

KAPPA KEYNOTES

Boston Intercollegiate Alumnae Association

October 2010

President's Letter

Dear Kappa Sisters,

On October 13th, Kappa Kappa Gamma celebrates 140 years since its founding at Monmouth College. In just a few days, we'll be celebrating Founders Day together with Kappas of all ages. We will have new members learning about our Kappa Founders and Fraternity symbols for the first time, seasoned members reciting this information as if it were second nature and others' memory being once again reignited by one of Kappa's many traditions.



Had it not been for this Fraternity, I doubt my college education would have proved as meaningful, my friendships as fulfilling, and my intellectual and personal growth as progressive. I very much look forward to connecting with our Founders, fellow alumnae and active members, all to whom I owe much thanks for being the past, present and future of this wonderful Fraternity.

Loyally,

Jade Reichling
President, BIAA



At the September Welcome Back Party at Lir

The traditions and foundations of the Fraternity are what make Kappa a unique organization. Themes of friendship, leadership and scholarship exist throughout our humble beginnings, a time in history when women were a rarity on college campuses. It is no wonder that KKG emanated from

members of a literary society – women whose friendship empowered them to establish an organization that would one day amount to a sum much greater than that of its parts. Founders Day gives us an opportunity to reconnect with these Kappa roots and, in turn, helps to keep these roots vibrant in an ever-changing world.

Think about your Kappa experience. Can you remember a moment in which your Kappa friendships empowered you to take a leap of faith or take on a challenging task? Our six founders did just that and for that historical moment and gradual momentum, I am very grateful.

Editor's note: Space permitting, we will include requests for donations in our newsletter, for members who are personally participating in a fundraiser or similar activity. We also welcome announcements and photos: weddings, births, etc. Contact deb@debn.net for information on how to send. Submissions due the first of each month. We will reserve the right to edit for space, and can't promise we will be able to include all requests!

2010-2011 Kappa Kalendar

October	14	Night Owls
	17	Founders Day Celebration
	21	Book Group
	27	Key West Pumpkin Party
November	6	Discover your Passion
	17	Lunch Bunch
December	7	Lunch Bunch
	18	Holiday Party
February	23	Game Night & Tarot Cards
April	1-3	Alpha/Rho Province Meeting
	7	Wine Tasting
May	5	Annual Pot Luck Buffet

More details on p2. Just in! Night Owls event at Fanueil Hall- details on page 7.

2010-2011 KAPPA KALENDAR: SAVE THESE DATES!

Founders Day Celebration! October 17th 1:30-3:30pm

at the home of Rosalyn Woods, 276 N. Main Street, Andover, MA

Come enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon in Andover. Actives are invited! Light food, tea and coffee will be provided, but in an effort to keep costs down at our events this year we're asking volunteers to bring a dish or dessert - it would be much appreciated! If you can pitch in, just let us know by contacting Laura Propis (617-797-9794)

Discover Your Passion: November 6th

Come and "Discover Your Passion"...or if you have already discovered it, learn how to follow it! This is a great topic for both actives and alums and the workshop is filled with activity and discovery. We are asking all attendees to bring 3-4 magazines with them to the program. Note the date change from our postcard. Evite to follow with details.

Holiday Party: Dec. 18, Union Oyster House, Boston

Stay tuned for details! More mingling, no sit-down dinner.

Game Night & Tarot Card Reading: Feb. 23

Something new this year!

Wine and Cheese Tasting: April 7, Brookline

Brought back by popular demand!

May Buffet: May 6, Acton

Same great annual get-together, but this year on a Sunday afternoon for those who don't drive at night or have to get up early for work the next day!

BIAA Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch offers an additional way to connect with BIAA members. Email notices are sent to those members who have signed up so add your name to the email list to receive notices! **RSVP is required.** Save the following dates for noontime fun and fellowship with your Kappa Sisters:

November 17th: Mick Morgan's Irish Pub, Newton Highlands. Hankering for a juicy burger? Pub Grub and more await us in this dazzlingly decorated locale. Dessert at Susan Kaplan's new apartment, right across the street at Avalon at Newton Highlands.

December 7th: Colonial Inn in Concord. Let's celebrate the holidays steeped in history in this quaint old New England inn dating from 1716. Come for good old American fare dressed up for the season!

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2010-2011 KAPPA KALENDAR: MORE DATES!

Babson Fashion Show:

October 17 at 1 pm in the Reynolds Student Center of Babson College. There will be clothes from LF Stores in Wellesley, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the Rose McGill foundation as well as Dress for Success. Tickets \$10, at door. For more information contact MK Byrne at Babson: mmmk007@gmail.com

Kappas are Reading!

Come join us for the inaugural evening of the new (as yet un-named) BIAA Book Club. We will gather at the home of Lauren Sewell on Thursday, October 21, at 7:00 PM. Lauren lives at 1901 Beacon St #2, in Brookline. There is easy street parking, and is also convenient to the C & D Green lines.

KKG has many talented authors, so we've selected one for our first book. Please read **Summer at Tiffany, A Memoir**, by Marjorie Hart. Marjorie was a Kappa at the University of Iowa in the early 1940's, during WW2. After graduation, she and her best friend became the first women to work on the sales floor at Tiffany & Co in New York City. What an adventure they had! Please let Lauren or Pattie Brockwell know if you can attend or if you have any questions. Lauren can be reached at lauren-sewell1@hotmail.com. Pattie can be reached at pjbrockwell@gmail.com, or by calling 978-866-8156. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Neighborhood Group: The Key West Kappas are going to have a **Pumpkin Party** Wednesday, Oct 27th @ 7:00 pm at 29 Robert Rd, Marlboro. We are serving cider and pumpkin desserts—wine too! There will be a couple pumpkins to scoop out for toasting pumpkin seeds as well. **RSVP:** 495kappas@gmail.com or 508-308-3229. Bring nothing but another Kappa!

NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS:

The **Eta Theta (Harvard)** chapter has been incredibly active during our first month back in school. In addition to helping with a Charles River Conservancy clean-up in early September, we kicked off a weekly apprenticeship with Orchard Gardens school just last Wednesday. Our VP/AE has done a great job of planning study breaks--Berry Line- and Gossip Girl-themed--to keep us sane during intense exam cramming, and a Dinner-and-A-Movie sisterhood event this past weekend was a great time to relax before gearing up for midterms. We're really looking forward to our first social event--Kappa Cosmic Bowling and so excited for an upcoming gear order that will help us rep Kappa loudly and proudly. For more frequent updates on the Eta Theta Chapter, please visit our website (www.krimsonkappas.com), Facebook Fan Page (Eta Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma), or follow us on Twitter ([etathetaKKG](https://twitter.com/etathetaKKG))!

Eta Theta Wish List: We appreciate alumnae assistance with any of these requests. Please contact Apryl Alexander, Advisory Board Chair, at apryl.kkg@gmail.com or 202.375.8935

Recruitment Supplies

Decorations (to be donated or lent to the chapter for recruitment week in February 2011):

Picture frames, Dishes and platters (Kappa-themed, if possible!), Vases, Fresh flowers (particularly irises and lilies), Light and dark blue balloons, Projector

Food for recruitment events: Gift certificates to local grocery stores / specialty stores, Homemade contributions

Ritual Supplies: Robes, New Member Pins, Initiation Decor/Supplies (including assistance sewing)

Off Campus Meeting Space: Eta Theta is always looking for homes, apartments, or meeting space they can use for events. **If you would be willing to let these women into your home, they would be so appreciative!** *Can't offer your home but have connections with hotels, restaurants, or events spaces near Harvard Square?* Let us know!

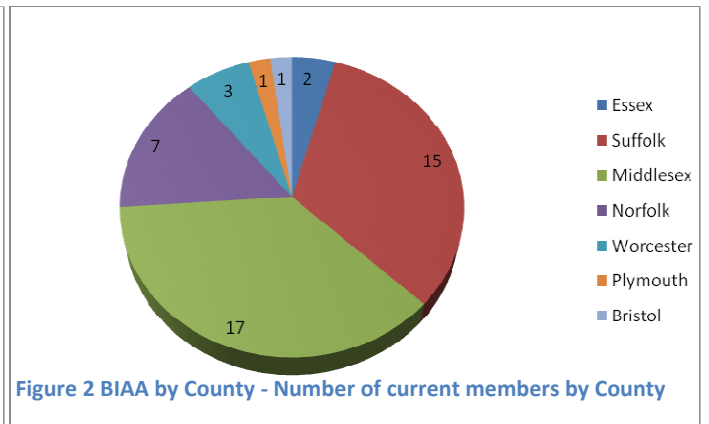
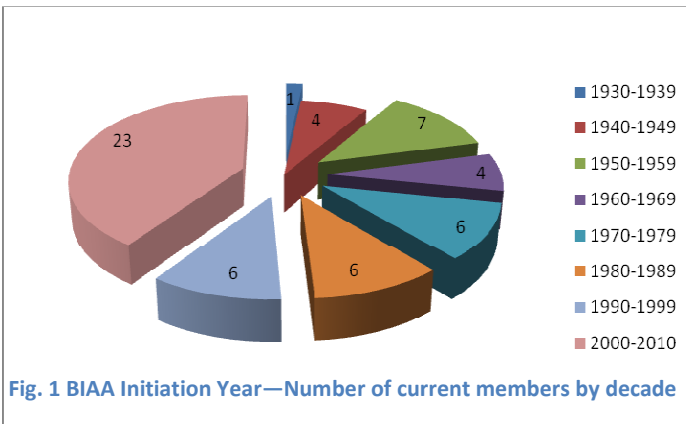
MEMBERSHIP

Connect, Get Involved, Support
Dear BIAA:

Thank you to all who came to the Welcome Back Party at Lir (some pix below!) it was wonderful to see so many new faces and great to catch up with friends! If you are reading this as a new member we warmly welcome you to BIAA. As we all know, the more members we have the more we will find other Kappa's with common interests keeping the bond of sisterhood alive past our college days.



Below are two pie charts showing two different demographics of BIAA. The first chart depicts the breakout of BIAA members by initiation decade. The second chart depicts the breakout by Massachusetts county. The sample is drawn from membership forms submitted from May 2010-September 2010, representing a subset of our membership.



MEMBERSHIP, CONT.

Note that the ages and geographic locations vary considerably. It is very much BIAA's goal to find the ways and means to attract and retain all potential members, regardless of age or geographic location. One suggestion the board has discussed is to create sub-groups, by decade or location, geared towards reaching out to sisters from their concurrent area or graduation decade. Key West is a good example of that. Night Owls is another. The Blue Book directory, published every December, is a directory of BIAA members and includes our respective initiation year and current location within Massachusetts. This is a great tool in connecting us all within the community.

You can also log on to www.kappakappagamma.org. Get Involved – join the BIAA Board or attend a service event supporting our philanthropy. Support your sisters. We have a dual member, currently residing in Delaware, who joined BIAA just to support her daughter, who is an active Kappa at Harvard!

We hope to connect all demographics of BIAA and keep the new members and retention level high each year. Night Owls, Lunch Bunch and Key West groups are great ways to meet other Kappa's and find connections within the group. As a Kappa Community we encourage you to reach out to new and current members and "Connect – Get Involved – Support".

We always welcome suggestions for new interest groups and other fun activities! As the year progresses, we will keep you all updated on BIAA's demographics!

Loyally,
 Caroline Keating & Debbie Borkowski
 BIAA Co-Membership Chairs



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKS

Caroline Gottschalk (our very own membership Co-chair) and James Keating were married on August 20th, 2010 in New Haven Connecticut. Congratulations to you both!



Upsilon Kappas on my trip to Honduras with the Northwestern University Medical Brigade: Still looking great after a week of hard work and cold showers!!!

Note from BIAA Member Janet Saluk:

Thanks to everyone for their generous support of my trip to Honduras--Jenny and I were able to take 4 suitcases of clothing, medication and personal items!!

The Medical Brigade was composed of 34 Northwestern University students, 3 American doctors (with me as the nurse), and were joined by a local MD, 2 dentists and a pharmacist. We traveled by tour bus to very rural areas in the mountains, on crazy windy, hilly and often washed out roads (who needs a theme park--this was much more fun) and held our clinics in local schools. We saw about 800 patients in three villages, and everyone was provided with a gift of clothing, personal care items and anti diarrheal meds in addition to their prescribed medications. Dental care (extractions and fillings) was provided in folding lounge chairs with equipment

operated by a portable generator!! I ran triage, and had the privilege of instructing all the students in basic assessment skills and enjoyed watching their progress from total terror to competence.

The people were awesome, and despite their poverty and simple living conditions, were very cheerful, proud and had a lot of dignity. Definitely a life changing experience!!

I was also very proud of the awesome Upsilon Kappa actives on the trip and their hard work and dedication. Kappa was represented by 5/34 students, and three of them (Alex, Dani and Jenny) have been selected to be on the executive board (3/6 members) for next year. Just another great example of their leadership and commitment to philanthropy!!

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CONVENTION REPORT

Convention Report (Jade Reichiing)

When asked to attend the 2010 KKG Convention in Phoenix, AZ, I was both honored and thrilled. Thank you very much for sending me to vote for and represent BIAA. This biennium the convention theme was "Celebrate!" and BIAA has much to celebrate after having received the Rose McGill Award and the McNaboe Most Outstanding Association Award for Region 1. The support of this alumnae association for the Fraternity is tremendous. Congratulations for being recognized for all of the hard work devoted to Kappa the past two years!

The convention experience is incomparable to any other. I could not do justice to the energy and emotion of being in a room of over 1000 Kappas several times throughout the weekend. Not having previously attended convention, it was impossible to imagine the awe and amazement inspired by entering a sea of women dressed in white, sharing the same traditions and standards. The experience of convention is exactly this moment of amazements and also comfort over and over again.

It's difficult to pick a favorite convention moment. Since there are so many I'd like to share with all of you, here are some highlights:

- Alumnae workshops provided many ideas to bring back to the Board.
- Alumnae Achievement Awards celebrated Kappas with incredible accomplishments previously outlined in the Spring 2010 edition of The Key.
- Program speakers discussed RIF, our national philanthropy, and a professor discussed the history of women's fraternities from a social-historical perspective.
- Shared meals with women who helped establish my chapter, Eta Theta at Harvard University, while discussing the possibility of colonizing new chapters in our province.
- Witnessed convention attendees raise over \$80,000 for the Foundation.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in any of the 2010 Convention events. I am happy to share, and thank you, again, for sending me to represent BIAA!

Night Owls

The Night Owls is an opportunity for our recent grads to get together. The next event will be on Thursday October 14th at Clarke's at Faneuil Hall (21 Merchants Row) at 7:30

PM. Anyone with questions can feel free to email or call Laura Horton (laura.horton@gmail.com, (207) 756-0726) or Katie Rollins (krollins45@gmail.com, (207) 485-2150).



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Last First Middle Maiden (Nickname)

Spouse's Name: _____ *New Member?* Yes No

Address: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Email: _____ Birthday: (mm/dd) _____

College/ University: _____ Initiation Year: _____

Employer: _____ Profession: _____

Current/Recent Volunteer Activities: organizations & positions; recent graduates please include chapter activities: (please use reverse side or another sheet of paper)

Please note: All newsletters and Evites for events will be delivered electronically. Please be sure to clearly include your email address above. Should you require a hard copy, please let us know.

Transportation Needs: I need a ride to meetings I can bring people to meetings

I'm interested in participating in the following Interest Groups:

Night Owls Lunch Bunch Kappa Moms & Tots Book Group Key West Group

I'm interested in helping with the following:

Hospitality Treasurer BIAA Programs Fundraising Membership Philanthropy (RIF/WLP/Other)
 Website Directory Harvard Adviser Babson Adviser U Mass Amherst Adviser
 Northeastern University
 Hostess: My house holds _____ people or I belong to a club/museum which can host an event.

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