

KAPPA KEYNOTES

Boston Intercollegiate Alumnae Association

September 2010

President's Letter

Dear BIAA Members:

During a frigid February blizzard, I entered my first night of recruitment with an open mind and open heart, as well as with the flu and no voice. The latter elements were surprisingly easy to forget when I caught sight of the blue shirts that read "What can blue do for you?" I began to learn the meaning of that question with my first Kappa encounter, Sarah, who somehow deciphered my unorthodox sign language and let my voice rest while she told me tales of her semester in Spain. I learned from her the value of a warm smile, accommodating to circumstance, and adding personal touch to a conversation with a new acquaintance. Lauren, the next Kappa, was full of laughter, animation and sincerity. I learned from her that you are allowed to laugh while at Harvard and that you are also allowed to develop instant mutual sincerity and friendship within a few minutes of meeting someone new. As she described our meeting, "I felt immediately at ease, as though I had been reunited with a childhood friend."

Walking in to my first BIAA event last year, I had the same nervousness that I had back in college. I also had the same level of homesickness, which comes naturally when your family and hometown are 1,500 miles away. Nonetheless, I reminded myself of two things. The first, that I could do now what I did in college – make Kappa my home away from home. The second, that the women I was about to meet were all Kappas – essentially, I already knew them, I just hadn't met them yet.

As an alumna, I'd like you to reconsider the question, "What can blue do for you?" For example, Kappa has provided me with lifelong friendships, home decorating ideas, and leadership development opportunities. BIAA has provided me with a growing knowledge of the Greater Boston area, delicious potluck meals, and about 12 moms at each event. For me, Kappa is the gift that keeps on giving!

We now enter into BIAA's 86th year of existence. To honor that longevity, please join us in encouraging 86 new alumna members to join BIAA. Do you know

another Kappa in your town? I happened to wear my Convention shirt to the gym two weeks ago and a lovely woman approached me and said that she "was a Kappa Kappa Gamma in college." She'll be hearing me from me again, and I will happily remind her that her experience doesn't end with college.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is a lifetime membership, one that ignites (or reignites) friendship, inspires self-discovery, encourages service to the community, and combines tradition and ritual with purpose and relevance. Let's bring together new and seasoned members to celebrate that which makes us all Kappas. I hope you are all having a wonderful summer, and please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns or fresh ideas. I would love to hear from you!

Loyally,

Jade Reichling
President, BIAA

2010-2011 Kappa Kalendar

September	15	Welcome Back Party
	26	Key West Open House
October	3	Jog for Jill (see p. 5)
	17	Founders Day Celebration
	??	Book Group
November	7	Discover your Passion
December	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. Note that Lunch Bunch meets each month too: see p2.

2010-2011 Kappa Kalendar: SAVE THESE DATES!**Welcome Back Party!
Lir Pub and Restaurant****September 15****6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

903 Boylston St, Boston (Across from Hynes Convention Center, Hynes T Stop on Green Line.) BIAA's first event of the year! Complimentary appetizers and cash bar. Bring a Kappa friend to introduce her to our great organization! Meet your new Board and maybe find some sisters from YOUR alma mater.

Neighborhood Group: Key West will hold their first gathering in Marlboro, September 26, from 1-4 pm. All I-495 area Kappa alum are invited to attend this casual dessert/cheese/fruit/coffee event to meet new Kappas. For address and directions, RSVP to 495kappas@gmail.com!

Founders Day Celebration: October 17, Andover

October brings crisp cool days and a wonderful afternoon in Andover to celebrate Founders Day. This is always a special afternoon when we reconnect with our Kappa roots and listen to some amazing women.

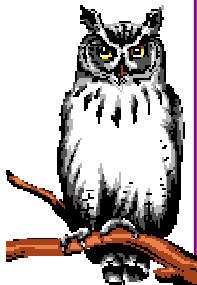
Interested in the new **Book Group**? First meeting in **October**. Contact Lauren Sewell: (laurensewell1@hotmail.com) to join.

Discover Your Passion: November, (location TBA)

Take part in a personal journey...is one career ending and you aren't certain which way to go next? Is there something you know is out there for you, but you're not sure what it is? Then Discover your Passion at this workshop and find out a lot more about the direction your life should be taking!

Holiday Party: Dec.18, Union Oyster House, Boston
Stay tuned for details!**Game Night & Tarot Card Reading: February 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**

BIAA Lunch Bunch offers members an additional way to connect with Kappa sisters throughout the Greater Boston area. A group of BIAA members meets monthly at a restaurant for lunch and conversation. Locations, types of food, and days vary. The notice is listed in the BIAA newsletter, and email notices are sent to those members who have signed up for the Lunch Bunch list. All BIAA members are invited and RSVP is required. Add your name to the email list to receive notices!

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Mark Your Calendars:

Thursday September 9, Noon

Cafe Escadrille, Burlington

Monday October 4, noon

Legal Sea Foods, Legacy Place,
Dedham (at the new "C BAR")

Wednesday November 17, noon

Mick Morgan's Irish Pub, Newton

NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS:

Harvard Update - What's New at Eta Theta? In February, the 2010 Chapter Council held a daylong retreat to discuss its goals for the coming year. The chapter welcomed thirty-four new members after a great recruitment. They may represent Eta Theta's most diverse group of new members yet. They come from across the country and around the world (Peru and Germany included!) and are involved in a variety of athletic, artistic, and philanthropic activities at Harvard and beyond. The New Member Chair has worked to help the lotas understand just how special Kappa is, and this year's Inspiration Week and Initiation proved especially meaningful.

The rest of the semester seemed to fly by with all of the Kappa events held: the South Shore for Sapphire Ball, Kite and Key barbecue with Kappa Alpha Theta before the Harvard vs. Duke men's lacrosse game. The women supported our sisters in their accomplishments, from Eleganza to the Boston Marathon. Eta Theta placed particular focus on strengthening their philanthropy programs: helping clean up the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter alongside members of The Fox, support "Relay" for Life with fellow Greeks, donate blood in honor of our mothers, and support The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.



They ended the year by saying goodbye to the graduating seniors at an annual Senior Dinner. The members of the Class of 2010 enjoyed being "toasted" and "roasted" and found letters written by their parents particularly meaningful. These eighteen ladies will be missed, but wish them the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. Chapter Council continues to work to connect active members with the Eta Theta and broader Kappa alumnae networks. And, we hope that the senior class will join their local associations and Night Owl groups soon.

Eta Theta's first Kappa class celebrated its fifth year class reunion at the home of our first president, Amanda Hinson, in late May. This event served as a kick-off for the House Board fundraising campaign. Everyone looks forward to making a permanent space in Cambridge a reality for Eta Theta. To top it all, at Convention, Eta Theta was awarded the Chapter Public Relations Award of Excellence.

After all the hard work of Spring semester, the summer was too short, and the women of Eta Theta are already preparing for Fall semester. If you are interested in chaperoning events, volunteering at Recruitment, Founders Day, or Initiation, or want to serve on the Advisory Board, please contact Apryl Alexander, Advisory Board Chair, apryl.kkg@gmail.com.

This past year the ladies of the Zeta Alpha Chapter at **Babson College** had the privilege to experience the full culmination of sisterhood. We not only we welcomed our new members into the folds of chapter life, but we also helped welcome the new colony chapter, Eta Omicron, at Northeastern University into the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma for the first time. Zeta Alpha is dedicated to reaching out to the surrounding community whether that be to another chapter, the college, or to the local town. Zeta Alpha prides itself on winning the Greek Philanthropy and Leadership Award during the Babson's all-Greek banquet in spring 2010. In addition, we are proud to have won Greek Week and most significantly, Chapter of the Year. As we approach the fall, the ladies of Zeta Alpha look forward to fall recruitment, working with other organizations on campus to put on charity events, and strengthening our ties with the Eta Omicron and Eta Theta as we continue on the positive legacy of Kappa in the community in our Boston area.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jog For Jill

June 24th, 2010, Jill Costello, a UC Berkeley Kappa (Pi Deu-teron), non-smoker, lost her life to lung cancer. Jill was Membership Chair both for the chapter and Cal Greeks Panhellenic Council. At the young age of 22, Jill accomplished more than most people do in a lifetime. Despite her diagnosis in June, 2009, Jill, graduated UC this year, won PAC10s and placed 2nd at NCAAs as a coxswain for the Cal crew team, traveled to France, rallied 1,000 people for **Jog for Jill**, and helped raise \$50,000 for lung cancer research while undergoing 22 chemotherapy sessions and 14 days of radiation treatments. She was amazing. She never gave up on living.

Here's Jill's story . . .

Video (<http://vimeo.com/12885912>)

Blog (<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/jillcostello>)

Throughout her remarkable struggle, Jill was determined to find a cure for this devastating disease. Near the end of her life, Jill dedicated her energies to **the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation** (BJALCF), which promotes lung cancer awareness and raises funds to find a cure. Anyone can get lung cancer, yet, inconceivably, the survival rate—15.5%—has remained unchanged for 40 years and more Americans die from lung cancer each year than colon, breast, pancreatic and prostate cancers combined.

With BJALCF, it is our mission to continue Jill's dream of finding a cure. Please help us by spreading the truth (non-smokers can contract lung cancer) and the story of our fellow inspiring Kappa sister, Jill.

We also ask that you support Jill and the BJALCF by either participating or donating to the run or "Jog for Jill" to be held in Boston on October 3rd. The link for the Boston Run is :
<http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=427098>

Newest legacy:

Welcome Amaya Hannah Reyes, born August 10th. She weighed 7 lbs 6oz and measured at 20.5 inches. Proud mama is BIAA member Sherri McKee Reyes!



Convention 2010

Our Convention Delegate, Jade Reichling, would like to thank BIAA for sending her to represent the alumnae association, where BIAA received several awards:

Rose McGill Award for Associations with 50-119 Members Awarded to the associations who demonstrated the greatest increase in total number of magazine subscriptions in support of the Rose McGill Fund.

McNaboe Most Outstanding Association Award Region 1: Awarded to outstanding alumnae associations that have achieved overall excellence in fulfilling the purpose of the Fraternity.

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REQUESTS

Sweet Home Kappa Gamma

Do you have fond memories of ritual, meetings, movie nights, or just hanging out in a house or a private room your Kappa chapter called its own? The **Harvard chapter** is not only currently unhoused but as a "social organization" it is also unrecognized by the University. This means that Kappas at Harvard are not permitted to use any campus rooms or facilities for Kappa activities or storage – and this policy is strictly enforced. For the past few years, events like chapter meetings, recruitment, and even initiation have been held in rented space at a men's club (Think frat house). This certainly conflicts with Kappa's image as a group of strong women who are independent leaders and is not a solid foundation for Kappa's future at Harvard.



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As alumnae and advisors, The Eta Theta House Board is hard at work to help them realize the goal of a space of their own and the experiences and memories that go with it. In the first half of 2010, we have officially instated a new 11-member House Board for the Harvard chapter. We are a registered non profit. In spring, we had a training meeting with a regional Kappa rep and began planning for fundraising. After a thorough Cambridge real estate search with a local agent, we decided on the type of space that will best meet Eta Theta's needs and researched the associated purchase and maintenance costs. All of this info was submitted to and approved by Kappa HQ. Nationally, Kappa works hard to make sure house boards are making intelligent and well-researched decisions that will ensure sustainable housing solutions for their chapters! They have been impressed with our work thus far, which is wonderful to hear.

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We are now officially fundraising for the new Eta Theta facility! A mailing is going out in August to families of current Harvard Kappas and recent alumnae. Look for a mailing for local Boston Alumnae in fall. If you have any questions about donating, becoming involved, or other questions about our house board, I would love to hear from you.

Jamie Valerius

Eta Theta House Board President and House Chair Advisor
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BIAA member Janet Saluk, RN , BSN, will be travelling to Honduras September 6-12 as part of a volunteer Global Medical Brigade. The group includes doctors, nurses and students from Northwestern University, including her **Kappa daughter Jenny** and **three other Northwestern Kappa actives**. The group will be taking supplies to the villagers, and is looking for donations of the following items:

- Prescription Medications (samples ok)
- Over the Counter Medications and vitamins
- Children's clothing ,shoes or tennis shoes (new or gently used)
- Baby diapers
- Hygiene supplies (soap, shampoo, combs, toothbrushes, etc)
- Games, toys, prizes, school supplies
- Spanish Children's Books
- Reading glasses (generic drugstore kind)

Any assistance would be appreciated!! They are also accepting cash donations, which will allow them to purchase medications and medical supplies at discount prices.

Please contact Janet at salukfam@comcast.net for additional information or to arrange pickup.

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 will reserve the right to edit for space, and can't promise we will be able to include all requests. Please send submissions to: deb@debn.net. We also welcome announcements and photos: weddings, births, etc.



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2010-2011 Membership Form

Information in the BIAA Blue Book is based on this form.
Please leave blank any information you do not wish published in the Blue Book.

Name: _____
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.

2010 – 2011 BIAA Association Dues – Pay by 10/31/2010 to be in the BIAA Blue Book

2010-2011 Membership \$40 Recent Grad (2008/2009/2010) \$35 50+ Year (KKG initiation) Member \$35

Additional Contributions – Members will be recognized in the BIAA Blue Book

Fleur-de-lis \$10 Golden Key \$20 Use My Contribution: As Needed Foundation Chapter Assistance
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