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Kappa Alumna Service Award Recipient: JEANETTE KORTH METZDORF

By Elizabeth Bilitz PC '03

If you have attended reunion in the past few decades, one familiar face had always been Jeannette Korth Metzdorf. Jeanette pledged Kappa in 1937 and studied at IIT in the Home Economics and Arts and Sciences departments. As an alumna, she sponsored the White Elephant scholarship fundraiser in her home in suburban Chicago for many years. A frequent face at reunions, she was always telling stories about our founders and the beginning of Kappa Phi Delta. Unfortunately, Jeannette passed away August 2012 at the age of 92, just shy of her 93rd birthday.

Debra Morge-Erickson, pledge class of 1973, remarks that "as freshmen, we were required to participate in the event [White Elephant fundraiser] because it raised money for the scholarship fund. I remember her warmth and hospitality, and her beautiful white hair. I remember meeting Janie Matheson, last year winner and Marilyn Ternovitz at her home for the first time and feeling so welcomed by the Kappa community. I was a frightened but ambitious and intelligent young woman, and these women made me realize what I could achieve by being with them. I also tried to always sit at the Reunion table with them. They were delighted when in my sophomore year Kappa's fight song was sung at reunion. Although there was an age gap between us, they never poo-pooed any of our new-fangled ideas like com-

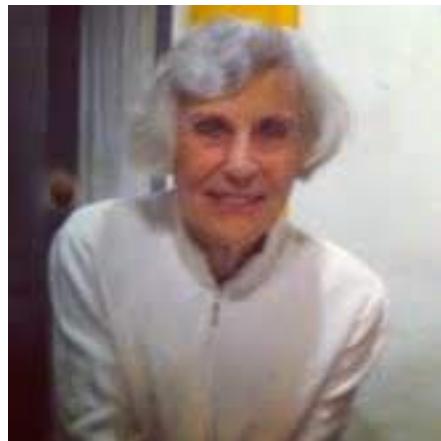


peting in the Greek Week pie-eating contest or beer chug or trying to compete in the Quad Sports so Kappa could earn points toward the Greek Trophy, which was awarded to the Greek house that participated in the most on-campus events. We were new for them and they loved seeing the pictures of us doing new things. I am certain that Jeanette and many of the prior Kappas had no idea of the profound affect they had on us in the 70's. Sounds strange, but imagine being of an age where you were told you could do anything a man could do but with caveats: you had to do it in nylons and a skirt or you had to give up being a woman to be successful or forgo marriage and family and relationships so that you could climb the corporate ladder. They eased our way through college by letting us experience their successes of completing college, enjoying successful careers and beautiful families. Jeanette always smiled on us Kappas. Her passing reminds me that I too have the responsibility to set an example for future women engineers, not only who we are today, but the love, grace, style, wisdom and generosity of the women who came before us.

The Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Phi Delta wishes to posthumously honor Jeanette Korth Metzdorf with our Alumna Service Award, to be acknowledged at this year's reunion on November 16th. If you have additional stories or memories to share, we would love to include them during this time. They can be directed to kappa.alumni.newsletter@gmail.com.

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Events to Remember

- Alumnae Reunion - November 16, 2013 at Wildlife.
- Cookbooks for Sale! \$15 or \$20 w/ shipping
- Donate or pay dues using PayPal!
- Send photos or clippings from your Kappa years

Business as Usual-Secretary's Notes

By Elizabeth Bilitz PC '03

The Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Phi Delta held its annual meeting on July 20th at Catalpa Gardens Condos, home of Elizabeth Bilitz Shelley and Theresa Allen. Eight alums were in attendance and voted on the new board and chair positions. Although the President, Secretary, Registered Agent and Social Chair are returning for another term, we welcome some new, younger members to Kappa leadership.

The president's report included discussion on increasing alumnae involvement, effective communication to alums and actives as well as a history book project, which is especially important as the 110th anniversary of the sorority is in 2014. It would be ideal to keep Kappa events on a schedule just like our Reunion is on a schedule that coincides with our founding date, November 16th. For example, the summer event could take place every July and the spring event could be tied with the active chapter's Alumnae Tea. Regarding our annual scholarship: five applications were received and Breanne Stromberg was chosen as the recipient. This was given during the annual preference dinner.

Acting VP, Stacy Economy, reported that the spring pledge class had 14 girls. The chapter wished to make a bylaw change regarding Carry-Over pledges, to cover when they are not on track to fulfill their requirements. The Chapter would like to have a formal vote during Mid-semester Review to determine if she would be initiated or her pledgeship terminated. This is in order to keep with the school's timeline regarding housing contracts. The ability to terminate the Carry-Over pledgeship at mid semester allows the girl to find adequate housing for the next semester and not have to wait until finals week or after to find out if she will be able to live in the house (be initiated). This was voted on and approved by the board. The big campus news is that the Sigma Phi Epsilon house has been closed, and the charter has been revoked. The house is empty, but their national may be willing to rent it to another fraternity on campus such as Omega Delta.

Outgoing Treasurer, Kendra Sveum, gave her report in absentia. Looking at our fundraising over the years, the money that we are able to generate for the scholarship has dramatically decreased as some of our older alumnae have passed away. It would be in the chapter's best

interest to encourage younger alums to pick up where our very generous predecessors have left off.

Finally, there were nominations held for the Alumna Service Award, with this year's award going to Jeanette Korth Metzdorf. Jeanette was a staple at reunions for many years, eagerly telling the new pledges about Kappa and the founders from the early years.

Items to be discussed at the November meeting, which will be held post-reunion, include nomination and election of a Fundraising Chair. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend this meeting. We would love to see some new faces helping with the Alumnae Chapter!

Kappa Alumnae Board:

President: Samantha Paruchuri

Vice President/Alumnae Advisor: Stacy Economy

Secretary: Elizabeth Bilitz Shelley

Treasurer: Tabled to Nov. Meeting

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Memories and Clippings



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For this issue of the newsletter, we are highlighting the competitiveness and group effort that kappa Phi Delta have been inspiring to ladies for century. The picture is from the 8-man race during Greek Week in the 70's!

If you would like to submit pictures or articles/memories from your era in Kappa, please feel free to email them to kappa.alumni.newsletter@gmail.com



Scholarship Spotlight: Breanne Stromberg

As the recipient of the 2013 alumni scholarship I would like to thank you for the opportunity to apply and for choosing me; additionally I would like to tell you a little bit about myself and what Kappa Phi Delta means to me. I am currently the Kappa Phi Delta President and have also served as Secretary, Fundraising and Greek Council Jr. Rep in previous semesters. Outside of Kappa, I have been a member of Feminists United and served on the executive board for the past 3 years. I am also a member of the IIT women's Lacrosse team and am the secretary of the Order of Omega chapter here at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Outside of Kappa Phi Delta and other student teams and organizations, I work part time as an intern at Collins Engineers, Inc.

I am studying civil engineering and am currently enrolled in my 4th year. I have recently decided to enter the co-terminal program at IIT and stay a 5th year to get a Masters in Structural Engineering. Following graduation I hope to begin work full time at Collins Engineers and eventually take night classes to pursue a certificate in personal training which has always been a goal of mine. If all goes well, one day I hope to open up a small engineering firm of my own and do personal training in my available time.

Throughout my time at Kappa Phi Delta I have grown and learned a tremendous amount and feel as though I can attribute a lot of who I am today to this organization and the women who are a part of it. During the course of my freshman year Kappa provided me with countless role models and mentors to help me make college and life decisions, as well as to motivate me to grow in a manner that embodies the qualities and purposes of Kappa Phi Delta. The sisters of Kappa Phi Delta have always been there for me in times of happiness, as well as times of sadness and I know that within Kappa I will always be able to find a comforting friend or an ear to listen in times of need. However, this sis-

terhood provides much more than just support, each sister has their own unique set of skills and attributes that I have been able to learn from and motivate me to be the best I possibly can. Likewise, with so many sisters going out and doing amazing things, I am confident that no dream is too big and am inspired to set goals and then pursue them. Lastly, while serving on the executive board I had the opportunity to learn countless life and leadership skills which I will be able to utilize years beyond college. Overall, Kappa Phi Delta has made me who I am today and I can confidently say that Kappa Phi Delta has been the best part of my college experience and the friendships, skills, and memories that I have gained will stay with me throughout my life.

Once again, I would like to thank you for selecting me to receive the 2013 Alumni Scholarship and I hope to see you November 16th at Alumni Reunion.

Yours in Kappa,



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Kappa Phi Delta would like to express its appreciation for all of our donors generous contributions. Their donations continue to support our scholarship fund.

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Save the Date: Alumni Reunion

This year, Alumnae Reunion will be held on November 16th at Wildlife Restaurant in the River North neighborhood, from 11am until 2pm. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon.

The cost is \$35.

Wildlife is located on W. Erie St on the intersection with N. La Salle St. (159 W. Erie Street, Chicago, IL.) Please RSVP by sending in your "Dues n News" form or by emailing Ashley Hodgson at ashley.hodgson87@gmail.com.

Please join us for an afternoon of memories, mingling and honoring our Service Awardee. We will be electing a fundraising chair and a treasurer.

Introducing: PC Fall 2013

By Hannah Barnes PC Fall '11



Paola Arce	Kathleen lockhart
Vanessa Arraiz	Egle Malinauskaitė
Liza Camacho	Lola Mindiola
Cynthia Chavez	Victoria Torres Arroyo
Suchi Chen	Leslie Villanueva
Emily Fusilero	Lauren Vollrath
Christine Gilman	Emily Warman
Irena Grauzinis	Katherine Wong
Ola Kukielko	Alexandria Wills

This semester, we added 17 amazing women to our chapter. They have done a spectacular job getting involved in Kappa, as well as IIT. Many of them are involved in other organizations on campus such as Volleyball, EWB, ASB, and much more. We are excited for this semester and getting to know all of our pledges!

Recruitment Week Fall 2013

By Lama Abu-Amara PC Fall '10

It is bittersweet to write this article for our newsletter, since it is my last semester serving as First Vice President and my last Fall recruitment. Kappa Phi Delta had a very successful Recruitment week for Fall 2013. The week started with a boot camp for everyone to refresh our memories for the reasons we joined Kappa and what kind of women we want to call our sisters. The events were very enjoyable and there was a great turnout for each. We had Kappa Kupcakes for Taste of The Quad, which was provided by Flirty Cupcakes On Wheels, Las Vegas Night, Beach Party, Movie at Millenium Park, Tye Dye and Cotton Candy, World Runway and Zumba at Fitness Formula Club - Gold Coast. Those successful events led us into extending a lot of bids and having the wonderful pledge class of Fall 2013 that has 16 wonderful ladies.

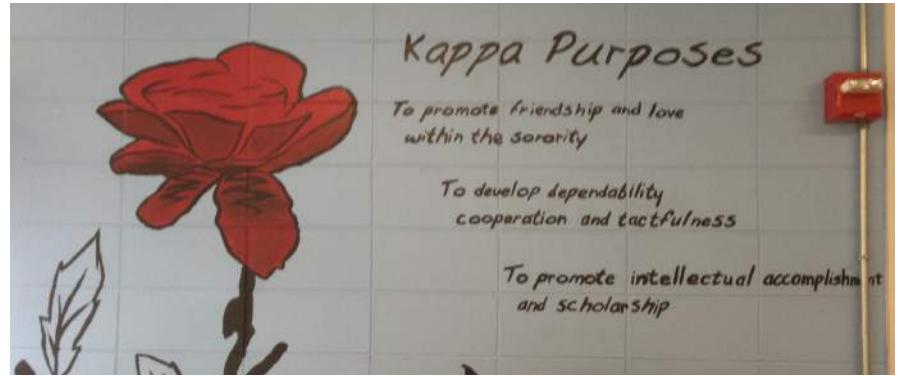


From the active chapter: ... To Promote intellectual accomplishment and scholarship.

By Jaya Parulekar PC Fall '11

Entering this semester as Scholarship chair, I wanted to put a new spin on the position, honoring our third purpose: to promote intellectual accomplishment and scholarship. We consistently have earned highest GPA on the Quad, with a 3.3 chapter average this past semester. It was one of the last days of summer and I and our current VP of Pledge Education, Hannah Barnes, were sitting outside at 2 in the morning discussing how we could get Kappa to truly care about scholarship. We were throwing around lots of ideas when, out of nowhere, it came to us: let's make a rap video! Immediately the idea of our own version of The Motto by Drake came to mind. The song focuses on the motto YOLO, You Only Live Once. But, for the purposes of our video, we changed it to You Only LEARN Once

We started making plans right away with the help of our current Social Chair, Medha Parulekar. Writing the lyrics was the easiest part. We were super creative with it, throwing down some sick rhymes and expressing ourselves through the music. Hannah and I rapped, while Medha filmed and had a cameo as a Kappa student. The most difficult part was getting the voice overs and video recorded (how ironic, considering that we go to a tech school). We were able to get members of the Delt, Skull, Pi Kapp, and Alpha Sig houses in our video as well as record some shots at 7-Eleven, Global Grounds, and Galvin Library. The video also became pretty popular around campus and



the three of us practically became celebrities! But the main take home message that I wanted to voice to the chapter was the importance of scholarship. College provides us opportunities to meet new people, have fun, and be social. But, at the end of the day, we are all here for one reason: to get an education. We must do our best to maintain academic excellence and promote it amongst our sisters, as has been done for over 109 years. School work should never be put on the back burner, and this video served as a fun little reminder of this.

To view the video visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiR7z6mzJfA>

**“Kappa is unique all these words are true,
A home away from home always there for you,
But even more than that we're a smart sisterhood,
Education, scholarship, do it like you should!”**



Bits 'n' Pieces

Elizabeth Bilitz Shelley PC '03
married Kevin Shelley
on September 1 at Two Brother's
Roundhouse in Aurora, Illinois.

Christie Ferraro Bahena PC '05
spring- married Dennis Bahena
(Pi Kappa Phi) on September
7th outside Cleveland, Ohio.

Katsiaryna Shpak PC' 09 Fall -
married Mark Callan on September 21st.



Kappa Reflections

By Elaine Erwin PC Spring'09



Ah, Autumn is in the air. Leaves are falling, pumpkin spice lattes are back, and Kappa's Unbirthday is just around the corner. Celebrating another year of Kappa Phi Delta's sisterhood means being thankful for the strong women who came before us, and being proud of the chapter we are today.

Alumnae Reunion is a time for pledges, active sisters, and members of the Alumnae Chapter to reflect on where Kappa has been and where we're headed. As an active member at this event, I always enjoyed hearing alumna's stories about Kappa's past: what the Chapter Room was like in MSV, the origin of the "KAPPA" road sign in our house's basement, and discontinued Greek Week events, to name a few. But, looking back, this annual event

means so much more than hearing great anecdotes. Now, it's my first Fall as an alumna myself, and I am saddened that I can't be at Alumnae Reunion this year (Due to a tight budget and my recent relocation to Seattle. C'est la vie.)

I hope everyone enjoys themselves, and as you look around the room at your sisters, please take a minute to appreciate the greatness surrounding you. Next year, Kappa Phi Delta will have the honor of turning 110 years old, and that's something we shouldn't take lightly. Eleven decades of academic excellence; of women shaping the contours of their professional fields. Eleven decades of

friendship; of staying close even while scattered around the globe. Eleven decades of a student organization that has grown into something more powerful than our founding sisters probably imagined. One hundred ten years is a long time. Many things have changed since Kappa began in 1904, but one thing is certain: we were each compelled to join this sisterhood for a reason, and I am confident we have all gained something, if not dozens of things, thanks to Kappa. So, this November 16, think of all our sisters who have shaped Kappa into what it is today. Think of all our future sisters who will further strengthen this sisterhood. And remember, *Kale Philia Dunimus*.



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