebrating a wedding, laying the groundwork for support in time of death and fostering a bit of matchmaking for a future celebration. Pieces of thread, lovingly sewed together, formed a quilt of warmth and love for someone who had lost much of that—not a Kappa, but the daughter of a Kappa who benefited from the ties of friendship. Military personnel and their families connected and offered information and support to many. And ties that had stretched far too long were secured as a pledge was initiated many years later, reaffirming her ties to Kappa.

It all says, “Stay connected.” Keep in touch with your pledge sisters, but also reach out to the many others who will laugh and cry with you. There are decades and distances through which you can give your name and interest and share the mutual benefit of the bonds of friendship.

Take it from many of us who know, who rely on a friend in New York City, Minneapolis or Portland. Stay connected—it matters more than you know. 

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