

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Follow us to learn about **UPCOMING EVENTS** and **STAY CONNECTED**

KKG Alumnae Website: www.desmoines.kappa.org



Kappa Kappa Gamma Des Moines Alum Association



DSM.KKG.ALUMNAE

Hello sister,

Another amazing year is coming to a close for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Des Moines Alumnae Association! Over the past year, we have collected books for R.I.F., shared family cookie recipes at the Kappa Kookie Exchange, volunteered at Meals from the Heartland and connected Des Moines Kappas, both old and new, at multiple other sisterhood events!

I want to take this opportunity to thank our former President, Liz Tesar, for the amazing work she has done over the last few years. From planning events, organizing meetings and encouraging all of us to stay involved with our sisters, her dedication to Kappa has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for everything, and we all look forward to your continued involvement on our board as the Membership Chairman! We have an exciting future ahead, and we can only do it with you! Come join us for our fall event at the Salisbury House for a tour or bring a book to donate at a Night Owl event. Take a look at the upcoming events listed and mark your calendars to spend time with your sisters. We are always open to suggestions on new, fun activities for all ages. Email us at (dsmkappa@gmail.com) with any new ideas that you have to help us plan for the year ahead. You can also stay up to date on events by joining us on social media.

We hope you will complete the membership and dues form enclosed, or you can submit the information and pay your dues online by visiting our website at desmoines.kappa.org. You can also get involved with our alumnae association by voting at our galley meeting in the spring, where we will update you on everything that we do. Mark your calendar with our events- we would love to see you!

Loyally,
Ashley Neveau, Gamma Theta '15
Des Moines Association President

PAST EVENTS

WINE
TASTING

MEAL
PACKAGING

SENIOR
SENDOFF

COOKIE
EXCHANGE



LETTER FROM A SISTER

Meg Marker - Omicron Deuteron 2003 Pledge Class

Even as an alumna, there are many opportunities to be involved, expand on your leadership skills, mentor emerging leaders and continue to develop relationships with sisters of all ages. Leadership Academy provides all of these experiences, and I am so grateful that I had this opportunity through Kappa.

I recently had the privilege of attending Leadership Academy at the Heartland Conference Retreat Center in Marengo, Ohio from September 13th-16th. Each chapter is encouraged to send a Freshman or Sophomore who is an emerging leader, and there are 80 alumna positions available through a lottery system.

Leadership Academy utilizes professional curriculum developed by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner called Leadership is Everyone's Business. Each day included large group and small group sessions to reflect and improve on your leadership skills. We also enjoyed outdoor activities like hiking, zip lining, volleyball and team building activities, along with great conversations over tasty meals while bonding with sisters. My favorite activities included watching the beautiful sunset during the evening hayride while sharing stories and singing Kappa songs around the bonfire. It felt amazing to be surrounded by so many inspiring and strong women.

I came away from the weekend motivated to put my goals into action, inspire others to do the same and to continue the friendships that I made in the short weekend in Ohio! Leadership Academy is held each year, and I encourage you to look into it. If you are interested in learning more about it, sign into your account on kappakappagamma.org, select Members and then Conferences/Member Events. You can also email me at meg.marker@yahoo.com if you have additional questions.

Leadership Academy was all made possible by a generous grant from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. It is just one of the amazing and generous ways that the Foundation contributes to the success of Kappas.



Are you an Amazon shopping addict?

Don't forget to use <http://smile.amazon.com> and search for **@KKGFoundation**.

A portion of your purchase will be donated to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation!



Kappas Kare

Do you want to acknowledge a Kappa Alumnae's milestone (new job, marriage, award, new baby) or express condolences (loss of family member, sickness)?

Email dsmkappa@gmail.com with her information.



Stay in Touch

In order to keep our records up-to-date, please login at www.kkg.org and make sure your contact information is current.

This will ensure that you receive The Key, evites, newsletters and other important information.

LOCAL CHAPTER SUPPORT

Please contact the below ladies if you're interested in helping out with this year's initiation at any of the local chapters.

**Omicron Deuteron (Simpson College)
November 15th-17th**

Contact katarina.more@my.simpson.edu

**Gamma Theta (Drake University)
November 3rd**

Email Taylor.Boorn@drake.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sunday, November 4th
Lunch at 12:30pm (location to be determined)
Salisbury House Tour at 1:30pm
4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines**

Join us for a tour of the historic Salisbury House in Des Moines. Two of our alumnae members give tours for the Salisbury House, and we look forward to a unique experience at this beautiful Des Moines treasure. RSVP to dsmkappa@gmail.com by Oct. 28th. Cost for the tour is \$12 per person. <https://salisburyhouse.org>

Book Drive for Kids

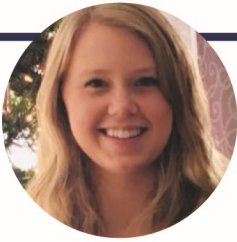
Celebrate the 2018 Festival of Trees & Lights by donating books for children who are patients at Blank Children's Hospital and Clinics. Books help provide entertainment while promoting the importance of reading for young patients. To encourage literacy, children are welcome to take a book home from their hospital or clinic visit. Groups donating 100 books or more will receive special recognition at the Festival of Trees & Lights that is held annually.



The Des Moines Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association has set the goal of collecting 100 books by October 30th.

Please email dsmkappa@gmail.com if you need to arrange pickup or drop off. You can also have them shipped to our board member, Meg Marker, at the following address: **821 Valley West Dr, West Des Moines, IA 50265**. We'll update the group on the collection through our Facebook page.

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS



President:
Ashley Neveau



Secretary
Courtney Munch



Website & Social Media
Meg Marker



Corresponding Secretary
Nora Frigo



Treasurer
Jennifer Kelly



Night Owls & Events Chair
Sarah Shambrook



Alumnae Reference Chair
Mary Laughlin



Membership Development Chairman
Liz Tesar



Newsletter
Nicole Stevens

Don't Forget to Pay Dues

Our basic membership dues are \$45 per year. This year the dues we send to nationals increased from \$22 to \$25. The remaining monies are used to cover event expenses throughout the year, communication expenses, chapter support, convention, etc. Your dues help keep our association active. Thank you!

To pay your dues online, visit www.desmoines.kappa.org or mail the completed membership form and check to: **Mrs. Jennifer Kelly, 2014 80th St | Windsor Heights, IA 50324-5600**

INTERESTED IN THE ALUMNAE BOARD?

We would love to have you involved! Email amneveau@outlook.com for more information.

