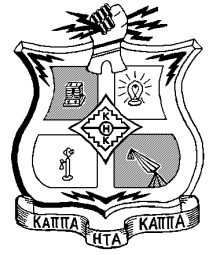


Kappa Eta Kappa



Homecoming 2019 Newsletter

Delta Alumni Association

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Homecoming Is Saturday, October 12, 2019

Homecoming this year is Saturday, October 12th against Michigan State. Kick-off time is scheduled for 2:30 pm or 3 pm. Tickets are usually available from the College of Engineering (CoE) if your usual ticket source is unavailable, however as of 9/18/2019, 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-game porch party. We'll have snacks, brats, burgers, beans, potato salad and beverages before the game, and serving begins at 11:00 am. We will continue to have food during the game for those watching 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 15, 2020 at 1 pm, Madison, WI
Next NEC Convention..... Saturday, Feb 29, 2020 at Iota Chapter, St. Cloud, MN
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.

This was another summer marked by many DHC-funded improvements to the house. We worked with our ongoing contractor, Icon LLC, to renovate the first floor bathroom, removing the deteriorating drop ceiling and replacing it with a drywall ceiling, new motion sensor lighting, and updated plumbing fixtures. Minor repairs were also done to the other two bathrooms. Two new hot water heaters were installed to replace failing units. Outdoors, new gutter downspouts were installed for better drainage and more pleasing aesthetics. A new grill for the front porch was purchased with DHC funds.

Special Call for Donations

Over the past two years, significant renovations have been accomplished thanks to the generous donation of \$61,668 from the estate of Steve Paugh to the DHC, and ongoing member donations to the DAA House Improvement Fund.

We have spent approximately \$15,000 last summer and \$27,000 this summer of DHC funds, and \$17,500 of DAA funds, and need your help to continue to fund projects.

Next summer, we plan to refurbish the remaining rooms in the house and start to work on common areas. We anticipate spending around \$27,000 next summer.

We currently have \$20,000 of DHC funds remaining from Steve Paugh, and need your help to make up our gap in funding.

Our current DAA House Improvement Fund balance is down to \$2,550. *When renewing your membership this year, please consider an extra donation to this fund.*

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Room 35 renovations, including new closets and storage space designed and built by our contractor.

With another summer of low rental occupancy during summer, significant renovation to rooms was once again done, with the goal of all rented rooms renovated by the end of next summer (2020). This summer, work on rooms 24, 25, 26, 34, 35 and 36 included, as needed, replacement of baseboard, painting, installation of fixtures such as mirrors, closet rods and hangers, new electrical outlets, and upgraded electrical feeds for air conditioning. These renovations were paid for with DHC funds, thanks to the generous donation of the estate of Steve Paugh. 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.

The current balance in the DAA House Improvement Fund is \$2,588.74. This is in large part due to the fact that the new doors, RFID system, and radiator valve projects performed in the summer of 2018 were paid out of this fund in the 2019 fiscal year. Expenses related to ongoing maintenance will be covered by DHC funds, but we choose to use House Improvement Funds for capital improvements. We hope that DAA members will continue to make generous donations to replenish this account for future projects.

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. Replace all windows in the house, estimated at \$68,000 (depending on the quality of the windows) with the addition of permanently installed air conditioner units, estimated at an additional cost of \$20,000. Your donations to the House Improvement fund will help us perform these improvements to the house.



Room 24 renovations, including a new door and lockset to replace the damaged door, mirror, and baseboards.



Graduating active Tom Powers (D1361) demonstrates the Seeing Sound Expo project for a group of visiting students.

Chapter Update

During the Spring 2019 Initiation Banquet, held at Vintage Brewing Co. in Madison on April 28th, 2019, we welcomed new initiates Matthew Bruton (D1381), Han Cao (D1382), Ling He (D1883), Tambre Hu (D1384), Stephanie Jasper (D1385), Alexander Kofman (D1386), Vivian Shi (D1387), and Matthew Spotts (D1388). We also bid farewell to our Spring 2019 departing seniors: Matthew Strimaitis (D1363), Tom Powers (D1361), and Tyler Nettesheim (D1345). The Chapter currently has 27 active members. The Chapter is currently involved in rush activities for the Fall semester Pledge Class.

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The current pledge trainer is Kiara Mutschler (D1377) the chapter president is Matthew Kramer (D1352).

Donation fund expenditures during the last year were \$1,013.37, distributed as follows: \$814.87 was donated towards rush activities, bagel breakfasts, father & son dinners, pens, brochures, and football weekend food and supplies. \$198.50 was donated towards repairs and improvements for the chapter. The chapter participated in the 2019 CoE Engineering Expo, with their display entitled "Seeing Sound." This project was a demonstration of sound, using water and a speaker to enable viewers to visualize compression waves traveling through air. Please check out the attached note from the Delta Chapter President for an update on chapter activities.



Actives Stephen Yuan (D1369), Kiara Mutschler (D1377), and Ali Zaidi (D1359) pose behind the speaker and amplifier used for the Expo project.



Group photo taken at the Spring Semester 2019 Banquet, held at Vintage Brewing Company. Back Row: Jerry Peplinski (D916), Scott Woods (D823), Matthew Bruton (D1381), Samuel Hurley (D1238), Ethan Amundson (D1364), Jaron Rosenau (D1302), Sathwik Patten (D1378), Mike Stemper (D833), Han Cao (D1382), Bryce Belgarde (D1371), Ling-zheng "Ling" He (1383), Tyler Nettesheim (D1345), Wei "Vivian" Shi (D1387), Tambre Hu (D1384), Tom Powers (D1361), Adam McAvoy (D1375), Stewart Hagen (D1365), Alexander Kofman (D1368)

Middle Row: Kiara Mutschler (D1377), Wes Koerner (D1374), Dewansh Bista (D1372), Stephen Yuan (D1369), Yudai Yaguchi (D1368)

Front Row: Oscar Zhang (D1380), Stephanie Jasper (D1385), Matthew Spotts (D1388), Samuel Julson (D1393)

DAA Update

The DAA had our annual meeting at the Delta Chapter house on Saturday, August 24, 2019. In attendance were the DAA officers – President Jerry Peplinski (D916), Secretary Andy Koch (D1182), Treasurer Samuel Hurley (D1238), and DAA directors Mike Stemper (D833), Mark Van Susteren (D768), and Scott Woods (D823). DAA members Clive Frazier (D691), Joe Muehlenkamp (D893),

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Gary Choncholas (D896), and Roy Rasmussen (D917) were also in attendance. Delta Chapter President Matthew Kramer (D1352) called in to the meeting, as he was unable to attend in person. 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) 2018-2019 financial summary is included with this mailing. Please note that our FY runs from July 1st of the current year to June 30th of the following year. Election of officers was the final order of business. The new officers are listed on the page just before the financial report.

DAA members attended the Madison Area Repeaters Association (MARA) Swapfest on April 13, 2019, held at the Mandt Center in Stoughton, WI, in order to sell unused electronics components and equipment given to the chapter by the estate of Steve Paugh. DAA officers Jerry Peplinski (D916), Scott Woods (D823), Andy Koch (D1182) and DAA member Joe Imilkowski (D785) helped with this event, in addition to active chapter members Samuel Julson (D1339), Brad Mickelson (D1367), and John “Mac” Zern (D1370). In total, a net of \$527.30 (gross \$626.30, expenses \$99.00) was earned for the chapter. We thank all those who participated in this successful



Items donated to the active chapter by the estate of Steve Paugh, up for sale at the MARA Swapfest. Active members Sam Julson (D1339), Brad Mickelson (D1367), and Mac Zern (D1370), and are assisting behind the table.

event, which involved another one of Steve’s communities outside of the fraternity. Items that were not sold at Swapfest will be on display at the house during the homecoming pre-party, and members are invited to browse through this collection and take any items they may find useful for their own projects.

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 182 members for 2019. Use the enclosed reply slip for your 2020 membership dues. Please return your dues by November 25th, 2019. We hope you will renew for 2020!

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, 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.

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

*Fraternally Yours,
the Delta Alumni Association*

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DELTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF KAPPA ETA KAPPA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

2018-2019 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE (7/1/18)	\$	62,208.50
2018-2019 INCOME	\$	17,452.84
2018-2019 EXPENSES	\$	<u>(25,629.09)</u>
ENDING BALANCE (6/30/19)	\$	54,032.25

DAA OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN

DUES INCOME	\$	2,730.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$	630.22
MISC INCOME (DECALS, PENS SALES, ETC)	\$	852.62
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$	(702.52)
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	\$	(1,707.56)
HOMECOMING & ALUM EVENT EXPENSES	\$	(836.60)
MISC EXPENSES (UMBRELLA POLICY)	\$	(100.00)
BANK FEES (PAYPAL)	\$	<u>(163.54)</u>
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	702.62

DELTA DONATIONS FUND

DONATION INCOME	\$	4,820.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$	<u>(1,013.37)</u>
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	3,806.63

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND

DONATION INCOME	\$	5,655.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$	<u>(17,697.95)</u>
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	(12,042.95)

NEC DUES AND DONATIONS

NEC DUES RECEIVED	\$	1,810.00
NEC DONATIONS RECEIVED	\$	955.00
NEC DUES FORWARDED	\$	(1,870.00)
NEC DONATIONS FORWARDED	\$	<u>(955.00)</u>
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$	(60.00)

ACCOUNT BALANCES

	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE	Δ
GENERAL FUND	\$ 16,771.85	\$ 17,474.47	\$ 702.62
DELTA DONATION FUND	\$ 30,162.41	\$ 33,969.04	\$ 3,806.63
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 14,601.69	\$ 2,558.74	\$ (12,042.95)
BAR FUND (CLOSED, WITH BEER COOLER REPAIR)	\$ 582.55	\$ -	\$ (582.55)
OWED TO NEC (DUES&DONATIONS)	\$ 90.00	\$ 30.00	\$ (60.00)
TOTALS	\$ 62,208.50	\$ 54,032.25	\$ (8,176.25)

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

Matt Kramer
President of Delta Chapter – Kappa Eta Kappa

September 29th, 2019

Dear alumni of Delta Chapter of Kappa Eta Kappa,

The chapter has hit the semester with a running start. To efficiently prioritize our objectives as an organization, the active members anonymously submitted feedback on the past semester and the current state of the chapter. Generally, the active membership felt that the chapter's strengths lie in a strong social atmosphere and a feeling of belonging in a fraternal community. However, the active membership agreed that the chapter possesses a weakness for the professional benefits of the fraternity.

Currently, we are reducing this reported professional gap by encouraging professional events at the house and more alumni connections. During one of our publicity events, Maddy Janick, a recent alumna who works in engineering at Capital One, delivered a talk on professional life after school and opportunities at Capital One. We have also scheduled future talks later in the semester. We encourage all alumni to stay connected to the active membership by dropping in during our weekly meetings on Mondays at 8pm or contacting myself for potential KHK talks.



Maddy Janick discussing her career in software engineering at Capital One.

Eight new active members were initiated last semester, with many holding offices. One of these eight initiates, Alex Koffman, has taken initiative and updated our website with the latest membership at <http://delta.khk.org/members/>. Thanks to our hard-working publicity chair, Adam McAvoy, our publicity events have been successful thus far. About 15 prospective members have displayed interest in pledging.

Alumni Jerry Peplinski and Sam Hurley have spearheaded improvements to the house this past summer. New closets, repainting, and other improvements have been installed in a number of the rooms. A new toilet was installed in the first floor bathroom, and a broken water heater was fixed. The chapter house is nearly full with 10 out of the 12 available rooms occupied, resulting in significant improvements in participation, comradery, and general cleanliness of the house.

Fraternally,
Matt Kramer

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