



KAPPA gazette

come together for philanthropy and social networking

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happy o-nine!

Hello Kappas! I hope 2009 has found all of you doing well, so far! This past November I finally saw "Wicked" with Annie, Co-President, and heard "For Good," and the words held special meaning. Played at Convention, it was especially poignant. President, Denise Rugani reminds us, "Though led by outstanding individuals at all levels, truly the heart of Kappa is all of us. Thanks to each and every one of you, our lives have been changed for good."

As a new members, a few short years ago or decades past, we heard "Kappa is for a lifetime." At my first convention, I was reminded that both the young and experienced kappa share our ideals. The excitement I felt as a new member was revitalized and the keystones of our sisterhood—leadership, scholarships and friendships—were modeled in Arizona by the outstanding undergraduates and alumnae alike.

I've been a new member, active, member of two associations and now Co-President of a talented group of alumnae woman, my life has truly been changed for the better because of the women I have known throughout my life thus far in our amazing organization. For this renewed opportunity to serve, learn and grow, thank you!!!

Here's to a wonderful year!

Loyally,
Amy Batchelder & Annie Sloterdik
Co-President of Twin Cities Alumni Association
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MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Thankfully, with our dues, Amy was able to attend Convention in Arizona this past year and gain a lot of great knowledge but it took a large amount of our savings. Due to those expenses we weren't able to send a representative to Province in Illinois, February 20-22nd. We need to raise more funds to allow our board members to attend Convention and Province to continue to help grow our association!

KAPPA calendar

The kappa calendar is here to provide you with various activities to join in throughout the year. If you have an event with kappas on your calendar, please share it with us!

Educational Wine Tasting

MARCH 19th -6:30pm-9:00 p.m.
Join us for our annual KKG Spring Wine Tasting Event! Feel free to bring friends, husbands, significant others, and friends—the more the merrier! *The proceeds of this event will be going to the Kappa RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Program.* Tickets cost \$15 per person. This includes wine, appetizers, & good company! We look forward to seeing each of you!

At the Grant Park Fireside Room—
500 E Grant St., Minneapolis, MN.

Please RSVP to
KappaAlumniAssociationTC@gmail.com

Virtual Golf

APRIL 30TH -6:30-8:30 p.m.
Golf season is quickly approaching! Join the Kappa Alumnae at Lifetime Fitness' Virtual Golf Club to brush up on your skills before you hit the course. Golf pros will be available to us for a short refresher course before we begin a mini virtual tournament. This is a great opportunity to meet new kappa alumnae!

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meet the board of 2009

The 2009 Alumni board is always in need of assistance. Below you will see what each member does and how they could use your help making this association the best that it can be!



Amy Batchelder, Co-President
Responsibilities include: membership & email liaison. I need help calling our list of 2,600 alumnae in the TC; updating contact information and holding Kappas in the hood events.



Courtney Nielsen, Vice President
Responsibilities include: designer and editor of newsletters, website curator and event organizer. I can always use help planning events for the association members to attend!



Annie Sloterdijk, Co-President
Responsibilities include: Philanthropy, Special Interest Groups and Chi Parents Assoc. I need help from Kappa alumns who have daughters at the Chi house to start up the Chi Parents assoc; also individuals interested in helping our association raise more money for RIF and local causes!



Kyle Woods, Treasure
Responsibilities include: budget, dues and fiscal reports to KKG Headquarters. I need help getting more individuals to pay their dues so that I can budget for more alumnae activities!

House & Advisory Board Needs Help!

There is a lack of local alum help for the Chi Chapter. The House Board President has stepped down after 5 years of service and no one has replaced her. Currently, most officers on the House Board are also on the Advisory Board.

Sadly, these Boards have not received much interest or support from kappa alumnae in the past. We greatly appreciate everyone that has held a position in the past and present; however, we need more individuals willing to take on leadership roles in the House Board and Advisory Board (and of course the Alumni Association). The inability to find alums willing to support the Chi chapter as Board members poses a real threat to the chapter to thrive.

The physical condition of the house and the annex is not very good, and so a great deal of money is spent patching them up to keep them running. What Chi Chapter really needs is a meaningful capital campaign but we can not conceive of how that could be done when we are unable to find alums willing to give a few hours of their time each month. The house also lacks the funds to consider installing a fire suppression system as the House Board would not be able to pay back any loan given due to other financial obligations and the fact that we have spent more than \$100,000 over the last few years to repair and replace items in both houses, which were essential to keeping the women who live in them safe and comfortable.

After reading this article I hope you understand the need for your help on the House & Advisory Board. Please step forward and take on a more active role on a Board or help start a capital campaign for Chi chapter since they are in great need of one. If you are interested in joining a Board or starting a campaign please call Amy Batchelder at 414-491-1717 or email at aebatchy@gmail.com.

Gopher Homecoming

OCTOBER 10th

Get out your Maroon & Gold! The new Gopher Stadium is here!!! Join the Kappa Alumnae for a tailgate before the game! Details to follow! What an exciting day it will be!

Founders Day Event

OCTOBER 11th

Join us for Appetizers, ritual and special recognition for 50, 65 & 75 year pins for Kappa Alumnae* At the Chi Chapter House— 329 10th Ave SE, Minneapolis

You need to pay your dues for us to be able to recognize you!

Kappa Holiday

December TBD

We are currently taking suggestions for a kappa themed holiday event!

Calling All Night Owls...

Join us for a Kappa Happy Hour each month to reconnect with old friends or make friends with new faces! We meet each month and alternate between places around the Twin Cities Metro Area. Come for a drink or appetizer and meet Kappa friends!

KICKOFF DATES TO COME!

Please contact Amy Boruff at amy.boruff@target.com if you would like to be added to the email list serve!

Kappas in the 'Hood!

We'd like to start small neighborhood get together for Kappa's around the Twin Cities Metro area. However, to start we need your help. Talk to one of your close Kappa friends and team up to help the TC Alumni Association plan these get-togethers in your area. If you're willing to host a small gathering in your house or at your local coffee shop please let us know.

Rose McGill Magazine Agency

Every Kappa sister should have support in times of need.

The Rose McGill Fund, established in 1922, has many programs, which give confidential aid to deserving Kappas of all ages who suddenly and unexpectedly find themselves in financial need due to misfortune or illness. And, in 1933, the Rose McGill Magazine Agency of Kappa Kappa Gamma was established to further provide income to the Rose McGill Fund. Last year the Magazine Agency's donation to the Fund was \$24,000; during the current biennium, the Agency will have contributed more than \$46,000 to the Fund. Please help this fund - buy magazines!

Once again, Kappa is running the Spring "Buy One, Give One" promotion from March 1 thru June 30. The purpose of this promotion is to increase our group's magazine totals

for the year and benefit the Rose McGill society. The promotion is only for certain magazines, so visit www.kappa.org/rose to find out more!

The details of the promotion are: You buy two subscriptions to the same magazine and you get each subscription for far less than you could buy two single subscriptions to the same magazine. They make great birthday gifts, especially if you want to get a magazine for yourself (or give two away!)

If you wish to receive one of the spring magazine catalogs, please contact Mary Ellen Figgins at mfiggins@kkg.org or 800-554-7673. Mary Ellen can also tell you which magazines are included in the promotion. **Remember to mention the Twin Cities Kappa Association when you place your order!**

80 Alumna Positions Available for Leadership Academy

Leadership Academy is a fun-filled four-day leadership retreat highlighted by outdoor leadership challenges, personal reflection and group interaction. Leadership Academy is held at Heartland Conference and Retreat Center, in Marengo, Ohio.

Funded through a generous grant from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, Leadership Academy is an inter generational event with representatives attending from each chapter and 80 Alumna positions available. Advisers are encouraged

to attend. Each chapter pays \$200 to help defray the expense of Leadership Academy and alumnae are asked to pay a \$50 registration fee.

Why should I attend?

Leadership Academy provides participants with the opportunity to build personal leadership skills in a nurturing and supportive environment. The inter generational component of the program allows women of all ages and backgrounds to come together and learn from one another's experiences. Participants have the

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LinkedIn is an interconnected network of experienced professionals from around the world. You can find, be introduced to, and collaborate with qualified professionals that you need to work with to accomplish your goals.

As more people become connected on the web we thought creating a linkedin group for Kappas in the Twin Cities area would be a great and easy way to get members to socialize and network.

Whether you are looking for a job or just want to meet other Kappas you can post on the discussion board for help or just to say hello.

LinkedIn also has a professional job board. Whether it's for a consulting gig or job offer, having a presence on LinkedIn means that those who are looking for someone with your experience, knowledge and skills will be able to find you.

We believe it will be a great asset with the economy in a slump it can be vital for Kappas to stick together and help each other out.

If you have a linkedin profile please take the time and join our group. And if you don't have a profile yet, it only takes a minute to sign up and become a part of a integral professional networking tool!

privilege of meeting amazing Kappas from all over the United States and Canada. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Leadership Academy 2009 will take place Thursday, September 17 through Sunday, September 20.

The final deadline for alumnae to submit an Interest Form is JULY 15.

Please visit KKG.ORG for more information OR feel free to contact the Kappa Kappa Gamma Department of Education and Training at 866-KKG-1870 with any questions you might have.



Twin Cities Alumnae Association

Please support the Association by paying your dues! This contribution allows us to maintain our good standing with the Fraternity, provide for Association expenses, and send a delegate to National Convention in 2010. By paying your dues you help fund "The Key," which all Kappas receive for a lifetime and is very expensive to produce. It also covers our association mailings (look for one August/September), 50, 65 & 75 year pins for our lifetime members, food and beverages at gatherings, convention and province expenses and chapter assistance. Lastly, \$17 of each member's fees goes directly to Headquarters.

We have allowed for you to participate in a "Giving Levels" program, which will provide additional support to our Association while allowing us to keep basic dues at the lowest possible level. Please give as generously as you are able.

Name: _____
Last First Middle Maiden

Nickname: _____ Husband's Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Email: (Personal) _____ (Work) _____

College: _____ Chapter: _____ Initiation Year: _____

Employer: _____ Profession: _____

Are you willing to hostess a meeting in your home? _____

Are you interested in Night Owls, Wise Old Owls, Kappas in the Hood, etc? _____

Other suggestions for meetings or programs for the 2008-2009 association year? _____

Amounts:

2008-2009 Regular Dues: \$40.00

Distinguished giving levels:

Owl (\$41 - \$50)
Key (\$51 - \$99)
Fleur-de-lis (\$100 +)

50 Year & up Kappas: \$30.00

2008 & 2009 Graduates: FREE (donation of \$17 to headquarters is appreciated!)

Total Enclosed: _____ (checks payable to KKG Twin Cities Alumni Association (KKGTC-AA))

Mail form and dues to: Kyle Marie Woods; Grant Park 500 E Grant Street #2109, Minneapolis, MN 55404