

Kappa Eta Kappa



Homecoming 2023 Newsletter

Delta Alumni Association

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Homecoming Is Saturday, October 7, 2023

Homecoming this year is Saturday, October 7th against the Rutgers. Kick-off time is not yet scheduled, and may be either 11:00 am or 2:30/3 pm. The College of Engineering (CoE) is hosting an alumni pre-game tailgate and ticket package. Please visit the CoE web site for details: <https://go.wisc.edu/933kvm>

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 two hours prior to kick-off. We will have the game playing on TV and continue to have food available during the game for those who wish to stay and watch 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

KHK 100th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, Oct 21, 2023 Delta Chapter, Madison, WI
Next DAA pre-NEC special meeting..... Saturday, Feb 10, 2024, Union South, Madison, WI
Next NEC Convention Saturday, Feb 24, 2024 at Beta Chapter, Minneapolis, MN
Delta Exec Board meets each Monday at 7 pm at the Chapter House & on Zoom. All welcome to attend.

Kappa Eta Kappa 100th Anniversary Celebration

Alumni are invited to an event celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Kappa Eta Kappa. The KHK Classic Mini Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 3 pm, at the Delta Chapter House. The event will feature an 18 hole mini golf course, food, prizes for tournament winners, and an after party (starting at 6 pm) for all attendees to enjoy. The event is free to attend, but donations starting at \$25 are encouraged to help pay for the event. The party is bring your own drink (BYOD). For more information, contact NEC President Jarod Koeppel (koeppe058@umn.edu).

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 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 has increased the last two years. With constantly increasing tax and insurance, combined with spending over the past five years on major house improvements, the DHC felt an increase was appropriate to cover these costs. After many years of consistent rates, DHC increased rent charged to the chapter from \$2,600 to \$2,800 in 2022-23 (7.7% increase), and to \$3,000 (7.1% increase) for 2023-24. DHC are proposing another increase of \$200/month (6.25%) for the 2024-25 rental year. Ongoing financial analysis will be done to ensure that revenue will keep up with increasing costs.



Members of the Spring 2023 Delta pledge class help to cut and install new ceiling tiles in the chapter house living room.

The past five years have seen many major improvement projects at the Delta chapter house. From 2018 through 2020, every room in the chapter house was renovated, including painting, drywall repair, electrical upgrades (light fixtures and ceiling fans), rebuilding of closets and walls, and flooring (some rooms). This work was accomplished in part from a large donation from the estate of Steve Paugh, and through generous donations from our alumni members of DAA.

After room renovations, attention was shifted to common areas of the house. The summer of 2021, the front and rear porches of the chapter house were re-stained, and the back parking lot gravel was replaced, with

volunteer alumni and active members contributing their time to accomplish these projects. In the summer of 2022, the hardwood floors in all of the common areas of the house were refinished by Sergenian's Floor Coverings. Please see our DAA website at <https://daa.khk.org> for photos of projects.

After many accomplishments over the past five years, this past summer of 2023 was a time to shift focus to smaller projects, while building up donation funds towards our future goals. This spring, we enlisted the help of the Spring 2023 Delta pledge class to replace ceiling tiles in the living and front rooms of the house. Additionally, ongoing cleaning and maintenance of rooms during check-out and check-in is done to ensure the house stays in good repair. Please reach out if you are willing to donate time to help with this ongoing effort.

The next major project the DAA and DHC wish to tackle is an update to the kitchen space, including replacement of lower kitchen cabinets and countertops to match the newer upper cabinets, replacement of the kitchen floor, and updated LED lighting in the kitchen and other common areas. We are working to obtain quotes from local vendors to perform these services.

We depend on donations from alumni to help continue our mission through contributions to the House Improvement Fund. Last year we had approximately \$9,200 in donations to this fund from our alumni, disbursed approximately \$5,500 in donations. The current balance in this DAA-managed fund is just over \$10,000, and we are continuing to save funds to be able to tackle our next large house project. To maintain cash flow for DHC, a loan from the DAA to DHC was executed in July of 2021, for the sum of \$20,000 at 2% interest. The rent increase by DHC to the active chapter will help to replenish funds towards the eventual repayment of this loan balance.



Delta Chapter House living room, with updated ceiling tiles thanks to the Spring 2023 Delta pledge class.

The DHC maintains a list of major projects that may come up in the future including 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

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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.

Chapter Update

New initiates were welcomed into the chapter in Spring of 2023, with a banquet held on April 23, 2023 at the Delta Chapter house. The chapter welcomed Vidit Agrawal (D1459), Rudy Banerjee (D1460), Andrew Diener (D1461), Karan Kapur (D1462), Arushi Renschler Pandey (D1463), Ansh Singh (D1464), and Brock Upson (D1465) as new active members. We also bid farewell to our Spring 2023 departing seniors: Americo Childs (D1391), Lindsay Dyjach (D1413), Ryan Jackson (D1420), Parker Jorenby (D1402), Sangone Jung (D1395), Dev Mehrotra (D1425), Abhishek Mhatre (D1404), Robert Miller (D1405), Alex Paprocki (D1445), Franklin Wang (D1410), and Eric Zhou (D1399). The Chapter currently has 42 active members. The Chapter is currently involved in rush activities for the Fall semester pledge class. The current pledge trainer is Abhimanyu Gupta (D1439) and the chapter president is Kira Israni (D1419).



Spring of 2023 group photo, taken after initiating a new class of active Delta members. A banquet was held at the Delta Chapter house, April 23, 2023. **Pictured, back row:** (left side) Abhimanyu Gupta, Matthew Hernandez, Benjamin Klicker, (middle) Daniel Zimmerman, Jack Rollins, James Hunt, Junaid Ackroyd, Karan Kapur, Noah Olson, Lindsay Dyjach, (upper-right) Rudy Banerjee. **Middle Row:** Vidit Agarwal, George Vajagich, Dev Mehrotra, Michael Wong, Ansh Pratap Singh, Patrick Brophy, Jack Klausner, Luke Neuendorf. **Front Row:** Eric Zhou, Sam Erickson, Andrew Diener, Abhishek Mhatre, Brock Upson.

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Each year, we ask Delta Alumni for donations to the active chapter, which are used to fund rush events and activities, as well as provide publicity materials. In 2022-23, alumni donated over \$4,000 to the active chapter, and the DAA dispersed over \$2,500 in donations to cover the chapter rush expenses.

DAA Update

The DAA had our annual meeting at Union South on Saturday, August 19, 2023. In attendance were the DAA officers – President Jerry Peplinski (D916), Secretary and Treasurer Samuel Hurley (D1238), and DAA Director Scott Woods (D823). Delta alumnus Michael Stemper (D833) was also in attendance, as well as Delta Chapter President Kira Israni (D1419), Treasurer Patrick Brophy (D1449), and Delta active Daniel Zimmerman (D1433). 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) 2022-2023 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.

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. A membership survey is included with this newsletter, where you can update your contact information and sign up for meeting invitations.



Photo of in-person attendees of the Annual DAA meeting, held at Union South on Aug 21st.
From left to right: Samuel Hurley, Michael Stemper, Daniel Zimmerman, and Patrick Brophy.

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 167 members for 2023. Use the enclosed reply slip for your 2024 membership dues. Please return your dues by November 25th, 2023. We hope you will renew for 2024!

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

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*Fraternally Yours,
the Delta Alumni Association*

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DELTA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF KAPPA ETA KAPPA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

2022-2023 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT	
BEGINNING BALANCE (6/30/2022)	\$ 59,478.64
2022-2023 FY INCOME	\$ 18,690.56
2022-2023 FY EXPENSES	\$ (14,355.80)
ENDING BALANCE (7/06/2023)	\$ 63,813.40

DAA OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN	
DUES INCOME	\$ 2,505.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 400.00
MISC INCOME (DECALS, PENS SALES, ETC)	\$ 141.56
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ (997.94)
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	\$ (1,528.73)
HOMECOMING & ALUM EVENT EXPENSES	\$ (860.30)
MISC EXPENSES (UMBRELLA POLICY)	\$ (293.50)
PAYPAL FEES	\$ (200.69)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ (834.60)

DELTA DONATIONS FUND	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 4,069.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$ (2,619.21)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ 1,449.79
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 9,165.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$ (5,445.43)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ 3,719.57
NEC DUES AND DONATIONS	
NEC DUES RECEIVED	\$ 1,660.00
NEC DONATIONS RECEIVED	\$ 750.00
NEC DUES FORWARDED	\$ (1,660.00)
NEC DONATIONS FORWARDED	\$ (750.00)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ -

ACCOUNT BALANCES			
	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE	Δ
GENERAL FUND	\$ 19,566.05	\$ 18,731.45	\$ (834.60)
DELTA DONATION FUND	\$ 33,440.50	\$ 34,890.29	\$ 1,449.79
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 6,472.09	\$ 10,191.66	\$ 3,719.57
OWED TO NEC (DUES&DONATIONS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 59,478.64	\$ 63,813.40	\$ 4,334.76

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

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The chapter is just starting off our Fall 2023 semester, and has a lot of new and exciting changes.

The Delta Chapter has continued to strengthen our community from last year with an energetic pledge class these last two semesters. We currently have 42 members and are anticipating welcoming a large pledge class this semester, reflecting the growing outreach from our fraternity. Publicity has kicked off, spearheaded by Ben Klicker, hosting events such as bowling night, game night, casino night, and an open house. In addition to that, our Vice President, Jack Rollins, has created an outreach video posted on our Instagram showcasing members' summer experiences, social events, and study sessions. We have also made t-shirts and stickers to promote our fraternity with the goal of expansion.

One important goal we have for this semester is to highlight and present academic opportunities for the fraternity and its members. To achieve this, we have adjusted the content of meetings to include presentations from members about the research they have done, past internships, or projects. This will help enhance our members' presentations skills and public speaking, as well as allow other members to expand knowledge of opportunities outside of the fraternity. Additionally, we have started reaching out to more representatives from engineering and computer science companies to invite them to do an industry talk at our fraternity. We aim to implement these events monthly along with resume workshops, alumni panels and networking days.

Currently, all the rooms in the house are occupied! The fraternity house has remained a place where members enjoy coming to spend time at, and we have hosted many bonfires and game nights this past year. We have continued to have house days for members to come help out around the house and have recently replaced our ceiling tiles, along with other beneficial projects.

The start of the football season has been exciting as always! We continue to hold tailgates for each home game, where we grill out on the porch and socialize. While some members attend games, many stay at the house to watch the game together along with any alumni who attend. We encourage you to stop by the house for some food at any upcoming home game! Our big homecoming tailgate is on October 7th. We will have plenty of food and drinks and would love for you to come say hi!

Additionally, this semester the Delta house will be hosting an event set up by NEC on October 21st to celebrate the 100th year of KHK! We invite all alumni to come play mini golf around the house with the actives.

The Delta Chapter's future is exciting with new potential for the fraternity and its members. While we will continue the social events we have held in the past, we hope the added academic events will give members more opportunities and skills to use in the future. The actives are highly motivated to make a difference and give their valuable input to this fraternity. We hope to see you at the Homecoming tailgate or the NEC 100th year celebration! Stay tuned to see what the fraternity and these members accomplish the rest of the year. GO KHK!