

# Kappa Keynotes

MEMPHIS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Fall 2019

*Live Fully, Dream Boldly*

Please support Kappa – via our local AA and our national Fraternity. Part of your dues go toward the \$25 per capita fee to the Fraternity and support our national philanthropy: Reading Is Fundamental (RIF). We had **75** dues paying members this past year. We need your support to continue as a strong alumnae association. You can pay your 2019-2020 Membership dues through PayPal or Venmo. For PayPal, go to [memphis.kappa.org](http://memphis.kappa.org), click join/pay dues, or send dues to our Venmo: [kggmemphis](https://venmo.com/kggmemphis). Please complete the membership/dues form even if there have been no changes to your contact information and mail it back to us in the enclosed envelope today!



Dear Kappa sisters,

I am honored to serve as our new Memphis Alumnae Association president and hope to continue lots of wonderful traditions and start some new ones! I am a Beta Chi Kappa (University of Kentucky) and graduated in 1989. Although I grew up in Kentucky, I have lived in Germantown with my family since 2003, after moving around in South Carolina & Georgia for several years. My twins are juniors in college (Emory & Texas Christian University) so I am an Empty Nester (or as my husband likes to say, a "Free Bird."). Outside of Kappa, I am a children's leader of Bible Study Fellowship, work with the Neighborhood Christian Center at an apartment complex in Frayser, in 2 book clubs (of course one of them is Kappa!), and love playing tennis.

This is a big year for Kappa all over the country and also here in Memphis. Last year we celebrated Memphis' 80<sup>th</sup> year as an Alumnae Association, and this year will be kicking off our SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR!!! Our TENTH annual Literacy is Key: A Book & Author Event will be on February 6, 2020. We have raised almost \$200,000 over the past 9 years for local literacy programs, mainly through First Book Mid-South. Please join us in helping to organize, raise funds, donate items for the Prize-Winning Paperbacks, etc., to make this the best year ever!!!

Check out and follow our social media sites on Facebook (Memphis Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma), Instagram (@MemphisKappas), and Twitter (@MemKappaAlumnae) to keep up with the latest happenings. Read more in the next few pages about some special happenings during this sesquicentennial year all over the country. I am looking forward to a fun year of Kappa sisterhood!

Loyally,

*Andrea*

Andrea Harano  
2019-20 President  
Memphis AA



If every Kappa alumna gave just \$5 per year to the Foundation for scholarships, every deserving Kappa who applies would be able to receive a scholarship. Honor a Kappa sister today by logging on to [www.kappa.org](http://www.kappa.org) and click the donate link in the top right corner.

**MEMPHIS AA CELEBRATES OUR 80<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDERS DAY!**

Kappa celebrated her 149<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and the Memphis AA celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> annual Founder's Day celebration honoring our 50- and 65-year Kappa sisters at a lovely dinner at the University Club of Memphis on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kathleen Boyd was presented with the May Bennett award for outstanding Kappa and Marsha Berry was the recipient of our inaugural Spirit of Kappa Award. This year we had the honor of pinning our 50-year member Frances "Tee" Lanigan Gonda, and 65 year members, Doris Bost Ruleman, & Barbara "Brooksie" Dillon. In 2020 Kappa celebrates their sesquicentennial year. 150 years of sisters in the bond!



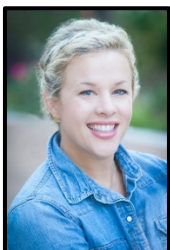
*2018 May Bennett Award Recipient –Memphis AA Treasurer & Book Club Chair - Kathleen Boyd (l) & Charlotte Bray(r) - Memphis AA Past President.*

**2019-2020 Memphis AA Officers**

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**CONNECT WITH KAPPA!**

Did you know you can keep up the Memphis Alumni Association on social media? We are active on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Please follow our accounts and send it pictures of you and sisters participating in events. Whether it is book club, Literacy is Key, volunteering at a chapter or just celebrating being a Kappa, we want to know about it! You can also submit to Janie Lowery ([janielowery@me.com](mailto:janielowery@me.com)). You can also find information on our GIN system website, [www.memphis.kappa.org](http://www.memphis.kappa.org). Register and create a profile via our Memphis AA by scrolling down to the bottom of any page on our website. This will enable you to receive member-only access now and as our association adds more e-features in the months ahead. (Your "user name" is on the address label of your Key Magazine. It is the hyphenated, 6-digit number printed just above your name. Your "password" is your last name.) If you don't have your Key magazine handy, you can always email [kkghq@kappa.org](mailto:kkghq@kappa.org) to have your username and password reset. Create your profile today and stay current with Kappa!



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**Facebook:** Memphis Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma

**LITERACY IS KEY 2019: 9 GREAT YEARS OF SUPPORTING LITERACY!**

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Literacy is Key Book and Author Event was held February 7, 2019 featuring three wonderful authors: Kristina McMorris, Brad Taylor, and Anne Bogel. Our 2019 LIK Chairs – Janie Lowery and JJ Keras and their committee helped raise over \$24,000 for literacy efforts in our region. 80% of the funds raised were donated to our beneficiary First Book Mid-South. We also donated to the Memphis Library Foundation, the Germantown Library Foundation, the Collierville Literacy Foundation, the Collierville Library Foundation, and First Regional Library. We also gave a donation of \$750 to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation.

**Many thanks to Janie & JJ for a job well done!**



Janie Lowery (2019 LIK Co-Chair), authors Kristina McMorris, Brad Taylor, Anne Bogel, and JJ Keras (2019 LIK Co-Chair).

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Literacy is Key Book and Author Event** will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the Holiday Inn - University of Memphis. As in years' past our beneficiary is First Book Mid-South.

This year we have **5** incredible authors: **Marie Benedict, Hampton Sides, and Georgia Hunter.**

Please contact the 2020 LIK Chairs Jennifer Hobson (jenniferhobson@hobsonreltors.com) and Janie Lowery (janielowery@me.com) to volunteer the day of or before the event.

This is our AA's biggest fundraiser and Kappa needs the support of our entire AA to make this year's event another great success! It is our 10<sup>th</sup> LIK event this year and it's going to be amazing!

*LIK 2020*

2020 LIK Update: The Ticket Order Form, LIK Fact sheet, and an Author Bio sheet have been mailed, so everyone can go ahead and make plans to attend our **20120 Literacy is Key** event on February 6, 2020. These forms are included in this newsletter, so you can distribute to any contacts that you may have. **To make our event successful, we need everyone's help in promoting it and securing ticket orders for tables and/or donations. If you contacted someone last year, please contact them again and encourage them to support promoting literacy in the Mid-South! Please help spread the word!!!**

*2019-2020 Memphis Alumnae Association Calendar*

October 02, 2019	LIK 2020 Meeting	Novel
October 06, 2019	Memphis AA Founders Day Celebration Chickasaw Country Club	Our Founders Day ceremony, luncheon, and presentation of milestone pins.
December 15 2019	Kappa Holiday Tea	TBD
February 6, 2020	10 <sup>th</sup> annual LIK Book and Author Event	Holiday Inn – University of Memphis
April 26, 2020	Officer Installation and Year end Wrap up Party	TBD

You are more than welcome to join us at the Kappa Book Club! We usually meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the evening at restaurants across the city. We read books across many genres at the recommendation of our members, with our Literacy is Key authors' books for our fall months. The discussion of our books is why we get together, but we also enjoy our time just being together, and connecting with our Kappa sisters! If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Kathleen Boyd at: [kkboyd@comcast.net](mailto:kkboyd@comcast.net). P.S. - You can still come if you haven't read the book!



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Please update your current contact info with Kappa! We want to keep in touch with all of you! If you are receiving this year's newsletter in print form, it means that you have updated the Memphis AA and KKG headquarters with your current email and physical address or are a loyal member of the Memphis Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma. You can always find a copy of our current newsletter and the membership/dues form on our website [www.memphis.kappa.org](http://www.memphis.kappa.org) as well.



Kappa Kappa Gamma will be kicking off our SESQUICENTENNIAL year in 2020!!! Our headquarters will be doing lots of fun things to countdown the days to our big 150<sup>th</sup> birthday so check out [www.kappaturns150.org](http://www.kappaturns150.org) for all the details! One of the big ones is a songwriting competition. I am sure we have some great musical Kappas in the Memphis area who are sure to have some awesome ideas. There is also a Road to 2020 Minnie Stewart Van that will be journeying across the continent with a mini-museum of Kappa history.

