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“Kappas ‘Sea’ the Beauty in Life”



National President Kathy Smith Theta State/Alabama

Our 2023 Convention in Baton Rouge was awesome. The Eta State Kappas, led by Past National President Charlotte Schneider and Mary Lou Hughes, put on quite a wonderful convention. These ladies exhibited some of the sweetest Southern charm to all of us. The food was delicious, the tours were fun and educational, and we all were thankful for the air conditioning as we walked into each meeting room.

I was honored to have three Past National Presidents, Linda Hilton, Laurie Konrad, and Ellen Patterson, lead the 2023 -2024 National Executive Committee installation. The person who introduced me to Kappa was none other than my mentor, Margaret Cooley, who had been close to each of these ladies. As I felt the Kappa love that night, I knew that Margaret would have been there encouraging me if she could. In honor of her and other Theta State Kappas who have joined the Omega Chapter, I will strive to do my best to serve Kappa in my words, thoughts, and deeds.

My theme for this year is “Kappas ‘Sea’ the Beauty in Life”. It is my hope that we will look for the beauty in situations, speak positively toward others, and be encouragers showing Kappa love to those who need edification. As we work hard to contribute to our local communities either financially, through donations, or by giving our volunteer time, we can tell of our great organization to others. We may even find some future Kappas as we meet other individuals involved in education. We all need to seek out new members to share with them why we love being a Kappa.

The icons I have chosen are seashells, which I think are one of God’s most beautiful creations, so beautiful once they are cleaned up. If you have ever found a sand dollar on the beach, you know it is usually a deep muted green until it is dried and cleaned. If we clean up our thoughts and words we will show the beautiful spirit of caring Kappas.

As you “**SEA**” **THE BEAUTY IN LIFE**, may you know that “A happy heart is good medicine, and a cheerful mind works healing...” Proverbs 17:22. May you have a beautiful and blessed year. Kappa hugs.

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2023-2024 National Executive Committee

(Back) National President-Elect Carolyn Garrettson,
National President Kathy Smith,
Second Vice President Carolyn Wilkins,
(Front) First Vice President Brenda Hope, Recording Secretary Dana Terrell, Parliamentarian Chris Hockert,
Immediate Past President Phyllis Thomas, not pictured



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ATTENTION STATE AND LOCAL CHAPTERS

Each state chapter, local chapter, and state council must file an annual 990-N (e-Postcard), via the Internet, with the IRS to maintain tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization. Complete filing as soon as possible. Questions? Contact National Headquarters at 1-800-678-0389.

COMPLETED

Lambda State/GA
Maryland Chapter
Rho State/NC
Xi State/FL
Zeta State/MO



Due
November
15th



DONATIONS

~ June 2023 ~

Special Projects	\$5,2884.00
General Fund/ HQ Maintenance.....	\$6,908.15
Memorial Garden	\$355.00
Fundraising Other.....	\$100.00
Building Enhancement	\$2,122.00
Any Capital Improvement	\$350.00
Special Projects Committee	\$100.00
Educational Grant	\$110.00
Past State President Scholarship	\$340.00
PSP/ Sara Sunderman Campus Sch.	\$25.00
Retired Educator Grant	\$100.00
Terrell Scholarship	\$100.00
Undesignated Scholarship	\$100.00

DONATIONS

~ July 2023 ~

General Fund/ HQ Maintenance.....	\$1,953.31
Any Capital Improvement	\$200.00

Profile Distribution

Kappa members love to hear what is happening in the organization and The Kappa Profile is a great method of communication. With rising costs of printing and mailing, the National Executive Committee, along with the State Presidents, have decided to have an electronic distribution of The Kappa Profile. Members can always find the current Kappa Profile and past editions on our website.
<https://nationalkappakappaiota.org/>

If you would prefer to continue to receive a printed copy of the publication, please contact National Headquarters at 1-800-678-0389 or by mail at The Kappa Profile 1875 E 15th St, Tulsa, OK 74104 or via email kappa@galstar.com.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS UP TO DATE

Kappa SPOTLIGHT

Do you know a great Kappa member we should feature in the Spotlight section on the national website? You may submit an article about the member, including a picture, by sending the information to National President Kathy Smith for consideration.

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**2023-2024 National President Kathy Smith
and the Stars of the Sea, State Presidents**

(Front) Amanda Powell, FL, Marsha Coffee, TX
(Row 2) Sue Hagan, SC, Anita Beasley, GA, Lenora Gunnoe, OH,
Cathe Kehe, OK
(Row 3) Judy McCready, TN,
National President Kathy Smith, AL, Ellen Patterson, AL
(Row 4) Kathy Gordon, NC, Franny Spencer, AR
(Row 5) Cindi Thompson, MO, Judy Oliver, KS



2023-2024 STATE PRESIDENTS



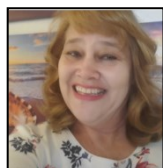

Alpha State/OK
Cathe Kehe
"Kappas-
Educations' Busy
Bees"



Theta State/AL
Ellen Patterson "
'Sea' What Kappa
Can Do!"



Rho State/NC
Kathy Gordon
"Just BE...Like
Betsy and Earlene"



Beta State/NM
Laura Still
"Kappas Bloom
Wherever They Go"



Iota State/NE
Nancy Johnson
"Kappas Brighten
the Day with Love,
Courage, Faith,
Honor, Learning
and Giving"



Upsilon State/SC
Nancy Lind
"Waking Up with
Kappa"



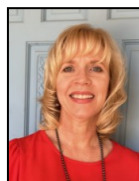
Gamma State/KS
Judy Oliver
"Seas' the Day"



Lambda State/GA
Anita Beasley
"Kappas are
Difference Makers"



Phi State/OH
Laura Gunnoe
"Be YOUtiful
Kappa!"



Delta State/TX
Marsha Coffee
"Kappas Bloom with
Knowledge,
Service, and
Friendship"



Mu State/MS
Donna Geno
"Kappas 'Sea' the
Treasures in Life"



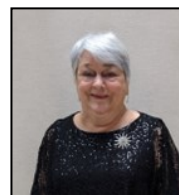
Chi State/HI
Suellen Sulunga
"Kappa in Hawaii is
the Aloha Spirit"



Epsilon State/AR
Franny Spencer
"True Friends, like
Kappas, are
Diamonds- bright,
beautiful, valuable,
and always in style."



Nu State/CA
Henrietta Hamilton
"Kappas are Like
Islands In the Sea,
Separate on the
Surface, But
Connected in the
Deep"



Psi State/TN
Judy McCready
"A Kappa's Life
includes the Beauty
of Kindness"



Zeta State/MO
Cindi Thompson
"Show me Kappa
Pride"



Xi State/FL
Amanda Powell
"Kappas Keep
Moving Forward,
Opening New
Doors, and Doing
New Things"



**Alpha Alpha State/
KY**
Janet Hankla
"The Sun Shines
Bright on the Home
of the Kentucky
Kappas"



Eta State/LA
Louise Walsh
"Let Everyone 'Sea'
Kappa Ideals in
you!"



Omicron State/IA
Carol Meier
"Kappas Are
Positive,
Professional, and
Awesome!"

Alpha Chapter/MD
Pam Niziolek
"Maryland Kappas
shining bright with
positivity, kindness
& friendship"





2023-2024 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP/ GRANT RECIPIENTS



**Past National President
and
Scholarship Chair
Brenda Morrison**
Rho State/ North Carolina



**Educational Grant
\$2,000.00
Abigail Tointon**



**Educational Grant
\$2,000.00
Greg Laverge**



**Past State Presidents' Sara
Sunderman Scholarship
\$2,000.00
Amanda Bennette**



**Mable Caldwell Scholarship
and
Ruth Foster Scholarship
\$2,500.00
Carolyn Wilkins
Georgia**



~SPREAD THE WORD~
Scholarship and Educational
Grant Applications are
available on the website.
Nationalkappakappaiota.org

Abigail Tointon is a student at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, where she is majoring in Elementary Education. Abby works as a math tutor at the college. She is also the founder and president of "Fellowship of Christian Athletes." She is the tech coordinator for the North Central College Office of Faith and Action. Abby plays lacrosse and is the philanthropic committee chair of Faith and Action. Abby will graduate in May of 2024 after finishing her student teaching in the Spring.

Greg Laverge is an elementary teacher in Alabama. He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program for Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Alabama. Although he has not committed to a dissertation topic yet, Greg is interested in researching the use of technology in the classroom or the impact of disposition of math abilities on math instruction in elementary schools. He hopes his research will impact teacher preparation programs with either of these topics. Greg is the grandson of long-time Kappa member, Mary Lou Hughes.

Amanda Bennett is an Art Teacher. She has recently started her masters degree studies at The Art of Education University, a distance learning institute. She has participated in many art workshops and excited to continue learning as a graduate student. Her courses will be in fibers, ceramics, and graphic design skills. Amanda is a Kappa member of Alpha Lambda Chapter/ Delta State/TX. Amanda participates in Kappa philanthropic activities. She also leads art classes for her chapter each October.

Carolyn Wilkins is the Director of Curriculum for Pickens County Schools, in Jasper, GA. Her undergraduate degree is in Early Childhood and Elementary Education and was earned at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. She has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, in Florida. She is pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Instructional Technology from William Howard Taft University, as a distance learning student.



General Fund

James & Brenda Hope
*in memory of PNP Janice Jones, and
Jerry Craig Kappa Guy NC*

Phyllis Thomas
Honor Eta State/LA members

Linda Hilton
in memory of Ardis Peterson KS

Diana Spriggs
in memory of Ardis Peterson KS

Amy Weaver
in memory of Mary Lou Young

Melinda Sams

Mary Lou Hughes
*in memory of Mark Garrett Hughes,
Ralph Morgan Hughes, in honor of Phyl-
lis & Bruce Thomas, Kappa Guys Joe
Harper & Jerry Craig*

Phi State OH

Diane Ross
in memory of PNP Janice Jones

Wanda Huhn
*in memory of PNP Janice Jones,
Vonda McClelland, and to honor
Phyllis Thomas*

Peggy Davis

Ken & Kathy Russell

Delta State TX

Capital Improvements

PNP Janice Jones NC
Artis Peterson KS
Earlene Davis NC
Marsha Estelle Cunningham TN
Dr. Karen Miller OK

Past State Presidents Club
*in memory of PSP's who joined Ome-
ga Chapter*

Janice Luce
*in memory of David Leon Luce &
PNP Janice Jones*

Charlotte Schneider
*in honor of National President Phyllis
Thomas & Mary Lou Hughes*

Linda Smith
*in honor of National President Phyllis
Thomas & Mary Lou*

Gamma State KS

Eta State PSP

Eta State LA

Brenda Morrison
*in memory of Larry Morrison & Rho
state friends Janice Jones, Earlene
Davis, Betsy Rhodes, Jerry Craig,
Angie Cannon*

Mary Burris (roof repair)

Upsilon State SC (roof repair) *in
memory of PNP Janice Jones*

Bonnie Bell

Deborah Fields
in memory of Earlene Davis NC

Alice Bodin
*in memory of Calvin Bodin
Lambda State GA*

Kathy Gordon
in memory of Earlene Davis NC

Building Enhancement

Cathe Kehe
in memory of Eric Kingery

Memorial Garden

Cheryl LaFargue
*In honor of Martha Higgins, PSP
Oberia Price, Kappa Guy Walter
LaFargue*

John & Diane Cox
in memory of Earlene Davis NC

Carol Lunsford

Jean Adams
in memory of PNP Janice Jones

Carolyn Dye
in memory of PNP Janice Jones

PNPs
in memory of PNP Janice Jones

Educational Grant

John & Diane Cox
in memory of Nathan Cox

Peggy Earl
*in memory of Earlene Davis & PNP
Janice Jones*

Rho State/NC
in honor of Susan Allred SP

Jean Terrell Scholarship

Sally Kilgore

Retired Educator Grant

Special Projects Committee
members

Alpha Rho Chapter Eta State
in memory of Ann Marshall

Sara Sunderman Scholarship Fund

Carolyn Garretson
in memory of Norma Hodge

United States Flag for National Conventions

The Kappa Guys



**NATIONAL KAPPA KAPPA IOTA
NATIONAL CONVENTION
BATON ROUGE, LA
JUNE 2023**



Philanthropy

President-Elect Carolyn Garretson, National Philanthropic Chair

Nationwide, "Kappas 'Sea' the Beauty in Life" by demonstrating their philanthropic programs and projects whether on a personal, local chapter, state, or national level. As a Philanthropic Organization (501(3)c), philanthropy is the keystone. The Philanthropic Committee, Carolyn Garretson, Chair, Kay Palush, Karla Kuklaw, and Connie Schobert will contact state philanthropic chairs throughout the year so that Kappas will be able to exchange ideas for future programs and projects via the Kappa Profile and/or Website as well as see what Kappas are currently engaged in accomplishing. Philanthropy, whether we donate time, money, or goods, to National Kappa Kappa Iota or work in conjunction with other philanthropic organizations, needs to be reported on the Philanthropic forms. Good deeds help "Kappas 'sea' the Beauty in Life."