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Newsletter of the KKG Wichita Alumnae Association

From the President

Dear Kappa Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I also am so happy that many of you will be reading this for only the first or second time as you are new to our alumni group. To those I say welcome and to all others I say welcome back my friend and sister.

Kappa continues to change in so many ways and we are keeping up at lightning speed with our Twitter, Facebook, e-mail, newsletter and much more! We are meeting and reaching out to new Kappa sisters from near and far. We continue to prove that we are the winner and outstanding example of how communications succeeds in an alumni association.

The Kansas Author's Dinner is soon approaching and we have three exciting authors and a lovely new venue (see details page 4). If you are unable to attend, please consider a monetary donation or underwriting a portion of the expenses. Connie Kendall and her committee have done a fabulous job and worked tirelessly on our one and only fundraiser. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

In April we look forward to Province. I am hoping to have several of you join me in this fun and rich experience in sisterhood and friendship. Please consider spending a weekend in Columbia with me and other Kappas from across the province. Check out website at kkgwichita.org for more information about the Province Meeting

My final goal for the rest of the year is for all of us to reach out to our sisters that we have not seen in a while or sisters that have never come to a meeting. I know there are many women out there who we would love to embrace and welcome into our wonderful group of fabulous women! Let us all pick up the phone and have a tremendous showing for our May meeting!

It continues to be such a pleasure and honor for me to serve you in this capacity. I look forward to a fantastic 2011 with all of you!

Loyally,



Melissa Jones Smith, '83

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If you have moved, have a new phone number or new e-mail address, please contact Judy Rapp with updated information: 733-4226, judyrapp@sbcglobal.net.



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- Twitter: <http://twitter.com/kappakappagamma>
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- Website (lots of great info): <http://www.kkg.org>.

The Key Magazine:

- Facebook (search for The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma)
- Twitter: <http://twitter.com/thekeymag>

Night Owls

This is for ALL AGES, and all Kappas are encouraged to come. Catch up with old friends, or meet new ones! Come for just a drink or stay for dinner. **Join us Wednesday, Feb. 2 @ Mike's Wine Dive. Complete details are listed on the calendar on page 3.** For info, contact Laura Hance, 719-964-5813, laura.hance@gmail.com.



Rose McGill

Why should you renew or order your magazine subscription through Rose McGill? Because, by doing so, you help other Kappas in need. At least 50% of the subscription price goes to Kappa, sometimes even more. The Rose McGill Magazine Agency does not charge more or extra for a magazine. If you have a renewal notice for less than our price, simply mail the renewal notice to Emily Jones and she will forward it on to Kappa and the lower price will be honored. You can check for magazines and their prices on-line.

3 EASY WAYS TO ORDER

1 INTERNET: Log on to www.kappa.org/rose using your membership number found on THE KEY mailing label—it's the 6 digit number above your name. Browse the on-line catalog and make your selections. Fill out the on-line order form with your credit or debit card and submit.

OR

2 EMAIL: Download an order form, fill it out and send back to the national chairman, Mary Ellen Figgins at mfiggins@kappakappagamma.org as an attachment.

OR

3 PHONE: Call KKG toll-free: 1-800-KKG-Rose or call Emily Jones at 316- 682-0898.

Make checks payable to ROSE MCGILL

Let's all try to order or renew at least ONE magazine this year!

Hospitality

Do you know a new Kappa in town or a Kappa with a new baby, an illness or death in the family or someone needing our attention? Please contact Jenifer Cook, drjencook@hotmail.com, 733-9145.

RIF



We need readers on Feb. 11 and April 5 at Clark Elementary. Reading to a class takes about 20 minutes. Contact Laura Tuttle if you are interested. Visit kkgwichita.org and click on RIF on the right side navigation bar to see the schedule.

Panhellenic

Please plan to be a part of the annual Card Party at Botanica on Tuesday, April 26th. Stroll through the gardens or play cards after having lunch with your friends. Don't forget the fashion show, silent auction and wonderful tea cookies. Please consider volunteering to help serve or support the event with a donation. Money raised goes to the five \$750.00 scholarships awarded to high school seniors.

On Tuesday, May 11th, Kappa will host the President's Tea at the home of Margaret Murray. Our guests will be the scholarship recipients, their parents, high school counselors and all other alumnae presidents and representatives. The tea will be catered but we will need five volunteers that afternoon to help serve and clean up.

Please call Val Learned at 204-3932 if you are interested in helping with either of these events.

2011 Kappa Calendar

Programs/dates subject to change.

For questions regarding the following events, please contact Beth Copher at 733-7372 or bcopher1521@cox.net

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 6:00 pm

NIGHT OWLS | Mike Wine's Dive | 4714 E. Douglas, Wichita

Thursday, Feb. 24

Kansas Author Dinner | Marriott Hotel, 9100 E. Corporate Drive, Wichita. DETAILS on page 4.

Tuesday, March 15

Triad Tea | Wichita Country Club | Includes social, dinner and live blues music Info: Carrie Trieschman, cmtimage@cox.net, 316-218-1559

Thursday, March 10, 6:00 pm

NIGHT OWLS | Gaslamp Grille | 550 N. Rock Road

April 1, 6:00 pm

NIGHT OWLS | First Friday | Details TBA

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 pm

Get Organized! | Details TBA

April 26, Noon—3:00 p.m.

Panhellenic Card Party | \$12 | Botanica, The Wichita Gardens | Enjoy lunch, fashion show and a stroll through the gardens | Info: Val Learned, 682-1577, vlearned@cox.net or Teri Bloomer, 201-1908, tbloomer8301@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, May 10

Panhellenic President's Tea | Home of Margaret Murray | Info: Val Learned, 682-1577, vlearned@cox.net (**a venue is needed, contact Val if you can help**)

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30pm

Wine Tasting | Home of Kathy Morris | Bring your spouse or a friend! | Monetary donation appreciated

Wednesday, May 18th, 6:00 pm

NIGHT OWLS | PF Changs | Webb and 13th Street in the Waterfront

Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 pm

NIGHT OWLS | Yia Yias | 21st and Rock Road in Bradley Fair

Thursday, July 14, 6:00 pm

NIGHT OWLS | Oeno Wine Bar | 330 N. Mead near Old Town Square

Wednesday, August 10, 6:00 pm

NIGHT OWLS | Abuelos | Webb and 13th Street in the Waterfront

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February 24 | Wichita Marriott

6:00 pm Reception (cash bar)
 6:45 pm Dinner
 7:15 pm Author presentations
*Book signings
 immediately following*

New York Times Bestseller | **Antonia Felix**
 Sonia Sotomayer: The True American Dream

Award winning mystery writer | **Nancy Pickard**
 The Scent of Rain and Lightning

Children's illustrator and author | **Brad Sneed**
 Mr. President Goes To School

If you cannot attend the event, please consider making a donation. The Kansas Author Dinner is our association's ONLY fundraiser. Let's support it!

Tickets: \$50 per person
RSVP by Feb. 18 to Lori Hilts
 (316) 733-8764 | <http://www.kkgwichita.org> | kkgwichita@gmail.com

Proceeds benefit



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Be sure to look for mentions of the Kansas Author Dinner around Wichita:

- Online at nakedcitywichita.com
- The Newton Kansan

And watch/listen to KKG's Jane Knight:

- **Feb. 10:** ABC Channel 10, KAKE midday, 11 am
- **Feb 11:** CBS Channel 5, KWCH/CW morning news 8:30 am
- **Feb. 16:** KRBB 97.9 FM, B-98 morning show, 8:35 am
- **Feb. 16:** NBC Channel 3 KSN noon news, noon

Another interview is being scheduled on KNSS.



Like the Kansas Author Dinner on Facebook!
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kansas-Author-Dinner/112900622093269>

Facebook promotion: We're giving away each of the author's books on Facebook. Simply "like" the page, and you are eligible to win. Open to anyone, not just Kappas. Crystal Walter won Antonia Felix's biography of Sonia Sotomayer. The next book we're giving away is Nancy Pickard's "The Scent of Rain and Lightning" on Jan. 29.

Extra invitations/brochures are available to send to family and friends. Contact Susan Dyer: susan.dyer2@gmail.com or 316-773-2053

Order your tickets today! Please mail this form along with your check by February 18, 2011 to:
 Lori Hilts, 830 Bramerton, Andover, KS 67002. 316-733-8764. **Your check is your reservation.**

Please reserve the following tickets for me: _____ x \$50 a person

Please reserve a table of 8 under the following name: _____

Vegetarian option available: Please reserve # _____ vegetarian dinner(s) for me.

I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation of \$ _____

I have enclosed a check for \$ _____ made payable to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

First and last name

Phone and/or e-mail

Street address

City, state, zip

Treasurer's Notes

Thank you to all who have paid their \$30 annual dues! It's not too late to consider supporting Kappa and its activities.

Send a check (payable to Kappa Kappa Gamma) for \$30 (or more to be a patron member) to the address here or pay online at kkgwichita.org. Dues paying members receive a current yearbook. If you have paid dues, and have not received a yearbook, please let me know. Thank you again for your loyal support!

In accordance with IRS regulations, your dues and contributions are not tax-deductible.

Mail dues to:
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From Teri Bloomer—Gamma Alpha House mom

The KSU girls won 1st in Homecoming this year. On December 5th, there was a joint House Board/Advisory Board meeting with tea and cookies to meet their new officers.

The Kappa house and three others in the neighborhood were on the tour for other House Directors.

The girls had a Wednesday night holiday party that included inviting local alums and their kids for dinner and gingerbread house contest. The theme was "Christmas Morning" so everyone wore PJs. It was so cute to see the little kids in their PJs. Even Willie the Wildcat showed up. The house looked gorgeous for Christmas & everyone helped.

The girls moved into their new room assignments, and classes started Jan. 18.

It's been really interesting to be included in Chapter Council and Chapter meetings. I feel like it helps me to be a better House Director by being a Kappa because I get to see the total picture.

Province Meeting

**ZETA PROVINCE MEETING:
April 8-10 | Columbia, MO**

Province Meeting is a special way for our members to get together and share the magic of Kappa at the province level. It is a chance to make new friends, see old ones and learn more about the Fraternity.

The purpose of Province Meetings shall be to "elect Province Directors, provide leadership training, discuss matters of mutual interest, and make recommendations to the Regional and Fraternity Council." (Fraternity Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 9.,A.)

Each chapter of a province shall have a delegate and each alumnae association shall be entitled to representation by a delegate. Province Meetings are intergenerational experiences of leadership training and friendship.

Province Meetings are held in the odd-numbered years (the years when the Fraternity does NOT hold its biennial Convention.)

If you are interested in attending this year's Province Meeting, please contact Melissa Smith, ergonomicsrus@cox.net, 685-4189.