

Kappa Kappa Iota

Lambda State Kan Kan

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Kathy Russell, editor

From the desk of the President:

By the time you read this message I will have a new address. Please write it down for future reference.

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Our new home will be in Lake Country, the only lakeside town in the State (commonwealth) of Virginia. The cellphone number will remain the same and the email address will remain the same. This move is a Lambda State membership growth opportunity. Virginia has no Kappa members. I am a Lifetime member of National, an active member of Lambda state and Mu Chapter. Mu Chapter is a virtual chapter. I will try to use this feature to enroll more members in Mu Chapter and perhaps urge teachers in the Town of Clarksville to form a chapter of their own. Let's all cross our fingers and hope we'll have additional educators Catch the Wave.

Our computer will be out of service beginning March 22, 2022 and will not be activated until sometime in April.

Lambda State members are Kappas and together we will *Ride the Waves*. Hope to see you in Palm Springs.

Carol A. Lunsford
President Lambda State
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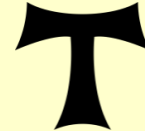
Important messages from National:

1. Beginning with the 2022-2023 year all state chapters are asked to send contributions to the Kempe House to National before November 15. Executive Director, Teri Poreda wishes one contribution check from each state to be sent to National for distribution rather than each individual chapter sending contributions.
2. Please take time to download the Kappa Profile from the National Website and view the 2022 Convention offerings.
3. The Ad Hoc publicity committee is going strong and devising ways to “market Kappa” to the rest of the country. In its infancy, the committee sent suggestions to the National Executive Committee meeting held March 3, 2022. More information will be presented at the National Convention in Palm Springs.

Please let Carol Lunsford know if you will be attending the convention. I need to send in the National Delegate and Alternate names soon.

News from our Chapters

Tales from Tau



Tau Chapter presented checks to Ashworth Middle School, Red Middle School, and Calhoun Middle School Nurses to use for feminine hygiene products or any other needs they may have. **Joann Meadows** and **Kathy Russell** presented checks at each school.



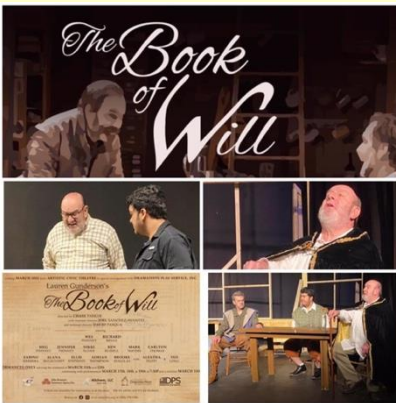
At the Fall Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia, recently held in Duluth, Calhoun's Paul Gwin Unit 47 brought home several awards, including second place in Americanism, auxiliary emergency, education, Georgia Girls, and public relations. The unit also won a J. Pat Kelley Past President's Parley and earned a National Security Certificate of Recognition.



*Pictured are (from left) Trophies and Awards Chairman Linda Brock, past state auxiliary department president, **Dr. Joann T. Meadows**, and unit president Regina Wyatt.*

Janet Martin earned the State Farm Ambassador Travel designation in 2021, for Financial Services Sales. The planned "payoff trip" is a British Isles Cruise, on the luxurious, Celebrity Silhouette Ship. The Cruise will be July 9-July 16, 2022. She and Larry, her husband, will fly to South Hampton, England. They will board the Celebrity Silhouette on July 9 and will spend seven nights at sea. Janet and Larry will visit these "Ports-of Call": Belfast, Northern, Ireland; Glasgow, Scotland, where they plan to visit their Rotary International Student, Kimberly Baird; Liverpool, England; Cork, Ireland; and Portland, Dorset, UK. Janet and Larry will fly back to Atlanta, Georgia, from South Hampton, England.

Ken Russell qualified to run for a seat on the Gordon County Board of Commissioners. Fortunately, he has no opposition in the May Primary election, but will hit the campaign trail hard July 1st to get the word out before the November election!



Ken played the role of William Jaggard in Artistic Civic Theater's production of *The Book of Will*, a play about friends trying to get Shakespeare's plays published.

Kathy Russell had rotator cuff surgery the end of November, and following 10 weeks of physical therapy, is finally pain free and has almost regained full range of motion.

Ken and Kathy Russell will be spending a week in Florida with their son the last week in April. They are hoping to visit other Orlando attractions besides Disney and Universal!

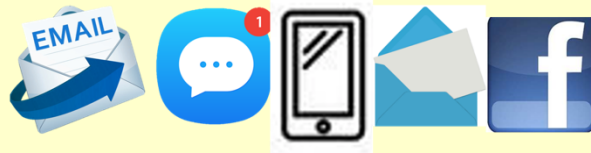
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Kappa Chapter purchased a brick for the Kappa House in Tulsa in memory of **Wanda Culpepper**.

Mu Crew News

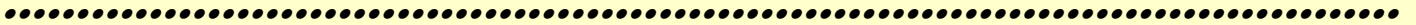
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MU Chapter is Lambda State's only virtual chapter. With two members residing out of state, two members recovering from COVID-19 and one member a full-time resident of a nursing home the officers made the decision to become a Virtual Chapter. When an in-person meeting is necessary ZOOM is used.

Carol and Tom Lunsford are unwrapping and unpacking boxes settling into their new home. The most exciting part of the move is the never ending "Cat Tales" exhibited by Little Cat in bringing him to a new place to live. They are blessed to have a driver/chef/house cleaner who came with them from Atlanta. "Miss Mary" drives them wherever they need to go. She helps Carol cook each meal and refuses help in cleaning the house. Carol and Tom will miss her when she goes back home.

Lori Burks had carpal tunnel surgery on her left wrist on March 16th. She is working on getting her hand back in order with therapy and looks forward to joining all at Spring Convention.



Iota News

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Sam Granade, grandson of **Connie and Wayne Granade**, will graduate with honors from Trinity Christian Academy in Sharpsburg, Ga on May 19. He will be attending Ga Tech pursuing a mechanical engineering degree.

Baldwin High School: *Our local Kappa Kappa Iota chapter had donuts and coffee for our wonderful teachers this morning! ❤️📱📱📱👧📺🍰* Kappa Kappa Iota is a national organization dedicated to promoting the advancement of education by providing a network for current and retired teachers to share and promote effective and positive teaching practices. 💜💜
(Copied from Baldwin High School FB page)

Pictured: **Jan Anderson**
Sandy Fountain
Marcelle Bridgeman
Elsie Clark.



Noel Williamson's oldest granddaughter, Baileigh, will graduate with honors in early May from Georgia College & State University. She will begin her teaching career in Baldwin County. Noel's oldest SC granddaughter, Kacie Grace, will graduate with honors from Riverbluff High School in late May. She plans to attend the University of South Carolina. Needless to say, Noel is extremely proud of those hardworking granddaughters!

Tess Pettigrew, daughter of **Beth and David Pettigrew** will be married to Charlie Strickland in June 2022. Beth will celebrate her 70th birthday in the fall with a first time, whole-family trip to the beach.

Elsie Clark celebrated her 92nd birthday on February 4th and proceeded to have two falls and an overnight stay in the hospital with pneumonia during her birthday month. She has recovered nicely.

Marcelle Bridgeman stays busy keeping her youngest grandson, Colton and picking up several other grandchildren after school. Her oldest child, Jeff, (AKA her husband) is working too hard for a man his age. They are excited about the National Convention which they will attend with their daughter, Sara, and granddaughter, Ava.



Omega: In Memoriam



Janice Joyner Morris passed away Friday, April 1, 2022, after living with chronic kidney disease for 30 years. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 8, at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

On Easter Sunday, March 25, 1951, a tiny baby girl was born into a large, loving family. The family consisted of parents (Paul and Eudell Joyner), two uncles (A.J. and Grass Helms), three brothers (Bill, Bobby and Ray), two sisters (Ruth and Emily).

Janice graduated from Lyons High School with honors in 1969. She received her bachelor's degree and her master's degree from Georgia College in Milledgeville. Janice was an elementary teacher. She taught five years in Putnam County and 25 years in Baldwin County. She taught grades 1, 4, 5 and 6. Her greatest joy was helping first-graders learn to read.

Janice was a member of three loving church families during her life. She grew up in South Thompson Baptist Church of Toombs County. She raised her two sons in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Baldwin County. Her senior years were spent serving in Ivey Baptist Church in Wilkinson County. Janice was active in the "Joy" Sunday School Class, WMU, Senior Activities, and singing in the choir.

Janice Morris is survived by her husband of 50 years, Richard Morris of Gordon; her two sons, James (Michelle) of Gordon, and Eric (Danielle) of Eatonton; six precious grandchildren: Rob Morris (Cara) of Milledgeville, Christian, Noah, Alexander, and Elijah of Eatonton, and Victoria of Gordon. Janice is survived by a sister-in-law, Mildred Joyner of Byron, and a brother-in-law, Don Carver, of Richmond, Va.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Ivey Baptist Church Building Fund 107 Church St., Ivey, Ga. 31031.



Theta News



Margaret Van Buren: *my time to be a grandmother!*

She is going to be beautiful!

We look forward to seeing a picture and getting birth details in the October edition of the Kan Kan!

Theta member, **Anita Beasley**, visited the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in late December with her husband and oldest son on their quest to visit all the national parks. While much of the park was closed for the winter, they were still able to visit Cades Cove, Elkmont area, the Cherokee side and valley. If you haven't visited the Elkmont area to explore the restored cabins, the abandoned cabins still in the area, Troll's bridge, and the cemetery, you are missing an interesting part of the park! Anita and Wayne then visited their son in Colorado Springs in mid-March, bringing along their grandson, Jason, that was home from Italy and the Air Force for a couple of weeks. They left 70-degree weather and blooming plants for 2 days of blowing snow and 1 day of hurricane force winds before the weather turned nice enough to explore the area in their jeeps. The family reunion of 3 generations was worth all the bad weather though!



From **Carol Hilburn:**

As I write this, I am sitting at Casa Del Mar Resort in Ormond Beach, Florida with my daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and grandson (Cassie, James, Kennedy and Andrew). Spring Break 2022 has been fun! They went deep sea fishing for the first time and James caught a SHARK! We have eaten lots of seafood and spent hours on the beach and in the pool. We visited a Marine Life Museum and Turtle Hospital.

In February Cassie and I went to Cashiers NC with Kennedy, Andrew and two cousins. We hiked, went ice skating, went to waterfalls, as well as spending time playing games, cooking, and visiting.

In December, after Christmas, my family and I visited Savannah. This time Trip and Ashby were available to go with us. We stayed in a house that was built in the 1800s. Everything in Savannah was a 14-minute walk from our place! We did a city tour, ghost tour, sight seeing on the Savannah Queen and checked out several restaurants on River Street. We also spent a day at Tybee Island including Fort Pulaski, the beach, a dolphin tour, and dinner at The Crab Shack. The worst part of the trip was coming home and the next day starting symptoms that made me check myself for Covid – yep, positive.

Earlier in December **Helen Ray**, **Anita Beasley**, another friend, and I visited St Augustine. Beautiful place with lots of history. We found it to be very touristy, but we had fun anyway. Even earlier in December **Helen**, **Anita** and I went to Orlando. We went to Epcot, the Space Center, and Hard Rock Casino.

My grands have been busy also. Trip is in his 2nd year at LaGrange College. He is playing lacrosse and loving it. He has been given the privilege of going to Boston this summer to work at a summer camp as a lacrosse coach. Obviously, he is very excited! Ashby was able to go to Saudi Arabia to compete in a weightlifting competition with young people from all over the world. Of course, they were unable to go exploring with the world as it is right now. Kennedy completed her first year of cotillion and enjoyed it (especially the dance). Andrew has had a good year at school as he is completing 4th grade. He has participated in a running club and is attending workout with Ashby.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter from my wonderful family!



Christmas time was special at the **Vail** household since the grandchildren came from Colorado Springs to visit. What fun to decorate the house for them and plan activities for the grands. We did lots of fun things, puppet shows, Christmas Eve, Santa's arrival in Georgia, Stone Mountain and many more things, and of course a family picture.

Tom and **Loretta** have traveled to Colorado to visit the kids over spring break and did the Great Wolf Lodge experience. And it was an experience - meant for the kids and not so much the grandparents!!

In February **Loretta** and a friend ran the Ronald Reagan 5K race. We came in 1st and 2nd. Now don't get excited it was for our age group of 70+!

