



Boulder Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma

August 2023

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Kappa Sisters,

It's late summer and that means refreshing our loyalty to Kappa Kappa Gamma and welcoming a new year of sisterhood opportunities for the Boulder Alumnae Association (BAA).

We are thankful for Carol Flowers' leadership for four years while the association survived the "Covid Era." With Carol's resignation, well-earned after navigating those challenging years, Tam VanSpriell, Julie Stone, and Peg Gorce assumed a Co-Presidency for the 2023-2025 term. The BAA has entered the "Post-Covid Era" with a sense of optimism for new perspectives and renewed growth.

Being a member of the Boulder Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma includes continuing our sisterhood through a variety of alumnae activities. All Kappas in the greater Boulder area are welcome to join us and meet other Kappas living in our region.

This past year's alumnae activities provided opportunities for renewing our Kappa sisterhood. Some highlights of this past year's activities include:

Founders 'Day was held at 95a Bistro. Along with enjoying dinner and Kappa ritual, we celebrated Kappa milestones with those alumnae receiving 50-year pins (Sue Hendrick and Sue Hall) and 65-year pins (Betsy Puls, Judy Pugh, and Corrina Shirk) and recognizing Cindy Owens with The BAA Annual Loyalty Award. Thank you, Julie Stone, for once again leading the recognitions and ritual.

BetaMu Initiation - 135 young women participated in the newly organized *Combined Initiation*. Each one-hour service was followed by the traditional brunch. Peg Gorce represented the BAA along with Barb Goettleman, a new Kappa Vice President.

Seasoned and Saucy Lunch Bunch, newly combined groups lead by Janelle Johnson, Barb Metzger, and Laura Oswald met at both 95A Bistro and Pinocchios for lunch and much shared fun and laughter.

Fireside and Fondue was a huge success this year at the very lovely home of Dr. Dorcas McDonald. Thirty-two Beta Mu women and 12 BAA members enjoyed meeting each other and sharing ideas for more collaboration. Peg Gorce led the ritual. Thank you to Dorcas and Carol Flowers for coordinating this event with Beta Mu.

Beta Mu Senior Send-Off was at the Chautauqua Dining Hall honoring 50 graduating seniors. Julie Stone led the ritual and welcomed the women to alumnae status.

The Theater Group enjoyed an evening together including dinner at the Martini Bistro and the production of Longmont Theater's "Something's Afoot." Thank You to Jancy Campbell for coordinating the evening's events.

We are very much looking forward to both meeting and welcoming new Kappas and also enriching the association with shared life experiences. Join us to discover who we are, what we do, and what fun you can have as a member of the Boulder Alumnae Association.

Loyally,
Tam VanSpriell, Julie Stone, and Peg Gorce



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Beta Mu Recruitment	August 31 - September 5 (Bid Day)
Founder's Day at Beta Mu	October 8, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Seasoned & Saucy Lunch Bunch	August 15 and November 15
Theatre Group	October 6, Boulder Dinner Theatre
Holiday Party	December 10, 2:00 – 5:00
Fireside & Fondue	February 2024
Valentine Fundraiser	April 2024
Beta Mu Senior Send Off	Late April 2024
Annual Meeting	May 2024

HOLIDAY PARTY

Looking ahead to this popular event, the annual Kappa Holiday Party is being planned for **Sunday, December 10**. This event is always festive, filled with lively conversation and well attended. In addition, we will have an opportunity to give back to our community through donations of toiletries and gently used books to the Boulder Safe House.

Would you like to host? If you are interested in opening your home to share this holiday event with your Kappa sisters and guests, please contact Tam Van Spriell at tamvanspriell@gmail.com.

KAPPAS CORRESPONDING

Do you know of a sister Kappa who needs a bit of cheer in her life? Maybe she is going through an illness, the death of a loved one, or some other misfortune. Perhaps she would appreciate “kudos” for an award just won or a job well done. How about a marriage milestone or birth of a child/grandchild? Send your intended recipient's news or situation, plus her relevant contact information to our alum corresponding Secretary, Betsy Puls. She will try to come up with appropriate words for the occasion in a personal handwritten letter sent on the alum association's behalf. Betsy can be reached via Boulder landline 303-449-3033 or Westcliffe 719-783-2484. Email: betsy.puls@gmail.com

Mail: 2565 Kenwood Dr, Boulder, CO 80305 or PO Box 1005, Westcliffe, CO 81252

ROSE MCGILL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Every holiday season, our Boulder Alumnae Association reaches out to help a sister in need. We prepare a surprise holiday package holding \$250 worth of gift cards, along with a few fun, practical items for her to enjoy and several holiday greeting cards

Contact Barbara Metzger (Holiday Program Chairman) to contribute or to help: 303-829-0529.

barbbachmetz@gmail.com

SEASONED & SAUCY & LUNCH BUNCH

Now that the Seasoned & Saucy group is meeting exclusively in the daytime it has officially merged with the Lunch Bunch.

When you're a Kappa in your 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's you become more seasoned with each passing decade (and maybe a little saucy too!). That's why we get together for lunch to have a little fun as we share and compare our life's stories in one way or another. Beginning this year we will meet in August, November and March. We meet in restaurants and homes, and we sure hope you'll plan to join us this year.

Our **August 15th** get together will take place at the **95a Bistro** in Lafayette at 12 noon. The theme of the meeting will be to share the most important and/or most inspirational person in your life. An Evite will be sent for your response.

If you are brand new to BAA this year and want to join us, please give Laura Osswald a call at 303-717-6682.

Loyally, Laura Osswald, Barbara Metzger and Jannelle Johnson

BOOK CLUB CALENDAR

Book Club is back to meeting in person. We rotate meeting locations and have especially enjoyed meeting at Jan Folsom's beautiful home enjoying lively discussions on her back patio. Bring a beverage and snack and join us for a spirited book discussion and social hour with your Kappa sisters. To be added to the book club email notification list, please contact Cindy Owens at chowens999@gmail.com or 720-938-1253.

Here is the book club calendar for the year:

Thursday, August 10 – Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Wednesday, September 20 – Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Thursday, November 2 – Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Explain Everything About the World by Tim Marshall

Thursday, January 11 – The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray

Wednesday, February 21 – The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Thursday, April 4 – First Friends: The Powerful, Unsung (And Unelected) People Who Shaped Our Presidents by Gary Ginsberg

Wednesday, May 15 – The Christie Affair by Nina de Gramont

Thursday, June 27 - TBD

FOUNDERS DAY

Founders Day Celebration 2023 will be Sunday, **October 8, 11am-2pm**, at the **Beta Mu House**, 1134 University Ave, Boulder, CO. BAA alums are invited to brunch, house tours, and the Founders Day ceremony performed by the collegiate Kappas. We will also recognize our milestone awardees with the presentation of their pins: 10-year, 25-year, 50-year, 65-year, and perhaps 75-year Kappas. We will also recognize our 2023 BAA Loyalty award recipient with a special pin and certificate.

Look for an Evite in your inbox in September. We hope you will be able to attend. Questions, contact Julie Stone, jhstone1144@gmail.com, 720-371-9389

THEATRE GROUP

The BAA Theatre Group will be attending ***Fiddler on the Roof*** on **Friday, October 6**, the last production of the *Boulder Dinner Theater's* final season. After 46 years of providing live theatre in Boulder, the BDT will close its doors following the last curtain call of this sentimental encore production.

Jancy Campbell has proactively reserved tables for 12 in a prime location for interested Kappas. The discounted cost for dinner and the show will be \$70 a person. This event is sure to be popular, so please contact Jancy as soon as possible to reserve your seat at this historic production. Jancy can be reached at jcampb1004@aol.com.

SAPPHIRE NIGHTS

Inspired by Kappa's jewel, Sapphire Nights will be weekday evening events for all our sisters wanting to get together after work hours. We'll be setting up happy hours and other events in and around the Boulder area. We are excited to provide another group for more Kappa connections. If you have any ideas or interest in helping plan an event, please reach out the Shelby Bell at Shelby.bell@kkg.org. Keep an eye out on the Facebook and your inbox for future events.

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE!!

It's easy. Go to our website www.boulder.kappa.org and click on the Join tab. Then click on the How To Join page. There is a link to an online form to capture your contact info and interests. To pay your dues you can continue to the PayPal page or mail a check.

FRIENDSHIP FUND SUPPORTS KAPPAS

On December 30, 2021, the Marshall Fire devastated our community. The BAA leadership quickly contacted our members to determine who was impacted and needed our support. The team voted to use the friendship fund and help the two sisters who lost their house in the fire, Janet Johnson and Jill Muehlhausen Linsley. They want to thank the members and provide us with an update.



Dear Kappa Sisters,

I am happy to report we are underway in our rebuilding process. We got our permit in January and after a slow building start, our walls are starting to go up with change occurring daily. We have selected all the tile, flooring, appliances, lighting fixtures, etc., so now it is time for it to be built. We are anticipating moving into the house in Dec 2023.

After spending 7 months in an apartment, we moved into a nice large rental home in Steel Ranch (Louisville). We are so fortunate to have found such a great landing spot, with wonderful neighbors. All the kids on our rental house street call Curt "Sheriff" and it is often that the 3-year-old next door is running down the sidewalk yelling "Sheriff!!"

The Kappas in my life have been so incredibly supportive from my Epsilon Iota sisters, to the Denver AA and of course everyone in the Boulder AA. The calls, cards, money, and wonderful items given to us to help us get re-started in our life are invaluable and cherished.

While losing the house and some of the items that are just irreplaceable – my kids baby books, their art as kids, my grandma's cards to me, etc. – was crushing, the overwhelming amount of love and support we have received through this process has given me a new, hopeful perspective on our life and what is to come in the future.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,
Janet Johnson



Hello Kappa Sisters,

Thank you for reaching out to check in! This has certainly been a very difficult experience. From getting through the initial shock to moving to a temporary home to starting the process of dealing with the insurance company and then getting up and going with our new build, it has all proven to be a daily challenge. However, with the full force of our friends, family, and community (including my Kappa sisters!) we have begun putting our lives back together.

During the initial phase of dealing with the overwhelming need for buying simple things like clothes, kitchen basics, towels, and pet supplies there was the added stress of coming up with unexpected expenses related to moving and relocating to a new home. This included needs for basics like reestablishing our home office or stocking a pantry or a cleaning cabinet with supplies! All of these deficits were recognized by the generous people in our lives and were addressed through donations of love and money and that part has been truly overwhelming!

I am happy to say we are rebuilding and have started to make some progress with our build, hoping to be back home toward the end of this year or early 2024. Thank you again to the Kappa Friendship Fund for your donation to our recovery at a time when we were truly reeling. And thank you again for reaching out to check in on our progress!

Love and Loyally,
Jill Muehlhausen Linsley



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