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Connecting Virtually, No Face Mask Needed

By Tracy Quinichett Whitehead
(*Notre Dame of Maryland University, MD, '19*)

Since the arrival of COVID-19 in early 2020, the art of engaging with others has drastically changed. While we can hope this pandemic will soon be in our rear-view mirror, without a doubt, social distancing, elbow bumps, and frequent handwashing are our new norm. For most people, in-person or group meetings are rare, and in their place are technological platforms like Zoom and Google Meet, no face mask needed.

In the Fall of 2020, with faith and courage, my alma mater, Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU), hosted our first ever Virtual Alumni Reunion, and what a wonderful event it was! Entirely online, we heard from NDMU's President, Faculty, Staff, and Students. We prepared to celebrate NDMU's 125th Anniversary and



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launched NDMU's new inspirational brand! Awards were given. Alumnae/i shared thoughtful stories. It was fun to network and bond via the Internet. Our reunion culminated with a Virtual Sunday Mass Celebration filled with song and prayer.

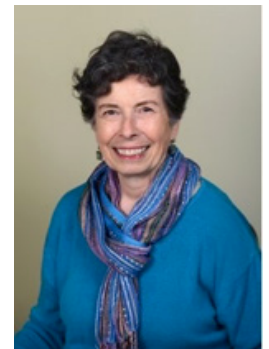
Initially, I was hesitant to sign-up for the Virtual Reunion. I felt out of place and did not know if I would see anyone I knew. I worried about so many things. What will I say? How will my background look? Is my blue sweater too bright?

Thankfully, I was able to break away from the fears. Attending the virtual reunion allowed me to learn and grow. I was able to safely socialize with many amaz-

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Fall Lecture Series: Science and Spirituality of Happiness

Our second *Lecture Series*, an educational workshop series, will take place on October 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm EDT. All of our presenters are Kappa members who are sharing their time and expertise with us. Recordings will be available for dues paying members who cannot attend the live sessions. To attend our second workshop, you can register for this session at <http://bit.ly/KGPFall21>.



Dr. Louise Prochaska

Dr. Louise Prochaska (*Notre Dame College, OH, '94*) is a recently retired professor of theology and Women's Studies at Notre Dame College in Cleveland, OH. She earned a master's degree in English from Indiana University and a doctoral degree in moral theology from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. Her professional focus has been teaching theology, New Testament, world religions, and social issues at the undergraduate level. She is the author of *Ten Keys to a Happier Life: Unlocking the Riches in Positive*

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Register now to join us virtually for **KGP's 45th National Convention** on June 11 & 12, 2021. It's free for dues-paying members!

A zoom link will be sent upon registration.

To Register: Business Meeting June 11 visit <https://bit.ly/2YzkNz8> and for the Convention Program June 12 visit <https://bit.ly/2MjQZUV>



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KGP 45th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Due to the uncertain times, we will hold our biennial convention virtually instead of in-person.

To gain access, registration is required. This will be **FREE** to all Lifetime Members and current dues paying members. A \$75 fee for non-dues paying members will be charged to access both days of convention.

BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, June 11, 2021 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm Eastern Time

Your attendance and participation at our biennial convention is vital for the continuation and growth of this great organization. At this business meeting National Board members are nominated and voted upon. In addition, those in attendance will also review, and modify as needed, the Constitution that governs the day-to-day operations of Kappa Gamma Pi.

"Embracing Change and Transformation"

Saturday, June 12, 2021 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Eastern Time

10:00 - 10:20 am

Welcome & Recognition of Kappa Members - Susan Jaros, National President

Prayer - Pamela Waitinas, Past KGP National Office Coordinator & KGP NEWS Editor

Pledge of Allegiance - Liz Navinsky, Eastern Regent

10:20 - 11:20 am

Introduction of Keynote Speaker - Renae Rainman, IVP

"God is in Control: Embracing Change and Transformation" - Elvia Aguilar, BJ, MPA

11:20 - 11:35 am

Presentation of 2021 Faith & Service Award - Renae Rainman, IVP

Remarks by Faith and Service Award Recipient

11:35 - 11:45 am BREAK

11:45 - 12:30 pm

"Why We Believe Fake News and Other Things" - Kappa Patricia B. Kubistal, Ph. D, Long Range Planning Chair

12:30 - 1:00 pm

A Tribute to our Deceased Kappas - Katie Pease, Past National President

1:00 - 1:15 pm BREAK

1:15 - 1:30 pm

Induction of 2021 - 2023 National Officers

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Kappa Sharing - Alene Griffin, IIIVP and Past National President

2:00 pm Adjournment

Announcing the 2022 Cornaro Scholarship Opportunity

Kappa Gamma Pi is pleased to sponsor the 2022 Cornaro Scholarship. The Cornaro Scholarship was established in 1985. The scholarship is named after Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman to receive a university degree of any kind. Elena Cornaro was a member of a noble Venetian family and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1678 from the University of Padua, Italy.

This scholarship is exclusive to Kappa Gamma Pi members and allows them the opportunity to advance their academic and professional careers by pursuing a graduate degree or professional program. In order 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.

The scholarship is competitive and the applicants must demonstrate how they embody the Kappa motto: *Faith and Service*. Recipients must also exemplify the values of volunteer work, leadership, academic excellence and well-defined career aspirations.

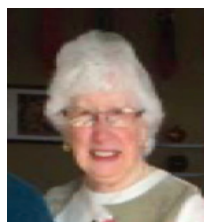
With the support of Kappa members, KGP has awarded \$256,520 in scholarships to 95 deserving Kappas since 1985! All Cornaro Scholarship Fund contributions are tax deductible. Thank you to all who donate to the Cornaro Fund each year. We appreciate your generosity.

The submission deadline for applications and letters of reference is April 20, 2022. To access the 2022 Cornaro Scholarship for Graduate Studies Application and Frequently Asked Questions, please login to KGP Engage by visiting <https://engage.kappagammapi.org>.

Generational Commitment

Kappa has had 95 years of membership and KGP has become a family tradition for some like the mother daughter duo of Kathleen Gallagher Dunlap (*Holy Names University, CA '60*) and Anne Dunlap-Kahren (*Holy Names University, CA, '88*). Kathleen has been a Kappa for over 60 years and Anne has been an active member of KGP on the National level. The duo have been strong supporters of Kappa and have committed to provide the St. Catherine Medal every year at Holy Names University.

We greatly appreciate the commitment of Kathleen and Anne to KGP! §



Kathleen Gallagher
Dunlap



Anne Dunlap-
Kahren

A Message from KGP's National President

Happy summer everyone and hopefully this summer brings us more hope that things will soon get back to normal. Chances are that nearly two-thirds of those reading this have received the Coronavirus vaccination, as I have. I have had the opportunity to volunteer to administer the vaccine to our teachers, university students and community members. Everyone was grateful and thankful to receive it.

Universities and Colleges are nominating new members this year and awarding the Saint Catherine Medal either virtually or in person - that is real progress, giving us reason to be optimistic.

I hope to "see" many of you virtually at our convention on June 12 - do not forget to register and best of all, registration fees are free to all dues paying members. §



In Faith and Service,

Susan (Sue) Smith Jaros
Lourdes University, Ohio, '90
Kappa Gamma Pi National President
president@kappagammapi.org

On the Left: President Sue Jaros administering COVID vaccines as a Military Reserve Corp volunteer.

Did You Know?

In the 95 years of Kappa, this is the 45th biennial convention. The first convention was held at Seton Hill College in Greensburg, PA in the year 1929.



*Delegates to the First KGP National Congress
Seton Hill College, Greensburg, PA - August 1929*

Past Presidents Celebrate 95 Years!

My Kappa life began when Catholic Colleges were populated traditionally by women. Many graduates married shortly after graduation while some pursued graduate studies, careers or had children. Many were teachers, social workers, or nurses. Most multi-tasked before it became a norm.

How things have changed! A large number of the schools have closed or become coed. Many are developing programs to serve non-traditional students and distance learning. In early KGP days nuns could not be nominated to membership in Kappa. In the beginning, only Catholics could be members and men could not join until 1981.

I was there when Kappa went from carbon copies to copy machines and computers. There are fond memories of meetings in Western Mass, Los Angeles, Notre Dame, San Diego, Oakland, Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, New Jersey, Toledo, New Orleans, Buffalo, Milwaukee, St. Louis, St. Paul, Columbus and Erie. Very special friendships have been the lasting treasure of my involvement with the Denver KGP chapter and Kappa National. A true blessing. §

Mary Alice Studebaker McManus
Clarke University, IA, '61
Past Kappa Gamma Pi National President from 1993 - 1997



My nomination to Kappa was announced on graduation day in 1966 and was a complete surprise. No one had mentioned KGP with no active chapter in New Jersey. I received a certificate signed by then-president Frances Noetzel (*Notre Dame College, OH, '41*) who became an inspiration to me and a personal friend. During my time as a grad student I made the trip to Springfield, MA, to a chapter meeting and the rest is history. The camaraderie, similar values, and memories drew me to continue attending meetings. A year later I went to San Antonio to serve with the Catholic Lay Mission Corps to live out our Faith and Service Motto. When I returned, I learned Ruth McMenamin (*Mount Mary University, WI, '47*) had moved to Maryland and encouraged me to follow in her footsteps as the local chapter president. Skipping ahead to 1981, Ruth left her position as Eastern Regent and she again recommended I follow in her footsteps where I had the privilege of serving as regent for eight years.

One of my most memorable experiences as National President came with the publication of *The Lady Corn-*

I have not encountered an organization that compares to Kappa Gamma Pi academically, intellectually, spiritually or with community service in mind. Kappa answers all areas and calls upon its members to be active in each area. From the time I first joined Kappa and was nominated by my college, I so admired the membership because it was not just a certificate and a pat on the back but a true calling to service! That is very unique among national honor societies! I was astounded at the caliber of leaders within the organization like Marie Pokora (*Aquinas College, MI, '64*), Alene Griffin (*Mount St. Mary's University, CA, '66*) and Pam Waitinas (*Notre Dame College, OH, '61*).

My children grew up honoring and loving Kappa and the tradition continues today through economic downturns and a pandemic. We are all enjoying the stellar leadership from KGP's National Board as we celebrate our 95th year of existence. I would be remiss not to mention my beloved Denver Chapter and all of the gracious women who mentored and guided us such as Mary Alice McManus (*Clarke University, IA, '61*), Jewel Cronin (*Loretto Heights College, CO, '37*), and Natalie Reinhart (*Loretto Heights College, CO, '40*). §

Norma Whitehair Battle
The Marymount College, KS, '67
Past Kappa Gamma Pi National President from 1981-1985



aro by Jane Howard Guernsey. Vassar College is home to a magnificent stained-glass window of the ("our") Cornaro. As an alumna, Jane was responsible for me being invited to represent Kappa at a related conference on campus and was given the grand tour of the Italian Room and the Cornaro archives at the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh, PA. I want to congratulate all our Cornaro scholars past, present and future.

I have had the opportunity to travel to chapters up and down the east coast and affiliates throughout the country giving me the chance to meet so many Kappas. These travels and connections led me to my Past President project of reaching out to new affiliates. Being a Kappa has indeed been a true blessing and a significant part of my life. I wish no less for all of you. §

Justyna M. Steuer Carlson
Georgian Court University, NJ, '66
Past Kappa Gamma Pi National President from 1997-2001



Building Change

By Hope Sabbagh (*Marywood University, PA, '20*)

I have been an advocate and humanitarian in Allentown, PA for the last five years. I have been dedicated to helping the homeless which has led me to become the program development specialist for Operation Address the Homeless (OATH). OATH was founded in 2014 and is completely supported by volunteers.



Proposed "HOPE Village of Allentown"

OATH has proposed a project to create a tiny home community called "HOPE Village of Allentown" to address the community needs. Calling it "HOPE Village" stems from wanting a strength-based name that is inclusive to all those in the community who would like to be part of this initiative. Hope stands for housing Operated by People Everywhere.

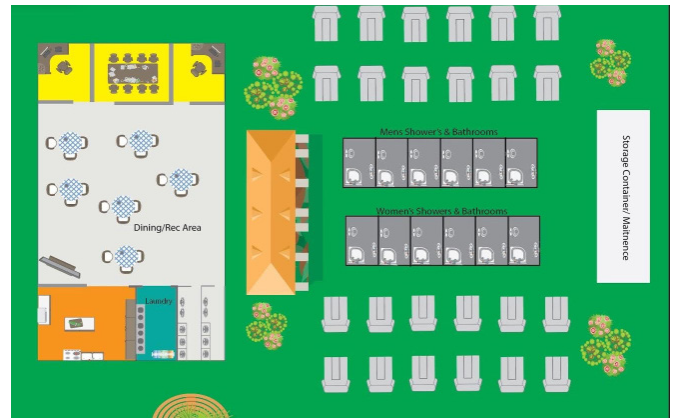
OATH's mission mirrors the core values within the code of ethics and social work practice that entails the strengthening and support of our communities by providing hot meals, showers, haircuts, laundry, clothing, and job opportunities through OATH builders. OATH also advocates for collaborative locally driven means to end and prevent homelessness helping improve the quality of life.



Interior of Proposed Units

The tiny home proposal and initiative is important to address the chronic homelessness issue due to the waitlist and gap within solidifying permanent and safe housing through the system. The tiny home community will be the first housing initiative which will allow those who are turned away from other shelters or programs another chance at life. As Maslow's Hierarchy of needs explains, one needs to attain psychological needs and safety needs in order to reach a sense of love and belonging, esteem, and self-actualization. The gap we are trying to fill between chronic homelessness and permanent housing will allow this gap to be filled in order to make sustain-

able and pragmatic change. Individuals will attend 12 hours a week of rehabilitative and life skills programming by community stakeholders and outreach services on the site. Individuals will strive to be part of a great community as they learn skills necessary to become a more stable and integrated part of society.



Proposed Layout Plan of "HOPE Village of Allentown"

I continue to advocate for this project and through OATH have already received over 500 signatures of support. My dream is to make a change within my community that will continue to expand into permanent structures on site, after phase 1. §

Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributors

Education is an important component of Kappa Gamma Pi's mission. KGP is fortunate to have a healthy scholarship fund from the generous donations of our members who see the value in an education. As a result, KGP is able to provide Cornaro Scholarships to deserving individuals who are pursuing graduate degrees. We all understand how expensive a quality education can be and this scholarship helps alleviate some of the burden.

We understand this is a financial decision and we thank everyone who has made the decision to contribute to the scholarship fund. Your contribution in celebration of a special anniversary or jubilee or in memory of deceased individuals 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. We encourage anyone who is considering contributing to the scholarship fund to reflect and see if it is what you are called to do. §

KGP Shines Spotlight on Members

Membership in KGP means something different to each of our members. Every Kappa is a valued part of the organization and we want to hear from you. We have been asking in past newsletters for members to share with us what their nomination to KGP has meant to them and we want to share their responses with you.



What has your nomination to KGP meant to you? Tell us about your volunteer endeavors and call to service...

"I am 94 now, but I remember back in 1947 when I graduated being a Kappa was one of the proudest moments of my life. And it continues so." Sister Rosemary Flanigan (*Avila University, MO, '47*)

"I volunteer in the prison ministry office at Marytown, the National Shrine of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. I facilitate the letter writing program for women inmates at a facility in Illinois." Mary Byrne (*Barat College of DePaul University, IL, '76*)

"Faith and Service have been my calling since being nominated. I volunteered in most areas that have touched my life and those of my family. I have served on local parish council, the statewide vocation education council, Eastern Regent of KGP, produced a series of interviews featuring local area councils on aging for public access television, written and published many articles linking faith and life, and served on the board of directors for a publication." Claudette Burque (*Rivier University, NH, '62*)

"55 years ago, I graduated from Misericordia University, then Misericordia. At the time I was so proud to be selected for an honorary society, especially since neither of my parents completed elementary school due to family obligations and a depression. They were so happy! I taught school for 51+ years, raised four children as a single parent, served in numerous parish volunteer positions, chaired annual festivals, participated in parish council, women's group, etc. I now am a Lector, Eucharist minister at a local nursing facility, Girl Scout Leader, etc." Nancy Andrade (*PA, '65*)

Thank you to those who have already chosen to share with us and we encourage anyone else who feels so inclined to share with us as well. Whether you have been a long-time member or are a recently inducted member we want to hear from you. §

Art Through the Senses

Kappa Gamma Pi as an organization has members with many unique skills and talents. One of those members is Svetlana Ottney (*Lourdes University, OH, '98*) who was recently featured on the 9 & 10 News. Ottney is originally from Slovakia. For her formal education she attended Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH. This is where she had the opportunity to learn from one of the Sisters of St. Frances who showed her how to create mosaic murals in clay. Ottney learned how to look at a mural as a draftsman, designer, painter, and sculptor during her time at LU. In 1998, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from LU with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Ottney has now been teaching art students for the past 15 years. She teaches and works with all kinds of students: traditional, nontraditional, adults and children. As an instructor, Ottney loves sharing her passion for the visual arts with her students and enjoys watching them succeed. Since completing her formal education, she has created and instructed Masters Programs at Lourdes University and Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio.

She is now an instructor at CTAC-Petoskey. There she teaches classes, themed workshops, summer art camps, and drawing and painting classes. Ottney also provides private instruction and painting parties. She recently started offering Open Studio, which has become extremely popular as a year-round arts opportunity.



Ottney at the ribbon cutting ceremony for one of her murals.

Ottney is a very versatile artist with her favorite mediums being acrylic and clay, creating paintings and mosaics. She believes that art should be experienced by all the senses. Ottney finds inspiration from stories in the Bible and her color palettes are influenced by nature. She has paintings in private collections in Slovakia, Germany, Canada and the U.S. Her pieces can be found on walls of universities, chapels, churches, schools, and private residences in Michigan and Ohio. She has been recognized in a number of magazines, newspapers, and on BCAN Channel *Where Art Lives* as an art instructor. §

In Loving Memory

- Barbara Johansen (*D'Youville College, NY, '54*)
- Barbara Wickhorst (*Holy Names University, CA, '49*)
- Beverly Domalski (*Mary Manse College, OH, '52*)
- Marilyn Repsher (*D'Youville College, NY, '52*)



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

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Psychology, Neuroscience, and Ancient Religious Wisdom. This book is the culmination of more than 35 years of teaching both in high school and college. She is also the recipient of the President's Lecture award from Notre Dame College in Cleveland. For more information, visit her website: www.keystoahappierlife.com.

On a personal level, Louise finds joy in creating art pieces using a variety of media, cooking for family and friends, savoring the spiritual and cultural riches in foreign lands, volunteering, and finally meditating in her garden. §

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ing people whom I may not ever get another chance to meet.

This unique experience awakened that little flame in my spirit and reminded me why I am a member of Kappa Gamma Pi National Catholic Honor Society. I pledged to continue through leadership in church, profession, and community services. For a few hours each month, I volunteer as KGP's Affiliate Liaison for NDMU. It is exciting to support the nominee process, meet with other local universities to share information about KGP, and connect with other Kappas. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve.

COVID-19 has presented many challenges, yet the virtual space offers an excellent opportunity to be involved, pay it forward, meet new people near and far, in real-time and face-to-face.

If you are interested in getting more involved in Kappa, now is a great time. Hope to meet you at our 45th Biennial National Convention Virtual event. Let's connect virtually. Bright colored tops are allowed, and no face mask needed! §

We Want to Hear From You!

We want to hear from you! What have you been up to? Have you started a new career or a new hobby?

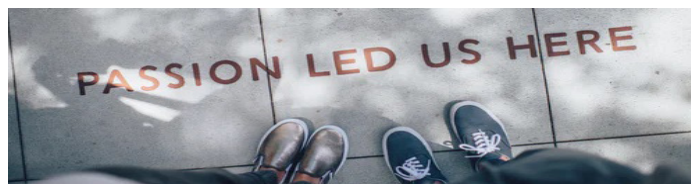
Tell us about your career, your achievements, your volunteer projects - whatever you would like to share!

You can submit articles and photos for the NEWS by sending an email to the newseditor@kappagammapi.org. You can also submit announcements and notes for posting on Kappa's Facebook page by emailing kgp@kappagammapi.org. §



Service Opportunity

Have you been looking for a way to become more involved? National Convention is a great opportunity to become more involved on the national level. We encourage you to become a liaison for your college or university, a national officer, or a judge on the Cornaro Scholarship Committee! §



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What has your nomination to KGP meant to you? Tell us about your volunteer endeavors and call to service.
