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Delegates at 43rd Biennial Convention Elect Officers for 2017-2019

Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania -

On July 14 at the National Business Meeting of the KGP National Convention, delegates elected **Katie Pease** (St. Catherine University, MN, '10), St. Paul, MN, as National President for 2017-2019. Other elected officers are: *I Vice President* - **Susan Smith Jaros** (Lourdes University, OH, '90), Rossford, OH; *II Vice President* - **Betsy Shortle** (Ursuline College, OH, '88), North Myrtle Beach, SC; *III Vice President* - **Chad Skinner** (St. Edward's University, TX, '97), Fort Worth, TX; *Recording Secretary* - **Kristin Baldeschwiler** (Lourdes, OH, '03), Maumee, OH; *Treasurer* - **Ed Hosmer** (Madonna University, MI, '02), Winston Salem, NC.

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Convention Recap

Editor's note: Although Philadelphia was especially hot and humid that week, Kappas from across the U.S. who gathered at Chestnut Hill College (CHC) July 14-16 had a wonderful time socializing, networking, sightseeing and taking care of Kappa business.

The National Business Meeting on Friday opened with a warm welcome from CHC President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, PhD. We are grateful for the tremendous hospitality extended by everyone we met on campus!

A shout-out to the newest Kappa in attendance, **Elizabeth Kaiser** (Mount Mercy University, IA, '17), Cedar Rapids, IA, who finished her final class that week and made the trek to Philadelphia to join us on Saturday for the keynote address and a guest speaker, Kappa Sharing, the afternoon service project and the Convention banquet.

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Welcome 2017 Kappa Nominees!

You join a community numbering nearly 58,000

As of June, KGP-affiliated colleges and universities nominated 1,055 new members—honor graduates (recipients of baccalaureate and postgraduate degrees) from the class of 2017, and one college administrative member.

Kappas reside in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam and 91 countries around the world.

2017 Faith and Service Award

Editor's note: Many thanks to Kappa Elizabeth G. Kanaras (Cabrini University, PA, '12), Broomall, PA, for nominating Nancy and Tom Costello, Jr. for this honor and for her excellent write-up of their achievements.

At each biennial National Convention, Kappa Gamma Pi presents the Faith and Service Award to an outstanding non-Kappa who exemplifies leadership in local or national church or secular affairs.

The recipients of the Faith and Service Award for 2017 are Nancy and Tom Costello, Jr., who were honored at the convention banquet at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia.

Nancy and Tom are the co-founders of The Joy of Sox® (<https://thejoyofsox.org/>). Their mission is to provide joy to the homeless by giving them new socks. Their vision is to be able to give every homeless person in the United States a few new pairs of socks every year. The reason this charity is needed, they explained, is that while many people donate clothing for the needy, they rarely include socks. Many street people suffer terrible foot ailments exacerbated by the lack of clean socks.

Over the past five years Nancy and Tom have collected and distributed more than 215,000 pairs of new socks to men, women and children living in shelters and on the street:

- 61 facilities in the Philadelphia area, including Face to Face, Our Brothers Place, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Covenant House, St. John's Hospice, Whosoever Gospel Mission, Salvation Army and Mothers' Home.
- Thus far, socks have been distributed in 30 states, the District of Columbia and four other countries — Afghanistan, England, Mexico and Uganda.
- The Pennsylvania State Legislature passed a resolution declaring February 14th National Socks for the Homeless Day. Similar resolutions also passed in New York and North Dakota.

In addition to her work with The Joy of Sox, Nancy generously volunteers for many alumni and non-alumni functions at her *alma mater*, KGP-affiliate Cabrini University in Radnor, Pennsylvania. She has served as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees. Nancy established the Grace and Joseph Gorevin Fine Arts Gallery at Cabrini University in honor and memory of her parents. She is also the co-founder of the Philadelphia-area Catholic Collegiate Mission Consortium.

As "Chief Sock Person," Tom runs The Joy of Sox full-time with no salary taken. In addition to offering intern-



Vice President Susan Lackey with Faith and Service Award honorees Tom and Nancy Costello, founders of The Joy of Sox

ships to Villanova University students to work on The Joy of Sox projects, Tom partners with the students for their annual St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service. This effort has resulted in over 25,000 pairs of new socks being sorted, boxed, donated and distributed to the homeless.

Nancy and Tom are active members of St. Thomas of Villanova parish and serve as Eucharistic Ministers. They have previously served on the church's Stewardship Council and as co-chairs of the parish Welcome Committee. In May, you can find them both volunteering at Cabrini University's Commencement Flower Sale by selling flowers to raise money for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Nancy, Tom and The Joy of Sox have been featured in print, news and social media forums such as:

- On June 12, 2014, as the founder of The Joy of Sox, Tom Costello was honored as a Daily Point of Light Award winner. President George H. W. Bush, who founded the award, made a special contribution to The Joy of Sox.
- In December 2012, The Joy of Sox was featured in *O, the Oprah Magazine*.
- Comcast, which has supported The Joy of Sox with donations, interviewed Tom for its program "Comcast NewsMakers."
- The Joy of Sox has received multiple Top-Rated Nonprofit Awards from Great Nonprofits, a national organization that rates charitable groups.

Want to help? The Joy of Sox recommends donations of men's cotton blend crew socks in darker shades, because 80 percent of the people on the street are adult men, and very often they wear their socks 24 hours a day until they wear out.

A Message from KGP's New National President

Hello, Kappas!

What a privilege it is to write to you now as your new National President.

After serving on the National Board as the Mississippi Regent for the past four years, I look forward to this new leadership position with Kappa. Each officer of the National Board brings a unique perspective, passion and energy to their work. Our time at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia brought many opportunities for growth and fellowship for the National Board and membership alike. As we look to usher in this new fiscal year, it is only fitting to challenge ourselves to recommit to our guiding principles of leadership, scholarship, faith and service. As your National President, I will encourage this new Board to come together to make decisions and take action to advance our mission and grow this organization as a whole.

A heartfelt welcome to our newest members, the 2017 graduates! It is my hope that you will seek out opportunities to be involved with other Kappas, both locally and nationally. If there is no active chapter in your area, please reach out to your National Board—our Regents and III Vice President will be excellent resources for your questions. Please stay in contact with your *alma mater* and reach out to the National Office to explore ways that you can support our affiliates and inspire

others to seek out nomination. While we may not know each other yet, the one thing that all Kappas have in common is that we were selected for membership and took the pledge to continue to be leaders of faith and service after graduation. What will you do today to continue to live the mission of Kappa Gamma Pi?

This issue of the *NEWS* includes a recap of all that was accomplished during the 43rd biennial Convention, including important information regarding the financial state of our organization and the need to increase national dues. I challenge each of you to make time to review this information with the understanding that Kappa is a member-driven organization. My sincerest thanks to each member who participated in our time together in Philadelphia—your voices were heard and we accomplished great things in our time together.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi

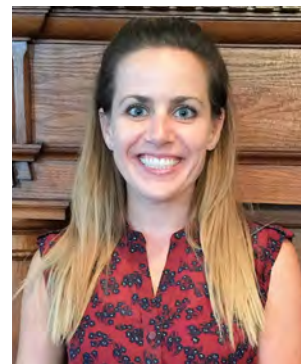
In Faith and Service,

Katie Pease

St. Catherine University,
St. Paul, MN, '10

Kappa Gamma Pi National
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Get to Know Your New National President!

Katie graduated from St. Catherine University in St. Paul, MN, in 2010. She studied English and art while at St. Kate's and fell in love with the Midwest. Surrounded by the loving support of amazing friends, Katie has made Minnesota her home. After holding positions in a variety of fields, Katie found her way to Hammer Residences, a non-profit organization based in Wayzata, MN. At Hammer, Katie works to provide quality programming to individuals living with disabilities as the Individualized Community Services Manager. Katie is an active member of her community and volunteers with a variety of community groups. She also serves on the St. Catherine University Alumnae Council. In her free time, Katie enjoys spending time with her dog Clarence—recently, Katie and Clarence enjoyed a camping trip together on Madeline Island. Katie enjoys traveling to see new places, but also travels yearly to see family and friends in Oregon where she grew up. Other interests include fitness, outdoor adventure, baking, letter writing, visiting breweries and reading. Katie is thrilled to take on this new role with Kappa!



Katie with the first fish of the season in Tower, MN, and with Clarence visiting Madeline Island, June 2017

Meet Our 2017 Cornaro Scholars

II Vice President **Teresa Bosh**, Chair of the Cornaro Scholarship Committee, announced the winners of the 2017 KGP scholarship competition at the Convention banquet on July 15. The prestigious Cornaro Scholarship—open only to Kappa members—is used for graduate expenses at any accredited university.

Our two Cornaro Scholars for 2017 are **Nicole Kathleen Kathol** (University of San Diego, San Diego, CA, '11) and **Catherine Ann Maloney** (St. Edward's University, Austin, TX, '16).

Nicole Kathol lives in Chino, California, and attends the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California where she is enrolled in the Primary Care Physician Assistant Program. Her first postgraduate degree is a Master of Social Work, and while continuing her studies she also works as an on-call social worker at the San Diego Center for Children.

About her volunteer work and leadership experience, Nicole wrote in her Cornaro application:

"From high school to the present, I have had the opportunity to learn and serve through various volunteer and leadership experiences. High school experiences in youth group and Key Club sparked a deep calling to service, leadership and faith. My college experiences at the University of San Diego helped me to deepen this calling while giving me the tools to understand my privilege, my strengths and various social issues. Among the most impactful experiences were my involvement as a resident assistant, in University Ministry, in the Women's Center and at a service-learning experience in New Orleans.

" . . . These college experiences inspired me to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in San Antonio, Texas, prior to graduate school. I was a youth minister at Seton Home, a home for pregnant and parenting teens in foster care. My role was to be a spiritual mentor on their multidisciplinary team. I had the great honor of taking the teens and their babies to church, creating community partnerships, holding youth group meetings and Bible study, and helping the agency with miscellaneous tasks. As a whole, this experience was life-changing for me. It was incredible to build relationships with teen

moms and to have the honor of hearing their stories. My heart was completely broken and filled at the same time. Their bravery and resilience further deepened my call to serve those on the margins of society in my personal and professional endeavors."

Nicole wrote, "My career aspirations and personal goals are deeply rooted in the example of my parents who embody the KGP motto of faith and service," Nicole wrote. "My parents come from adverse backgrounds, including trauma and limited resources. Their love and service to our family and the community despite adversity have inspired me to follow their example in my personal and professional goals.

"My interests and life experiences first led me to become a social worker, and now, a physician assistant student. I found the call to walk with others on their journeys to health amidst my own journey to wellness. My own health conditions prompted me to seek the help of family, friends, mentors and health professionals to manage sometimes debilitating symptoms. Now, as I am becoming a PA, I bring with me the insight as both a patient and health provider.

"I did not always feel as confident as I do now in the path that I have taken to becoming a PA student, however. Though I have always felt called to service, I struggled throughout college and graduate school to decide which path to take. First, it was the call to be a Jesuit volunteer/youth minister with teen mothers. There, God pointed me in the direction of becoming a social worker. While I was still in social work school, I heard God calling me to use my love of science and medicine to become a PA.

"In listening to this call despite some doubts, I have already gained a glimpse into some of the reasons behind God's plan for me. I realized that if I never was a Jesuit volunteer or a social worker, I would not have learned how to connect with patients who may experience severe mental illness, homelessness, the foster care system or trauma. Further, my clinical skills have already helped me to better connect with patients.

"I chose to study at the University of Southern California because its PA program best embodies my faith-inspired desire to serve those on the margins of society. Not only are there many opportunities to engage in service-learning, our weekly curriculum contains time dedicated to learning about social issues and medical Spanish. I believe that this curriculum and my ministry/social work experiences enable me to follow Jesus's example of meeting people where they are."

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Nicole Kathol

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Catherine Maloney is from Barrington, RI, and is concluding a stint as a volunteer with Passionist Volunteers International in Mandeville, Jamaica. This fall she will attend the University of Glasgow in Scotland to pursue a Master of Science degree in Global Mental Health.

In her Cornaro Scholarship application, Catherine wrote about her volunteer work:

"In 2011 I received a note in the mail — Stephan had died.

I thought of the way Stephan clutched his Spiderman doll each time I told him that he was stronger than a superhero. I envisioned him looking up at me with an irresistible smile, insisting I read the storybook



Catherine Maloney

entitled *Sylvester the Jester* for the twentieth time. Stephan was a child at the Mustard Seed Communities, an organization in Kingston, Jamaica, that cares for abandoned children who have disabilities or HIV/AIDS. At 11 years old, Stephan was confined to a wheelchair, could not speak and was fed through a feeding tube. While I only knew Stephan for a week, his infectious smile and deep faith touched me forever.

"Reflecting on the countless times I read *Sylvester the Jester* to Stephan, I remembered the escapades of a court jester who learned to embrace differences and treat all individuals equally. I was struck by the applicability of this lesson, and sought to apply a theme of equality to my own life. The trip enhanced my passion for health care, as I witnessed firsthand how health care differences could reduce one's quality of life and decrease life expectancy.

"While an undergraduate at St. Edward's University, I also participated on service trips to work with individuals experiencing homelessness in Phoenix, Arizona; recent immigrants in El Paso, Texas; and a Native American community in Whiteriver, Arizona. I listened to stories of triumph and hardship faced by people in

these diverse environments and discovered recurring themes of mental illness. I proceeded to reflect on my growing awareness of the mental health treatment gap as it pertained to my interest in health care accessibility.

"My combined interest in mental health care and service work led to my current position as a volunteer in Mandeville, Jamaica, with Passionist Volunteers International. During my five-month stay, I am working at a rural health clinic, organizing therapeutic activities for young boys at a children's home and visiting families in the community to further immerse myself in Jamaican culture.

"The culmination of my experiences fuels my passion for increasing universal access to mental health care. I recognize the importance of considering cultural, social and political implications in the pursuit of equal treatment. I also understand the phrase 'equal treatment' does not indicate the same intervention should be applied to all populations. My interest in universal mental health care coincides well with the University of Glasgow's Global Mental Health Program, as well as KGP's commitment to Faith, Service and Leadership.

"Although the task of increasing accessibility of mental health care is often met with significant cultural barriers, my motivation to pursue such an ambitious goal is exemplified by a court jester in a children's book. All people, regardless of their differences, deserve to be treated equally."

The Cornaro Corner

by Teresa Bosh (Madonna University, MI, '94)
II Vice Pres., Cornaro Scholarship Committee Chair

The Cornaro Scholarship is named for Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman in the world to receive a university degree of any kind. A member of a noble Venetian family, Elena Cornaro received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1678 from the University of Padua, Italy.

Since 1985, KGP has awarded \$231,520 in scholarships to 91 deserving Kappas!

This year, the Cornaro Scholarship Committee was pleased to award two scholarships of \$5,090. The extra \$90 for each scholarship came from a special donation in celebration of Kappa's 90th anniversary.

As I conclude my service as Chair of the Cornaro Scholarship Committee, I am very grateful to the Kappas who served as judges for 2017: **Michael Dragone** (St. Joseph's College, NY, '02) **Allison McColough Pressé** (St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, '10) and **Betsy Shortle** (Ursuline College, OH, '88). Congratulations to our newest Cornaro Scholars! And **thank you** to all who contribute to the Cornaro Scholarship Fund.

Why Convention Delegates Voted to Increase the National Dues

By Ed Hosmer (Madonna University, MI, '02)
National Treasurer

It is my honor to serve as your new Kappa Gamma Pi National Treasurer. The Constitution charges the office of the Treasurer to be the custodian of all Kappa funds, to keep account of all receipts and expenditures, to pay all bills as approved in the budget or as directed by the National Board, to make a biennial report to the Society, and a monthly report to the President as well. The Treasurer is responsible to make the annual report to the Internal Revenue Service (file our tax return) and to submit the books to a Certified Public Accountant for a financial compilation every two years preceding the National Convention.

The Treasurer is also the Chair of the Budget Committee at our biennial National Convention. I had the good fortune to be a member of the Budget Committee at the Convention in Philadelphia. In an effort to present a balanced budget, the Budget Committee offered various proposals to the National Board to address increasing annual budget deficits. Those proposals included raising membership dues and a reduction of National Office staff, among others.

The National Board elected to present a recommendation to the Convention delegates to raise annual dues and the new member nomination fee to \$50. The recommendation was well received by the delegates for two primary reasons. First, Kappa membership dues have not been raised since 2004. The previous increase was in 1991. Without an increase now, our organization would continue to be forced to function with essentially a budget more than a decade old—something that simply is not sustainable any longer without forcing us into a cash flow problem every year.

Second, the National Office staff has been tasked with an increasingly demanding work load year after year. Our membership has grown to over 57,000 with just 1,300 active dues-paying members. Each year we induct over 1,000 new members. We now operate and maintain a website, an extensive membership database and have hired additional personnel to keep the daily operations of the Kappa National Office running smoothly. We continue to produce four issues of this top-notch *KGP NEWS* annually, with three issues distributed to 2,500 dues-paying members, religious and affiliates, and one issue sent to over 12,000 members (those who have paid dues or been nominated anytime in the last ten years) and affiliates each year. The cost of *KGP NEWS* production, printing and mailing is now more than \$22,000 each year.



Convention keynote speaker John P. Lafferty (Cabrini University, PA, '12) with Past President Kelly Haden. John completed his Master of Science degree in organizational leadership at Cabrini and is CEO of CellMyLight, Inc. His presentation "Unity, That's What Drives Us!" shared some of his insights on leadership from his personal experiences working to unify diverse groups of employees and volunteers. "In life," he said, "if you can be of service to others, all the rest will follow."

Dues Increase

The dues increase was met with no resistance, and quite frankly, the delegates stated that the increase was long overdue. The delegates were acutely aware that without an increase the perpetual budget deficit would continue to drain our savings, and ultimately force a decision to reduce National Office staff at some point in the near future. The option to reduce personnel to balance the budget was discussed by the National Board, but instead, the Board opted to present the proposal to raise dues. Additionally, the National Board recommended that delegates put in place a balanced budget, rather than approve a proposed budget with a deficit. There has been a deficit in recent years as costs and personnel have increased. The delegates assembled in Philadelphia agreed.

In closing, I look forward to serving the membership with enthusiasm and dedication. I will use my experience as a Treasurer for two other nonprofit organizations, and my 16 years as a Trustee of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union—where I conducted quarterly financial reviews of that organization's financial documents—to ensure our Kappa Gamma Pi financial operations run smoothly. §

Convention guest speaker Cecelia J. Cavanaugh, SSJ, PhD, with Andrew Conboy, 2017 recipient of the Saint Catherine Medal at Chestnut Hill College (CHC).

Sister Cecelia (Chestnut Hill College, PA, '75) is Dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies at CHC. She spoke about "Small Patterns in a Large Design" and drew parallels from the Convention theme "United in Faith and Service" to the mission of CHC, which is dedicated to "serving the Dear Neighbor of student, faculty, staff, the surrounding community, as well as our global neighbors, without distinction and with love." The goal, she said, is not education per se, but unity: "uniting one person to another and all persons to God."

Jesuit Father Jean Paul Médaille, founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph, asked the Sisters, as they surveyed the streets of Le Puy, France, in 1650, to find the needs of the dear neighbor and to "circle the city with love."



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Special thanks to **Elizabeth Navitsky** (Misericordia University, PA, '01), Pottsville, PA, for *all* of her assistance with logistics for the Convention—before, during and after the event!

Resolutions developed by the National Board at their June 2016 meeting in New Orleans and proposed for consideration at the 2017 Convention were published in the February 2017 issue of the *NEWS*. These resolutions were presented to the delegates during the National Business Meeting on Friday, July 14, at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. The following resolutions were approved:

- That the 2019 Kappa Gamma Pi National Convention shall be held in, and hosted by, a chapter in the Western Region.
- That the 2021 Kappa Gamma Pi National Convention location shall be in the Plains Region.
- That the National Office shall update the Kappa Gamma Pi Handbook (last revised in 2006) and make it available to the membership.
- That Kappa shall offer members a \$750 lifetime dues-payment option.
- That a suitable token of our thanks and appreciation be presented to I Vice President Susan Lackey and Treasurer Peggy Finnigan Jessup.
- That a suitable token of our thanks and appreciation be presented to II Vice President Teresa Bosh.
- That the delegates assembled at KGP's 43rd National Convention encourage all members to participate in greater acts of service in their communities in the

month of October, and to share their success stories with the National Office.

- That administration of the KGP website shall be a top priority for the new President, with training of additional personnel occurring as soon as possible, and that a plan be implemented for website updates to occur at a minimum of once per month.

Editor's note: a resolution recommending that National Conventions be scheduled for the third weekend in July in odd-numbered years was not approved. While it was agreed that a consistent time frame for Conventions that is known well in advance will help the National Office and members to prepare, it was argued that restricting the date to just one weekend could be problematic if no host site could be found for that date.

Additional recommendations from the National Board Meeting on July 13 that were presented to Convention delegates and approved:

- That both annual national dues and new member nomination fees be increased from \$30 to \$50.
- That one Cornaro Scholarship be awarded each year, for the fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, in the amount of \$7,500.

New Action Items

- The President will appoint an *ad hoc* temporary Constitution Revisions Committee to update the entire KGP Constitution and submit recommendations for changes to the National Board by June 2018.
- The President will make arrangements for additional personnel to undergo training for making revisions to the KGP website and implement a plan for regular website updates by December 2017. §



Kappas love Philly! L-R: Elizabeth Navitsky, Pamela Wright Waitinas, Catherine Wright-Volante, Peggy Finnigan Jessup, Iris Smalenberg, Judy Wade McFadden, Jamie Asher, Justyna Steuer Carlson, Pat Baumgarten and Chad Skinner



Convention delegates at CHC on July 15;
Below: Kristin Baldeschwiler and Renae Oswald



Checking out Penn's Landing! L-R: Pamela Wright Waitinas, John McFadden, Catherine Wright-Volante, Justyna Steuer Carlson, Chad Skinner and Judy Wade McFadden

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Smith Jaros



Judy Gelwicks, Pamela Wright Waitinas and Kelly Haden at the Convention banquet. In lieu of another certificate as a 50-year member, Pam was honored for "perfect attendance" at every Convention since 1969.



Above: Betsy Shortle, Pat Baumgarten, Teresa Bosh and Ed Hosmer

Below: Nicole Baker, Jani MacGregor-Medeiros and Kate Coulihan Ficke



Teresa Bosh smiles as she finishes another letter. On Saturday afternoon at the Convention, Kappas wrote letters of appreciation to deployed troops, new recruits and veterans, and letters of support to hospitalized children and teenagers. The letters were distributed by Operation Gratitude, Childhood Cancer Notes and Cards for Hospitalized Kids.



Kappas donated more than 50 books for children and young adults, plus monetary donations, to support libraries at Philadelphia-area schools. Jamie Asher presented the books to Sr. Cecelia Cavanaugh at the Convention banquet at Chestnut Hill College.



Anne Dunlap-Kahren, Kelly Haden, Susan Lackey, Katie Pease and Jamie Asher



Remembering Saint Catherine of Alexandria at Chestnut Hill College

By Nicole Bernadette Baker, MEd
(Cabrini University, PA, '98) Malvern, PA

Following the Convention Mass on Saturday, July 15, in Carlino Chapel at Chestnut Hill College, Kappas had the opportunity to venerate a relic of Saint Catherine of Alexandria brought to campus by Richard Cannuli, OSA, from Saint Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church in Gradyville, PA.

I noticed the relic at an exhibit of ancient church treasures at Villanova University and contacted Saint Herman's about bringing it to the Convention to honor the patroness of Kappa Gamma Pi. The Monday before the delegates were scheduled to arrive, Father Cannuli contacted me to say he would bring the relic.

Father Cannuli spoke briefly to the delegates about the mysterious life of Saint Catherine (287-305 A.D.) and



how her hand is a relic at the monastery in Mount Sinai, Egypt. It had been brought there in the 6th Century by "angels"—the ancient name for monks. Carlino Chapel at Chestnut Hill Col-

lege features four stained glass windows of women saints, one of which depicts Saint Catherine of Alexandria with the wheel that was designed to torture her, alongside six bearded men who were among the elite who questioned her about her Christian beliefs and condemned her to death. Eventually, they beheaded the 18-year-old, since the spiked wheel broke at her touch.

Thank you!

... to National Board members who completed their terms of service at the National Convention

National President Kelly Haden
I Vice President Susan Lackey
II Vice President Teresa Bosh
Treasurer Peggy Finnigan Jessup
Eastern Regent Julie Washington
Western Regent Sherri Schettler

We are grateful for your dedication and leadership in these positions as well as others on the national level over the last several years!

Saint Catherine of Alexandria is known as the patron saint of unmarried women, students, Christian philosophers, wheelwrights and mechanics. Saint Joan of Arc cited her as one of the saints among The Voices who spoke to her. The *Kappa Hymn* by **Marguerite Biggs Cromie** (Mount Saint Mary's University, CA, '49) honors Saint Catherine and was sung during the presentation of the gifts at Mass. Hopefully, more members can learn it and sing it for inspiration!

"Faith unto our holy God who rules us with a gentle rod, Service given with our love to honor Him Who reigns above. Saint Catherine strengthen us, unto your great spirit. Faith and service do we bring as humble gifts to Christ our King."



The stained glass window of Saint Catherine of Alexandria in Carlino Chapel at Chestnut Hill College

2016-2017 SAINT CATHERINE MEDAL RECIPIENTS



The Saint Catherine Medal for Student Achievement was awarded to the following students at KGP-affiliated colleges and universities during the 2016-2017 academic year. Presentation is usually made to an undergraduate student who has achieved special recognition, served the college in an extraordinary manner or has the best record of progressive achievement.

Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI TARA DOUD	Gannon University, Erie, PA CATHERINE STROUT	Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary of the Woods, IN SARAH HUTCHINSON JACQUELINE PETERSCHMIDT
Avila University, Kansas City, MO ALISON N. ROTH	Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ MIA ANGELIA DONES	Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN PRINCESS MAE VISCONDE
Barry University, Miami Shores, FL KEVIN DALIA PRESLER MAXIUS	Hilbert College, Hamburg, NY TIMOTHY McKEEVER KYLIE REINHOLZ	Saint Xavier University, Chicago, IL GIANNA O'MALLEY
Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY NICHOLAS BECKHAM ANDREW HAGERMAN HA NGUYEN	Holy Names University, Oakland, CA JAMES COGLEY	Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI KEEGAN R. PABST
Benedictine College, Atchison, KS MIRIAM ANNE WALSKI	Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA LUCIA PASTERNAK	St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN GABRIELLE THOMPSON
Benedictine University, Lisle, IL REENIE BAIDYA SHAZORE NAWAZ	Lourdes University, Sylvania, OH ISABELLA VALENTIN	St. Edward's University, Austin, TX MARY KATHERINE BELKNAP KATHRYN ANNE DUBE JONATHAN E. EDWARDS, JR. HALEY JOLY
Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ CATHERINE CARLSON	Madonna University, Livonia, MI KIARA BOEY	St. Joseph's College, Patchogue, NY CARA GIANNILLO
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Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA ANDREW CONBOY	Marywood University, Scranton, PA BROOKE ACKERMAN	Trinity Washington University, Washington, DC AIREN WASHINGTON
Clarke University, Dubuque, IA SARAH COTTON	Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, IA JESSICA HINEY	University of Mary, Bismarck, ND JEAN MARIE NASERS
College of Saint Mary, Omaha, NE ZOE FEILNER	Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles, CA ALEXANDRIA MORENO	Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, OH CLAY M. FELLOWS LEAH M. LESHNACK
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2017 recipients of the Saint Catherine Medal from Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois, Shazore Nawaz and Reenie Baidya. Photo courtesy of Kappa's Chaplain, David Turner, OSB, PhD, D.Min (Benedictine University, IL, '94)

KGP affiliates have awarded the Saint Catherine Medal since 1956.

If your college is not included on this list, please contact the KGP National Office for information. You may sponsor the award at your own *alma mater* or at any other affiliate. We welcome your generosity!

Four Kappas currently sponsor the medal at their *alma maters*, and KGP sponsors this award at the colleges of deceased KGP National Presidents.

Medals may be given on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Institutions may award medals in different schools. Medals may be ordered only from KGP. Bronze, gold plate, sterling silver or gold-filled medals are available.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

PROFIT & LOSS

Statement of Income, Expenses and Net Assets for the
Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2017

INCOME

Member Dues.....	\$39,750.00
Interest Income.....	\$6,148.10
Saint Catherine Medals.....	\$3,355.01
Nomination Fees.....	\$32,377.00
Anniversary Donations.....	\$3,717.00
Promotional Item Sales.....	\$6,704.84
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$92,051.95

EXPENSES

Program.....	\$2,478.32
Publication (Editor, printing, postage).....	\$20,271.19
Membership (Billing, postage, registration)....	\$5,698.30
Administration.....	\$70,831.64
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$99,279.45

Net Ordinary Income	\$-7,227.50
Other Income – Scholarship Donations.....	\$8,396.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME.....	\$1,168.50

Other Expense – Cornaro Scholarships.....	\$10,000.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE.....	\$10,000.00

Other Net Loss.....	\$-1,212.94
Net Income.....	\$-10,044.44

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets	
General Fund Checking.....	\$20,892.44
General Fund Checking – Restricted.....	\$11,746.57
Money Market – Restricted.....	\$27,213.17
Investment – Cash.....	\$513.17
Total Current Assets.....	\$60,365.35

Other Assets

Investment – Securities.....	\$141,033.25
Total Other Assets.....	\$141,033.25

Total Assets.....	\$201,398.60
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable.....	\$1,255.10
Payroll Liabilities.....	\$5,729.82
Total Current Liabilities.....	\$6,984.92

Total Liabilities.....	\$6,984.92
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Net Assets

Fund Balance – Prior Year.....	\$218,427.96
Net Income – Current Year.....	\$-10,044.44
Total Net Assets.....	\$208,383.52

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS.....	\$201,398.60
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Peggy Finnigan Jessup (Madonna, MI, '02)
KGP National Treasurer

Westland, MI — July 2017

Membership Notes

This *NEWS* issue is mailed to all who joined Kappa or paid dues any time in the past 10 years. Those who graduated in 2016 or before who have not yet paid dues for the current fiscal year (June 2017-May 2018) should find the annual dues billing envelope enclosed. Please remove the label from this *NEWS* and affix it to the envelope to mail us your \$50 dues payment. Credit card payments can be made via our website or by providing the card details to the National Office.

We encourage you to consider donating now to the Cornaro Scholarship Fund (an award only available to members of Kappa Gamma Pi) or sending in an additional dues payment to be credited to the account of a Kappa who is unable to pay dues at this time.

Please contact Membership Secretary **Judy Gelwicks** (Mount St. Joseph University, OH, '73) at membership@kappagammapi.org with any questions you have regarding your dues payment history or any changes that are needed to help us keep in communication with you. Please let us know how we can be of further service to you.

Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributions June - July 2017

In honor of ...

Woodrow M. Hodgson, 1918-1991, father of
Kathleen M. Hodgson (Loyola Marymount, CA, '74),
Moorpark, CA

In memoriam ...

John Joseph Jamroz, brother of Nancy Marie Jamroz,
CSSF (Madonna University, MI, '95, administrative
member), Livonia, MI

In memoriam ...

Audrey Keelty, sister-in-law of Iris Smalenberg
(Madonna University, MI, '89), Clinton Township, MI

Past National President Marie Lorz (Ellis)
(Notre Dame College, OH, '54), London, OH

J. Howard McFadden, brother-in-law of Judith Wade
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Your contribution in celebration of a special anniversary or jubilee or in memory of a deceased person is appreciated. Please send donations to the KGP National Office. A letter acknowledging your gift will be sent to the honoree or to the family of the deceased.

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In this NEWS . . .

- **Welcome, new Kappas!**
- **Convention 2017:** News and photos from our time at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia
- Presenting our **2017 Cornaro Scholars**
- **The 2017-2018 dues envelope is enclosed:**
Thank you for your financial support for KGP

Thank You to Chestnut Hill College for a Fantastic National Convention!



New and outgoing Kappa National Board members soak up the atmosphere in the Greco-Roman rotunda in St. Joseph Hall at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia.

Front row, L-R: President Katie Pease (St. Catherine University, MN, '10), Past President Kelly Haden (University of Holy Cross, LA, '98), outgoing Treasurer Peggy Finnigan Jessup (Madonna University, MI, '02), outgoing I Vice President Susan Lackey (University of Holy Cross, LA, '01), Plains Regent Renae Oswald (Our Lady of the Lake University, TX, '04); *back row:* Treasurer Ed Hosmer (Madonna University, MI, '02), KGP Executive Director Jamie Asher (University of Holy Cross, LA, '05), Recording Secretary Kristin Baldeschwiler (Lourdes University, OH, '03), outgoing II Vice President Teresa Bosh (Madonna University, MI, '94) and III Vice President Chad Skinner (St. Edward's University, TX, '97).