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Dedicated to those women of vision and faith who nurtured the growth of Kappa Phi; so that, The Kappa Phi Club could become the national organization it is today. The authors gratefully acknowledge the help of Colby Alonso, Kimberlyn McCoy, Hilary Powers, Jean Chirpas and Karen DuBois. A special thank you to Laura Anspach for the creation of the Rose paper doll and her wardrobe through 100 years of fashion. Also, the authors want to thank our families and friends for all their help, support, and encouragement.

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Rose Thompson looked around. On her right was Colby Alonso, her co-sponsor, and on her left was her good friend and Beta Kappa sister, Kimmy McCoy. She could not believe all the people who filled the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church on the edge of Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. Rose was here for Kappa Phi's 99th National Council of Chapters.



Top row sitting: Sarah Scarberry, Allison Sharpe, Becca Thompson, Michelle Schively, Jessica Ridgeway. Standing: Megan Myers, Rachael Yaratch, Elita McKeever, Alys Horne.



It had been a busy day. Rose, Colby, and Kimmy had flown from Florida to Kansas. Soon they had completed registration in Gessner Hall. It was a whirlwind of activity. There were lots of hugs and greetings going on as Kappa Phis from all over the world arrived for this special Council.

Rose found her room in her dorm, Gessner. She unpacked and settled in for the week.

After dinner, Rose, Kimmy, and Colby made their way to a Rose Tea hosted by Alpha Upsilon Chapter. They enjoyed punch and cake and mingling with new and old friends.

There were pretty decorations including giant Kappa Phi letters with which many sisters had their pictures taken.



Gabriella Hernandez and Kirsten Frank

Later they made their way to First United Methodist Church. They were startled when Katie Washburn came down the center aisle calling, “Hear ye! Here ye!” A proclamation was read, the National Candle was lit, and all stood to sing “The Kappa Phi Hymn.”



Soon everyone was immersed in the story of Kappa Phi told by Kathy Sanders and Mary Goodenow. All enjoyed the story of a fictional girl, Rose, who shared what it was like to be a Kappa Phi in different times and places. There was singing and candy, flashy engagement rings, and even the “Limbo” was sung and danced.

Later as Rose was drifting off to sleep, she thought about how her own chapter, Beta Kappa, had come into being....

"Lights in the darkness, oh God help us be," Rose remembered first hearing those words as she shared lunch with Colby Alonso in the dining hall. They were both grad students and Colby had shared her frustration with the lack of Christian groups on the Palm Beach Atlantic

campus. Rose agreed there was not much to offer a woman student who wanted to grow in her Christian faith with other women on campus.

Palm Beach Atlantic University was established in 1968 by a group of Baptist preachers. They founded the private university with Judeo-Christian values with the purpose to create Christian leaders. Attendance at weekly DeSantis Family Chapel presentations and a service requirement of 45 hours a year were put in place from the beginning.



Courtesy of Palm Beach Atlantic University

Colby had come to PBA for grad school. She had graduated from Penn State University and had started her

career. At Penn State, Colby was a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter of Kappa Phi. As Colby shared about the strength of the organization and its supportive community for college women, Rose asked the obvious question, "Could we start a Kappa Phi chapter here at PBA?"

Colby thought for a moment and fondly remembered her Kappa Phi sponsor from Penn State. Jean Chirpas was a dedicated Kappa Phi with a genuine spirit of friendship and hospitality. She was also the National Sponsor. Colby decided that evening to email Jean and ask her if starting a Kappa Phi Chapter at PBA was a possibility. She received the following response:

Dear Colby,

It was great to hear from you and learn that you are interested in starting a Kappa Phi chapter at Palm Beach Atlantic University. I remember you from your days here at Penn State. I am attaching two documents below to begin this endeavor; one is a checklist for you to assess the potential for Kappa Phi at your school. The second is some general information on starting a chapter.

I hope you will look them over and be back in touch with me to talk about the possibility of a new chapter. Please give me a call soon.

Thanks,

Jean Chirpas

National Sponsor



Courtesy of Palm Beach Atlantic University

Rose and Colby met the next day to make plans to approach PBA about allowing a Kappa Phi chapter to become an approved campus organization. Letters needed to be written, people talked to on campus, and eventual approval by the university all had to happen before Colby and Rose could even begin to advertise an informational meeting for prospective members.

Rose knew that Colby had a heart for Kappa Phi. Rose could see it on Colby's face when she talked about Kappa Phi and what it could mean to college women at PBA. Rose was intrigued and assured Colby of her

interest and promised to help her with the paperwork and whatever else was needed.

Numerous phone calls, meetings, and emails ensued over the next couple months. Rose and Colby attended classes and worked at seeking university approval for Kappa Phi. Apparently the university liked what the organization stood for but were not really comfortable with the Greek letters, which evoked fraternity and sorority connections.

Hi Jean,

Hope all is well with you. Thanks for keeping in touch. I am waiting for permission from PBA to have an informational meeting to gauge interest. My faculty sponsor is approaching my school's dean on our behalf. I will email you again when I know more.

Serviam,

Colby



Courtesy of Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Finally, after many months Kappa Phi was approved by Palm Beach Atlantic University. Rose still remembered the excitement when Colby received the email on her phone. It simply stated that permission was granted to advertise and approach women on campus to join the group. Now the fun would begin! Rose and Colby were excited to start gathering prospective members.



Courtesy of Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Come Home... to Celebrate

Saturday morning began with the Council Worship Team leading us in praise. The team was composed of the McKenzie family: Dianne, former National Sponsor, her husband Craig, and their daughter Heather. Also, Angie Martin on keyboard and Katie Wonderly on drums.



Throughout the week the Worship Team was there to help all focus on God. The praise music was followed by the introduction of the theme presentation, "Come Home...then Go and Do!" The Kappa Phi's listened to the theme Bible verses of Hebrews 11 and heard of the people of the Old Testament who had lived by faith. They listened to "Oceans" by Hillsong. The song resonated with many of the sisters especially...."Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders."



Pastor Elizabeth Horton-Ware led them in Bible Study. She is an Alpha Upsilon alum and currently sponsor of Beta Zeta Chapter and campus minister at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. After the lesson, the large group broke up into small groups based on a symbol on their nametags. All the symbols were based on THE WIZARD OF OZ. Rose was in the Tornado group.

The afternoon was spent in committee meetings and active/alumnae meetings. Each group decided where their tithe money would go for the next two years.

The evening event was the Homecoming LeSourd Program. Everyone was dressed in their college t-shirts. It was fun to see all the colors and where people had gone to college. The group gathered in Mabee Gym to hear

Alana Story perform in concert. As they waited for the concert to begin, Rose's new friend, Ann Lewis, shared one of the things she loved most about Kappa Phi. She loved how the sisters could come together regardless of age and denomination and sing praise to God. Another sister, Ashley Knittle, expressed how listening to music always brought her closer to God.



Rachel Powley, Rachel Rapp, Marty Cash Burless, Bobbie Rex, Linda Darrow, Cheri Way, Sandy Green

Alana Story was composed of two sisters, Anna and Ally, their husbands and a bass player. The two sisters had begun to sing together as the family was dealing with their father being asked to leave a church where he was pastor. One offering, "The Confession Song," was a musical testimony about how a couple of high school girls dealt with the struggles of faith and the need to offer

forgiveness. At the conclusion of the concert, many CDs were purchased and pictures taken with Anna and Ally. Kappa Phi would take memories back home with them after the inspirational concert.



After the concert, as Rose was reading her devotional, she reflected about God's hands in the beginning of Beta Kappa.

Jean,

We finally got the ok from PBA! We are going to meet on 10/26/11 at 5pm to plan the informational meeting to gauge interest from the campus women. Please call me when you have time so I can pick your brain and make sure I am doing the steps right to set Kappa Phi up down here.

Serviam

Colby

Sent from my iPhone=

With great excitement, information meetings about forming a Kappa Phi chapter began in the fall of 2011. Rose and Colby connected with many prospective members and a Degree of the Pine was held in November. Nine women committed to taking the Degree of the Light in the spring. They attended the workshop about how to start a Kappa Phi Chapter, which was facilitated by NEB. Soon they began to spread the word about Kappa Phi on campus!

Hello Ladies of Palm Beach Atlantic,

The Kappa Phi Club has recently been approved to open a chapter on our campus and is having its first informational new member meeting on 11/17 in the Greene Complex room 212 beginning at 11AM. We have lots of information to share. If you are interested in helping others and doing community service with the support of Kappa Phi sisters, we encourage you to come find out more. Learn how you can grow as Christians by being involved with this club. More information about us is available online at KappaPhi.org where you can find other university chapters and sisters throughout the country.

Hope to see you all at the meeting!

Serviam,

Colby Alonso

PBA Chapter President

Rose remembered the excitement and hard work that began in earnest just after the Degree of the Pine. A checklist from NEB was front and center. Kappa Phi National expected the prospective chapter to begin

working like a real chapter doing Kappa Phi things. The list included:

- **National Executive Board:** Regular communication to set up workshops and communicate progress
- **Programming:** Develop a programming plan using the four program areas
- **Recruitment /Leadership:** Training would include the use of the Constitution and Active Chapter Handbook
- **Finance:** Develop a chapter budget and complete a fundraising project. Include 10% of the project's profit for the Active Tithe
- **Administration:** List meetings and activities including deadlines and election of officers. Complete Petition for Chartering of chapter
- **Kora/National Relations:** Establish contact with Kora and National officers
- **Rituals/Traditions:** Celebrate Meal in Upper Room and Yule Log. Learn the “Kappa Phi Hymn,” “Benediction,” and “Grace”

Rose thought that the checklist looked more like an outline for a graduate thesis than a to do list to join Kappa Phi. But who was she to question? She now wanted to

charter this chapter just as much as Colby. PBA needed a Kappa Phi chapter and they were determined to make it happen.

Rose remembered working hard to complete the checklist. She especially recalled holding their first Yule Log in the backyard of a friend's house so they could have a fire. She loved to hear the passages about Christmas. It was very peaceful and beautiful to do the Yule Log at night under the stars. Afterwards the sisters made Christmas cookies and drank apple cider. The discussion turned to family traditions for Christmas and what it meant to each of them.

The next spring PBA celebrated their first Meal in the Upper Room. Rose smiled as she relived their first effort at celebrating this tradition. They served an Italian style dinner with spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, and drinks. Rose remembered that it was difficult for the girls to eat in silence, but after reading their passages and explaining what they should be using the time for--to reflect and worship--the sisters began to feel the importance and significance of this Kappa Phi tradition. It was a very special time for all the members to share.

Come Home... to Rededicate

Sunday morning arrived bright and hot. After breakfast everyone made their way across Baker's



campus to First UMC for church. The Kappa Phis joined with members to fill the sanctuary for the 8:30 traditional service. Pastor Paul Babcock preached a sermon called "Bless Your Heart." Many older alums chuckled at the title and recalled a LeSourd Program featuring, "Maxie, the Preacher's Wife," who had

explained that the phrase “Bless your heart” meant “Boy, are you stupid.” Still, all agreed it was a good message by the minister and that the service had had wonderful music.

All made their way back to the steps of Parmentor Hall for the Council picture. Many could not remember a hotter or sunnier picture.

The sisters gladly made their way into air-conditioned cars for the half hour trip to Lawrence, Kansas, to the University of Kansas, birthplace of Kappa Phi! Many



enjoyed taking a picture with the KU mascot, the jay hawk, in front of the Kansas Union. People mingled and looked at KU history displays and took group pictures before the Banquet began.

What a 100th Anniversary Celebration to remember!
The ballroom had round white linen covered tables featuring centerpieces and Candle Beams.



Kristen Lindsay, Mistress of Ceremonies, welcomed over 175 Kappa Phis home. Jennifer Hovis, National President, lit the Kappa Phi Candle and all sang the "Kappa Phi Hymn." Katie Washburn, National Program Director, led the Philitia and Janet Martin, National Chaplain, gave the invocation, followed by the "Kappa Phi Grace." After a lovely buffet luncheon, Marti Lantis Jones, a former National President, introduced Mrs. Karin Henkle, the granddaughter of our founder, Mrs. Harriet Thompson. Mrs. Henkle gave a talk entitled "A Precious Gem: The Character of My Grandmother." Songs included "You Are the Daughters of Dawn," "A Challenge to Kappa Phis," and

“Anniversary Song” led by the choir and accompanied by Carolyn Swinsick, composer and former Songbook Editor.



Chapters were presented with a special anniversary plate and national officers received a special pewter ornament to commemorate

their service. Debbie Fuhrmann, former National Treasurer, presented the Diamond Anniversary Time Capsule from the 75th Council. Sue Zack, former National President, introduced, Barbara Van Westrienen, former National Sponsor, who spoke on “Find Us Faithful.”

Many thanks were given. Everyone appreciated a little more what a blessing Kappa Phi was to them personally.

Later, Colby, Rose, and Kimmy were discussing how much Kappa Phi had come to mean to them. They had been touched by the events of the day and especially blown away by Mrs. Thompson's granddaughter's remarks. They had certainly come a long way since Beta Kappa was installed as a chapter.

Rose remembered how excited the new pledges at PBA were as they gathered in the fall of 2011 to begin the task of becoming a real chapter. Their first service project had been a wonderful success.

Greetings Jean,

It was wonderful! We have 34 and counting wonderful ladies pledging. We have our first drop off tonight for our Toys and Tools for Haiti. I am still waiting to see if any other exec board member can come to meet you all. I plan on starting the petition to become a nationally recognized chapter next week and will submit it by December 7th. I'll keep you posted.

Serviam,

Colby

Sent from my iPhone

The chapter plunged into planning and soon was able to send to the National Executive Board an updated timeline from their planning meeting. November and December were filled with meetings, basketball games, Toys and Tools for Haiti, and the acquiring of Kappa Phi shirts for the entire membership.

In January and February there were workshops about the Degrees of membership and what pledges needed to know. March and April included the collection of local dues and a fundraising project. By time the prospective members reached early spring the girls felt that they were ready to officially become a Kappa Phi chapter. They had successfully navigated the Prospective Chapter checklist and had grown as a sisterhood.

Hi Katie,

I spoke to Jean yesterday and discussed some of the questions you sent me with her. Here is what we came up with.

I did ask Jean to request a waiver on our behalf so we can be installed. I know it must be voted on and approved ...we will pray for the best. These pledges have worked very hard and are dedicated. We lost six pledges because they made a decision that they did not have time to participate due to team commitments and course loads. We lost three other girls due to family concerns, being overbooked, and differing priorities that did not coincide with our tenets. One of them may attempt to try and pledge again next fall.

With that being said, we are having an informational meeting on campus before the end of the semester and first thing in the fall. This will help us get a list of who to contact when they return and what new students or other additional participants will want to join and take the degree of the pine.

The girls are taking the pledge exam on Friday, April 20. What is the best way for you to get the test to me so I can proctor it?

Thanks

Serviam,

Colby

The National Executive Board approved PBA to be installed as Beta Kappa Chapter with a waiver on the minimum number of members. The board approved their fall recruitment plan to increase membership. The PBA women were ready! The following email was sent to all chapters from the National Sponsor:

Dear sisters,

The Beta Kappa Chapter of The Kappa Phi Club located at Palm Beach Atlantic University will be chartered on Saturday, April 21, 2012. Festivities will begin at 10:30 AM and include Degree of the Light, Degree of the Rose, Sponsor Installation, Officer Installation, and the Chartering Service. We will have a light lunch and enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant. Members living in the area are welcome to join us. The activities on April 21st will begin at 10:30 AM and will be held at 8th Floor Deck, LeCercle Condominiums, 3250 NE 28th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33082.

Let's give a big Kappa Phi welcome to our newest sisters! Greetings and welcoming gifts should be sent to Beta Kappa of Kappa Phi, c/o Colby Alonso at the above address.

*Sincerely,
Jean Chirpas
National Sponsor*



On a beautiful warm and sunny day in April, Beta Kappa Chapter was installed as an official chapter of the Kappa Phi Club. The day began as pledges, sponsors, and guests gathered in the morning. The Installing Officers were: Jean Chirpas, National Sponsor, Karen DuBois, National Alumnae Secretary, Cindy Stackpole, Zeta Kora Coordinator, and Nicole Fleischman, National Pledge Coordinator. The National officers performed The Degree of the Light for nine women and the Degree of the Rose for two graduating seniors.

After a light lunch the chapter sponsors: Colby Alonso, Lindsey Hadden, Donna Rouzeau, and Rose Thompson were installed. Next was the Installation of Officers. Finally it was time for the culmination of everyone's hard work: the Installation of Beta Kappa Chapter of The Kappa Phi Club. The installation began with lighting of the National Candle and singing the "Kappa Phi Hymn." A litany of "Heart Friends" followed. After affirming the Purpose of Kappa Phi, the chapter was consecrated, installation vows taken, and the ten charter members signed the Charter. Concluding the Installation Service was the Presentation of Charter, Presentation and Lighting of the Chapter's Ritual Candle, and Presentation of the KAPPA PHI RITUAL and THE KAPPA PHI CONSTITUTION. Then newly installed president, Hilary Powers, extinguished the candle and all joined in singing the "Kappa Phi Benediction."



BETA KAPPA CHAPTER CHARTER MEMBERS

Colby Alonso, Donna Rouzeau, Hilary Powers, Abby Palotta, Shannon Lilly, Tennille Jouppe, Lauren Harvey, Lindsey Hadden, Chelsea Edmonson, Sarah Stull

At the Celebratory Dinner Hilary Powers, Beta Kappa president, thanked everyone for their hard work in making Kappa Phi at Palm Beach Atlantic a reality. She especially wanted to thank Colby Alonso and Rose Thompson for their dream of beginning the chapter. Jean Chirpas, and the entire National Executive Board were thanked for their enthusiasm and helpfulness in making Beta Kappa become part of the family.

The new sisters were excited to have found a national Christian sisterhood that had members all across the country. They looked forward to the 2012-2013 school year with the intent of reaching out to more Christian women on the PBA campus.



Courtesy of Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Come Home... to Honor and Remember

Monday dawned hot and sunny. After breakfast, all went to Rice Auditorium for the start of a busy day. Rose's eyes adjusted to the low light in the auditorium. On the stage she saw a row of tables where the National Executive Board (NEB) was seated for the Business Meeting. The chapter history boxes lined the front of the stage and demanded a closer look.

Everyone looked amazing, dressed in the style of when their chapters were founded. Jennifer Frazier Hovis,

National President, was stunningly dressed for 1916 with the rest of NEB. As Rose looked around she saw flappers from the 1920s, poodle skirts from the 1950s, and even some flower children from the 1960s! Rose's chapter had been installed in 2013 and she wished she could wear something from an earlier era. A procession began the meeting with a chapter representative



carrying a banner with the chapter's name and year it was founded. Then the newest chapters, Beta Lambda from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana and the Illinois Alumnae were introduced to a standing ovation.



Cody Goodrich, Jaisley Barnes, Kayla Barnes

Rose, Colby, and Kimmy smiled as Beta Lambda was introduced and the entire council stood clapping and cheering. The Beta Kappa sisters clapped their approval but could not help but remember that PBA had been the newest chapter at National Council just 2 years ago at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. They remembered that five actives plus Colby, Hillary, and Rose had attended that council. They were amazed at the

growth of their own chapter and were eager to welcome the ladies from Beta Lambda.

Then everyone stood as the National Candle was lit and the “Kappa Phi Hymn” was sung. After introductions and greetings President Jennifer Hovis presented The State of Kappa Phi. The best news was that active membership was up and there was strong interest in starting new chapters at Cincinnati Christian College, Fresno Pacific University, and Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Several reports were given and the meeting was recessed for the day.



After a break, Rose re-entered the Auditorium for the Memorial Service to celebrate the lives of Kappa Phis. She reflected as Jean Chirpas, National Sponsor, shared a message on “Light a Candle, Celebrate, Remember.” It was sad, but also a time to remember what these sisters had shared through their lives of faith.

Photo by Angela Constant

CHAPTERS INSTALLED 1992-2016

1993	Beta Delta	University of Central Oklahoma
1993	Beta Epsilon	Bloomsburg University, PA
1995	Beta Zeta	Southwestern Oklahoma State University
1997	Beta Eta	Edinboro University, PA
1999	Beta Theta	Texas A&M University
2002	Beta Iota	Bradley University, IL
2013	Beta Kappa	Palm Beach Atlantic University, FL
2014	Beta Lambda	Northwestern State University, LA
2016	Beta Mu	Cincinnati Christian University, OH
2016	Beta Nu	Fresno Pacific University, CA



Lunch was a special Etiquette Lunch led by Kristen Lindsay. Kristen explained various “rules” to help you when eating with a prospective employer. She gave hints to help all enjoy a pleasant dining experience.



Allyson Divens, Erin Frey, Adrian Paskey, Sara Cobern

Again Rose joined her small group to listen to Pastor Elizabeth's Bible study. Everyone worked hard to memorize the focus theme scripture, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

The afternoon sped by with workshops. Rose was amazed to learn about the work of two Legion of Light members. Tiffany Wessler, a Beta Iota alumna, and Rev. Kristen Brown, an Alpha Upsilon alumna, shared their passions for work in foreign missions.

Kristen works as the Methodist Liaison to Palestine and Israel through the General Board of Global Ministries and the United Methodist Church. She lives in the Jerusalem area. Her days are filled with meetings with pilgrim travelers and making a stand for peace between the Palestinians and Israelis. Her Facebook posts tell the story of a woman who puts her faith into action every day in the heart of the Holy Land.



Tiffany Wessler and Kristen Brown

Tiffany and her husband Luke work for SIM, an international mission organization. Luke and Tiffany served in Zambia for four years. Now they are based in the Charlotte, North Carolina area at SIM's headquarters. Luke is preparing missionaries for life in the mission field and Tiffany practices her gift of hospitality.

Rose was touched as she listened to their stories but she knew that work in the foreign missions was not what God was calling her to do. She did decide to make a financial contribution to both groups that day, as she wanted to support these Legion of Light members.



The evening events began with “Minutes with Marilyn.” Throughout the week, former National Sponsor, Marilyn Evans, shared about some important women of Kappa Phi and what they had done. This evening she highlighted Sara Jacobs and Ruth Daniels, charter members of Alpha Chapter, who had

helped Mrs. Thompson organize Kappa Phi. Both had helped to write the first Constitution. Sara wrote the words

to the “Kappa Phi Hymn” and was the first Grand President. She married and left with her husband to serve as missionaries in China. Ruth Daniels took over as Grand President for Sara. Ruth chose John 14:27 as the words for the Kappa Phi Benediction and wrote the words to the pin pledge.

Next it was time for the Legion of Light Service to recognize 117 Kappa Phi alumnae who are in full-time church-related vocations or who carry out the ministry of the laity. It also recognizes those in preparation for full time Christian service; as well as, those who are retired Legion of Light members. Rose was pleased when Beta Kappa sister, Hilary Powers, was recognized for her work in the Peace Corps and Colby Alonso lit her candle. It was wonderful to hear from the six Legion of Light members who were present at Council.



First Row: Kristen Brown, Sarah Bowling Kraft, Tiffany Ludwig Wessler.
Second Row: Megan Berkebile, Elizabeth Horton Ware, Ardie Kendig Higgins,
Mary Seiler Goodenow.

Finally, this light-filled day came to an end with the Lord's Prayer Service. Rose liked to see how each phrase of the Lord's Prayer is represented by a colorful candle.

Come Home... to be a Servant Leader

Rose and Kimmy got up early Wednesday to attend a Cha Chumba Fitness class in Mabee Gym. Josie Rader, a Lambda alumna, led the class. Josie helped found this ministry that combines various fitness activities with a faith component. It is a ministry by the Wesley Campus Ministry at Miami University in Ohio. After a good work out with other like-minded sisters, a shower, and a hardy breakfast, Rose was ready for another day of Council activities.



After devotions, Rose joined the group who went to the food bank. The group descended upon the Food Warehouse to sort food and shuck donated corn to be given to clients. Colby Alonso, Rose Thompson, Aimee Green, Penni Winslow, Rebekah Weaver, and Ali Hursey had so much fun that the service project turned into a fun sisterhood! They even had time to begin little starter pots of simple vegetables, which were to be given away with the food. The sisters enjoyed serving, and the food bank was sorry that the Kappa Phis would not be able to come back.



After returning from the Food Warehouse, Rose and Colby joined some other alums at a table for lunch. It was fun to look around the room and see who was sitting at

each National Officer's table. The actives enjoyed learning about what other chapters did and what the NEB expected their chapters to do.

A busy business meeting followed with more reports and the Nominating Committee's Presentation of the Slate of Officers for 2015-2017. Each candidate made a speech as to why she was qualified and wished to serve on NEB. Next the Kappa Phi Mission Statement was presented. There was much discussion and many amendments were proposed. The vote was tabled until Wednesday's business meeting, so all could think about it.



The highlight of the day was the Leadership Colloquium. The featured speaker was Carol Kent. Carol shared the amazing story of what her life has been like since her only child, Jason, was convicted of first-degree murder and he is serving a life sentence without parole. Carol said, "God can take a situation like ours and

redeem it for His purposes. Our vision is to help inmates and their families adjust to their new normal." All were amazed by her story and how the Lord is using her to help others. Later she led a breakout session for actives. She

discussed telling your story and how to write and present your story.

After dinner, Rose and Colby attended the Sponsors meeting. Jean Chirpas, National Sponsor, and Karen DuBois, National Associate Sponsor, led the meeting. Rose enjoyed learning about what other chapters were doing and being able to share the joys and frustrations of working with college women.





Too soon, it was time to move onto the Zeta Kora meeting. Introductions were made and programming suggestions sought for Zeta Kora Get Together and Kora Conference. Get Together was to be hosted by Alpha Lambda at Kent State University in Ohio on November 7-8, 2015. Kora Conference would be at Ligonier Camp & Conference Center in Pennsylvania the weekend of April 10-12, 2016. Finally, Heather Steel was introduced as the newly appointed Zeta Kora Coordinator. Everyone was pleased with the choice.

The evening ended with a committee meeting. After that, Rose and other sisters decided they needed some ice cream, so they headed up the street to the Sonic. Not surprisingly they met other Kappa Phis there. The actives shared about their Break Out Session with Carol Kent. Talk turned to the various service projects of the day and ideas from each chapter for service.

Back in her dorm room Rose thought about service with her chapter. Beta Lambda in its four short years as a chapter had developed a strong service component. The chapter supported Place of Hope, which is an orphanage/home for young or teen mothers who need help getting on their feet. The Beta Lambda sisters decided to adopt a single mom named Lisa and her young daughter, Gianna, to help with childcare and transportation needs. Rose remembered how challenging it was to meet the young family's needs, but remembered how much they had learned from this woman of faith. The young mom had tremendous dedication to her daughter and faith in God. She expressed that no matter the difficulty, she would overcome it. She trusted in the Lord completely. As always with service both Kappa Phi sisters and Lisa were enriched by each other's gifts.

Participation in Relay for Life was also important to Beta Kappa. Not only did they work a table for over 24 hours, but also all of the sisters took shifts in walking the relay. The Kappa Phi s'mores booth was a big hit with all the participants. Everyone could come and roast marshmallows and make s'mores with the sisters. Rose loved meeting so many people and raising money for an important cause.

Come Home... to Revive

Wednesday's events began with the last business meeting. The tabled proposal for the Kappa Phi Mission Statement was reintroduced. After further discussion, a vote was taken, and the Mission Statement was accepted. It says, **“Kappa Phi is a lifelong supportive Christian sisterhood expressed through service, study, and worship. We are lights in the darkness actively engaged as leaders in the church, the community, and the world.”** There were other committee reports and finally elections of the National Officers for 2015-2017. Rose was happy to see that the NEB would be spread from coast to coast with new National Sponsor, Karen DuBois, in Maine and new alumnae secretary, Marie Smith, in Alaska. Finally, the meeting was adjourned.

Bible study was followed by lunch and workshops. It was tough to choose from all the good options. Rose went first to “Through the Storms of Life: Forgiveness and Grace.” This workshop was led by Phil DuBois (Karen DuBois' husband). Phil shared the tragedy of being in a car accident that resulted in the deaths of his first wife, uncle, and cousin. Two aunts, his newly adopted son, and he were seriously injured. Phil shared how he worked through his grief with Christian counseling and how he was called to forgive. Phil offered insights and scripture to help in asking for or in offering forgiveness.

Everyone agreed it was a powerful testimony to Phil's faith and the healing grace of God.

Then Rose joined her small group to practice their skit for fun night later in the evening.

Next it was time for the second workshop. Rose joined lots of other Kappa Phi sisters for the workshop, "The Play's the Thing." Kathy Sanders and Mary Goodenow directed a restaging of the pageant A GLORY TO BE GAINED. Originally presented at the 50th Anniversary Council at the University of Kansas, the pageant summarizes the first fifty years of Kappa Phi as an organization. Members of the audience became actors, dancers, a choir, prop and tech crew, and even the first four National Sponsors! Everyone had fun and enjoyed a once in a lifetime experience.



After dinner, everyone returned to the auditorium for Fun Night. Debbie Fuhrmann was emcee and kept the groups moving and shared some jokes and funny stories. Each of the small groups presented a skit. Carnak/Karnak were again able to correctly tell the answers to the questions in the envelopes. Katie Washburn and the National Program Committee affectionately known as “minions” shared a skit with a hidden Heather McKenzie providing the funny minion giggle.



Lauren Teeter, Teresa Weaver, Kirsten Frank

Finally, sixty Councilettes, women who have attended at least five councils, presented their version of the WIZARD OF OZ.



There were seven new Councilettes who whirled in as tornadoes and at the other end the good witches, Bobbie Rex and Barb VanWestrinen who have attended 24 councils. Rose's sides hurt from laughing so hard.



Newest Councilettes 2015: Barb Lykins , Ardie Kendig Higgins, Sarah Bryant, Amanda McKinney, Chairiti Young, Teresa Weaver, Angela Haskell

The night was still young, so many agreed to meet in the basement lounge of Irwin Hall to play the game “How’s Yours?” Chariti Young, an Alpha Kappa alumna and a former National Program Director, had introduced this game at Council at Bartlesville Wesleyan in Oklahoma in 1999. It has become a tradition. One person is sent from the room. The group decides on a topic, such as, hair color. The person returns and asks individuals, “How’s yours?” The answer is true, but disguised. The person keeps asking until they figure out the topic. The next one out is the person who gave the clue that led to a correct guess. The circle of old and new Kappa Phi sisters made this fun and inspirational. Rose was glad she did not have to be a guesser, but hoped to play again sometime.

As Rose was preparing for bed she thought about the day's theme, "Come home... to Revive," and remembered when Beta Kappa decided to share a sisterhood in the spring of 2013. The chapter went on a camping trip retreat. Little did the sisters know that they had to pitch tents over a bed of rocks! The site was pretty rustic. Simply looking for firewood had been an adventure. However, shared hardships, campfire stories and prayer at sunrise, combined to create lasting memories with the Kappa Phi girls. Returning to campus, the girls were tired, but definitely revived! The chapter had grown closer and was ready to take on the end of semester challenges. As a

sponsor, Rose was pleased with the chapter's spiritual growth.



Come Home... to Rejoice

Thursday morning again was hot. Rose joined Colby in the Rose Run, a 5K run or walk. The two finished, showered and joined others for breakfast.



Soon Elizabeth Horton-Ware was sharing her last thoughts on Hebrews 11, calling us to be faithful.

The music workshop was give by Carolyn Swinsick, an Alpha Zeta alumna, and Editor of the sixth edition of the KAPPA PHI SONGBOOK, 1975. Carolyn had us singing through the Songbook and told us stories about the songs. At the end it was announced that a new KAPPA PHI SONGBOOK would be published in 2016.

After this there was free time. Many went to various restaurants in Baldwin City. Others went back to Lawrence to see more of the University of Kansas. Several went to see the new movie, MINIONS, and completed their afternoon eating a McDonald's Happy Meal to get their very own minion. While still others had Installation practice or prepared for the banquet by turning the cafeteria into a banquet hall with rearranged tables covered with white tablecloths, blue napkins, favors, and beautiful centerpieces of silver wrapped packages adorned with pink ribbon and an elegant bow. A corner of the room featured a photo booth to make Kappa Phi memories.

All met back in Rice Auditorium for the Installation of the National Officers. But first, there was a surprise ceremony! Two young women were escorted to the stage. Rose saw that it was Heather McKenzie and Jeannette Porter Cover.



Both of their mothers were members of Alpha Psi chapter at Mt. Union University. Each had attended Kappa Phi events as children, but unfortunately had attended schools without Kappa Phi chapters. Now these two were made Honorary Members of Kappa Phi of Alpha Psi Chapter. Everyone was pleased and enjoyed Heather and Jeannette's surprise. It was even more special when Heather's mother, Dianne McKenzie, and Jeannette's mother, Debby Porter, pinned their daughters.

Installation followed. A "special-to-her" Kappa Phi sister presented each new National Officer. After each was introduced, she lit a candle from the National Candle, and then all took the Oath of Office. Songs and prayers followed. Many pictures were taken at the conclusion of Installation.



Zeta Kora Coordinator—Heather Steel, National Alumnae Secretary—Marie Smith, National Treasurer—Amanda McKinney, National Program Director—Samantha McDonald, National Secretary—Kristen Lindsay, National President—Jennifer Hovis, National Pledge Coordinator—Marissa Witkovsky, National Sponsor—Karen DuBois, Alpha Kora Coordinator—Catherine Bost, Gamma Kora Coordinator—Angela Haskell

Then it was on to Harter Union for the Meadowcroft Reception and the opportunity to meet and greet the new National Officers. Rose, Colby, and Kimmy completed the receiving line and entered the banquet room. They were greeted and escorted to their table by the Banquet Queens, Kathy Sanders and Mary Goodenow. They were making their final appearance as banquet hostesses, which they had been doing for the past 20 years. While waiting for the festivities to begin many went to the photo booth corner and took a picture with the large Kappa Phi letters.

Soon it was time to **celebrate!** Penni Winslow, an Alpha Gamma alumna and the emcee, welcomed everyone. Katie Washburn, an Alpha Omega and former National Program Director and President, let the Philitia. Tiffany Wessler, Beta Iota, Legion of Light, and newly appointed Chaplain, gave the invocation. The "Kappa Phi Grace" followed. Everyone enjoyed the special buffet dinner. Karen DuBois and Jean Chirpas gave "A Tribute to Kappa Phi." The Council Choir sang a special song.

Jean Chirpas was recognized for her service as National Sponsor and for her 35 years of work with Alpha Kappa Chapter.

Then Karen DuBois, the newly installed National Sponsor, was presented with the Gold Robe, which was first worn by Florence Donnenthirth at the 50th Anniversary Council, and has been shared with every National Sponsor since then.



Marilyn Evans (1991-1999), Barbara Van Westrin (1983-1991), Karen DuBois (2015-2023), Dianne McKenzie (1999-2007), Jean Chirpas (2007-2015)

Jennifer Hovis, National President, then gave Letters of Commendation to several chapters. The Alumnae Tray was presented to Northwest Ohio Alumnae. Alpha Kappa was recognized for its service with the Cooley Rose Award.

Alpha Zeta was recognized for the chapter's improvement with the LeSourd Cup.



Finally, the Thompson Trophy was presented to Beta Gamma for its continued outstanding programming and service while building a stronger chapter.



The evening concluded with the singing of the “Anniversary Song.” All joined in to sing, “Celebrate, celebrate one hundred years!” Hugs and lots of pictures followed.

At the end of such a wonderful day Rose took a picture of Colby and Kimmy to help remember the 100th National Council of Kappa Phi. The three sisters promised one another to take the enthusiasm for Kappa Phi back to Palm Beach Atlantic University. Kappa Phi was 100 years old and Beta Kappa was only 4 years old, but the years did not seem to matter. They prayed that the Christian sisterhood would continue for another hundred years.



Come Home... to Go Out

Rose closed her eyes and reclined her seat on the plane. It was time to go home.

Friday morning had passed quickly. Many sisters had to leave early for long drives home. Breakfast had passed in a flurry of good-byes and hugs.

Rose, Colby, and Kimmy made their way one last time to the Auditorium. The closing was an Agape Feast and Rededication Service. All were reminded of what Kappa Phi is: its Philosophy, Purpose, Mission, and Pin Pledge. All stood and repeated the pledge each had made at her Degree of the Light:

“I hereby pledge myself to be true to Kappa Phi and the ideals for which it stands. And, if in the eyes of my sisters, I ever prove disloyal or inactive, I will, for the sake of Kappa Phi, yield of my pin and my membership.”

All were reminded of Harriet Thompson’s vision to be “Lights in the Darkness” and joined one last time to sing the “Kappa Phi Hymn.”

Now Rose was returning to Florida and Beta Kappa. She reflected on what a special week it had been. There was faith building, service, study, worship, and lots of sisterhood. She would never forget this National Council! It

had been an opportunity to “Come Home” but now was the time to “Then Go and Do.” ***And what could be better than that?***



Photo by Angela Constant

ABOUT THE AUTHORS



Mary Seiler Goodenow grew up in Sandusky, Ohio with a family of seven brothers and sisters! She attended college at Bowling Green State University from 1969 until 1973. In the spring of 1970 Mary became an active member of Kappa Phi at Alpha Gamma Chapter at BGSU and eventually became president of the chapter her junior year. After her graduation and subsequent marriage to Dan Goodenow, Mary moved back to Bowling Green and became Sponsor of Alpha Gamma in 1978. She has served as chapter sponsor during at least 3 different

time periods over the years and is now an honorary sponsor. Mary is a charter member of the Northwest Ohio alums and continues to be a member. National involvement includes serving on the National Executive Board as Gamma Kora Coordinator and chairing the National Leadership Committee. She is a member of the Legion of Light in recognition of her 35 years of service to Catholic education at St. Aloysius School in Bowling Green. Mary continues as an active member in the parish of St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Mary would like to thank her husband Dan for being a true 'Kappa Phella' with his love and support of Mary's involvement in Kappa Phi over these many years. Mary and Dan continue to live in Bowling Green with their dog Pepper. They have two grown daughters. Their older daughter, Debbie Goodenow Messman, is an alumna of Alpha Omega Chapter of Kappa Phi at Ohio Northern University. Their younger daughter is Beth Goodenow Corrigan who has provided creative and technical support to her Kappa Phi mother over many years.

Kathy Guy Sanders grew up in Columbus, Ohio with a family of four brothers. She attended The Ohio State University from 1971-1975. She became an active member of Kappa Phi at Epsilon Chapter in the spring of 1972. In her active chapter she served as treasurer and

vice president where she discovered her gift for programming. After graduation, Kathy moved to the Athens, Ohio area where she was an elementary teacher, attended Ohio University for her MEd. in 1979, and met her husband Ron. While in Athens, she was a member of the Athens Alums, the Gamma Kora program director, and then became the Phi Chapter associate sponsor. She married Ron in 1982 and has lived in the Cleveland and Chicago areas, before returning to Columbus, Ohio in 1989. Kathy has served on the Zeta Kora board, was National Program Director from 1989-1993, Epsilon Chapter sponsor, and chaired the National Leadership Committee. Currently she is a member of the Columbus Alumnae. She has used her Kappa Phi training in all of the churches to which she has belonged and continues to sing in the choir at Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church. Kathy would like to thank her Kappa Phellow, Ron, for all his love and support of her Kappa Phi work and everything she does. Ron and Kathy live on the northwest side of Columbus with their cat Mango. They have a grown son, Nathan, and a daughter, Julie, who is a student at Ohio University. Her family has enjoyed her Kappa Phi adventures and helped her achieve her Kappa Phi dreams.