



# Kappa Kappa News

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## Kappa Kappa's Meeting

Saturday, March 22, 2014

**La Madeleine**

2675 Town Center Blvd, Sugar Land 77479

9:30 a.m. Meeting

Program: Home remedies around the world



## Member Spotlight: Pat Sebastian

Pat Sebastian and husband of 46 years Jim have a daughter Lori and son Brad, along with two paper dogs: Recycled Rover and Rascals. She spent 25 years teaching, including 23 in the library. Favorites include *Language of Flowers* and *Forest Gump*. She once fell out of an attic to the tile floor below so is a survivor. She enjoys Mexican food along with reading, volunteering as an ESL tutor for Alief Early College HCS and traveling. She has enjoyed several cruises and recently returned from a three week river cruise to some enchanting countries in Europe.

**President's Message:** **CHANGE!!** Julie will be attending a conference, so our next meeting on Saturday, March 22, at 9:30 will be at **La Madeleine** in Sugar Land: 2675 Town Center Blvd, Sugar Land 77479. If you are planning to eat breakfast or get a drink or snack there, please try to arrive a bit early to get in line, so you will be seated in the back room when the meeting starts. Area 18 Coordinator Brenda Pearson will be our special guest. Our discussion question will be "What is your favorite home remedy?" This remedy could be something you read about and tried successfully or a remedy passed down in your family. It could be a remedy for ant bites, sunburn, coughing, etc. We can't wait to see everyone!!

## Save the Date:

Our next meeting is April 26.

Upcoming meetings: May 10

**Initiation/Installation at Brookwood:** April 26

**Area 18 Workshop:** September 13

## Member News

**Kathy Spiech:** Enjoyed my annual antique shopping excursion to Dallas with my daughter during spring break. Also, got to visit with my son and future daughter in law.

**Barbara Sherman:** I drove to Alexandria, LA (my hometown) to be there with my mom to help celebrate her 97th birthday!

**Marita Foreman:** Marita has the leading role in her theatre's *Murder for Dummies*, a comedy that will be on April 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Elinor can't wait to watch her in her leading lady role!!

**Shirl Hawes:** I have been busy teaching a weekly Zentangle class. Also making frequent trips to Mineral Wells to make decisions to get Hawsey's boyhood home restoration finished.

**Pat Sebastian:** My 50th high school class reunion (St. Agnes) will be celebrated on a Princess cruise with 14 of my 83 classmates in April.

**Paulette Jones:** My son got engaged on a Valentine's Day and my second grand baby will be here on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Julie Comardo:** Worked over spring break, but heading to the Mary Kay Career Conference in Galveston this weekend -- fun girl time!!!

## Happy March Birthday to

7-Dianne

12-Alexis

20-Jamye

31-Marita



Paper dogs

## **Service Learning at a Glance:** compiled by Marjorye Robinson

### Definition:

Service-learning is a curriculum-based form of community service that integrates classroom instruction and reflection with hands-on service experiences. While the number of schools organizing service-learning activities has not yet surpassed the large percentage of K-12 institutions that simply offer or organize community service, the pedagogy has experienced a surge in popularity over the past decade and is becoming an increasingly prevalent practice in public school classrooms.

## **K-12 Service-Learning Standards for Quality Practice:**

<b>Meaningful Service</b> Service-learning actively engages participants in meaningful and personally relevant service activities.	<b>Link to Curriculum</b> Service-learning is intentionally used as an instructional strategy to meet learning goals and/or content standards.	<b>Reflection</b> Service-learning incorporates multiple challenging reflection activities that are ongoing and that prompt deep thinking and analysis about oneself and one's relationship to society.	<b>Diversity</b> Service-learning promotes understanding of diversity and mutual respect among all participants.
<b>Youth Voice</b> Service-learning provides youth with a strong voice in planning, implementing, and evaluating service-learning experiences with guidance from adults.	<b>Partnerships</b> Service-learning partnerships are collaborative, mutually beneficial, and address community needs.	<b>Progress Monitoring</b> Service-learning engages participants in an ongoing process to assess the quality of implementation and progress toward meeting specified goals, and uses results for improvement and sustainability.	<b>Duration and Intensity</b> Service-learning has sufficient duration and intensity to address community needs and meet specified outcomes.

### **Websites for additional information:**

<https://nationalserviceresources.org/service-activities/service-learning>

[http://civicyouth.org/PopUps/FactSheets/FS\\_ServiceLearning.pdf](http://civicyouth.org/PopUps/FactSheets/FS_ServiceLearning.pdf)

<http://www.goodcharacter.com/SERVICE/service.html>

Thanks so much to Marjorye and Jamye for an enlightening program about service learning!

### **Socks and Sweets!**

In conjunction with their service learning program, Marjorye and Jamye would like our support for their community project. The following items are things that they need donated for nursing home residents. We will be collecting these items at the March meeting if you were unable to attend the February meeting.

A deck of playing cards or board game, Comb or brush, Hand lotion, A box of soft tissues, Jigsaw Puzzles, Greeting cards Lotions (pumps preferably), Lip balm, A nail kit, Books, magazines, or crossword puzzles, Socks.

### **Recipe Corner** with Nita Bagley:

#### Heaven in a Crockpot

1 box Betty Crocker fudge brownie mix

1/2 cup melted butter

4 eggs beaten

1 pouch Betty Crocker chocolate chip cookie mix

Mix all ingredients together in crockpot. Cook on low for 3 hours.

Serve with vanilla ice cream and chocolate chips on top!

## **Kappa Kappa Officers 2012-2014**

Co-President – Julie Comardo and Shirl Hawes  
First Vice President - Teresa Toliver  
Second Vice President – Elinor Nichols  
Recording Secretary – Tisha Jones  
Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Spiech (Hearne Grant and Molly Och awards)  
Treasurer - Pat Sebastian  
Parliamentarian – Georgia Nemeth

Kappa Kappa Chapter

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### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

February 22, 2014

The regular meeting of the Kappa Kappa Chapter was called to order at 9:35 on February 22, 2014 at Julie Comardo's home by Julie Comardo. Tisha Jones and Kathy Spiech introduced their guest, Angela Allen.

Key Quote: Read by Monica Barroso. Quote research done by Stacy Amos.

Music: Abby Hawes lead the chapter in the song "All Work Together" by Woody Guthrie

Inspiring Vision: Elinor presented the "Rosey Award Birthday Certificates" and the monthly "Achievement Awards". Julie stated that Alexis Comardo was nominated for Teacher of the Year at her school.

Service Learning: Marjorye Robinson presented our program on service learning. The Alief Taylor Mademoiselles, sponsored by Jayme Robinson and Marjorye Robinson, is a sisterhood that promotes refined womanhood and self-development and preparation for life.

These young ladies are remarkable leaders on and off the campus. They participate in a number of community service events in the Greater Houston area as well as academic service learning.

Julie asked the chapter members, "What are things you have done with your students to encourage service to others?" Members spoke about different service learning projects they have done with their students.

Ice breaker: Sally presented an ice breaker with M&M's. Everyone chose an M&M with their choice of color. Each color had a different question and based on the member's selected color they had to answer that particular question.

Business Meeting:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer report was approved. The raffle will take place in May and Pat stated she will collect all proceeds at one time.

Committee Reports: The chapter voted on the new officers. New officers are Marjorye Robinson and Jamye Robinson, Co President, Kathy Spiech, First VP, Nita Bagley, Second VP, Georgia Nemeth, Recording Secretary, Paulette Jones and Stacy Amos, Corresponding Co-Secretary, Pat Sebastian, Treasurer, Teresa Toliver, Parliamentarian. Early Educators committee is continuing their support for new teachers. Kathy has all the nominations for The Molly Och Award. Please view all of the nominations Shirl will send via email and vote.

Ceremony- Our initiation/installation ceremony will be: April 26, at 11a.m., *Brookwood Community, 1752 FM 1489, Brookshire, TX 77423*

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 by Julie. The next general meeting will be Saturday, March 22, at 9:30. We will meet at **La Madeleine** in Sugar Land: 2675 Town Center Blvd, Sugar Land 77479.

Minutes submitted by: Tisha Jones

### **Link to our website**

Please visit Kappa Kappa's amazing website. Here is the website address: <http://kappakappachapter.weebly.com>

### **February meeting photos**

