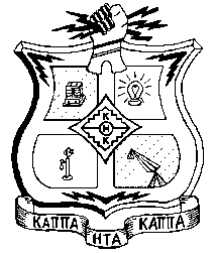


# Kappa Eta Kappa



*Homecoming 2018 Newsletter*

*Delta Alumni Association*

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## *Homecoming Is Saturday, October 20, 2018*

Homecoming this year is Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> against Illinois. Kick-off time is scheduled for 11:00 am. Tickets are usually available from the College of Engineering (CoE) if your usual ticket source is unavailable, however as of 8/7/2018, the pre-game tailgate and ticket package from CoE has sold out. If you are still interested in purchasing tickets, please email Samantha Bliss at alumni@engr.wisc.edu

Join us at the Chapter House for the annual Delta Alumni Association (DAA) sponsored pre- and post-game porch party. We'll have brats, burgers, beans, potato salad and beverages after the game and snacks before the game. Serving begins at 10:00 am and runs continuously during the game for those watching the game at the house. There is no charge for the porch party, and all KHK alumni and their guests are welcome to attend!

## *Future Meeting Schedule*

Next DAA pre-NEC special meeting..... Saturday February 16, 2019 at 1pm, Madison, WI  
Next NEC Convention..... Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Delta Chapter, Madison, WI  
Delta Exec Board meets each Monday at 7 PM at the Chapter house. All are welcome to attend!

## *Delta Housing Corporation Update*

The Delta Housing Corporation (DHC) collects rent from the chapter to cover annual house expenses (pest control, insurance, and property taxes) plus house maintenance and repair expenses. The DAA has a House Improvement Fund, which helps enable DHC to make capital or large maintenance improvements to the house. Our plan is to keep DHC expenses down, because we want to make the house affordable for members living here. The ultimate plan is to not pass down the expenses of housing projects to the chapter in the form of increased rent. Your generous donations to the House Improvement Fund help make this possible.

The DAA and DHC would like to take this opportunity to recognize the generosity of Steve Paugh (D748) and his estate. Steve passed away last year on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A memorial gathering in his honor was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 (see photo). In addition to his legacy of service to the fraternity as DAA Treasurer and DHC Director and his contributions to the chapter house in the form of display cases, audio equipment installations, and numerous other improvements, Steve also generously willed his electronic test equipment to the Delta Chapter, documents and fraternity memorabilia to the DAA, and a portion of the residue of his estate to the DHC. Steve's gift of \$45,465.89 to the DHC will help ensure our mission of high quality and affordable housing for members continues, and his legacy will be felt for many years.



Photos and items in memory of Steve Paugh, presented at the memorial gathering held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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This summer was marked by many capital improvements to the house, the most visible of which is the replacement of the front and back doors to the house for \$6,265 and the installation of an RFID entry system for \$1,343.89 (see photo). Come check out our new doors at homecoming! If any local alumni would like access to help out around the house, please contact Jerry Peplinski or Sam Hurley for details. We can provide a key fob. In addition to doors, another major capital improvement was the much-needed replacement of hot water radiator flow and bleed valves, at the cost of \$9,845. Many of the valves at the house were leaking or could not be fully shut off. Rooms were upgraded to valves with integrated thermostats, and standard valves were placed in the common areas (see photo).



Comparison of old (left) and new (right) front door interior and RFID entry system. The doors now swing outwards and have push bar openers for added safety.

Due to low rental occupancy during summer, the opportunity was taken to do significant renovation to rooms and the second floor bathroom in the house for a total of \$15,075. Work on rooms 21, 22, 25, and 37 included replacement trim, painting, installation of fixtures such as mirrors, closet rods and hangers, new networking and electrical outlets, and upgraded electrical feed for air conditioning. Water damage in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom was repaired, and renovations included new drywall, fixtures, shelves, and paint. It is the ongoing mission of the DHC to bring the rooms in the house up to a standard of living equal to or better than comparable rental options in the area.



Example of standard (left) and thermostatic (right) radiator valves that were replaced this summer.

The current balance in the House Improvement Fund is \$14,601.69. Since closing the books, only \$327.87 of the above expenses have been paid out, with an approximate total of \$32,000 remaining to be paid. Expenses related to ongoing maintenance will be covered by DHC funds, but we choose to use House Improvement Funds for capital improvements, and we have spent more than the current balance to make use of the opportunity to perform work over summer. Additional photos can be found online.

Major projects in the future include refinishing all of the wood floors in the house, including removing hallway carpet and some room carpet to expose the wood floor for refinishing, with an estimated cost of around \$10,000. Installation of a whole-house sprinkler system for fire suppression, with an estimated cost of around \$80,000.



Example of renovations and improvements done to Room 22

Adding permanently installed air conditioner units in the windows (cost unknown). Add cooling and replace hot water heat with a ductless system, estimated between \$60,000 and \$100,000. Replace all windows in the house, estimated at \$22,500 or higher (depending on the quality of the windows). Tuck pointing the brick on the house (no estimate). Your donations to the House Improvement fund will help us perform these improvements to the house.

### *Chapter Update*

During the Spring 2018 Initiation Banquet, held at Vintage Brewing Co. in Madison on April 29th, 2018, we welcomed new initiates Ethan Amundson (D1364), Stewart Hagen (D1365), Tiger He (D1366), Bradley Mickelson (D1367), Yudai Yaguchi (D1368), Stephen Yuan (D1369), and John

“Mack” Zern (D1370). We also bid farewell to our Spring 2018 graduating seniors: Sparsh Agarwal (D1349), Shyamal Anadkat (D1342), Jacob Fostner (D1337), Nicholas LePar (D1326), Trevor Maliborski (D1353), George Mao (D1354), Michael Muller (D1344), Cal Rueb (D1341), Sarah Vasher (D1348), and Ben Zaydman (D1360). The Chapter currently has 18 active members. The Chapter is currently involved in rush activities for the Fall semester Pledge Class. The current pledge trainer is Ali Zaidi (D1359) and the chapter president is Steven Ritter (D1355).

Donation fund expenditures during the last year were \$1,555.72, distributed as follows: \$1,512.30 was donated towards rush activities, bagel breakfasts, father & son dinners, pens, brochures, and football weekend food and supplies. \$43.42 was donated towards supplies for the Engineering Expo project. Please check out the attached note from the Delta Chapter President for an update on chapter activities.



Member Matthew Kramer (D1352) demonstrates the “KHKade” arcade machine at Engineering Expo

### ***DAA Update***

The DAA had our annual meeting at the Engineering Centers Building on Saturday, August 25, 2018. In attendance were the DAA officers – President Jerry Peplinski (D916), Vice President Dale Saari (D1288), Secretary Andy Koch (D1182), Treasurer Samuel Hurley (D1238), and DAA directors Mike Stemper (D833), Mark Van Susteren (D768), and Scott Woods (D823). DAA members Anton Beattie (D1292), Clive Frazier (D691), and Joe Muehlenkamp (D893) were also in attendance. Delta Chapter President Steven Ritter (D1355) was unable to attend due to a last minute family obligation. Officer reports were given, the budget for the upcoming year was passed and goals were set for the next year. A copy of the fiscal year (FY) 2017-2018 financial summary is included with this mailing. Please note that our FY runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. A particularly noteworthy item is that our dues income of \$3060.00 was the highest the DAA has ever had. We believe this is due in part to our campaign to have over 200 dues-paying members, and the new flexibility offered from online payment options. Election of officers was the final order of business. The new officers are listed on the page just before the financial report.

The DAA is looking for local alumni who can attend several meetings at Delta chapter during the school year for the purpose of conducting DAA business. If you are interested in helping with the operation of the DAA and acting as a liaison with the Chapter, please contact any of the DAA officers or directors. Including with this newsletter you will find a membership survey to update your information for the upcoming Membership Booklet.

### ***Membership Renewal Time!***

It's time to renew your membership in the Delta Alumni Association! Dues are only \$25 per year, \$10 of which goes to National to provide delegate voting at the convention and support their financial needs. We had 204 members for 2018. Use the enclosed reply slip for your 2019 membership dues. We hope you will renew for 2019!

In addition to the mail-in form, dues and donations can also be paid online with a credit card at our Delta Alumni Association website. Visit [daa.khk.org](http://daa.khk.org), and click on the “Dues and Donations” link at the top of the page. You can then fill out a form with your dues payment and any donations you wish to make (please be generous). You do *not* need a PayPal account to pay online with a credit or debit card.

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We thank you for your support of the Chapter and of the Delta Alumni Association. Don't forget to return your updated Membership Survey with your membership renewal, or update online at [daa.khk.org](http://daa.khk.org)

*Fraternally Yours,  
the Delta Alumni Association*

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DELTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF KAPPA ETA KAPPA  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

2017-2018 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT	
BEGINNING BALANCE (7/1/17)	\$ 3,729.65
2017-2018 INCOME	\$ 8,379.87
2017-2018 EXPENSES	\$ (9,901.02)
ENDING BALANCE (6/30/18)	\$ 2,208.50

DAA OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN	
DUES INCOME	\$ 8,060.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 85.37
MISC INCOME (DECALS, PENS, SALES, ETC)	\$ 0.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ (1,489.16)
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	\$ (1,787.60)
HOME COMING & ALUM EVENT EXPENSES	\$ (1,559.62)
MISC EXPENSES (UMBRELLA POLICY)	\$ (161.50)
BANK FEES (PAYPAL)	\$ (134.55)
NET GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ (1,417.06)

DELTA DONATIONS FUND	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 239.50
DONATION EXPENSES	\$ (1,555.72)
NET GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ (1,316.22)
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 560.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$ (327.87)
NET GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ 232.13
NEC DUES AND DONATIONS	
NEC DUES RECEIVED	\$ 2,020.00
NEC DONATIONS RECEIVED	\$ 345.00
NEC DUES FORWARDED	\$ (2,030.00)
NEC DONATIONS FORWARDED	\$ (855.00)
NET GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ (20.00)

ACCOUNT BALANCES			
	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,188.91	\$ 6,771.85	\$ (1,417.06)
DELTA DONATION FUND	\$ 26,478.63	\$ 30,162.41	\$ 3,683.78
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 369.56	\$ 4,601.69	\$ 4,232.13
BAR FUND	\$ 82.55	\$ 82.55	\$ 0.00
OWED TO NEC (DUES & DONATIONS)	\$ 10.00	\$ 90.00	\$ (80.00)
TOTALS	\$ 37,229.65	\$ 42,208.50	\$ 5,478.85

***A word from the President and Active members of Delta Chapter of Kappa Eta Kappa.***

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The chapter is currently nearing the end of our Fall 2018 publicity season. Publicity Chair, Tiger He, is responsible for what looks to be a very successful season, especially considering the fact that this is his first semester as an active member. Currently, about 10 prospective members have shown interest in pledging.

We gained seven new members last semester. These new members consist of many highly motivated and energetic individuals. A strong majority of the new members currently hold offices and will hopefully bring in new ideas while holding true to the aims and ideals of Kappa Eta Kappa.

This past summer was filled with numerous improvements to the house. The coordination of these improvements was spearheaded by alumnus Jerry Peplinski. Weekly meetings were held throughout the summer to discuss our own efforts at the house and plan upgrades that required professional assistance. One of the most visible and functional improvements to the house was the replacement of the front and rear exterior doors at the house. As shown below, the new front door is fresh replica of the previous door, but the rear door has changed significantly. It is now equipped with a large window complete with internal blinds. Both doors now open outward with a push bar for greater safety and functionality. In addition, alumnus Sam Hurley redesigned the previous RFID entry system. This system is now functional of both the front and rear exterior doors. The RFID scanners communicate with a central controller that possesses a programmed access list to release the latch on the door frame when an authorized WisCard is presented.



**Above:** The new front door (left) and rear door (right). RFID scanners can be found to the right of both doors at a height roughly even with the door handle.

Other summer improvements to the house include the replacement of the hot water heating register valves. This will allow for greater overall power efficiency and individual control of heat. Various room improvements were also conducted, which increased the appeal of living in the house. A strong 8 members now live in the house. The rooms improved this summer were 21, 22, 25, and 37. The tasks ranged from painting to drywall replacement to deep cleaning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom also received a fresh coat of paint, additional shelving, and a replacement of the fan. Firsthand, I can say that these improvements look tremendous. It was very exciting to see this all take shape during the summer.

Looking towards the future, we hope to utilize these improvements maintain a high occupancy rate in the house. These room improvements will serve as a selling point for prospective members who are interested in one day living at the house. In addition, the improvements have strengthened the pride that the membership has of the house. We plan on organizing more formal academic events at the house to foster scholarship and comradery.

Finally we will be hosting Badger Home Game events at the house. This includes food, fun, and a chance to enjoy Badger football at Delta chapter. We invite all alumni to stop by and enjoy this experience on the following dates:

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Wisconsin vs Nebraska**  
**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Wisconsin vs Illinois – Homecoming!**  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 Wisconsin vs Rutgers**

If there are any alumni that have any questions about events or the chapter in general, please contact Delta Chapter Vice President Tom Powers at [tpowers3@wisc.edu](mailto:tpowers3@wisc.edu) or myself from the previously listed contact information.