



Kappa Kappa Gamma  
Cleveland Alumnae Association

# Kappa Krier

## 2025-2026

### President's Letter

Dearest Sisters,

We are thrilled to embark on our first year leading the Cleveland Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association. To us, Kappa has always felt like home.

As biological sisters, we both joined the Gamma Zeta chapter at the University of Arizona, further solidifying our bonds of sisterhood. Upon returning to the Cleveland area, we became active members of the alumnae association and continued on to hold various leadership positions throughout the years. It's an honor to now co-lead the Cleveland alumnae chapter and we are excited for what's to come this year.

Our goals for the 2025 - 2026 year are to engage more, connect deeper and expand our philanthropic impact. With our upcoming NAMI walk, Founders Day and expansive social programming calendar we hope you'll find an opportunity to participate and create joyful memories!

Since the founding of our alumnae association in 1901, our great legacy flourishes because of the dedication and generosity of our cherished members. Thank you for being a part of it and cheers to a great year ahead!

Loyally,  
Ashia Ahmed and Sarah Ahmed  
2025 - 2026 Co-Presidents

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### Board Meetings

Our Cleveland KKG Alumnae Association Board Meetings are open to all members in good standing, and we invite you to join us! We discuss programming, philanthropy events, and the growth of our association.

We meet the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7pm on Zoom. The remaining meetings for 2025 will be Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, and Nov. 19.

If you are interested in attending any meetings, please email [ClevelandKKG@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandKKG@gmail.com) to be added to the Zoom call.

# Our Year In Review

**August:** The 2024-2025 kick-off event was a huge success! Our sisters reconnected with old friends, made new ones, and enjoyed a delicious brunch together at Heck's Beachwood.



**October:** Our annual Founders Day Celebration was a fantastic day spent together, with over 60 active members and alumnae gathering to honor 154 years of Kappa Kappa Gamma!

**November:** The annual Knuth's Fashion Show & Fundraiser was a fabulous night offering a fantastic opportunity to shop for a cause and enjoy time together. We were also delighted to present Laura Wagner with the Francis D. Norwick Award for her outstanding service to the Cleveland KKG Alumnae Association!



**February:** Our Galentine's Day cookie decorating class was a great success! The group learned how to decorate sugar cookies that were both beautiful and delicious



**March:** The Spring Philanthropy Book Drive and Sorting Day were another highlight for the year! We collected over 185 books and sisters volunteered their time on a Saturday morning sorting books at the Book Bank!

# Programming and Events

We are so excited about the events we have planned for this upcoming year and are looking forward to seeing you all! If you have any questions about the events, please contact our Programming Chairs, Sarah Kennedy and Kally Mavromatis.

**\*Event dates and times are subject to change; please see Evites and newsletters for the most up to date information\***

*Do you have an idea for an event or program? We would love to hear it!  
Please reach out to Sarah or Kally with suggestions.*



Saturday, August 23  
at 11:00am  
Market

1137 Linda St, Rocky River, OH, 44116

Please join us for a seated brunch to kickstart a year of fun events together as sisters.

**Price is \$20 per person**

**Brunch will include your choice of the following entrees:**

**MKT Breakfast** - 2 eggs any style, MKT home fries, bacon or sausage, toast

**Avocado Toast** - sourdough, pickled red onion, cucumber, tomato, micro greens, everything bagel seasoning, choice to add egg

**MKT Breakfast Sandwich** - everything bagel, bacon, american cheese, over easy egg, roasted garlic aioli, MKT home fries

**Goat Cheese Salad** - baby greens, julienne carrots, pickled red onions, dried cherries, roasted sunflower seeds, brown sugar thyme vinaigrette, fried goat cheese

All beverages (coffee, tea, juice, alcohol) available for individual purchase.

**Please RSVP by August 16th by paying in advance through [PayPal](#).**

Be sure to add the following events to your calendar!

## NAMI Walk Fall Philanthropy

**Saturday, September 20th  
9:30am**

**Edgewater Park**

7600 Cleveland Memorial  
Shoreway, Cleveland, OH 44102

See additional details on page 5.

**Guests are welcome!**

## Founders Day Celebration

**Sunday, October 12th  
1:00pm-3:00pm**

**StoneWater Golf Club**

One Club Drive  
Highland Heights, OH 44143

See additional details and RSVP  
form on page 4.

## Knuth's Girls Night Out

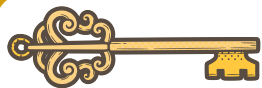
**Wednesday, November 5th  
6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Knuth's Boutique**

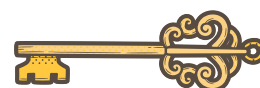
30619 Pinetree Road  
Pepper Pike, OH 44124

Enjoy shopping and fashion at  
one of our best-attended events!

**Guests are welcome!**



# Founders Day Celebration



Sunday, October 12th from 1:00-3:00pm

at the StoneWater Golf Club

One Club Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44143

The Cleveland Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma invites you to join us for our annual Founders Day Celebration honoring our shared sisterhood across chapters and generations. As we celebrate 155 years of friendship and tradition, it's the perfect time to reconnect and honor the legacy of our beloved Kappa Kappa Gamma.

**Tickets for this event are \$35**

includes luncheon and beverages followed by dessert

## Celebrating our sisters with milestone Kappa Anniversaries

### 50 Year Honorees

Susan Owen Bookshar	Diane Lloyd Littell
Deborah Mitchell Bowe	Sue Gidley McKay
Victoria Newton Byrnes	Linda Weber Meredith
Amy Slenker Greene	Elizabeth Vidikan O'Rourke
Linn Hrdlicka Keyes-Walker	Deborah Parks

### 65 Year Honorees

Jane Howells Blackford  
Susan Brannan  
Pamela Dawson Griffiths  
Paula Bodwell Harvey  
Barbara Thompson Morrison  
Jean Scott Schembs

### 75 Year Honorees

Barbara Mills Allen  
Margaret Turnbow Beach  
Gann Timmons Roberts  
Nancy Hunter Sherwin  
Marianne Martin Wagner

*(Honoree Members in good standing will receive complementary tickets)*

### Help Us Make Founders Day Special!

As we prepare to celebrate 155 years of Kappa sisterhood, we're inviting our alumnae community to help add a few extra special touches to the day. If you're able, please consider supporting one of the following sponsorship or donation opportunities:

For more details or to contribute, please contact Kelsey Johnson, Founders Day Chair, at [kabrewer114@gmail.com](mailto:kabrewer114@gmail.com).

### Floral & Décor Sponsor (\$150-\$200)

This sponsorship will cover bouquets for our honorees, a special arrangement for the Norwick Award recipient, and table centerpieces.

### Thank You Gift Sponsor (\$100-\$150)

This sponsorship provides a thoughtful thank-you gift or party favor for all attendees.

### Raffle Basket Donors (Approx. \$50 Value)

We're looking for five raffle baskets to add a little fun and excitement to the celebration! Donations will be raffled off as a fundraiser for our Holiday Rose and general association fundraising.

RSVP online by completing our [digital RSVP form](#) and

then submitting your payment on [PayPal](#).

RSVPs are not complete without both the RSVP form and payment.

**Please RSVP by OCTOBER 3**

----- Alternatively, if mailing, please detach and submit the following form with check -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

☐ Check

☐ Online (PayPal)

Return this form and a check payable to "Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity" to

Caroline Turner

Cleveland KKG

1210 East Miner Road

Mayfield Heights, OH 44124

[Cleveland.Kappa.org](http://Cleveland.Kappa.org)

# Philanthropy

2024-2025 was another great year of giving back to our communities for the Cleveland KKG Alumnae. We participated in and raised money for the NAMI Walk (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in the fall of 2024 to support awareness around mental health. In the spring of 2025, we maintained our connection with children's literacy by collecting books about mental health for the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank and volunteered by sorting books at their facility. Thank you for your participation and support!

In 2025-2026, we will continue our focus on mental health and community involvement, as these causes are near and dear to our Kappa hearts. Please continue to participate in our events, and share them with your friends & family to expand our reach and impact!

Please contact our Philanthropy Chairs, Becca Lonczak and Kelsey Johnson, with any questions. We are looking forward to another great year!



**Saturday, September 20**

**9:30-11:30am**

**Edgewater Park**

**7600 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway,  
Cleveland, OH 44102**

We're thrilled to have a KKG Alumnae team at this year's NAMI Walk event! NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a leading mental health organization that "works to educate, support, advocate, listen and lead to improve the lives of people with mental illness and their loved ones."

**Register and join our team here: [CLE KKG Alumnae](#)**

Can't make it that morning? You can still send a donation to the team online because every bit helps us reach our goal of \$2,000!

Please register and bring your friends & family along (including friendly, leashed pups)! We encourage our team members to wear blue to be identifiable in the crowd.

# John Carroll University - Eta Zeta Update

Dear Cleveland Alumnae,

The Eta Zeta Chapter returned to campus this year with excitement, purpose, and a continued commitment to our sisterhood. We are proud to share that our chapter achieved the highest Panhellenic GPA both semesters, reflecting our dedication to academic success alongside our strong sisterhood.

This fall, we welcomed 14 wonderful new members during formal recruitment with our Bid Day theme, "Made Kappa," celebrating each member's unique journey to our sisterhood. In the spring, we welcomed 3 additional sisters with a cozy "Pajamas and Pancakes" Bid Day. Throughout both semesters, our sisterhood flourished through Big/Little dates, our New Member Retreat, initiation, sisterhood events, and study sessions on the floor Wednesday evenings.

Our chapter continued to prioritize mental health awareness through our philanthropy efforts. In the fall, we hosted a Yoga for Mental Health event, and in the spring, we held a creative and relaxing Paint and Sip event. Both raising funds for Mental Health America (MHA) and National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)

We also participated in John Carroll's annual Greek Week, with one of our own serving as a co-chairman, helping to organize a week full of fun and connection alongside another member of the Panhellenic community. Our chapter proudly placed second overall, and first among sororities, with our Pitch Perfect theme, a film many of our sisters hold dear. A highlight of the spring semester was a special panel with some Kappa alumni, who shared valuable insights about life after college and navigating the professional world. Their wisdom and encouragement deeply inspired our members as we prepare for life beyond campus.

As always, it's the everyday moments, "Bachelor" nights, grabbing dinner together, binging our favorite shows together and impromptu floor study sessions, that make our sisterhood so meaningful. We are grateful for all we've achieved and even more excited for the memories still to come this year.

Loyally,  
Leah Percassi Young  
Eta Zeta President, 2025



# Cleveland KKG Alumnae Association Dues

*Paying your dues annually keeps you as a member in good standing of Kappa Kappa Gamma and is crucial to the functioning of our association.*

## Membership Levels

Dual Membership: **\$20**

(Cleveland KKG as your secondary association)

New Graduate ('24 or '25): **\$30**

Basic Membership: **\$50**

Golden Key Membership: **\$75**

Sapphire Membership: **\$100**

## What do my DUES actually DO?

Percentage breakdown based on overall income.

- Per Capita and HQ Fees - \$39/member (approx. 35% of the overall income spent on these fees)
- Founders Day – 20%
- Programming and other Social Events - 12%
- Philanthropy and other Donations – 15%
- Panhellenic - 3%
- Leadership Development - 10%
- Admin Costs (mailings, subscriptions, etc) - 5%

## Benefits of being a Member in Good Standing

You are a Member in Good Standing with both the Cleveland Alumnae Association and KKG headquarters when you pay your annual Association Dues, which includes the Per Capita fee for headquarters due for each member.

- Invitations for Cleveland KKG events
- Participate in association Interest Groups
- Serve on Cleveland KKG Executive Board
- Serve on JCU Advisory Board
- Receive all monthly Cleveland KKG newsletters
- Discounted rate for Talkspace mental health platform (See details on the [Kappa Website](#))
- Support Kappa's mission of inspiring women

*For a more detailed budget description or if you have any questions, please reach out to our treasurer, Caroline Turner, at [ClevelandKKGtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandKKGtreasurer@gmail.com)*

## Interest Groups

Interest Groups are a great way to meet and connect with sisters with similar interests. If you would like to know more about a group and/or are interested in getting involved, please reach out to the contact person or indicate your interest on the 2025-2026 Membership Form.

### Hiking Group

Calling all of our outdoorsy Kappas! We are starting a brand new hiking group! There are lots of beautiful places to explore around Cleveland, so come join the fun!

Contact Kally Mavromatis: (330) 606-3579, [only1kcm@yahoo.com](mailto:only1kcm@yahoo.com)



### Book Club

Monthly reads spanning a variety of genres with upbeat and intriguing discussions.

Our next book will be *Weyward* by Emilia Hart

When: October 1, 2025

Where: Astoria Cafe & Market

Contact Ashia Ahmed: (216) 310-8222, [ashiaa22@gmail.com](mailto:ashiaa22@gmail.com)



**Do you have an idea for another Interest Group? Maybe a Lunch or Yoga or Coffee Meetup?**

Let's start a new group! We would love to create groups for everyone to find their fit. Please share your idea on the Membership Form or reach out to Ashia Ahmed at [ClevelandKKG@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandKKG@gmail.com).

## Communication is KEY

We are working to adjust our communication to fit the way you would like to hear from us.

(Ex: is it better for us to text you instead of call?)

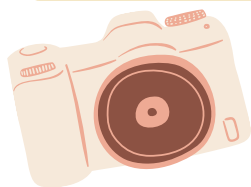
Let us know your communication preferences when you complete your Membership Form.

## Keeping Up with the Kappas

Wedding? Baby? Promotion? Passing of a Kappa sister?  
Change of address or contact info?

Please help us keep track of all these important things by filling out this form to update our records. We would also love to send a card or other greeting (when appropriate), so please include those details as well. Submit this form as needed; it will be available all year.

<https://forms.gle/MxzbNZ1Mx32YPMAd7>



Do you have any pictures from get togethers with your Cleveland Kappa sisters? We would love to see them! Upload them [here](#).

## Environmentally Conscious and Budget Friendly

There are currently over 1400 KKGs listed in the Cleveland area! We want to stay in touch with everyone, but sending out physical Kriers to that many members would mean 7000+ pieces of paper, 2,800+ stickers, and 1400+ stamps!

In an effort to be more eco-conscious and budget friendly, we are sending most Kriers electronically.

If you or someone you know did not receive a physical copy, but would like one, please contact Ashia Ahmed and Sarah Ahmed at [ClevelandKKG@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandKKG@gmail.com).

**Starting this year, printed copies of the Krier are mailed by request only. If you would like to receive a copy of the 2026 Krier in the mail next year, please add the \$10 Printed Mailing Fee to your dues.**

## Contact List

### General Association Contact Information

Association Website - [Cleveland.Kappa.org](http://Cleveland.Kappa.org)

Facebook - [Facebook.com/ClevelandKKG](https://www.facebook.com/ClevelandKKG)

Association Email - [ClevelandKKG@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandKKG@gmail.com)

Instagram - @clekkg

### Officers

**Co-President:** Ashia Ahmed -- (216) 310-8222, [ashiaa22@gmail.com](mailto:ashiaa22@gmail.com)

**Co-President:** Sarah Ahmed-- (216) 310-8333, [sarah.n.ahmed11@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.n.ahmed11@gmail.com)

**Vice President - Membership:** *position is open - if interested reach out to [ClevelandKKG@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandKKG@gmail.com)*

**Vice President - Communications:** Samantha Gunn -- (330) 840-8552, [sgunn24@jcu.edu](mailto:sgunn24@jcu.edu)

**Secretary:** Hannah Suttles -- (330) 646-8800, [hsuttles16@jcu.edu](mailto:hsuttles16@jcu.edu)

**Treasurer:** Caroline Turner -- (248) 321-3022, [15blandc@gmail.com](mailto:15blandc@gmail.com)

**Member-at-Large - Programming:** Sarah Kennedy -- (440) 554-6285, [sarahtriplett11@gmail.com](mailto:sarahtriplett11@gmail.com)

**Member-at-Large - Programming:** Kally Mavromatis -- (330) 606-3579, [only1kcm@yahoo.com](mailto:only1kcm@yahoo.com)

**Member-at-Large - Philanthropy:** Becca Lonczak -- (330) 421-0198, [becca.lonczak@gmail.com](mailto:becca.lonczak@gmail.com)

**Member-at-Large - Philanthropy:** Kelsey Johnson -- (216) 407-3903, [kabrewer114@gmail.com](mailto:kabrewer114@gmail.com)

### Committee Chairs

**Advisory Board Chair (Eta Zeta):** Genevieve Bohnak -- (330) 730-5912, [genevievebohnak@gmail.com](mailto:genevievebohnak@gmail.com)

**Holiday Sharing:** Hannah Suttles -- (330) 646-8800, [hsuttles16@jcu.edu](mailto:hsuttles16@jcu.edu)

**Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Assoc.:** Emily Gamauf -- (330) 338-2363, [emily.gamauf@gmail.com](mailto:emily.gamauf@gmail.com)

**Westside Liaison:** Barb Morrison -- (440) 382-0258, [barb2tor@yahoo.com](mailto:barb2tor@yahoo.com)

## 2025-2026 Membership Form

**Complete this form and pay dues ONLINE by [clicking here](#) or visiting [Cleveland.Kappa.org](http://Cleveland.Kappa.org)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Email (for Kappa use only)

What is your preferred method of contact?    Phone Call    Email    Text Message

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Chapter/University (ex: Alpha/Monmouth College)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Initiation Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Birthday (month & day only)

**Please complete the following for the "Kareer Kappas" section of the directory.** Leave blank to NOT be listed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer City and Zip Code

Previously, we had a successful Career Chat with the Eta Zeta Chapter at John Carroll University. Would you like to share this information with the chapter and be notified if/when we plan the event again for the upcoming year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### **Leadership and Participation**

Would you be interested in assisting the Eta Zeta chapter on an as-needed basis such as Initiation and Event Chaperoning? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am interested in the following leadership opportunities with the Cleveland Alumnae Association: (select all that apply)

☐ Executive Board

☐ Committee Chair

☐ Founders Day Committee

(East Side for 2025 and West Side for 2026)

☐ Advisory Board for JCU

I am interested in the following Interest Groups:  
(select all that apply)

☐ Book Club

☐ Hiking Group

☐ I have an idea for a group: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Dues**

Membership Levels (Please note: \$39 of all dues are submitted to HQ for Per Capita Fees)

☐ Dual Membership: \$20 (Primary Alumnae Association: \_\_\_\_\_)

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☐ Sapphire Membership: \$100 (Special Recognition in the Directory)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **Dues**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **\$10 Printed Mailing Fee** - add to receive a printed copy of the Directory and 2026 Krier  
(\$0 to continue to receive digital copies of both publications emailed to members)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **I would like to make an additional donation!**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL**

**Please mail this form and your check payable to "Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity" to:**

Caroline Turner, Cleveland KKG, 1210 East Miner Road, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124

Thank you for your membership! Questions and/or comments? Please email us at [ClevelandKKG@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandKKG@gmail.com)

(Please note: dues are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal tax purposes)