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Above: **Erica Weiszmann**
(Dominican University, IL, '16).

Below: **Jayastary Sohit** (The College of New Rochelle, NY, '18).



While there are a great deal of unknown factors at play, one thing is for certain: not all superheroes wear capes. People are putting themselves at risk to help those in need, whether on the front lines in the hospitals or helping the elderly get groceries from the store. People are coming together in ways they never have before to help out their neighbors. They are using their personal resources to help people who are in desperate need of assistance. People are making face masks for nurses and doctors. They are supporting their local and small businesses. People are using their talents to help brighten days through music. The spirit of community and love for one another that can be witnessed on a daily basis shows the resilience of the human spirit.

We would like to show our appreciation by highlighting some of the numerous KGP members who are working on the front lines of this pandemic to help in the fight against COVID-19. We understand you are putting yourself at risk so we are able to remain safely in our homes. We are grateful for the sacrifices you are making.

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Let us Hold on to Our Faith as We Fight Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, beloved members of Kappa Gamma Pi.

As you all know, we are living in very challenging times all across the world because of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which is now a pandemic. Our response to these difficult times of fear and panic is primarily prayer. In times of hardship, we are called to cling more firmly to the Redeemer, Jesus Christ by whose suffering and death on the cross we are redeemed. He will see us through this difficult moment. We may entertain fear for that is human but let us trust in the Lord and pray without ceasing for He will surely intercede for us. While we wait for science for curative measures, we need to rely so much on God's word and cling to him all the time through prayer. Be informed of the health tips from CDC on how to keep yourself and others safe. As Kappa family, our simple Communal responsibility is to check on each other by calling one another in these times when a lot of people are living in quarantine mode. Also, please pay particular attention to those who will not be receiving paychecks due to loss of jobs or temporary layoff within our various communities. I encourage all to be hopeful and do not be afraid. Remember, we will get through this, for the Lord has promised to restore health unto us (Jer 30:17). He will not abandon His own; all He needs from us is just our trust and vigilance. §



In Faith and Service,
Sr. Henrietta Okoro, HHCJ
(College of Saint Mary, NE, '12)
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March 25, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTE: With the new database and office location, some members did not receive the last issue of the *NEWS*. Please notify the National Office of any concerns or requests.

Kappa Serving Our Diverse Community

By Gabriella Maertens (Marylhurst University, OR, '62)

"When my local Chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi volunteered at the Downtown Chapel in Portland, Oregon, (now St. André Bessette). I was assigned to the women's clothes closet, where clients may choose clothing once a month. I saw there was a need for more clothing, especially larger sizes. I later learned the men's clothes closet had an even greater need, as men do not get rid of their clothing as often as women do. I had the idea to begin a clothing collection at my parish church, St. Therese, in Portland. The pastor agreed to



Left Front to Back: Gabriella Maertens, Eva Maria Madrigal, Emilia Castillo, Peggy Ast. Right Front to Back: Elvia Fallas, Marita Mena, Luis Angel Valverde, Dan Green

allow two bins for clothing and a basket for personal care items in the vestibule of the church. Parishioners could also call me to pick up donations. These donations are collected each week and distributed to St. André Bessette's ministry to the homeless or to Rose Haven's ministry for women. I have since turned over the distribution of the personal care items to another member of our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society.

"In addition I have been involved in:

- St. Therese Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society for about 35 years delivering food once a week and stocking the pantry with food from the Oregon Food Bank once a week.
- Lector and eucharistic minister at St. Therese.
- Co-chair of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Guild.
- President and activities coordinator of Solo Seniors.
- Board of Oregon Partners of the Americas, whose partner is Costa Rica. Co-lead of the Portland group, which receives Costa Ricans for a week in September as part of their Oregon tour.
- Taught English as a Second Language (ESL) as a goodwill ambassador.
- Board of Cascade PrimeTimes member.
- Lead seasonal walks.
- Portland Peace Corps Association Service Projects, which coordinates with Catholic Charities, to team with refugee families to assist their integration into American society."

*Faith and Service is Kappa Gamma Pi's motto. All of our members are very talented and use those talents to help their community and organizations. We are so excited to be able to share the organizations that one of our members, **Gabriella Maertens**, enjoys volunteering with. We would love to hear about the community and organizations that you like to volunteer your time with. Please email your information and photos to newseditor@kappagammapi.org.*



Left to Right: Irma Alvarez, Xinia Alvarez, Gabriella Maertens, Maria Leonor Ruiz, Peggy Ast and Julie Blair.

In Loving Memory

Lord, we thank you for the beautiful lives of all the Kappas, especially **JoAnn McKelvey** (University of St. Francis, IN, '50), **Verna Mattimore** (D'Youville College, NY, '50), **Helen T. (nee Tang) Singh** (Marycrest College, IA, '60), **Gloria Stoica** (Mount St. Mary's University, MD, '50), and **Jacqueline Loves Danielson** (Saint John College, MD, '65), who have gone before us. We are no long able to walk beside them but they will live on in our memories forever. Please grant peace to their families and friends as they entrust them into your capable hands. May your light guide them to be in paradise with you. Grant them peace, joy and comfort that only your loving embrace can provide. Bid them eternal rest with you, O Lord, until we can meet them again in your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.



If you know of anyone who has passed on please let the National Office know via email at admin@kappagammapi.org.

KGP Board Member Profile: Patricia Kubistal, Ph.D.

Chair, Long Range Planning Committee



Patricia Kubistal (*Loyola University, IL, '59*) is a perfect example of a dedicated member of Kappa Gamma Pi. Currently, she is the Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. Sixty years ago, at her

KGP induction ceremony at Loyola University, she was asked if she was ready to make a commitment to membership in KGP and this is a commitment she has taken on wholeheartedly. KGP membership was not an honor bestowed on her in recognition of her achievements. Her membership was an honor and an invitation to an ongoing commitment to use her skills and knowledge to further serve her community through service and continuing faith. Pat has served KGP in varying capacities, including being a member of the Constitution Revisions Committee, Personnel Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, Historian, Mississippi Regent, Chicago Kappa Chapter President, and Chicago Convention Committees.

In addition, she has served as the Chair of her Parish Council, Chair of the Finance Committee, eucharistic minister, lector, and minister of care. During this time, she has spent 55 years in public education as a teacher, special educator, counselor, assistant principal, elementary principal, high school principal, central office administrator as well as a consultant. Although Pat is now "retired," she serves on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Retired Teachers Association. She provides assistance to retirees with health insurance questions and still gives workshops to teachers. She serves on the Governing Board of the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association.

To quote Pat: "Life is a kaleidoscope of twisting and changing pieces. KGP reflects that process. We appreciate the past but we must in faith and service use our skills to use those pieces to form new and successful patterns for the present and the future, such is the purpose of KGP membership."§

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

A Message from KGP's National President

During this time of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, America and our lives are very different. The coronavirus is a very serious and deadly virus and I hope you are following all the recommendation and guidelines as given. The cancellations and closures have caused inconveniences for people; however, I welcomed the opportunity to slow down as a blessing. The unexpected downtime gave me time to reflect on the changes with Kappa and where we are heading in the future.

As a retired critical care nurse and current military Nurse Practitioner, I find myself tracking the confirmed cases, patient deaths, treatment options, testing, ventilator needs, makeshift hospitals and the list goes on. While the reality of the situation is sobering, my heart is full witnessing the goodness of all the people and companies pitching in and coming together as a community for the better good. I donated blood and was amazed the center was packed of people who wanted to help.

Times are still uncertain as to when our new normal will return to our old normal but it has stripped life back down to the basics and given us insights into the things that are truly important. This time has given us the chance to reflect on what parts with our old normal are worth returning too.

During this time of quarantine, I have a challenge for every Kappa to send a personal note to someone in your life. We are all feeling especially isolated during this time and it has made the importance of human interaction increasingly apparent. Send a piece of "snail mail" letting them know that you are thinking of them. Be the light to those who need you.

In Faith and Service,

Susan (Sue) Smith Jaros

Lourdes University, Ohio, '90

Kappa Gamma Pi National

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Paul and Susan Jaros with Fr. Anthony Abraham, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Cruz Bay, St. John, U.S.V.I.

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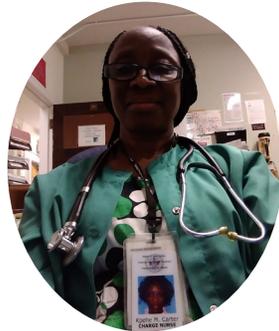
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Below: **Breanna Rady** (Mount Mary University, WI, '18).



Below: **Jennifer Campbell** (Saint Mary's College, IN, '94).



Above: **Kpehe Carter** (Immaculata University, PA, '16).



Above: **Anwar Khalil** (Caldwell University, NJ, '20).



Above: **Patrinia Grayson** (University of Detroit Mercy, MI, '20).



Above: **Jillian Doss** (Notre Dame College, OH, '18).

Below: **Cory Stevenson** (College of Saint Mary, NE, '18).



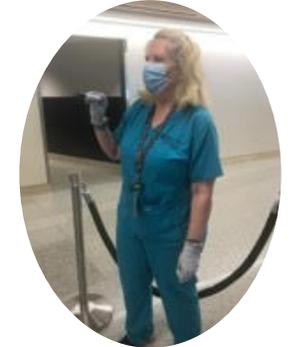
Below: **W. Barnett Jones** (Madonna University, MI, '19).



Below: **Shandia S. Porter** (Madonna University, MI, '14) MSHSA, MSW, LLMSW.



Above: **Angela L. Leslie** (D'Youville College, NY, '04).



Above: **Alice Cockerel** (St. Thomas University, FL, '02) RN MSM/HM, MSN, ONC, CNL.



Above: **Tavena Dysart** (Madonna University, MI, '13).



Above: **Sheena Vandyke** (Barry University, FL, '18).



Above: **Kylie Knippling** (Mount Marty College, SD, '13).

Below: **Catherine Carter** (Marywood University, PA, '14).



Above: **Alexis "Ali" C. Kenny** (University of San Diego, CA, '11) M.A.



Below: **Sree Ranga Prem Kumar Marisa** (Mount Saint Vincent University, Nova Scotia, CA, '19).



Above: **Aubree Snow** (University of Detroit Mercy, MI, '18).



Below: **Arlene Bond** (Lourdes University, OH, '06).



Above: **Kayla Welsh** (College of Saint Mary, NE, '19).

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Below: **Nia Parillo** (Saint Mary's College, IN, '15).



Below: **Bailey Caughlan** (Mount St. Joseph, OH, '16).



Below: **Julianne Worgul** (Caldwell University, NJ, '18).



Above: **Christine Kadien** (St. Joseph's College - Patchogue, NY, '18) RN, BSN.



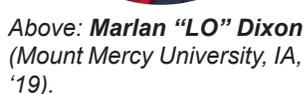
Above: **Carly Mazuca** (D'Youville College, NY, '13).



Above: **Nadia "Hope" Lopez** (Mount St. Mary's University, MD, '03).



Above: **Marlan "LO" Dixon** (Mount Mercy University, IA, '19).



The Cornaro Corner

Established in 1985, the Cornaro Scholarship is named for Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman in the world to receive a university degree of any kind.

To be eligible for the scholarship, one must be a member of Kappa Gamma Pi, be a current dues payer and have already been accepted into an accredited graduate or professional program.

For 2020, two scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded.

Note: The deadline for returning applications and letters of reference has been extended to May 15, 2020.

To access the 2020 Cornaro Scholarship for Graduate Studies Application and Frequently Asked Questions, please login to KGP Engage by visiting <https://engage.kappagammapi.org>. §



The San Francisco East Bay (SFEB) Chapter at Holy Names University in Oakland, California had a meeting on January 25.

Front row, L-R: **Barbara Senko Beaulieu** (*Marylhurst University, OR, '56*), **Theresa Rush Woo** (*Holy Names University, CA, '85*), **Deborah Ferry** (*Notre Dame de Namur University, CA, '89*), and **Kathleen Gallagher Dunlap** (*Holy Names University, CA, '60*). Back row, L-R: **Betty Jean Bloom Hopkins** (*Holy Names University, CA, '61*), **Alene Finn Griffin** (*Mount St. Mary's University, CA, '66*), and **Joe Devney** (*Holy Names University, CA, '93*).

Toledo Cathedral Tour



We often overlook the beauty of a religious worship space. Numerous Toledo KGP members and friends had the opportunity to attend a tour of **Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral** in March. The Cathedral is an impressive building and it becomes even more impressive when you learn the thought

that went into the construction and became a part of the building's history. §

Be Steadfast in Your Faith

By Madison Denton

We are living through an unprecedented time in our history, let us pray for the calming presence of our Lord for all those in need of his grace and healing during this time of uncertainty.

Lord, I come to you as a humble servant. I am not perfect and I fall short every day. I thank you for all the blessings you have brought into my life. In these times of uncertainty help me to find the inner peace and strength only you can provide and be a light for all those in need. Allow me to spread your love and calming presence to all those who are experiencing fear, worry and anxiety. Help me to be a living example of the safety and peace you provide. You shelter your people and lift up your strongest soldiers for the most difficult tasks as you know they are strong enough for the task at hand. Please guide and protect those on the front lines who are doing the best they can with what they have. Help me to not shy away from the challenges you have for me during this time because you know better than I do. Amen.

During this time of isolation, it is more important now than ever that we humbly kneel before the cross even though we are not worthy. Right now, we are feeling a lot of emotions and questioning why something so devastating is taking place. We may feel like God has left our side when we need Him the most but in Joshua 1:9 we are called to be strong and courageous. We are told to not be frightened or dismayed because the Lord is with us wherever we go. He has never and will never leave our sides. During times of trial, we may only see one set of footprints in the sand but it is not because He has left us. Instead, this is when we were unable to carry the load and when He carried us. This too shall pass and He will carry us all through this trying time. §

Have you paid your dues?

There are a couple of ways to pay your national dues for your convenience! You can fill out the form included on the back of this issue of the *NEWS* or our website offers the convenience of paying your dues online.

Thank you to those who have already renewed their financial support for Kappa - we appreciate your generosity!

We also **appreciate** all those who have made gifts to support the Cornaro Scholarship Fund!



Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributions March - May 2020

In memoriam...

LeRoy G. Wright, brother of Pam Wright
Waitinas (Notre Dame College, OH, '61).

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.

Earth Day 2020



“An understanding of the natural world and what’s in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfillment.” - David Attenborough

Earth Day 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of celebrating and actively pursuing a

cleaner Earth. Earth Day this year looks a bit different but the theme is one of the biggest challenges we face and is very fitting, climate action. People have accelerated the rate of climate change through the choices we make whether it is purchasing products with excessive packaging or a less fuel-efficient car. Whether we are aware of it or not, quarantine has been helping the environment as people are driving less and releasing less emissions into the air. Nature will correct itself; however, it is important that each of us does our part. No one is perfect but it is important to make the best decisions we can to limit our carbon footprint. Now is the time to get creative and innovative to limit our negative impact on the environment. In what ways are you helping contribute to a zero-carbon future? §

Lifetime Dues Payer Spotlight



At our 2017 National Convention in Philadelphia, the proposal to offer a lifetime dues payment option was approved in response to member requests. Every member of Kappa Gamma Pi is a valued part of the organization. As an organization we are called to be of faith and service in the lives of others, our communities, and our world. Members who support KGP through dues payments and donations help to further our mission and help positively impact the lives of others. Numerous members have made the financial decision to become a lifetime dues member and we wanted to share the reason for their decision.

“I decided to submit my lifetime dues payment to Kappa because...”

A generous, anonymous member told us why she made this lifetime dues decision. “The opportunity to become a lifetime member seemed to be the right decision for many reasons. The mission statement reflects a lifetime path of living a meaningful life. Support of continued education is critical too as we all need to be lifelong learners. While we are called to serve in different ways, trying to make our world a better place, it is a worthwhile goal even if it is only helping one person at a time. In reality there are so many opportunities pulling at people every day that if I can make a financial pledge to Kappa Gamma Pi moving forward then maybe that can change someone else’s life for the better.”

If you have not yet paid your dues, please consider becoming a lifetime dues payer. Instead of paying dues yearly you have the option to pay a one-time fee of \$750 and in doing so acquire the honor and distinction of identifying yourself as a lifetime active dues paying member. We understand you have commitments in your daily life and this is a financial commitment. We ask that you reflect and consider if this option is a good fit for you. Become a distinguished lifetime active dues paying member and help further KGP’s mission of faith and service. If you have any questions regarding dues, please contact the National Office by phone: 734.393.1222 or email: admin@kappagammapi.org.

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KAPPA GAMMA PI NATIONAL DUES PAYMENT FORM

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