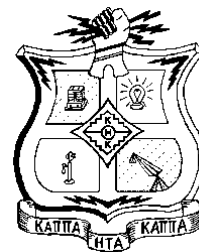


# Kappa Eta Kappa



*Homecoming 2021 Newsletter*

*Delta Alumni Association*

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## ***Homecoming Is Saturday, October 30, 2021***

Homecoming this year is Saturday, October 30th against the Iowa Hawkeyes. Kick-off time is scheduled for 11:00 am. In past years, the College of Engineering (CoE) has hosted a pre-game tailgate and ticket package, however this year the reception for Engineer's Day is scheduled for November 12, 2021.

However, we are getting back to our normal tradition, so please join us at the Chapter House for the annual Delta Alumni Association (DAA) sponsored pre-game in-person porch party. We'll have snacks, brats, burgers, potato salad and beverages before the game, and serving begins at 10:00 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 12, 2022, Format TBD  
Next NEC Convention..... Saturday, Feb 26, 2022 at Delta Chapter, Madison, WI  
Delta Exec Board meets each Monday at 7 pm at the Chapter House & on Zoom. All 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. Your donations to the DAA House Improvement Fund will help us continue our mission to provide affordable housing to members of KHK while improving the house through maintenance and large capital projects.

While our ongoing mission is to keep rent for members as low as possible, the rent charged by DHC to the active chapter for the house has not increased in many years. With constantly increasing tax and insurance, combined with spending over the past three years towards improvements, the DHC is discussing a rent increase starting for the Fall of 2022 rental period. A fiscal analysis is currently being performed of best-, worst-, and typical-case scenarios for occupancy and expenses to determine how we will proceed.

Our mission to update and renovate all rented rooms in the house is nearly complete, with 11 out of 12 rooms renovated over the past three years. This summer, we met with our preferred contractor, Icon LLC, to design a lofted

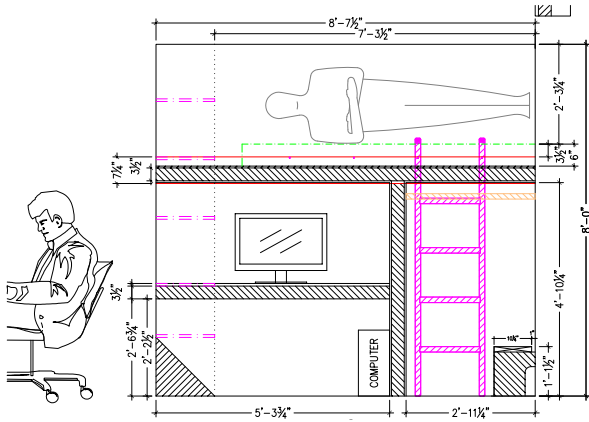
### ***Special Call for Donations***

Significant renovations have been accomplished over the past 3 years, thanks to donations from the estate of Steve Paugh to the DHC, and from members to the DAA.

Moving forward, we would like to focus on improving and updating common areas of the house. The next large project we are targeting is refinishing of the wood floors in the house. We currently have quotes from two vendors, Schreffler Custom Wood Flooring and Sergenian's Floor Coverings.

Approximate estimates are \$4,000 for just the first floor; \$7000 for the first floor, upstairs hallways, and library; and \$12,000 for all of this plus six rooms with exposed floors. The prices includes removal of carpet in hallways, library, and chapter office. Prices are subject to change due to supply and market volatility.

*When renewing your membership this year, please consider an extra donation to the House Improvement Fund.*



Design for a lofted bed system for Room 27 by our contractor Icon, LLC. The design was discussed at weekly summer DHC meetings, and is part of a plan to complete renovation of Room 27 for a cost of \$5,000. We anticipate this work will occur in Summer of 2022.

bed system for Room 27, which is the final room that requires a refresh, and we worked out a design at a fixed bid price of \$5,000. Due to timing issues for our contractor, and the desire to reduce spending this summer, work will be performed next year if possible.

The DHC once again accomplished large projects over the summer. The back parking lot at the house was becoming muddy, with ruts forming in the ground due to car tires. A project to resurface the back lot with gravel was undertaken, utilizing the Hamm's pickup truck to haul gravel from the supplier over to the house. In total, five tons of gravel were moved over five trips. Helping out were DAA officers Jerry Peplinski (D916), Roy Rasmussen (D917), and Sam Hurley (D1238), as well as actives Ethan Amundson (D1364), and Bryce Belgarde (D1457).

Our other major outdoor project involved cleaning and staining the front and back porches of the house. The porches were previously stained eight years ago, in summer of 2013, and were in need of a refresh. Staining the porches was a process over multiple days, involving obtaining stain and other supplies; two days of prep to clean the wood so it would be ready to accept new stain, a day of staining decks and interior railings and posts, a second day staining the exterior surfaces with a ladder, and several visits for inspection and touch-up. Helping with this massive project were alumni Sam Hurley (D1238), Andy Koch (D1182), Joe Muehlenkamp (D893), Jerry Peplinski (D916), and Roy Rasmussen (D917), as well as members Ethan Amundson (D1364), Bryce Belgarde (D1457), Dewansh Bista (D1372), Samuel Erickson (D1393), Ronald Li (D1403), Abhishek Mhatre (D1404), and Sathwik Patten (D1378).



Members Ethan Amundson (left) and Bryce Belgarde (right) work with alumnus Roy Rasmussen (center) to unload gravel from the back of the Hamm's truck.



A view from above of the Chapter House back parking lot, resurfaced with a fresh layer of gravel. Please visit our web site to see more photos: <http://daa.khk.org>

The DHC also replaced the chapter's dishwasher with a new GE Adora unit, with the cost split equally between the Housing Corporation and active chapter. The DHC holds a weekly meeting on Zoom during the summer to review ongoing projects, discuss future projects, and keep everyone updated on the state of the house. Meetings are held at 7 pm on Mondays, and all are welcome to join.

This year, the House Improvement Fund unfortunately has a negative balance of -\$1,453. Last fiscal year, this fund ended with a balance of \$20,586, with approximately \$80,000 of outstanding payments, due to renovation costs exceeding our expected budget. Since the last

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Alumni and members helping to stain the front and back porches of the Chapter House. Pictured from left to right: Abhishek Mhatre, Dewansh Bista, Bryce Belgarde, Joe Muehlenkamp, Andy Koch, Sam Hurley (front), Ronald Li (back), Sam Erickson, Sathwik Patten, and Ethan Amundson. See <http://daa.khk.org> for more photos.

newsletter was published, we have worked out a plan with Icon LLC. to pay off this balance in installments. It was decided that the cost would be split \$30,000 from DAA House Improvement Funds and \$50,000 from DHC funds. Therefore, in the DAA fiscal year (2020-21), \$30,000 was paid out from the House Improvement Fund, leaving a negative balance. The negative balance is there to reflect the fact that more was spent than budgeted and will allow us to keep track of how funds are earmarked, rather than transferring from one account to another.

Because of these larger than anticipated expenses, this summer we focused on work that was lower cost in nature, however still important, in order to begin replenishing our funds. To maintain cash flow for DHC, a loan from the DAA to DHC for the sum of \$20,000 at 2% interest was executed in July of 2021 (next DAA fiscal year). In the long-term, DHC will investigate an increase in rent to repay this loan.

More than ever, we need alumni to help continue our mission by contributing to the House Improvement Fund. We have a goal over the next year to both replenish the House Improvement Fund back to a positive balance, and also collect enough money to continue with important renovation work to the house, with a focus on common areas such as refinishing floors and removing worn carpeting.

The DHC maintains a list of major projects that may come up in the future, including refinishing all of the wood floors in the house, with removal of carpet in the hallways, chapter office, and room carpet to expose the wood floor for refinishing, with an estimated cost of \$4,000 - \$12,000 (depending on scope); installation of a whole-house sprinkler system for fire suppression, with an estimated cost of around \$80,000; replacing 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 this important work.



Newly installed GE Adora dishwasher in the Chapter House kitchen, to replace the old non-functional and leaking dishwasher. Thanks to DAA officers Roy Rasmussen and Jerry Peplinski for their help installing the dishwasher. The cost for the unit was split equally between the DHC and active chapter.

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### ***Chapter Update***

Due to the ongoing pandemic, new initiates were welcomed into the chapter in Spring of 2021, but the traditionally held banquet dinner was not held due to the circumstances. The chapter welcomed Max Albers (D1400), Connor Dyjach (D1401), Parker Jorenby (D1402), Ronald Li (D1403), Abhishek Mhatre (D1404), Robert Miller (D1405), Safwat Rahman (D1406), Kashin Shah (D1407), Girik Soni (D1408), Bhavit Sai Sunkara (1409), and Franklin Wang (D1410) as new active members. We also bid farewell to our Spring 2021 departing seniors: Matthew Bruton (D1381), Ronald Li (D1403), Marwan McBride (D1396), and John Zern (D1370). The Chapter currently has 30 active members. The Chapter is currently involved in rush activities for the Fall semester pledge class. The current pledge trainer is Parker Jorenby (D1402) the chapter president is Samuel Erickson (D1393).

Donation funds allocated to the chapter for 2020-21, which are typically used to fund rush events and activities, were not utilized last year due to covid. There is a full calendar of rush events for Fall 2021.

### ***DAA Update***

The DAA had our annual meeting online using Zoom on Saturday, August 21, 2021. In attendance were the DAA officers – President Jerry Peplinski (D916), Vice President Roy Rasmussen (D917), Secretary Andy Koch (D1182), Treasurer Samuel Hurley (D1238), and DAA Directors Joe Muehlenkamp (D893) and Scott Woods (D823). Delta alumnus Paul Geisel (D252) and honorary Dwight Swacina (D1179H) were also in attendance, as well as Delta Chapter President Samuel Erickson (D1393) and Publicity Chair Connor Dyjach (D1401). 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) 2020-2021 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. 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. We are currently hosting hybrid meetings held both in-person and online using Zoom. 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 177 members for 2021. Use the enclosed reply slip for your 2022 membership dues. Please return your dues by November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We hope you will renew for 2022!

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.

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)

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#### DELTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF KAPPA ETA KAPPA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

### 2020-2021 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE (6/30/2020)	\$	65,118.42
2020-2021 INCOME	\$	17,950.87
2020-2021 EXPENSES	\$	<u>(33,809.79)</u>
ENDING BALANCE (7/01/2021)	\$	49,259.50

DAA OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN	
DUES INCOME	\$ 2,655.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 460.87
MISC INCOME (DECALS, PENS SALES, ETC)	\$ 36.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ (172.18)
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	\$ (575.58)
HOMECOMING & ALUM EVENT EXPENSES	\$ -
MISC EXPENSES (UMBRELLA POLICY)	\$ (193.50)
PAYPAL FEES	\$ (210.53)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ 2,000.08

DELTA DONATIONS FUND	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 4,183.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$ -
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ 4,183.00
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 7,958.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$ (30,000.00)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ (22,042.00)
NEC DUES AND DONATIONS	
NEC DUES RECEIVED	\$ 1,750.00
NEC DONATIONS RECEIVED	\$ 908.00
NEC DUES FORWARDED	\$ (1,750.00)
NEC DONATIONS FORWARDED	\$ (908.00)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ -

ACCOUNT BALANCES			
	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE	Δ
GENERAL FUND	\$ 17,333.34	\$ 19,333.42	\$ 2,000.08
DELTA DONATION FUND	\$ 27,196.08	\$ 31,379.08	\$ 4,183.00
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 20,589.00	\$ (1,453.00)	\$ (22,042.00)
OWED TO NEC (DUES&DONATIONS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 65,118.42	\$ 49,259.50	\$ (15,858.92)

*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 middle of our Fall 2021 semester.

Now that COVID-19 is starting to die down a bit due to high vaccination rates in and around campus, Delta Chapter has had our first rush semester since UW-Madison students got sent home due to the pandemic. A few of our rush events included a grill out, where we hung out on our front porch, made some food, and socialized; game night, where we played board games, card games, and video games; and fiesta night, where we made tacos and socialized amongst the pledges. We have about 26 new pledges, which is an amazing number and exactly what we needed after a few semesters with no new pledges.

We've had a few new house improvements since the last newsletter. These projects were organized and planned by DHC, and the chapter provided the muscle to get the work done. One of the projects was laying gravel in the back parking lot. It has made the back parking lot look a lot better and helps with water when it rains a lot. Another project we did was staining the porches. We first sprayed the porches with the remover, stained the inside of the porches, and then a few weeks later stained the outside of the porches. A big thank you to all the Delta members that helped with those projects as well as the members of DHC and DAA that helped as well. The house also recently got a new dishwasher that has been running smoothly since it got installed. The last one was leaking but still ran until one day it decided to kick the bucket. The one we have now is more up to date and runs great.

We have also started doing tailgates again now that COVID restrictions have come down a bit. We grill out on the front porch and socialize. Any alumni looking for a place to hangout and are in the Madison area should stop by and see the house and current members on game day or any day!

The current outlook for the Delta Chapter looks very bright and it's safe to say that all the members are excited for what the future has in store for Delta Chapter. We have an amazing and diverse pledge class, we can hold in person events again, and the house continues to improve. COVID-19 threw us for a loop, but KHK is back to being active and a close community for the Delta Chapter members! I hope everyone across the organization has a great rest of their year! GO KHK!

If any alumni has any questions about the chapter, please contact the KHK Vice President Jacob Berry at [jberry2@wisc.edu](mailto:jberry2@wisc.edu) or myself at the previously listed contact information.



Delta Chapter active members hanging out. Top row (left to right): Bryce Belgarde, Kiara Mutschler, Americo Childs, Connor Dyjach, Sathwik Patterm. Bottom row (left to right): Abhishek Mhatre, Bradley Mickelson, Sam Erickson, and Tambre Hu.