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Kappa's 46th National Convention

Kappa had its first hybrid in-person and virtual convention and it was a success! This was the 46th National Convention with KGP looking forward to celebrating 100 years of Faith and Service in 2026. The National Business Meeting took place on Friday, July 21st, with Convention events on Saturday, July 22nd.

On Friday evening, delegates had the opportunity to take an excursion on the Detroit Princess Riverboat. Kappas got to take in the Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, skylines while enjoying dinner with fellow members and dancing the night away.



Detroit Chapter Kappas Peggy Finnigan Jessup (Madonna University, MI, '02) and Pat Baumgarten (KGP Past President, Madonna University, '81) busted a move to the live band performing Motown classics.

The keynote addressed the topic of "Tips for Staying Sane in a Crazy World" presented by **Millie Grenough** (Spalding University, KY, '61). Millie brought to the forefront the level of alertness and stress we often feel on a daily basis without even realizing it. While we often feel stress, we learned that the human mind although the most powerful stressor is also the most controllable. Neuroscientists have recently discovered something that further supports this and that is humans have new neurons growing through our entire life span, so old dogs can learn new tricks.

Millie shared four 60-second strategies that can help us reset and release the stress we are holding.

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Kappa Gamma Pi Faith & Service Award

By Michelle Danou
(Madonna University, MI, '18)

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

The recipient of the 2023 Faith and Service Award is Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas. Dr. Drutchas is the co-founder of the ChristNet emergency shelter and the Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry, serving western Wayne County, Michigan, for three decades and a decade-and-a-half, respectively.

Beginning in the early 1990s after first arriving in the Downriver area as senior pastor for St. Paul United Church of Christ in Taylor, Michigan, Dr. Drutchas was instrumental in convening Chris-



*Reverend Dr. Geoffrey
Drutchas*

tians across denominational backgrounds to provide a better safety net for individuals and families in need. Both ChristNet, as a thirty-bed homeless shelter with a daytime resource center, and the Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry, distributing 2.6 million pounds of food to western Wayne County households through its "client choice" store, are a testimo-

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Help Wanted!

Looking for a part-time writing/editing gig? Kappa is seeking a new editor for the KGP NEWS.

This role is a paid position.

Reach out to the National Office or
president@kappagammapi.org for details.

Volunteer Service Spotlight

Betsy Shortle (*Ursuline College, OH, '88*) was recruited to serve as a judge for the Cornaro Scholarship Committee in 2016 and then served as a member of the KGP National Board from 2017-2023. At the National Convention in Detroit, Betsy gave an amazing presentation called "Rescued & Rewarded: Finding your own path for giving back to your community" about her experiences volunteering at an animal shelter.

A registered nurse since 1975, Betsy retired in 2015 after 36 years of service with the Department of Veterans Affairs and moved from Ohio to North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. After her family lost their beloved dog, Ditto, to cancer, they adopted Cotton, a special-needs dog who became lost after Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and survived living on his own in the woods for over two months.

Betsy began volunteering at Kind Keeper Animal Rescue, the nonprofit, no-kill shelter that rescued Cotton. First, Betsy provided office support, tracked animal statistics, applied for grants, and took photos of homeless puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats to create social media posts to help the animals find homes. In 2016, Kind Keeper rescued and found homes for 100 animals. The next year, they saved 199 animals. Each year thereafter, the total number of rescues increased significantly, and Betsy found herself busier and busier. Along with endless fundraising to support Kind Keeper Animal Rescue, she started taking animals to adoption events, reviewed and processed adoption applications, began fostering animals, researched shelter standards and protocols, and developed a protocol and procedure manual for the shelter.

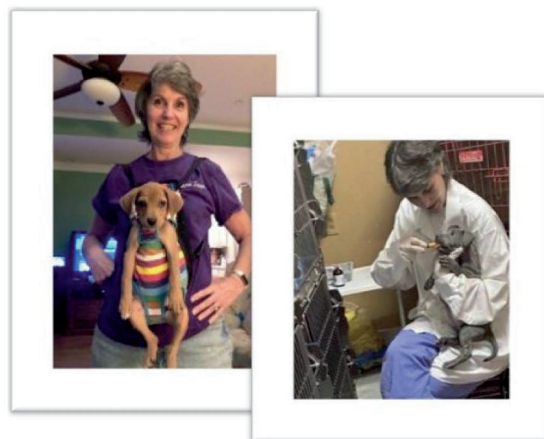
Then the coronavirus pandemic hit, and everything changed. With fewer volunteers helping, Betsy often worked 7 days a week, 50-60 hours per week, at the shelter. In 2020, Kind Keeper found homes for 1,000 animals and the numbers have continued to increase year over year. Betsy used her nursing expertise to develop infection control procedures, infectious disease protocol, and documentation; learned microscopic fecal analysis; and developed parasite deworming protocol and documentation. To help sicker animals, she created an isolation room with stainless steel kennels and developed isolation protocol and documentation, then became the primary caregiver for animals with infectious diseases to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

Betsy notes this labor of love has come with certain hazards: scratches, bites, ringworm, fatigue and ex-

haustion, broken hearts, and thousands of extra miles on her car. The rewards, however, have been great: developing amazing volunteers, mentoring young volunteers to serve as ambassadors for shelter animals, educating the community, saving lives.

Betsy's Lessons Learned

- Recognize your limits and take care of yourself.
- Accept that you can't save them all. (Heaven needs animals too.)
- Teach others how to help.
- Make sure to include your pets in your estate planning. §



KGP Lecture Series:

Designing a Presentation: Choosing the Right Tools for Effective Communication

January 18, 2024

5:00pm PT/8:00pm ET

Register here: <https://bit.ly/KGP-LS-011824>

If you give standup presentations – or you hope or expect to do so in the future – join **Joe Devney, M.A.** (*Holy Names University, CA, '93*), a technical writer and a linguist, to get expert tips for designing effective, dynamic presentations. Learn how to take advantage of the attributes of the different information channels available to a presenter: slides, voice, gestures, audio recordings, physical objects, paper handouts. How best to use the different channels depends on the types of information you want to get across. This presentation will also demonstrate how best to present numerical information to make it clear and memorable for your audience.

A Message from KGP's National President

Hello, Kappas!

A little history about my 35 years as a Kappa

Following in my mother's footsteps, I attended Holy Names University in Oakland, California. My mother, Kathleen Gallagher Dunlap, is a Kappa from the HNU Class of 1960. When I graduated in 1988, I was honored to once again follow in her footsteps by being nominated to KGP. When the San Francisco East Bay Chapter formed in the early '90s, Mama and I joined and worked together helping to plan the KGP National Conventions that were held on the Holy Names campus in 1997 and 2007.

In 2009, Pamela Wright Waitinas (*Notre Dame College, OH '61*) called me to ask if I would succeed her as editor of the *Kappa Gamma Pi NEWS*. I said yes and then served as *NEWS* editor for 10 years – a fascinating and rewarding assignment that allowed me to meet and interact with scores of amazing Kappas. In 2019, I agreed to serve as KGP Recording Secretary. Now, I am deeply honored to serve as National President for Kappa Gamma Pi for 2023-2025.

A little bit about Kappa's history

KGP has grown in size and scope since its founding in 1926. Originally, there were 29 affiliated Catholic colleges that nominated lay women graduates to membership in Kappa. In 1967, KGP extended membership to members of religious orders and graduates of various faith commitments. In 1981, men graduating from affiliated institutions with honors were eligible for nomination to Kappa for the first time. More recently, KGP's nomination criteria has been expanded to include honor graduates who were ineligible for membership at the time of their graduation, graduates of master's degree and doctoral degree programs, and one administrator per year from each affiliated college/university. More than 59,000 graduates of 143 Catholic institutions have become members of Kappa Gamma Pi.

Unfortunately, due to the rising cost of education, increasing socio-economic pressures, and shifting enrollment patterns, many colleges and universities have closed in recent years. The number of affiliates nominating to KGP has decreased, and the coronavirus pandemic also negatively impacted nominations. Stepping into the role of National President at this moment seems bittersweet as my *alma mater* Holy Names University closed in May, concluding 155 years of Catholic education in Oakland. Thus, graduates se-

lected from the HNU Class of 2023 are the final Holy Names Hawks to become Kappas. I challenge each of you to reach out to your *alma mater* – or another KGP affiliate near you – and with the assistance of the KGP National Office, help encourage new nominations to Kappa.

Looking forward to Kappa's 100th anniversary in 2026

As we prepare to celebrate Kappa's centennial, I am excited to work with an excellent slate of KGP National Board members and with you as together we chart KGP's path forward.

What ideas and recommendations do you have for KGP and for planning our 47th biennial National Convention in summer 2025 that will kick off Kappa's 100th year? I welcome your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me anytime.



In Faith and Service,

Anne Dunlap-Kahren

Holy Names University, CA, '88
Kappa Gamma Pi National President
president@kappagammapi.org



Holy Names Kappas Theresa Rush Woo, KGP Past President; Kathleen Gallagher Dunlap, past president of the San Francisco East Bay Chapter; and current KGP President Anne Dunlap-Kahren attended the Legacy Mass and Community Gathering, the final alumni event for Holy Names University, on May 6, 2023.

46th KGP National Convention
July 21-22, 2023
Detroit, Michigan



Ed Hosmer, *Convention Constitution Revisions Committee Chair*; Elizabeth Navitsky, *Nominating Committee Chair*; and Betsy Shortle, *outgoing Vice President*



Below: Michelle Chesney and Carl Cain



Detroit River Cruise: (L-R): Teresa Bosh, Michelle Chesney, Katie Pease, Kathleen Hosmer, Ed Hosmer, Betsy Shortle, Susan Jaros, Ivana Anderson, and Anne Dunlap-Kahren



Faith & Service Award recipient Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas, his wife, Eileen Vernor, KGP Past President Susan Jaros, and Michelle Danou, *Awards Committee Chair*



Above: Detroit Kappas KGP Past President Pat Baumgarten and Peggy Finnigan Jessup



Above: Kate Coulihan Ficke, Jim Ficke, Catherine Wright-Volante, David Seeger, and DeShon Hill

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These strategies are the four directions (stretch), breath countdown (deep breaths), cue-2-do (change your channel), and one stone (focus on the big picture). We cannot always control the situations we are in, but we can control how we respond to those situations. It is very easy to become a victim of our circumstances but when we take control and responsibility, we can overcome any obstacles that are placed in our way.

We had several other incredible speakers including **Cynthia Keleman** (*Madonna University, MI, '94*), who talked on the topic of "Unpack Your Sack" addressing all the things we carry through life with us without even realizing it. Kelly Broeg from Her Song talked about Human Trafficking, including what human trafficking really is, myths around human trafficking, indicators, and the programs Her Song has available for women who are victims of human trafficking. **Betsy Shortle** (*Ursuline College, OH, '88*) presented "Rescued & Rewarded" and shared about her experiences volunteering at a local animal shelter.

Michelle Danou (*Madonna University, MI, '18*) presented the Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Drutchas with the KGP 2023 Faith and Service Award. This award is given to an individual who shows leadership in local and national affairs. The Faith and Service Award is a long-standing tradition and has been awarded every two years at convention since 1963. Dr. Drutchas received a monetary gift to be used to better his community and support an organization of his choice.

Past President **Katie Pease** (*St. Catherine University, MN, '10*) presented a video tribute to all deceased Kappas. She then led a Kappa Sharing session that invited Convention participants from around the country to share about their volunteer work and experiences.

The Detroit Convention concluded with the installation of the new KGP National Board for 2023 to 2025. §



KGP National Board for 2023-2025 (L-R): Carl Cain, III Vice President; Anne Simon, Treasurer; Kate Coulihan Ficke, Recording Secretary; Ivana Anderson, II Vice President; Anne Dunlap-Kahren, President; David Seeger, I Vice President; and Susan Smith Jaros, Past President

National Dues Support

Thank you for renewing your financial support for Kappa — we appreciate your generosity! Your KGP national dues billing envelope is enclosed.

How You Can Help

Please pay your membership dues for 2023-2024, if you have not already done so. If you are able, consider paying dues for another Kappa who is living on a fixed income or is experiencing financial difficulties. If you determine that you cannot afford \$50 per year, please contribute another amount that is right for your personal budget. Encourage your friends who are Kappas to become dues-paying members also.

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 2013 or since who have not yet paid dues for the current fiscal year (June 2023-May 2024) should find the annual dues billing envelope enclosed. Our website can take credit card payments.

We encourage you to consider donating now to the Cornaro Scholarship Fund 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 National Office Administrator Michelle Chesney at kgp@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. §

2024 Cornaro Scholarship

KGP is pleased to sponsor the 2024 Cornaro Scholarship. This scholarship is exclusive to 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.

The submission deadline for applications and letters of reference is June 1, 2024. KGP will award two \$3,500 scholarships. To access the 2024 Cornaro Scholarship for Graduate Studies Application and Frequently Asked Questions, please login to KGP Engage by visiting <https://engage.kappagammapi.org>. §

Announcing Our 2023 Cornaro Scholars!

The Cornaro Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship only available to Kappa members for use toward graduate expenses at an accredited university. The Cornaro Scholarship Committee selected two recipients this year: **Rachel Jean Pankratz** (*University of Mary, ND, '17*) and **Christopher Saad** (*St. Joseph's University – Brooklyn, NY, '23*).

2023 Cornaro Scholar Rachel Jean Pankratz earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with Reading Credential from the University of Mary in Bismark in 2017 where she graduated *magna cum laude*. During her undergraduate studies she received many awards at graduation including Preservice Teacher of Excellence, Outstanding Senior Nominee, and was inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi. Rachel was also a speaker at the 2016 North Dakota Fall Educators Conference while she was a senior in college. She will be completing her studies for a Master of Science in Literacy with a Dyslexia Endorsement at the Univer-

sity of Central Arkansas. Her goal is to give students with dyslexia the tools they need to become successful readers, and therefore, successful in life.

Rachel has many gifts that shine through her work, volunteer work, church involvement, and tutoring students outside of school hours. She has been a teacher at Christ the King Catholic Montessori School in North Dakota for several years. Rachel has been part of a prayer group, Seven Sisters Apostolate, which is committed to offering prayer for priests in the form of Holy Hours. She believes that building relationships with her students is critically important. In difficult learning circumstances, she has taught students to crochet in an effort to work on a fun project together to get to know them, and then moved on to teaching academic lessons. She prayerfully tries to assess each

situation and works to help her students feel "seen, heard, and loved."

Rachel is spoken of very highly by another member of the Seven Sisters Apostolate. This prayer group member said: "[When thinking about Rachel,] A Scripture immediately comes to heart: 'For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable (Romans 11:29).'

One can expect ever-brighter and more benevolent actions from Rachel as she continues in the missions set upon her heart."

The principal of the Catholic Montessori School where Rachel currently works shared this about her: "Miss Rachel shows unconditional love toward her students, which is evident in the many positive relations she has formed, even amongst our most difficult students. She has worked tirelessly to develop and promote our reading intervention program and works closely with our public school district partnering to advocate for our students and teachers."

Rachel shared a few fun facts about herself which

include that she enjoys swing dancing as her favorite thing to do. She is the third of eight children. In her free time, she loves to crochet, read, explore new places, and cook for loved ones. In elementary school, she was a two-time coloring contest champion. During Rachel's first two years of teaching, she asked her fourth grade students to study the states and capitals. In honor of them, she is on a quest to visit all 50 states. So far, she has visited 10 states!

Rachel's long-term goals include working with her *alma mater*, University of Mary, to create undergraduate courses in dyslexia instruction to help faculty provide better service to students and help students to have an easier path to learning. §



Rachel Jean Pankratz

Announcing Our 2023 Cornaro Scholars!

The second Cornaro Scholar for 2023 is Christopher Saad. He graduated *summa cum laude* with a bachelor's in Biology and minors in Chemistry and Psychology from St. Joseph's University in New York City in May 2023 where he earned Biology Departmental honors. Christopher was inducted into many honor societies including: Beta Beta for biology, Gamma Sigma Epsilon for chemistry, Psi Chi for psychology, Sigma Lambda Chi St. Joseph's Honor Society, and Kappa Gamma Pi. He has already begun his studies this summer at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University to become a Physician's Assistant (PA). Christopher had the honor of being accepted into not only one, but four, prestigious PA schools.

During college, Christopher was involved with his church serving at the altar during Mass, had many volunteer projects, and held several paid jobs. One of his main projects was founding a chapter of Be the Match on Campus, an organization that maintains a registry of potential bone marrow donors. Be the Match serves patients with leukemia and other fatal blood disorders who require hematopoietic stem cell transplants. He was involved with the Science Club throughout his four years at St. Joseph's, holding many leadership positions including president of the club. Christopher has worked as a volunteer EMT and emergency medical dispatcher and had a paid position working with children as a paraprofessional at NYC public schools, working with preschools and summer camps.

He shared a few facts about himself which include he has two older sisters and is close with his family. He has served as a volunteer panel member on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee in the New York State Society of Physician Assistants (NYS-SPA). He works to recognize, educate, and diversify

the PA profession and Be the Match donors regarding racial and ethnic disparities, and socio-economic issues. He hopes to work collaboratively alongside a diverse team of health care providers in order to enhance a patient's quality of life. He said, "I believe it is my duty as a follower of Christ to serve and volunteer in my community, practice medicine with love just as

Jesus did, and give to those in need."

As he embarks upon his PA studies, Christopher sees the need to treat the whole patient including mental health as well as physical health and is dedicated to helping others as a health care professional. He said, "Volunteering as an EMT in my neighborhood initially made me recognize the adversities that people, specifically those with low socio-economic status, face because they do not have adequate access to healthcare." Christopher hopes to work toward solving this problem.

Another goal that Christopher has as a medical professional is to eliminate language and cultural barriers for patients with various cultural and multi-national backgrounds. Christopher's goal includes prioritizing proper care – eliminating misdiagnosis and relaying misinformation to patients – in his work as a health care provider. He believes that "patient-provider relationships are the heart of the PA profession, and it is in building these relationships that continues my devotion to enter a profession of service and enables me to fulfill the vacancy I felt when I was incapable of supporting my ill grandfather (when he first saw injustices in the healthcare system)." While Christopher was working as a medical assistant, a Middle Eastern patient told him, "Thank God that you were here," when he helped bridge the language barrier between her and her doctor. §



Christopher Saad

2023 Convention Resolutions

The delegates assembled at this summer's National Convention processed the following resolutions during the KGP National Business Meeting on July 21, 2023. Delegates considered and voted on a memorial resolution, an October service challenge, and three proposed changes for the KGP Constitution. The Constitution changes involved the frequency of publishing the *KGP NEWS*, the elimination of the lifetime dues payment option, and the exemption of dues payments for members of religious orders.

At the National Business Meeting, **Ed Hosmer** (*Madonna University, MI, '02*), Chair for both the Constitution Revisions Committee and the Convention Resolutions Committee, gave an overview of the process and procedures for reviewing proposed resolutions and Constitution revisions.

Ed noted that delegates at Convention are welcome to make a resolution from the floor. The process for resolutions prepared in advance of each National Convention is that all resolutions submitted by a member or committee are discussed and processed through the Convention Resolutions Committee. If approved by this committee, the proposed resolutions are assigned to the Constitution Revisions Committee (if the recommendation calls for a change to the KGP Constitution) and then reviewed by the National Board. If approved by the Board, the proposed resolutions are published in the *KGP NEWS* at least 60 days prior to the Convention. Discussion, debate, and a vote by Convention delegates are the final steps toward their adoption, and a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present is required. The resolutions presented at the National Business Meeting on July 21 followed this process. Ed said that he received no feedback about any of the resolutions after their publication in the Winter 2023 issue of the *NEWS*.

Resolution #1: Memorial Resolution

Whereas the delegates assembled and the National Board desire to recognize those Kappas who have passed away since our last Convention, therefore be it resolved that the delegates assembled at the 46th biennial Kappa Gamma Pi National Convention recognize those members who have passed away since our last meeting with a moment of silence.

Debate or discussion: None voiced.

Vote: Unanimous. Resolution passed.

The proceedings paused to honor the members who have died since the last National Business Meeting on June 11, 2021, with a moment of silence.

Resolution #2: October Service Challenge Month

Whereas the purpose of Kappa Gamma Pi is to strive for a high standard of personal Christian excellence and scholarship among members; to encourage individual and group initiative and participation in local and national church and secular affairs; and to awaken a spirit of Christian leadership among the undergraduates of Kappa-affiliated colleges and universities, and whereas successes in the previous October Service Challenge to support the Kappa mission of Faith and Service by promoting works by Kappa members in their communities, and whereas passage of this resolution would motivate members at large to do Kappa works, therefore be it resolved that the delegates assembled at the 46th biennial Kappa Gamma Pi National Convention encourage all members to participate in greater acts of service in their communities, and to share their success stories with the National Office.

Debate or discussion: None voiced.

Vote: Unanimous. Resolution passed.

Resolution #3: Elimination of Opportunity to Purchase Lifetime [National Dues-Payment] Membership

Whereas the opportunity for members to purchase lifetime membership has been available since the 2017 Convention, and whereas more than 50 members elected to utilize the opportunity to purchase Kappa Gamma Pi lifetime membership for various personal reasons, and whereas due to the losing fiscal proposition, and in alignment with other national organizations, it is recommended that Kappa discontinue the lifetime membership option, and whereas the status of Kappas who previously have paid \$750 for lifetime dues would not change, even if this option were discontinued, therefore be it resolved that the following language be struck and eliminated from the Kappa Gamma Pi Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1, Dues: "Members shall be allowed the opportunity to purchase lifetime membership to Kappa Gamma Pi for seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750)."

Debate or discussion: Once nominated to KGP, all members remain Kappas for life, regardless of their status as dues-payers. After an analysis of the financial impact of lifetime dues payments by the National Treasurer, this resolution was proposed by the KGP National Board and submitted to the Constitution Revisions Committee, which discussed and proposed this resolution for the delegates' review and consi-

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deration. The previous resolution that approved offering an opportunity for members to pay \$750 for a lifetime dues-payment membership was adopted at the 2017 Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the time, other national organizations were offering lifetime memberships to their members, many of them at prices much higher than \$750. Since then, many organizations have curtailed this option as over time it represents a loss of dues revenue, especially when purchased by younger members.

Vote: Ayes have it. Resolution passed.

Resolution 3 Approved Language

Article VIII, Section 1. Dues

Upon receipt of billing, the annual dues of this Society shall be payable to the National Office. The amount shall be set by the National Board which shall take into serious consideration the recommendations of the Society. The delegates assembled at the National Convention in 2017 recommended annual membership dues, and nomination fees for new inductees, be set at fifty dollars (\$50).

Resolution #4: Exemption of Annual Dues for Members of Religious Orders

Whereas the practice of exempting dues payments for Kappa members of religious orders has been in place for many decades without mention in the KGP Constitution, and whereas recent updates of the Constitution have added language that requires committee members to be dues-paying members to participate on committees, and whereas the Constitution is also silent on lifetime dues-paying members' participation on committees, and whereas the National Board does not desire to start requiring members of religious orders to be assessed annual dues, but does desire the involvement of both religious orders members and lifetime dues-paying members on committees, therefore be it resolved that the following language be added to the Kappa Gamma Pi Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1, Dues: "Members of Religious Orders and Lifetime Dues-paying members shall be exempt from annual dues payment and shall be considered current dues-paying members for Standing and Convention Committee purposes."

Debate or discussion: Grammar and spelling changes were suggested to edit the new verbiage in the Constitution to read: "Members of Religious Orders and Lifetime Dues-paying members shall be exempt from annual dues payments and shall be considered cur-

rent dues-paying members for Standing and Convention Committee purposes."

Vote: Ayes have it. Resolution passed.

Resolution 4 Approved Language

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Resolution #5: Reduction of KAPPA GAMMA PI NEWS issues from Quarterly to Biannually

Whereas the Kappa Gamma Pi National Board desires to reduce the annual costs of printing and mailing the KAPPA GAMMA PI NEWS to the membership, and whereas the proposed language change would not restrict the National Board from sending additional issues in years when budgetary funds allow it, and whereas the National Board desires to continue communications with that portion of the membership who desire to receive printed copies of the NEWS delivered through the United States Postal Service, therefore be it resolved that the Kappa Gamma Pi Constitution, Article III, Section 4, Publication be changed to read: "The official publication of this Society shall be the KAPPA GAMMA PI NEWS (hereinafter referred to as the NEWS) to be published at least biannually."

Debate or discussion: With increasing costs for production, paper, and postage, printing and distributing the NEWS is a significant and rising expense for KGP. Changing this section of the Constitution will give KGP the flexibility to limit the NEWS to two printed issues if necessary to accommodate budget constraints. The NEWS would be published and mailed biannually at a minimum, instead of quarterly. This change does not preclude mailing additional issues as funds allow. Additional issues of the eNEWS may also be distributed electronically.

Vote: Ayes have it. Resolution passed.

2023 Convention Resolutions (cont.)

Resolution 5 Approved Language

Article III, Section 4. Publication

The official publication of this Society shall be the KAPPA GAMMA PI NEWS (hereinafter referred to as the NEWS) to be published at least biannually.

Ed thanked the members of the Constitution Revisions Committee, who also served as the Convention Resolutions Committee: **Katie Pease** (*St. Catherine University, MN, '10*), **Teresa Bosh** (*Madonna University, MI, '94*), **Peggy Finnigan Jessup** (*Madonna University, MI, '02*), and **Dr. Katie Dodge** (*Madonna University, MI, '02*).§

Remembering Justyna Steuer Carlson

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

Over the 50+ years that I worked both WITH Kappas and FOR Kappa Gamma Pi, I knew every National President. Justyna Carlson, a very loyal graduate of Georgian Court College (now *University, NY, '66*) was one of these remarkable women leaders who left her mark on our unique organization.

Justyna was a born leader and served on the Kappa national level for many years. Her direction and guidance of the KGP National Board was resourceful and creative. She was warm and gracious in her approach to everyone, always welcoming and generous.

A steadfast writer, Justyna maintained an ambitious correspondence with many people. She never forgot the birthdays or anniversaries or jubilees of friends – and included numerous tidbits of newsy information in her cards. Her writing style was lengthy but so full of wonderful details (as *KGP NEWS* editor, I regretfully often had to use a red pencil on her three- or four-page reports).

As occasional convention roommates, Justyna and I shared much Kappa history together. We liked discovering noteworthy museums and local landmarks in the various cities where KGP Conventions and Board meetings took place. She was a delightful person and we enjoyed trips and treats together.

My sympathy and prayers are with her husband, Gene, who very often accompanied Justyna to KGP meetings (and then went sightseeing), and also their daughter, Marissa.§

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ny to ecumenical cooperation. Among other things, they demonstrate how Christians, despite differing theological beliefs, can effectively share in a common witness to God in fulfillment of Christ's command to look for His face in the faces of those struggling for basic sustenance, whether without a coat against the cold or confidence about their next meal.

As ChristNet's co-founder, Dr. Drutchas led the homeless shelter through its first decade as both president and executive director. He continues to provide very active leadership on the ChristNet Board of Directors as the shelter adapts to changes necessary because of the disruptions caused by the COVID pandemic.



Meanwhile, Drutchas remains Fish and Loaves' president, helping to steer Michigan's largest food pantry through some of its own challenges, especially those posed by rising food prices for everyone.

Dr. Drutchas credits his ability to work ecumenically as "one household of God" to the ecumenicity of his own family, which is both Protestant and Roman Catholic in its heritage. "I count it," he notes, "a very special blessing of God that so many of my closest friends in Christ are Roman Catholic or Protestants of many different stripes." Dr. Drutchas is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Michigan State University, Harvard University, and the Lancaster Theological Seminary. He has also studied at the Wayne State University Law School and Syracuse University. He has a doctorate in Christian ethics from the Lancaster Theological Seminary. He is married to Eileen Vernor, a human resources professional and Director of Well-Being and HR Systems for Urban Science in Detroit. They have a son, daughter-in-law, and two young grandchildren, who live in Philadelphia.

Dr. Drutchas exemplifies faith and service by "one household of God" by bringing together various religious denominations in the Metro Detroit Downriver Community. His commitment to vital ecumenical relationships, and service to his community, inspires others to live their lives of Faith and Service.

Dr. Drutchas conveyed his sincerest gratitude to KGP for awarding him the 2023 Faith and Service Award. The honorarium allowed him to provide supportive items for guests at ChristNet.§

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURER

PROFIT & LOSS

Statement of Income, Expenses and Net Assets for the
Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023

INCOME

Member Dues.....	\$25,330
Nomination Fees.....	\$20,470
Convention/National Board.....	\$700
Sale of Promotional Items.....	\$6,439
Lifetime Dues.....	\$2,850
Investment Income.....	\$6,425
Other Income.....	\$562
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$62,776

EXPENSES

Executive Secretary.....	\$30,900
Publication (Editor, printing, postage).....	\$12,706
Website.....	\$5,600
Promotional Item Purchases.....	\$4,558
National Office Expenses.....	\$2,318
Professional and Bank Fees.....	\$3,234
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	\$4,889
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$64,205
Net Operating Revenue.....	(\$1,429)

OTHER REVENUES

Realized Gain/Loss on the Sale of Investments.....	\$451
Scholarship Donations.....	\$11,465
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES.....	\$11,916

OTHER EXPENDITURES

Cornaro Scholarship Awards.....	\$7,000
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES.....	\$7,000
TOTAL NET INCOME.....	\$3,487

In Loving Memory

- **Barbara Hinrichs** (University of Detroit Mercy, '58)
- **Catherine Butler Muzio** (St. Joseph's University - Brooklyn, NY, '48)
- **Joanna Ernst Langan, Ph. D.** (D'Youville University, NY, '59)
- **Marguerite Kowaleski** (Dominican University, IL, '49)
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- **Patricia B. Kubistal, Ph. D.** (Loyola University, IL, '59), Chair, KGP Long-Range Planning Committee
- **Peter Indrisano** (Cabrini University, PA, '13)

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BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets	
General Funds Checking.....	\$60,029
Money Market.....	\$44,132
Investments - Securities.....	\$172,495
Accounts Receivable.....	\$4,380
Petty Cash.....	\$200
Total Current Assets.....	\$281,235
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

SBA PPP.....	\$1,647
Payroll Liabilities.....	\$1,873
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES.....	\$3,520
Long-Term Liabilities	
Deferred Lifetime Dues Revenue.....	\$4,550
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES.....	\$4,550
Total Liabilities.....	\$8,070

Equity

Gain on Investments.....	\$40,141
Fund Balance - Prior Year.....	\$216,472
Retained Earnings.....	\$5,940
Net Income - FY 2022-23.....	\$10,613
Total Equity.....	\$271,166

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS..... \$281,236

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Cornaro Scholarship Donation _____ Total Enclosed _____

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