

Kappa Kappa Iota

Lambda State Kan Kan



From the desk of the President:



Fall Issue 2018 Kathy
Russell, publisher

Well, is Fall coming yet? Every day I think I will pull out a nice fall outfit and go to the Pumpkin Patch to enjoy a cool day. So far Summer is still with us. My Fall outfit is shorts and a t-shirt!

The best part of serving as State President is visiting the various chapters and meeting new people. In August I had the privilege of visiting Tau as they planned for the year. We sat around a swimming pool talking and eating bbq and Homemade ice cream with peach cobbler. It was a beautiful day to share with Kappa Sisters and Kappa Guys. Thank you Tau for the invitation.

The other fun part of this position is going to Tulsa and spending a few days with Kappa Presidents from other states. Unfortunately I will not be able to go this year because my Mom fell and was hospitalized. Please forgive me failing you in this task.

I am very excited that the Never Too Late Boys Home is slowly becoming a reality. I guess I thought this would happen overnight but there are so many legalities it is still in the process but moving forward. Hopefully everyone will remember to bring school supplies to the Fall Festival.

As our year progresses I look forward to making lots of new friends and meeting new Kappas.

Carol Hilburn

**Remember to bring your
School Supplies to Fall
Festival for *Never Too
Late Home for Boys.***

**Christmas:
Let's add to the books we
collected last year; books for
middle/high school boys.**

KAPPA KAPPA IOTA
FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018
ADAIRSVILLE INN
ADAIRSVILLE, GA.

Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fall Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

*Directions to Adairsville Inn
100 Main St.
Adairsville, Ga. 30103*

- 1. Take I-75 North to Exit 306.*
- 2. Turn left onto GA-140 W/ Adairsville Hwy.*
- 3. Turn left onto Main St. N*
- 4. 100 S. Main St. is on the right.*

•The cost of the meal is \$15.00.

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National Convention, Kappa Cruise



"And a good time was had by all"

News from our Chapters

Tales from Tau



Melinda and Billy Sams, and Kathy and Ken Russell attended the National Kappa Kappa Iota Convention Cruise in June. (photos on page 3)

Melinda Sams met all requirements for Kappa's VIP Award. She is pictured receiving the award from President Janice Luce during the National Convention.

Billy and Melinda Sams will be visiting the Sevierville/Gatlinburg area in October for a short vacation.

Rebecca Owen is now officially a doctoral candidate in the University of West Georgia's school improvement program. The proposal for her dissertation, entitled "Exploring the Relationship Between Rural Young Adolescents' Expectancy-Values in Reading and Their Reading Performance," successfully passed the external review and proposal stages in July 2018. She is continuing her research and hopes to graduate in fall 2018 or spring 2019.

At the 98th annual American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia, Unit 47 Paul Gwin received the *Margaret Allen Lewis Trophy*, as well as 1st place for Education and Girls State. Tau member **Joann Meadows**, is pictured receiving the awards at the convention.



Alice Roberson will be traveling to Tupelo, Mississippi; then returning to repack and leave for a trip to Charleston, SC. We're sure she will enjoy the break from her after-school duties!

Chet and Reva Utz are traveling to Kentucky the week of October 8th to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter, with Sr. Adults from Calhoun First Baptist Church. They will also be singing in the Jubal Chorus at the Georgia Baptist Convention in November.

Ken and Kathy Russell recently attended a retreat at Callaway Gardens. While there they enjoyed visiting the *Day Butterfly Center* and watching the *Birds of Prey Show*.

They also traveled to the Shiloh National Military Park in July, visiting sites in Shiloh, TN and Corinth MS.

Franklin and Barbara Cousins visited their daughter Beth Philip and her husband Renji Philip in Los Angeles on July 11th. They enjoyed many activities, including a Dodger's baseball game and the Warner Brothers Studio Lot Tour; but the highlight of their trip was the helicopter ride they took over all of Los Angeles that at one point circled the iconic Hollywood sign high atop the Hollywood Hills.

Barbara and Franklin Cousins enjoyed a 6-day chartered group tour on the Leisure Time Motor Coach. Here is synopsis from Barbara's itinerary of the trip: After a night in Ohio, we had a tour of Frankenmuth, Michigan, with its Bavarian charm; visiting Bronner's Christmas World and taking a nighttime drive through its Christmas light display. Day 3 took us across the bridge where Lakes Michigan and Huron meet, taking a boat excursion through the Soo Locks on Lake Superior. We then spent 2 nights in beautiful and historic Mackinaw City, with views of Lake Huron. Day 4 featured a Ferry ride to Mackinaw Island where we toured the island in a horse-drawn carriage. We had lunch at the Grand Hotel and enjoyed the beautiful flowers while rocking on the 600 foot front porch. Views of the Straits of Mackinaw were unsurpassed. On the way home, we viewed several historic landmarks, including the Great Estate, Meadow Brook Hall, home of Oakland University founders. The final day included a stop in Corbin, Kentucky, birthplace of Kentucky Fried Chicken. Following a visit to the original Sanders Court and Café, we ordered and ate in the modern KFC. Finally, a stop at the Russell Stover Candy Outlet concluded our trip.

Janet Martin just returned from a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, and State Farm's National Convention. (Sept 23-27) Here is synopsis from Janet of the trip: Kelly Clarkson, who is currently a judge on *The Voice*, entertained us on the last evening of the Convention.

Larry and I extended this trip to Scottsdale, Az. While in Scottsdale, Az., we enjoyed a Hot Air Balloon ride. The Hot Air Balloon soared upward with the wind and moved as fast as 12 miles per hour, and, sometimes, the wind moved the balloon at, only, 2 miles per hour. The Balloon went up as high as 5000 – 6000 feet, before the ride ended. This was truly a wonderful, enjoyable experience. I recommend it to anyone who loves adventure. I am now able to mark one more item off my "bucket list."

Kappa News

- Congratulations to **Pat and Arnold Brown**. They celebrated 60 years of marriage in July. Their daughter Patti and family, gave them a trip to The Ark Encounter in Kentucky as an anniversary gift.
- Congratulations to Will Purcell, **son of Patti Purcell and grandson of Pat Brown**, who graduated, cum laude, in May, 2018, from the University of West Georgia with a BS in Geography. Will works for United Consulting in Norcross. The family celebrated by taking a 12-day trip to New England and Montreal.

Theta News

Nancy Ward and Loretta Vail attended a St. Bede's "Loving One Another" Women's Retreat September 28-30 at Montara Farms, Clearmont, GA. Thirty women attended this wonderful weekend of fellowship, inspiration, worship, sharing life stories, and connections between us. We were all involved somehow. Nancy Ward lead us in prayer at the first dinner and Loretta lead the water aerobics activity. The saying that was on my gift bag said "Families are like quilts ... lives pieced together, stitched with smiles and tears; colored with memories and bound together by love . . .

Anita Beasley made two trips to Texas this summer. In June, Anita and her husband, Wayne, and granddaughter were able to visit her oldest son in Ft. Stockton, TX. While visiting in west Texas, they took the opportunity to travel to all the National Parks and Monuments in that corner of the southwest. First up was two days spent in Big Bend National Park. The highlight of that park was watching the sun set through "the window" formation, stargazing in one of the darkest night skies in the U.S. and hiking in Santa Elena Canyon. Next up was Guadeloupe National Park; it included the highest peak in Texas. Anita's favorite park of that park was visiting the homestead that was restored and seeing the one room schoolhouse in which the teacher lived and taught up to World War II. Further up the road and into New Mexico, they visited Carlsbad Caverns National Park. They spent a quiet evening watching the bats leave the caverns and then returned the next day to explore the caverns. The last park they visited was White Sands National Monument. The stark white sand dunes against the blue skies were beautiful. Finally, while it wasn't a National Park, they stopped at a pistachio farm outside of Alamogordo, New Mexico and toured the farm. It was very fun and informative and they tried many of the different pistachio products available to eat! If in the area, it is a must stop.



The next month, ***Anita*** returned to Austin, TX to represent Georgia in the chapter meetings at the International Literacy Association conference. In the evenings she had time to visit the Zilker Botanical Gardens for a Fairy Garden exhibit, take a sunset river cruise and walk the downtown area visiting sites such as O. Henry's home, Voodoo donuts, and the Driskill Hotel. Austin was very welcoming and full of artwork on display throughout the city but it was in the middle of a heatwave that even locals were complaining about!

Anita Beasley's grandson, Jason Beasley, was one of 120 ROTC students selected in the United States for a \$20,000 scholarship to attend the very first Flight Academy sponsored by the Air Force. He attended classes and flight lessons for 8 weeks at Auburn University this summer.

The goal of the program is to prepare students for a career in aviation to address the shortage of pilots in the military and public sector. It was a very intensive course designed to have students earn their pilot's license. Due to weather, Jason was short 3 flights from reaching the flight hours he needed to get his license. However, the Air Force is working with the local Civil Air Patrols to have the students finish at home. Jason has a goal of attending the Air Force Academy next year after high school graduation.

Pat and Tom Matthews recently returned from a trip to Denver. They attended the wedding reception of their niece Colleen Matthews and her husband John Sattler. The reception was held at the Denver Botanic Gardens. During their trip, Pat, Tom, and their granddaughter Nina explored Rocky Mountain National Park and the Denver area. It was an amazing trip!

Update on *Never Too Late Home for Boys*:

They received their license from the state on September 10. They have chosen their licensing agency to oversee their operations and are interviewing the residential counselors (the initial recommended counselors took other offers during the long delays). After hiring the counselors, placement of children can begin.

Mu Crew News



Endurance and speed are nothing new to **Kathy Crocker-Paridon**. She participated in a 5-k race held at The Avenue in Peachtree City, GA to benefit the Midwest Food Bank. She won 2nd place for her age group (65-70). Her group's name was Jazzercise Queen Ladies!

Paulette Bass was the "Cover Girl" for Fayette Woman Magazine, August 2008.

She was recognized for her tenacity in becoming the first person in the world to obtain the status of Competent Communicator, within the Toastmasters International organization. Since the publication of the magazine she has twice been honored by Fayette Woman in recognition of her perseverance despite handicapping conditions.

Paulette's final speech can be viewed on YouTube at the following address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjvq2Lo1ngw>



Carol Lunsford of Mu Chapter and **Janet Martin of Tau Chapter** serve leadership positions within the Presbyterian Women non-profit organization. By luck both happened to attend the 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women Worldwide in Louisville, KY the week of August 2-5, 2018.

Also attending this event was the **wife of Mu member Mark Davidson, Evelyn.**

Dr. Barbara D. Culp authored six educational books now available on Amazon. Just type in her name on the Amazon search bar and you will find the educational series plus a children's book titled *An Incredible Dream* and a book of poetry titled *The Essence of Me in Poetry*.



PRAYERS for COMFORT and CARE NEEDED

Lori Burks would like prayers for her brother Steve Stroud who is undergoing chemo treatments for throat cancer.

Mark Davidson's wife Evelyn (our Kappa girl even though she's not a member) was in a car wreck in June along with her mother and aunt (both in their 90's). All were injured to some degree and the car was totaled. Car has been rebuilt, injuries have mended and Evelyn is grateful it was not worse.

However, also during this time Mark's mother passed away.

Iota News

Marcelle and Jeff Bridgeman, along with their daughter Sarah and granddaughter Ava, attended the National Kappa Kappa Iota Cruise in June. (photos on page 3)

From ***Marcelle Bridgeman*** and ***Elsie Clark***: New grandbaby! Colton Lane Bridgeman was born at 8:43, August 1, 2018, weighing 7 pounds and a half ounce, 20 inches long. Clark and Cati's new son joins his big brother, Westin.



Connie Granade's granddaughter, Morgan Granade, married a wonderful young man named Conner Davis on June 30th.



