

Kappa Kappa Iota Lambda State Kan Kan

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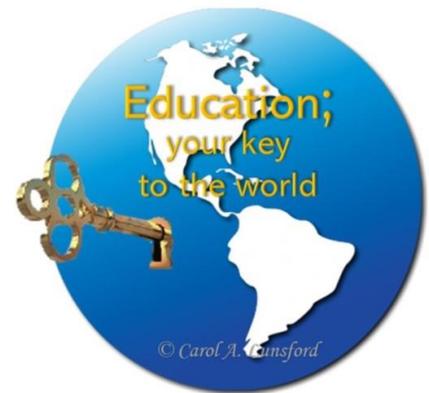
What a roller coaster of a year we have had to date. Is this year a “new normal” or just a curve? The weather does not want to cooperate with the calendar. Fall is supposed to be here, but the temperatures do not let one feel as if it is.

Our 2020-2021 year began through phone calls, emails, Facebook posts, Instagram messages, and virtual meetings through ZOOM. The phrase “stay safe” has a new meaning for us.

This Kappa year is challenging. National Kappa membership is challenging each of us to take part in the Two and One monthly challenge. Contact two Kappas; active, inactive, former, or members-at-large and contact one potential Kappa member. Your method of contact can be by phone, email, letter, or messaging. If each Lambda State member participates in this challenge monthly 112 Kappa contacts will be made, and fifty-six potential members will be contacted. My contacts are made, and a potential member wishes to attend Mu Chapter’s next ZOOM meeting. Kappas across the nation want to know how our meetings are held, how we approach gaining new members, and how we are assisting active educators. With COVID-19 lurking around, our methods of accomplishing all might need to be tweaked. Virtual meeting capabilities are many. The one most frequently known is ZOOM. A free app easy to use is JitsiMeet. Google has a video app through Google Duo.

Visits to your chapter meetings with your state president are capable through virtual means Kappa Hugs, Kappa Kisses, Kappa Wishes, and Kappa Love to all. Cross your fingers and pray that we may see each other in person during Lambda State’s Annual Spring Convention.

Carol A. Lunsford
President
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Fall Festival



Saturday, October 10
Virtual ZOOM Meeting



Executive Committee (elected officers) will meet at 10:30 a.m.;
Other members may join in beginning at 11:15 a.m.

The conference is in two parts. First, the Executive Committee will meet in a business session beginning at 10:30 AM—11:15 AM, October 10, 2020.

Lambda State Kappa Kappa Iota Members==Here's the link to open our ZOOM Meeting on Oct. 10, 2020.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87615394412?pwd=RIFFcEphSnZvYzA5ZVBiYUZ5QjNqdz09>

ZOOM Meeting ID is 876 1539 4412 ZOOM Passcode is KAPPA

Members may join the meeting at 11:15AM

Chapter Presidents,
Please make sure one of your chapter officers is in attendance. Remember, the more chapter members that attend, you receive points for the Chapter of the Year recognition.

Chapter News

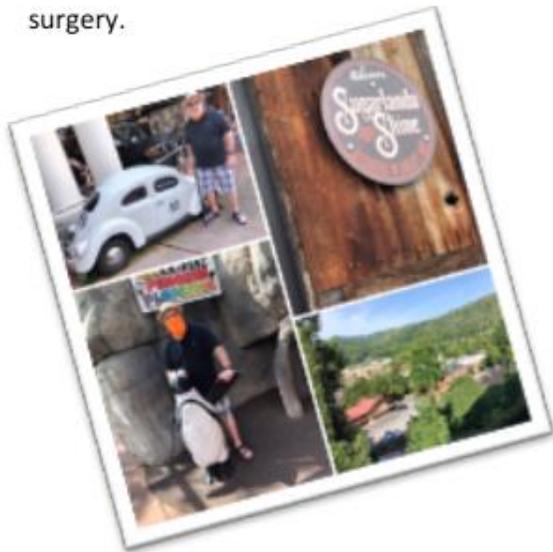
Patti Purcell let me know that Kappa Chapter has been quarantined and has no news to share.

Tales from Tau



Tau Chapter worked really hard in 2019-2020 to earn points for *Chapter of the Year Award*. The hard work paid off as the announcement was made in the April Kan Kan. Tau wishes to thank Janet Martin and Loretta Vail for meeting during COVID-19 to exchange the trophy and also to Haney Jewelry Co. for always engraving the trophy when Tau earns this prestigious award.

Ken and Kathy Russell have had a tumultuous 2020 to say the least! First of all, Kathy would like to thank all Kappas, state and national, for their expressed empathy concerns. The calls, texts, emails, messages, and cards were comforting and much appreciated. They were able to get away for a few days in August to Gatlinburg; it was a nice respite. Now, Ken is playing caregiver while Kathy recovers from knee replacement surgery.

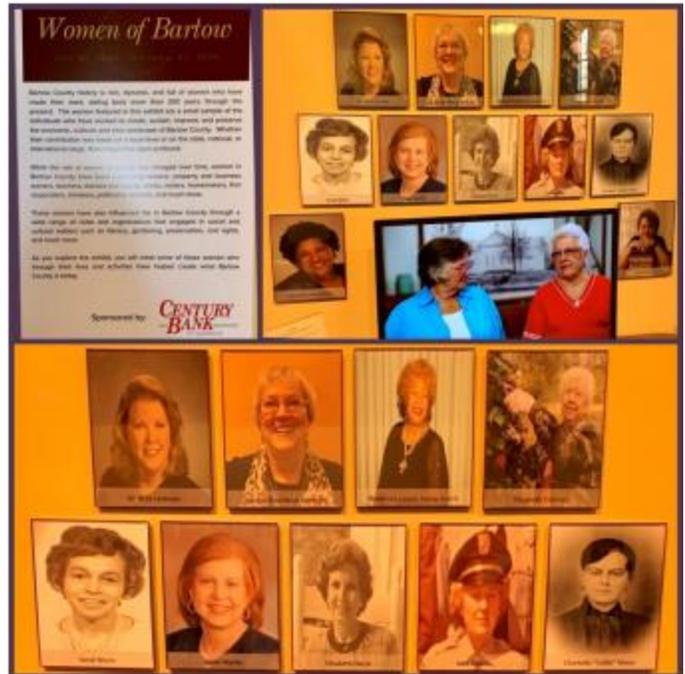


Ken is now officially retired after completing Spring Semester at Georgia Highlands College with virtual Zoom classes.



Janet Martin

During the months of July, August and September 2020, the Bartow History Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, honored twenty women, with a Special Exhibit, called "Women of Bartow." This exhibit featured Bartow County women who made their mark, dating back more than 200 years, through the present. This exhibit featured a small sample of individuals who have worked to create, sustain, improve and preserve the economic, cultural and civic landscape of Bartow County. Whether their contribution was made on a local level, or on the state, national, or international level, their impact has been profound. The women featured have been community leaders, property and business owners, teachers, doctors and nurses, artists, writers, homemakers, first responders, ministers, politicians, activists and much more. Most of the women featured are now deceased. Janet Martin was selected to be in this exhibit because of her contributions to the Bartow County Community: A classroom teacher for 19 years; a pioneer women business owner- beginning in 1986; awarded the Bartow Chamber of Commerce Board Member, Volunteer of the year award 2005; awarded the Cartersville Breakfast Optimist Volunteer of the Year award 1994; President of Bartow Rotary 2002- 2003, President of the Bartow County's Art Guild, President and board member of the local National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, an Elder in her church, and for volunteer and monetary contributions to Bartow County schools, and civic organizations.



On September 11, Reva Utz was blessed to have her four granddaughters for their first overnight visit since early March when COVID-19 put a halt to such gatherings. After attending a socially distanced worship service together, Reva got to take the girls to her daughter's house to meet their six-month-old cousin, Graham Stephens for the first time. While they were not allowed to hold him or to stay very long, their excitement was evident.

Reva is so blessed to be keeping this wonderful little boy every weekday while his parents are back at work in the Gordon County School system. Graham lives near Reva's mother, Evelyn Jones, who celebrated her 92nd birthday on September 22. She loves it when Reva takes Graham out for a stroll and stops in for a visit. Graham is being taught the art of front porch sitting, watching the cars go by.





Joann Meadows, of Calhoun’s American Legion Auxiliary Unit 47, was recently selected as the ALA’s J. Pat Kelly Past President Service Winner for the state of Georgia. Meadows, a retired educator who spent decades serving on the Calhoun/Gordon Beautification Board and local garden clubs, was also selected as the Anita Owens Past President Chairman for 2019-2020. The state has had 101 past presidents within the organization, and Meadows is the second to represent Calhoun, following A.L. Henson in the 1940s. Additionally, according to Trophies and Awards Chairman Linda Brock of Villa Rica, Calhoun’s Unit 47 of the American Legion Auxiliary won several state level awards recently, including:

Second place for Auxiliary Emergency, First place for Community Service, First place for Education, First place for Girls State, Second place for Public Relations, First place for the J. Pat Kelly Past President.

Additionally, Unit 47 recently elected new officers for the 2020-2021 year. They include:

Regina Wyatt, president; Joann Meadows, parliamentarian; Sharen Elliott, first vice president; Brenda Brake, second vice president; Cindy Crocker, secretary; Brenda Brake, treasurer; Pat Sutler, sergeant at arms captain; Kathy Dixon, sergeant at arms; Cindy Pass, historian; Margaret Jones, chaplain.



Theta News



Stacy Laverick recently returned to the classroom in Henry County. She has 10 in person students and 13 virtual students. Theta Chapter donated money to Stacy and then each Theta member sent \$10.00 to buy supplies. She has purchased pencil boxes, pencils, hand wipes, and acrylic to make sneeze guards. Her husband has been making the sneeze guards for her since buying them would have cost over \$600. We are keeping Stacy and all teachers in our prayers as they charter these uncertain times.



Loretta and Tom Vail traveled to Colorado Springs arriving on July 1st - stopping first in Iowa to see family. Loretta stayed in Colorado until September 1st. She enjoyed her summer with her daughter and grandchildren. The highlight was seeing them off to school as a Second grader and Kindergartner. Also, Loretta and her daughter made 426 masks for the students and staff at Colorado International Language Academy.

One highlight of the trip was a road trip to Cheyenne, WY. There we saw a cowboy artist painting across from the Capitol. We also visited the Great White Sand Dunes National Park. It is amazing!!

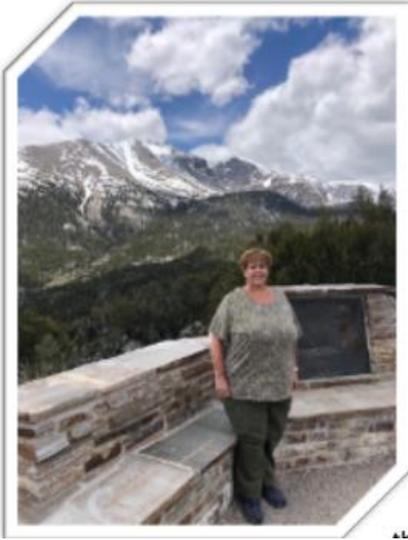


A special event was visiting the newly opened Olympic and Paralympic Museum. It is a high tech place - very impressive. I was enthralled with the Paralympic features. I have not paid much attention to Paralympics but will from now. The specialized equipment that has been developed was amazing. The first thing we saw was a picture of Muhammad Ali at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996.



Tom's bookstore is doing well during this challenging time. It seems that people have remembered how much fun it is to read.





Theta member, **Anita Beasley's** grandson, Jason, graduated from Air Force boot camp this summer and is now at Fort Sheppard in Wichita Falls, Texas to train in flight preparation. Her granddaughter, Brook, was named the Director of Marketing at Toccoa Falls College this summer. She was awarded this promotion only a year after graduating from Toccoa. Anita will become a great-grandmother in November when her grandchildren, Nathan and Allison, have their first child.

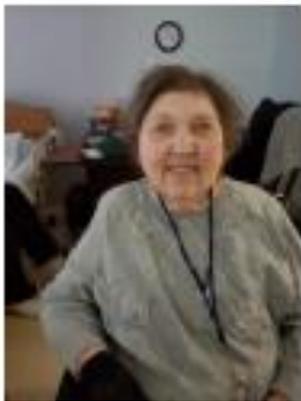
In May, Anita visited with her oldest son, Chad, in Colorado where he had been visiting during the shutdown last spring. She rode with him back to California when he was called back to work as a linesman on a fire-prevention project near San Jose. Her son, Kirk, joined them for the trip as far as Utah where they camped at Capital Reef National Park and visited in the remote parts of the park that were open. They moved on to Nevada and

camped at Great Basin National Park. They were able to star gaze in one of the darkest skies in America. While there, Anita awoke to her first earthquake which took place on the opposite side of Nevada. She thought it was a memorable experience to put on her bucket list. It did change their route across Nevada though; Anita and her son traveled state highway #50, dubbed the Loneliest Highway in America. It was scenic but desolate! Once they arrived in San Jose, Chad showed her some of the areas they have already worked on and drove by some of the local sights including a haunted hotel, redwoods, vineyards, and the coastline.

Anita and her husband, Wayne celebrated their 45th anniversary by riding the Blue Ridge Parkway for their anniversary weekend. They just returned from Colorado Springs where they helped their son, Chad, move into his new home in Peyton, a suburb of Colorado Springs.

Mu Crew News

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Mu Member **Paulette Bass** misses all her Kappa friends. A full-time resident of a nursing home, she has not been off the premises, except for a visit to a doctor's office since March 2020. We have not been able to visit or call. We keep in touch through her sister who lives near Asheville, North Carolina. Paulette has a bulletin board where she keeps all "Kappa" cards sent to her.

Mu Member **Lori Burks** spent most of this summer in the hospital. She is home now and improving. She is appreciative of the many cards received from Kappas across the nation.

Kathy Crocker-Paridon spent a good deal of the summer in Ohio. Her trips to Ohio were not all fun trips. Her sister died shortly after Kathy attended Mu Chapter's meeting in March 2020. Later in the summer, Kathy travelled back to celebrate her mother's 93rd birthday. Kathy's mother is a past state president of Ohio's Kappa chapter.

The misery continues for **Barbara Culp**. Early in the year, her husband was placed on hospice care. Meanwhile, her son is waiting for a heart transplant. During Barbara's time being a caregiver, she continues her writing. Her books are for sale on Amazon and Walmart.com.

Joyce Farrar-Rosemon's Therapy Bears, *Simply Squeeze the Hope Teddy Bear™* are now in prototype form. Three bears: Caleb, The Cancer-Fighting Bear; Deborah, The Depression-Fighting Bear; Joseph, The Abuse-Fighting Bear are interactive bears. Simply squeeze the paws and hear songs that soothe, messages that help. Find out more through <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/teddy-bears-to-fight-cancer-depression-abuse#/>



Iota News

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Kathy Manzella has been working with the US Census Bureau during the decennial census count. She says the census can shape many different aspects of our communities - health clinics, fire departments, schools, even roads and highways. She shares a great website for teachers - <https://2020census.gov/en/educators.html>.

Syd Trawick reports that her mother, Gertrude H Trawick celebrated her 93rd birthday on September 11. She is in good health and is looking forward to 94. Way to go, Miss Trudie! Things are looking up for **Connie and Wayne Granade**. Connie reports that Wayne is in complete cancer remission. Yay, Wayne!

Marcelle Bridgeman and **Elsie Clark** are ecstatic that Marcelle's son, Clark, has returned from his deployment in Qatar. His wife and two young sons were very happy for his return.

Pictured: CW2 Clark Bridgeman (421st QM Riggers) and sons, Colton, age 2, and Westin, age 4



Ellen Paulish has moved into her new home. She reports there are many boxes to still unpack.

Sarah Ellen Rives' health is improving.

Covid 19 had caused **Janice Morris** (and many of us) to stay close to home with only family visiting.

Sherri Zant and her husband, Ron, are in the midst of planning and building a new home.

Cathy Dickinson has spent some time recently in the hospital but is now home and improving.

Elsie Clark recently spent 8 hours in the emergency room after a fall from step ladder that she shouldn't have been on. She landed on cement and lay there for several hours before Marcelle found her. She's a **"TOUGH OLE' BUZZARD"** and suffered no cuts or breaks. She has just had a skin cancer removed from her hand and is upset that she can't get her hand wet and can't use a knife to cut up pears for pear preserves. She has canned and jellied as much as she could this summer.

Noel Williamson has recovered nicely from a total knee replacement.