

Kappa Kappa Iota

Lambda State Kan Kan

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From the desk of the President:

The 2020-2021 year for Lambda State appears to be that of either a “slinky” bouncing up and down, a “yo-yo” trying to be controlled with its ups and downs, or a “rollercoaster” traveling around a spiral staircase. For each step forward several steps backward followed.

Each chapter in Lambda State saw illnesses. Many chapters witnessed the death of loved ones. COVID-19 impacted Lambda State in many ways. The Spring Convention hosting chapters met virtually on March 13, 2021 and the consensus was to hold our Spring Convention virtually. I'll see you by ZOOM on April 10, 2021. Executive Committee at 10:30 AM and General Meeting at 11 AM.

Lambda State President's visits to Tau Chapter and Theta Chapter were virtual meetings.

Even amongst all the backward steps forward steps are present. National Kappa Kappa Iota instituted “Koffee Breaks”, a time for the NEC and State Presidents to visit together and discuss all things Kappa. From those meetings the “Book of K” began. We'll discuss this more during Lambda State's Spring Convention. Lambda State will host the April 2021 Koffee Break.

From these meetings, information about a new membership pin recognizing years of being a Kappa, and updated bricks for the Kappa house became known. The forms needed for purchase will be shown later in this issue.

Remember, send any scrapbook pages for the 2020-2021 President's Book to the State President. Pages may be mailed to:

Carol Lunsford
PO Box 414
Fayetteville, GA 30214



Looking forward to seeing you by ZOOM on April 10, 2021.

Carol A Lunsford
President
Lambda State
Kappa Kappa Iota

A photograph of a landscaped area. In the foreground, there is a low, rustic stone retaining wall made of stacked, irregular stones. Behind the wall is a dense bed of flowers, primarily purple and yellow, interspersed with green foliage. The ground around the flowers is covered with brown mulch. In the background, a well-maintained green lawn slopes upwards. At the top of the slope, there are some trees and a building with a dark roof. The entire photograph is tilted slightly to the right.

Virtual ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84739562510?pwd=LzB4UTFEdkZueGdJckNEZUNTcHk5Zz09>

To order your brick, please fill in your information (type or print legibly) using the examples above as guides so that all bricks will be uniform. Information will be centered on the brick – please begin your information at the left, top corner of this template. One character per block.

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☐ Check the box to order the identical souvenir 1.5 x 3 brick for \$15

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NEW... 'YEARS OF SERVICE'

MEMBERSHIP PIN & CHARMS

The new jewelry item may be ordered by first year Kappa Members with increment charms added at five years. Members who have been in Kappa longer can order pins at ten year increments.

For example; a

Kappa member with 20 years of membership; can order a 20 year charm, to wear with pride, and add a 5 year charm to wear at 25years.)

The charms have a simple "O" ring so they can be attached to the chain easily. Pre-orders are being taken. Orders can be picked up at the Centennial Convention or mailed directly to you with shipping and postage extra.

Make checks payable to
National Kappa Kappa Iota.

Mail check & order form to;
National Kappa Kappa Iota
1875 East 15th ST
Tulsa, OK 74104

MEMBERSHIP PIN AND CHARM



Name	Pin \$22 each	Charm \$8 each Years in increments of: 5/10/20/25/30/ 40/50/+/-	Total Dollar Amount

Please check a box...

I prefer my pin/charm(s) be mailed to my home with a \$5 shipping and handling added to the above total.

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I will pick up my pin/charm(s) in the Kappa Store at the Centennial Convention.

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News from our Chapters

Tales from Tau



Melinda Sams presents a check to Principal Brian Hall, of Gordon Central High School, for the Advocate Fund which provides for the needs of the students. **Tau Chapter** has presented this to the various schools in either the Calhoun City Schools or the Gordon County Schools as our Philanthropic project for several years.

Janet Martin became a great grandmother in Nov. 2020. Her granddaughter, Stephanie Davis, gave birth to a healthy, five-pound baby boy, whom Stephanie named Julius Vershad Jones.

Janet achieved Life Travel Status, again, in 2020, due to Life and Financial Service sales. The earned travel trip was to be at Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Due to the COVID-19 virus the June trip to Paradise Island was cancelled.

Barbara Cousin's daughter, Beth, and son-in-law, Renji Philips produced a movie in 2020: *The Wake of Light*. This movie received Best Picture, Best Actress Awards, and Best screen play awards, at several film festivals in 2020. The movie has just been released to be shown in theatres in 2021, especially, theatres in California. (Beth Cousin's screen name is Rome Brooks.)



Pictured: Ken and daughter Katy with Dolly Parton's car.

Kathy and Ken Russell, along with their children spent several days in Gatlinburg last week. "It was nice to get away, although it wasn't the trip we had planned. Due to a seizure, Ken fractured his shoulder and spent time in the hospital in Sevierville, Tn. After he was dismissed, time was spent mostly in the condo, with one trip to the Star Cars Museum and dinner-to-go from Bubba Gump's Seafood."

Ken will have Shoulder Replacement Surgery Friday, April 9th to repair the fracture. The cause of his seizure appears to have been Electrolyte deficiency, so hopefully there will not be any more seizures in his future. He, however, will not be driving for the next six months due to the seizure, so **Kathy** will be playing chauffeur for awhile!

Kappa News



Cheryl Sarvis joined Tau Chapter for a joint chapter meeting by Zoom on February 22nd. She reported that Kappa Chapter members were doing well even though they had not been able to meet.

Theta News



Anita and Wayne Beasley became great-grandparents for the first time on Nov. 17th. Rachel Jane Beasley was welcomed by her parents, Nathan and Allison Beasley and grandfather, Chad Beasley.

Their grandson, Jason, will be home from the Air Force sometime in April for a short visit and then will leave for Aviano, Italy for a three-year assignment at a NATO base in the region.

Anita came out of retirement to do a maternity subbing job for a local private school for two months. She assisted home-schooled and local virtual school learners as they completed their lessons on their tablets. She enjoyed working with the students once again, but she has “re-retired” for now.

Stacey Laverick sends this news: “This year of teaching has been ever changing and challenging! I started the year off teaching twenty-three students from my kitchen table. By September, I had finally moved back to my classroom teaching ten students face to face and thirteen students virtually. I am so blessed with being able to make shields and individual supplies for each of my returning students thanks to the Theta Chapter donating to my classroom!

In January, the county I teach in returned to teaching virtually and then returned to the classroom February 8. I was able to teach from my classroom for two weeks but have now come back home to teach remotely.”





In October **Loretta**, along with friends from her church, did a 60 mile 2-Day Journey Breast Cancer Walk.

The day after Thanksgiving **Loretta** did the virtual Peachtree Road Race. She placed 5th in her division.



After recovering from COVID-19 Loretta traveled to Marco Island to walk on the beach and watch beautiful sunsets such as this.

Beautiful Pikes Peak looms large in Colorado Springs after the huge snowstorm that welcomed us in March. We came to visit the grandchildren during their Spring Break.



We found this stunning sight outside of Albuquerque, NM. after visiting and showing my grandson where he was born and lived.



Member **Paulette Bass** is still waiting for when visitors can come see her at her nursing home residence. She keeps in contact with us through phone calls. Her 75th birthday was March 11, 2021 and her goal was to receive 75 birthday cards from Kappa friends to put on her bulletin board. Since one-on-one Physical Therapy cannot take place, she developed her own. Each day she uses her walker and walks around the nurses' station.

Tragedy befell member **Lori Burks** the month of February. Wednesday, February 3rd, her son Branden passed away from COVID-19. The following Sunday, February 7th, her husband passed away due to COVID-19. Lori developed COVID-19 since her son lived at home. She has not yet planned any memorial service due to her not being able to leave the house until recently. She states, "I am extremely grateful for the cards I've received from Kappas nationwide. I thank each person who sent me a card, called me or contacted me through email." *(Dates corrected)*

Member **Barbara Culp** received a business grant from Facebook to assist her with her tutoring business AmryaLLC. Visit the business here: <https://www.amyrallc.com/>

Earlier in March 2021 Barbara and her husband were hospitalized due to COVID. Her husband, Willie Oscar Culp passed away and Barbara was sent home on oxygen. Her family assisted her in scheduling a memorial service for Oscar. [Information regarding the service can be found here.](#)

Member **Joyce Farrar-Rosemon** re-designed her **Squeeze the Hope Teddy Bears™** to bears wearing children's clothing. Each bear and its clothing is hand made by Joyce. This photo shows a sampling of bears created.

[Find Joyce's blog here.](#)

Mu Chapter and Lambda State funded the creation of two bears (one for a boy and one for a girl) to donate to cancer patients at Hughes Spalding Hospital in Atlanta, a division of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.



Kathy Crocker-Paridon travels to Ohio quite frequently caring for her mother who is now residing in a therapy center.

Member **Mark Davidson** received a donation from Mu Chapter for classroom needs for his JROTC program at East Wylie High School, in Wylie, Texas. Meanwhile wife **Evelyn Davidson** is battling difficulties with Sciatica Nerve pain.

Member **Carol Lunsford** is now the Moderator (President) for the Women of Fayette Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, GA and represents the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to the Village Auxiliary of Presbyterian Homes of GA in Austell, GA.

Iota News



Iota Chapter has been very quiet during this pandemic. Unfortunately, we have had very few meetings but the ones we have had have been enjoyable.

Our project for March was a book collection for the future classroom of Bailey Williamson, granddaughter of Iota member **Noel Williamson**. Bailey is a Junior at GCSU in Milledgeville. She received a National scholarship from Kappa several years ago.

CWO2 Clark Bridgeman, son of **Marcelle Bridgeman** and grandson of **Elsie Clark** is at Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona at HALO school with the US Army Reserves. HALO stands for high altitude, low oxygen. He's jumping out of planes at very high altitudes. Please pray for his safety.

The first full week of April, **Marcelle** spent a week at Holden Beach, NC at South Carolina Kappa member Judy Medlin's beach house. Such a wonderful time!

Wayne Granade, husband of **Connie Granade**, continues doing well and visiting his doctors at Emory.

All **Iota** members recently received lovely painted rocks from **Beth Pettigrew**. Each rock was painted white with a beautiful purple violet on it. Beth has such talent.

Janice Morris recently celebrated a milestone birthday.

Ellen Paulish is all moved in and enjoying her new house.

Beautiful greeting cards are still being created by **Kathy Manzella**. This is a craft several Missouri Kappas enjoy as well.

At our last meeting, **Sandy Fountain** shared that her kitchen remodel is still a work in progress. The pandemic has created shortages and delays in every type of building material and labor. Sandy shared that this is not a huge problem since she tries not to cook anyway.

Syd Trawick continues to stay busy in her beloved Linton.

Sara Ellen Rives and **Sherry Zant** are doing well protecting themselves and serving their families.