

# Kappa Kappa Iota Lambda State Kan Kan

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Kathy Russell, editor

## ***From the desk of the President:***

Hello Kappa Friends,

This time of year is one of the most exciting times as we wait for the cold and darkness to be over and we celebrate the knowledge that warmer weather and beautiful blooms are just around the corner. Depending on where you live, spring has sprung with all the colors and spring activities to attend, or it is just days ahead.

I hope you have been to several of your chapter's meetings this winter. I enjoyed learning about the organization "Piece of Thread" at January's Theta meeting. Organizers explained that the group educates immigrant women from other countries such as Ukraine and teaches them to sew "pieces" (keychains, purses, wallets, etc.) to sell to make a living. They brought pieces of their work to the meeting for us to purchase so we could support the women. In February, we learned about essential oils from a Doterra specialist and how beneficial they can be to us in a world full of chemicals. While both meetings were informative, it was simply nice to be in the company of friends and keeping in touch.

Please make plans to join us at the State Convention on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Trish Ann's Tearoom in Haddock, GA. The Iota and Mu chapters are working together to host our tea and we will have a special speaker. It should be fun and informative; watch for more details to come out and be sure to RSVP that you plan to be there.

Also, I wanted to remind everyone about the National Convention to be held in Baton Rouge, LA from June 26-30, 2023. Look for the next Kappa newsletter that will have convention specifics in it.

Please reach out to our Kappa sisters that have had a difficult winter or are home bound and can't meet with our members in person. Make a phone call, send a card, or visit for a while. Keep smiling, keep shining the Kappa Spirit!

*Anita Beasley*

*President  
Lambda State  
Kappa Kappa Iota*





# Spring Convention



*Lambda State, Kappa Kappa Iota*

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Trish Ann's Antiques & Tea Room**

102 Bowen Hill Rd  
Haddock, GA 31033

**Directions from Atlanta area:** Follow I-75 S to GA-18 E in Forsyth. Take exit 185  
Continue on GA-18 E. Take Gray Bypass to Bowen Hill Rd in Haddock, turn right

**Directions from Milledgeville Mall:** Head southeast toward US-441 S/Roberson Mill Rd.  
Turn right onto US-441 S/Roberson Mill Rd, Turn right onto GA-22 W/Glynn St, Continue to follow  
GA-22 W, Turn left onto Bowen Hill Rd, Destination will be on the right

**Executive Committee** (elected officers) will meet at 10:30 a.m.;

**Meeting Begins at 11:00 a.m.:** Business meeting  
Election/Installation of Officers  
Professional Dev. by Carolyn Wilkins

**Lunch: order from a select menu, pay for your meal**

**Raffle Baskets:** tickets \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00

*Gnome Kitchen Basket, Mama Elsie's homemade jellies*

**We will welcome Kathy Smith, National President-Elect, to our Spring Convention.**



# *Convention Speaker*

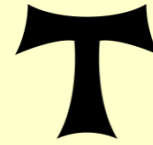
**Carolyn Wilkins from Tau Chapter** will be our guest speaker at the Spring Convention in Haddock, GA on April 22. She will be discussing the Dyslexia Endorsement that all teachers in Georgia must take this year.

Carolyn Wilkins moved to Georgia in June of 2022 after purchasing her home in Jasper in January of 2020. Prior to that she was a St Lucie County, Florida resident for 30 years; however, she is a native of Massachusetts. She has been married to her husband Jimmy for 31 years and has one son, Zachary, who is a Major in the US Army. She loves reading and spending time with her rescued Boxer, Baci.

Carolyn is a certified teacher, educational leader and Board Certified Behavior Analyst. She has teaching endorsements in Reading, Gifted, ESOL, and Autism. She is currently enrolled in a program to have her Dyslexia Endorsement. Carolyn is the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Pickens County Schools. Her interest in learning methods of teaching that reach the varied needs of students has motivated her to be a life-long learner.

Currently, Carolyn is serving as National Recording Secretary for Kappa Kappa Iota.

## Tales from Tau



- Tau Chapter made monetary donations to the 3 Middle Schools in Calhoun and Gordon County School systems. **Dr. Joann Meadows** made the presentation at Gordon County's Red Bud Middle, and president **Ken Russell** presented at Ashworth Middle School. **Kathy Russell** made the presentation at Calhoun Middle School.



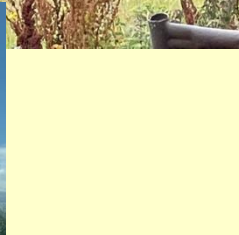
- **Carolyn Wilkins**, National Recording Secretary, attended Fall and Spring NEC meetings in Tulsa. She also spent part of her Spring Break at Kappa Headquarters working on History Preservation.
- **Janet Martin** retired December 31, 2022, after 36 ½ years as a State Farm Insurance agent. She decided it was time to retire after having had Covid last summer and a hip replacement in December.
- **Joann Meadows** will serve as a hostess at the Hillhouse Garden Club's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration on April 16. She will also participate in the Battle of Resaca and Confederate Memorial Day in May.
- **Ken Russell** sang Handel's *Messiah* in December with the GEM Theatre's Chamber Choir.
- **Ken and Kathy Russell** spent 10 days on a pilgrimage to Israel. They were baptized in the Jordan River, walked the Via Dolorosa, visited the Garden of Gethsemane, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, and the Garden Tomb, among other historic sites. It was definitely the trip of a lifetime that gave new meaning to the scriptures we've read throughout our lives.



# Theta News



Tom and **Loretta Vail**, with a group of 27, went to Ireland and Scotland in July. It was an amazing trip! The land is rugged and beautiful. They saw the Harry Potter train, of course, a bagpiper, the Scotland cow, beautiful flower gardens, and a chance to find the Loch Ness monster, Nessie.



**Loretta** returned to Colorado to see her grandchildren enter school as 4th and 2nd graders. Ian was ready to go, Ivy was nervous and pensive.



Another trip to Colorado to celebrate Christmas with the family. The grands helped decorate the Christmas tree which was lots of fun.

**Anita Beasley** and her family welcomed a new great-grandson, Lincoln Clark on February 3, 2023. Lincoln joined his parents, Nathan and Allison, and big sister, Reagan. They currently live in Griffin, GA.

Anita's grandson, Jason, who has been stationed in Italy in the Air Force for two years, has recently been accepted into a special program that will allow him to transfer to the Space Force without losing any ranking or pay level. Not sure at this time when the transfer will take place; but he will train in California and then probably be stationed either there or in Colorado Springs. Either way, Anita is excited because this is a lot closer than Italy.

At the time of this publication, Anita and her husband should be visiting their thirty-second national park, Death Valley. They are taking a cross-country road trip there and back and revisiting several parks they have visited before to see things they had not taken in before. Some family members will be joining them in Texas on the way back for a rafting trip down the Rio Grande in Big Bend National Park.



**Theta** Chapter, Kappa Kappa Iota, celebrated **Betty Cardwell's** birthday at **Johnette D'Arcy's** home. We were delighted that Betty was able to attend so we could shower her with cards, sing Happy Birthday, and share her delicious cheesecake. Happy Birthday, Miss Betty.

⚠ An important warning from **Pat Matthews**: ⚠

### ***Watch Out for Tornadoes!***

On January 12, 2023, tornado watches and warnings were issued for the Jasper, Newton, Putnam, and Walton County areas. My granddaughters and I had been home for about an hour, and my son was helping me store my Christmas decorations in the garage. We had heard the warnings issued on TV but we didn't pay too much attention to them.

At 5:12 PM a tornado touched down on our house! Two huge oak trees crashed onto my attached carport destroying the carport and crushing my car. What a terrifying event! After calling 911, my next call was to my insurance company.

Now after nearly three months, our home is almost back to pre-tornado condition. My son, the landscaper, tells me that my yard will take a year before we get it to a satisfactory condition.

I thank God every day that none of us were injured. I am also so very thankful for our emergency workers, my wonderful family, church and friends, and our strong community for the help and support offered to us throughout this ordeal.

Please pay attention to all severe storm warnings!

## Mu Crew News

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Member **Paulette Bass** has a new address. Due to physical limitations, she is a full-time resident of a Rehabilitation/Nursing Care facility. During the COVID Pandemic her physical therapy was eliminated and she is just now returning to therapy. She states she misses seeing her Kappa friends and enjoys receiving cards from Kappas. Her new address is Paulette Bass, Room 707B, 110 Brandywine Blvd, Fayetteville, GA 30214

This past year member **Lori Burks** saw her fill of medical facilities. She's most appreciative of the surgery that improved her ability to hear.

**Kathy Crocker-Paridon** portrays Lambda State's logo (Keep Smiling, Keep Shining the Kappa Spirit) this year while she travels from Georgia to Ohio to be with her mother, Shirley Asher. Her mother is a past president of Phi State Ohio.



Mu Chapter member, **Dr. Barbara D. Culp** believes that when students are properly equipped, they can achieve all their dreams. She donated a complete set of her books in the *Words of Wisdom Series* to Lambda State for professional development and professional support ideas to be utilized by National Kappa Kappa Iota. This series of seven books: *Essential Knowledge for Teachers, Vintage Knowledge for Principals, Professional Learning Communities, The Art of Appraisal, Choice Knowledge for Students, Choice Knowledge for Students, Key Knowledge for Success, and Trusted Knowledge for Parents* are available on her website: <https://www.amryallc.com>



Member **Evelyn Davidson** and husband Mark are excited that Mark has an extended vacation time this year. They're not sure if they will take a road trip to visit the National Parks in Utah or fly to Hawaii. Evelyn says she'll let us know where they go, but rest assured they will take a vacation.



Member **C. Joyce Farrar-Roseman** developed interactive therapeutic teddy bears to present to children in need. Beginning during the pandemic Joyce asked herself "What am I going to do with the rest of my life?" A young girl's struggles with trauma and pain inspired Farrar-Roseman to begin making Hope Teddy Bears, therapeutic bears for children in need of healing. Enlisting the help of senior citizens residing in her community the Hope Teddy Bears were born. The bears have been sent to children of Ukraine and Uvalde, Texas.

**Farrar-Roseman** donated three of the Hope Teddy Bears to Lambda State as part of the Bears and Books program. Her Facebook page provides more information. Look for <https://www.facebook.com/HopeTeddyBears>.

In the time frame between October 2022 and now, Mu Chapter President **Carol Lunsford** has been busy. With her duties of National Kappa Kappa Publicity Committee Co-Chair, she wrote an informational article about Kappa published in local media outlets. That article may be found here:

<https://www.sovanow.com/pageview/viewer/2023-03-08#page=12>



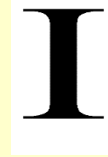
She hosted the women's group from her church, WiNGS for their Valentine meeting. Thirty-five women visited her new home in Virginia. Belonging to this group she participates with Backpack Buddies where meals for elementary and middle school students are created. Each backpack holds thirteen items. These food items assist families with feeding their children. Along with the backpack program she assisted in loading food boxes for the Clarksville Food Pantry. This program is shared among the churches of the area.

Carol will be globetrotting in the month of May. She flies to London the first of May and tours areas around London before embarking on a cruise to Scotland and Ireland. Yes, she will try to find "Nessie" in Loch Ness and she will see the "Blarney Stone". The tour sites are noted in the photo to the left. She flies home on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Because of her globetrotting ALL Kappa forms and reports she is responsible for must be sent to National before April 27<sup>th</sup>.







**Elsie Clark** celebrated her 93rd birthday on February 4th with a big party and family. She keeps busy making jams and jellies. She tried a few new ones this year - redbud and forsythia jelly. Yummy!

**Noel Williamson** has enjoyed watching her oldest granddaughter, Baileigh, progress in her first year of teaching. Noel's second oldest graduated high school and is a freshman at the University of South Carolina. The last granddaughter and the only grandson stay busy with school activities. She have recently sold her lake home, sad in a way ,but now no more yardwork... she is looking forward to being a little bit freer to do what she wants when she wants! Double sevens should be good and it's coming up in June!

**Connie and Wayne Grande** have been spending a lot of time in Atlanta where Wayne has been receiving medical treatment. We all hope they are home very soon.

**Connie** is expecting her first great grandchild, a little girl. She will be born in September.

**Syd Trawick** has been staying close to home caring for her mother, Miss Trudy, who is 96. They experienced a small house fire which thankfully didn't do too much damage. All repairs are now completed.

**Jan Anderson** keeps very busy with quilting, embroidering and sewing. She enjoys going on sewing retreats with other enthusiasts.

**Beth Pettigrew** and her husband, David, have traveled a lot in the last year - Charleston, SC, Atlantic City, NJ, Indian Springs,GA, Biloxi, MS, Callaway Gardens, GA, St. Mary's and Cumberland Island, GA, Port St. Joe, FL, Knoxville, TN. David retired after many years of working as a CPA. It was a busy but enjoyable year.

Their youngest daughter, Tess, recently married.

Iota has a new prospect who has been visiting our meetings, **Simone Brown**. Simone has recently started subbing in the local schools.

**Sherrie Zant** and husband, Ron, have traveled this year. They even went on a mission trip to Texas. All this while remodeling their new (older) home. She continues to be very active in her church.

**Sandy Fountain** has spent the past year learning to play pickleball. She continues to play badminton and to facilitate a monthly book club. She and her younger daughter enjoy musicals and have been to see Legally Blonde and Pretty Woman. She has enjoyed visiting her older daughter and husband in North Carolina whenever she can.

**Marcelle Bridgeman** just returned from a wonderful girl's trip to Ireland. She traveled with her daughter, Sara, and granddaughter, Ava. Ava is 14 and this was her second girl's trip to Europe. They hope the next girl's trip will be to Greece.

