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Winter Lecture Series: Connect! Creating Synergies with Networking and Mentorship

Our third session in our *Lecture Series*, an educational workshop series, will take place on February 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm ET. All 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 third workshop, you can register for this session at <https://bit.ly/3yFbAX9>.



Chris Adams

For years, mentorship and networking have traditionally been thought of as separate processes. Networking was considered something that provides the means to gain personal connections and obtain a new career opportunity; mentorship was viewed as something that provides

the ability to reinforce learning while providing guidance for a subordinate or mentee. Although both are true, mentorship and networking can be linked to exponentially increase their impact. This lecture will explore the influence between both processes and exhibit the benefits while accelerating their overall influence. Using the sphere of influence as a guide and years of experience, Chris Adams (*Benedictine University, IL, '16*) will review how mentorship can enhance your networking efforts and how networking can be leveraged to create a place for mentorship at a company or career of choice. Real life tools and techniques will be discussed with the goal to enhance the capabilities of the attendees to leverage both activities. At the end of the discussion, attendees will have a template for enhancing the effectiveness of their current networking and mentoring activities. Participants will have a new view into the links of both processes to accelerate their career goals. §

New Year Intentions and Goals



2021 flew by and now here we are standing at the start of a New Year, 2022. A new year is a clean slate with an opportunity for a fresh start whether it be in our career, health, finances, and so much more. Our time is a limited resource that we can never get more of so it is important to be purposeful with our time. We want to make a positive impact during the time God blesses us with on this earth. He has given us many gifts and talents to give back to our families, friends, and the communities around us. A large part of making an impact is being purposeful.

Now is the time when we set our intention for the year ahead and set goals we would like to achieve. The best way to start is to select a theme for the year, either by picking a word or a quote that guides us for the next 365 days. There are so many options when it comes to a word for the year. Here are just a few options people are considering this year: abundance, compassion, dedication, gratitude, joy, mindfulness, and more. There are even more options when it comes to quotes. Here are a few favorites:

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*Be sure to join us for
our next Lecture Series on
February 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm.*

In Memoriam...Marjorie Mehigan Durbin

By Pamela Wright Waitinas (Notre Dame College, OH, '61)

Retired KGP NEWS Editor, National Office Coordinator and Membership Secretary

Over 60+ years ago, Marge Durbin (Notre Dame College, OH, '56) and I volunteered together in a not-yet-formally-established KGP National Office in the home of the National President at the time, Frances Burger Noetzel. Kappa was a vibrant, growing society with many college and university affiliates nominating hundreds of new members every year. As the fledgling office expanded, Marge and I continued to assist the first National Executive Secretary, Anne Bormann Murray. Marge became the second National Executive Secretary on Anne's retirement and I took on the responsibilities of NEWS Editor (a position that I held for 45 years). We were both graduates of Notre Dame College, South Euclid, Ohio.



Marge Durbin

For the next 30 years, from 1967 to 1997, Marge served the Kappa organization as National Executive Secretary and as a member of the national board. She was a tireless advocate for Kappa Gamma Pi. In fulfilling the myriad responsibilities for her position she worked with every president during her time as National Executive Secretary.

In the division of national KGP work, Marge and I had Kappa offices in our own homes and frequently trav-

eled back and forth between her home in Stow, Ohio, and my home in Chardon, Ohio. We also shared hotel and college dorm rooms for many conventions and board meetings – and those were the pre-computer days when we stuffed the rooms with boxes of papers and supplies necessary to run a meeting. Not much room left for suitcases. But it was fun and we had such good Kappa friends to help us out.

Mother of three sons, and grandmother and great-grandmother, Marge and her late husband, Joe, were very involved members of their parish in Stow. Marge taught CCD/PSR classes, participated in renewal programs, Marriage Encounter, Pre-Cana classes and CYO camps. Also active in her community, Marge was a former president of the Stow PTA Council and Stow Women's Club. She and her

husband enjoyed international travel and couples' golf.

Marge died on December 21, 2021, after a brief illness, at age 87. She had completed a life of "Faith and Service" for Kappa, for her church, for her community.

May this dedicated member of Kappa Gamma Pi now rest in peace. §

In Loving Memory

- Camille Lokanis Rodgers (Marygrove College, MI, '41)
- Carol Hinds Harten (Mount St. Joseph University, OH, '53)
- Doris Ann Gibson Simonis (Ursuline College, OH, '52)
- Jeanne Byerly Lechleiter (Mount St. Joseph University, OH, '50)
- Marjorie Mehigan Durbin (Notre Dame College, OH, '56)
- Mary Hurlburt (Lourdes University, OH, '00)
- Mary Kathleen T. Taylor (Notre Dame of Maryland University, MD, '99)
- Regina Huesman-Donovan (Mount St. Joseph University, OH, '71)



If you know anyone who has passed on please send an email to admin@kappagammapi.org. §



Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributions

September 2020 - January 2021

In memoriam...

Marjorie Mehigan Durbin
(Notre Dame College, OH, '56).

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.

A Message from KGP's National President

Let me start by wishing you a Happy New Year and hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. The New Year brings about resolutions. The following is one to consider:

"Simply slowing down improves almost everything in our lives."

From *Life is Messy* by Matthew Kelly

This is a great quote to begin our new year. As I speak with many Kappas, the general theme I hear is "I am too busy" or "just can't find the time." I heard a speaker several years ago who told me that you cannot find time; nobody can ever find time - you must make the time. Make the time to do what you love to do, with whom you want to spend time and the time to just have "down time." As we begin the new year with our resolutions, let us make the time for the things we love and not feel so bogged down.

Kappa Gamma Pi continues to survive the pandemic, although not without some concerns. As you know, some colleges and universities continued with virtual graduation and award ceremonies, or no celebrations entirely. This has affected the affiliate nominations to Kappa. Len Bossa, III VP, has been working on communication with our affiliates and most importantly, establishing Kappa Liaisons for each affiliate. He may be contacting you to step up for your university; or better yet - contact him and volunteer to be the liaison for your university. Not much time is involved, just a commitment to email or establish a contact with your university would be appreciated.

Many of you have supported Kappa with your dues

and with participation in our quarterly virtual lectures. Even amid this pandemic, your Cornaro donations have continued, so we are able to continue our scholarships. We could not have survived without your support and for that, we are extremely grateful.

Be sure to join us for the next President's Virtual Lecture on February 23rd at 7:00 pm ET. To attend our third workshop, you can register for this session at <https://bit.ly/3yFbAX9>.

May your 2022 be filled with abundant blessings, good health, and a year to continue to work together as Kappas to improve our communities now and for future generations. §

In Faith and Service,

Susan (Sue) Smith Jaros

Lourdes University, Ohio, '90

Kappa Gamma Pi National President

president@kappagammapi.org



President Jaros donating platelets at her local American Red Cross Center. She urges all Kappas to donate blood as the need is urgent at this time.

We want to hear from you!

We love hearing from Kappas! Do you have a new project you are working on? Have you started a new career or are you dipping your toes into a new hobby? We would love to hear about it!

Tell us about your achievements, your career, your milestones, your volunteer work - 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. §

Do you shop on Amazon?

Did you know that changing to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com, Amazon will donate a percentage of your qualified purchases to the charity of your choice? Kappa Gamma Pi is one of the charities that Amazon donates to. We'd love it if you chose to support KGP in a way that doesn't cost you anything extra but is a benefit to us, it's a win-win. Here's our special link - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1752086> - we truly appreciate your support. §

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History Corner: KGP News...the History of KGP

By Pamela Wright Waitinas (Notre Dame College, OH, '61)

Although preliminary small newsletters were printed in the late 1920s, the first issue of the official KAPPA GAMMA PI NEWS, a trial edition, was published in December 1930 by the St. Louis, MO, chapter. It held tidbits of information, poetry and discussions of topics such as the need for a quota of nominees that each college is allowed to elect.

Publication was intermittent for the next few years and the format of the paper changed drastically in size and style. By 1939 the paper was published on a regular basis and had been standardized in size. The KGP NEWS continued to be issued through World War II although national meetings were not held. Dues were 50 cents!

During these earlier times, the responsibility for the paper moved from chapter to chapter every two to four years. An editor was selected and was involved in the publication AND mailing of the paper to members using a variety of addressing methods: by hand, typewriter, addressograph plates. Cumbersome files were shipped around the country, printers sought out, new "helpers" recruited.

By the early 1960s the rotating editor process had become unwieldy. National President Frances Noetzel determined that the KGP NEWS had to find a permanent home. That home was in the Chardon, OH, residence of the editor who was first appointed in 1964 and remained editor for 45 years!

The KGP NEWS is a forum for thoughtful, incisive writing and provocative articles and features. The paper, published fourtimes a year and mailed to national dues payers, has tackled difficult topics: genetics, morality in medical decision-making, nuclear power/disarmament, illiteracy, loneliness, alcoholism, battered women, right-to-life and euthanasia, women in ministry, peace and justice issues, ecumenism, communications, Pacific Rim concerns, Biblical relevance and many more.

The KGP NEWS of the 21st century is produced totally by computer. The database which generates the mailing list is also sent to an outside mailing house to be merged with US Postal Service software to create barcodes. Technology marches on!§

Past President



Late Marie Lorz (Ellis)
Notre Dame, OH, '54
London, OH
1967-1971

"Whether a Kappa functions with conservative, moderate, liberal or radical convictions, each Kappa's gifts of intellect, personality and spirit are imbued with a 'divine discontent' which causes her to measure success against the standard: 'We must diminish and Christ increase'." (KGP NEWS August '68)

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- "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." - St. Teresa of Calcutta
- "Do one thing everyday that scares you." - Eleanor Roosevelt
- "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." - Unknown

Once you have selected a theme for the year, come up with goals that can be tied back to that theme to help keep them front-of-mind. What are your goals for the year? Are there specific areas of your life you want to focus on? What is going to be the best strategy to make you successful in achieving your goals? You have 365 days to work with to achieve your goals and make an impact on the world around you.

Thinking about an entire years' worth of goals can

seem like a daunting task but it is important to remember this is for you and setting yourself up for success to achieve the things you want to this year. There are endless ways you can approach this: have two goals so you are working on a singular goal for six months; if you are detail-oriented, break your goals down so you know exactly what needs done when; make a vision board if you are a visual person, write out the big picture if you just need to know what you are working towards. These are just a few ideas to get your creative juices flowing.

There is no right or wrong way to pursue your intentions and goals for the year. The important thing to remember is the wise words of Karen Lamb, "a year from now you will wish you had started today."

Wishing you a very Happy New Year from Kappa Gamma Pi to you are your family! §

Announcing the 2022 Cornaro Scholarship Opportunity



Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia

Kappa Gamma Pi is pleased to be able to offer two Cornaro Scholarships in 2022 because of the donations from our members. The Cornaro Scholarship Fund was established in 1985 and is named after Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman in the world 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 based on the criteria that applicants 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 many scholarships to 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.

For 2022, two scholarships of \$3,500 will be awarded. The 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>. §

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...

"Since graduating from Ladycliff College, Magna Cum Laude '59, I have been blessed with a magnificent husband, our eight incredible children, retired from career as a computer systems designer, served term as an Ameri Corps Vista member, then program manager, volunteered chaired Beds of Buffalo. Museum/ Science, Junior League of Buffalo, Buffalo Botanical Board. I am member of Leadership of Buffalo, Buffalo Maritime Center, WNY Heritage Press, and received numerous community awards." Mary Ann Miano Kresse (*Ladycliff College, NY, '59*)

"Providing service and changing lives! I'm a Professor teaching Humanities at several universities, community Ambassador for American Cancer Society, Reach to Recovery Volunteer, Romulus Acts Council member and Chamber of Commerce Project. Workforce Training and Development - Transition to jobs for 14-19 year old students' film workshops for Motion Picture Institute and more." Cynthia Keleman (*Madonna University, MI, '94*)

"Volunteer for Friends of the Rouge doing the spring frog survey and invasive plant removal. Being in Kappa Gamma Pi is an honor." Diane Rushlow (*Madonna University, MI, '79*)

"I am Head Elder at our church, assisting the Pastor in matters of ministry and administration. I serve as the local chairman of Eagle Scout projects and Boards of Review." Stuart Schwarzer (*Cabrini University, PA, '95*)

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. §

Help Wanted: Cornaro Scholarship

In today's fast paced world, it is often hard to find time to care for one's self, let alone serve others. However, if you really stop to think about it, serving others not only *benefits those who are served*, it also benefits those *who* serve. Service to others nourishes the soul in an exceptional way. Service to others is rarely regretted. Serving as a Cornaro Scholarship Judge is a short-term commitment and a great opportunity to get involved with Kappa!

In 2022, *you* have an opportunity to serve your fellow Kappas as a judge on the Cornaro Scholarship Committee. The committee consists of a chair and judges who review the Cornaro Scholarship applications to select the scholarship recipients. This is very important work! Feedback from judges include statements such as, "I felt truly honored to review such outstanding applications," "I wish we could award a scholarship to all of these outstanding candidates," "I am humbled reading about these accomplishments and goals," and "what incredible Kappas we have!"

If you are a past recipient of the Cornaro Scholarship, here is your opportunity to use your unique experience to help select a new recipient!

What is required to be on the Cornaro Scholarship Committee?

- You must be a dues paying member of Kappa Gamma Pi,
- Be fair minded and objective,
- Be willing to give 8-10 hours of your time between April 20, 2022 - May 31, 2022,
- And importantly, have a computer with email and internet to access scholarship files (dropbox, Excel or equivalent, and PDF files).

How will you know what to do?

- Comprehensive instructions are provided by the Cornaro Scholarship Committee chair.
- The Cornaro Scholarship Committee Chair is always available via phone and email to answer questions or assist as needed.

How do I sign up?

- Send an e-mail to Kappa Gamma Pi Second Vice President, Dr. Alicia Cordoba Tait at Cornaro@KappaGammaPi.org.
- Please submit your request to Alicia by March 1, 2022!

Lenten Reflection

Lent is a forty-day period of time where we are called to fast and resist temptation. During this time, we reflect on what is truly important in life. This time we cut out the frills and get back to basics through prayer and fasting. Society has made us think we need to be constantly going and we get wrapped up in the message that we need things in order to be happy. Lent is the time of year when we are called to simplify our lives with less things.

The theme for Lent this year is to 'Love thy neighbour' and we are called to love the people around us in our words and actions. If there is anything that can be learned from 2021 is that we need a lot more love in our world. There have been a lot of controversial topics this year with everyone having differing perspectives when it comes to politics, medical freedoms, civil rights, vaccines, gun control and much more. These hot button topics have led to some very harsh and judgmental conversations. While it is important to stand by our beliefs it is also to love the person we are talking with first and recognize that our words have the potential to be harmful. This Lenten season, let us love our neighbor in our words and actions by being intentional with the things we say regardless of the conversations and topics we are discussing. §

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

- Oprah Winfrey

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2020-2021 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 2020-2021 academic year. Presentation is made to a student who has achieved special recognition, served the college in an extraordinary manner or has the best record of progressive achievement.

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Nominations to KGP and the award of the Saint Catherine Medal were impacted in 2020-2021 and that difference is reflected in the number of nominees and medal recipients.

KGP affiliates have awarded the Saint Catherine Medal since 1956. Medals may be given on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Institutions may award medals for different schools or divisions.

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

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What doors has your nomination to KGP opened for you that you did not expect?
