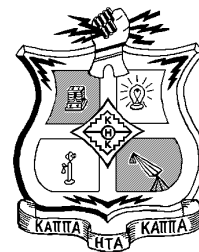


Kappa Eta Kappa



Homecoming 2024 Newsletter

Delta Alumni Association

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Homecoming Is Saturday, October 26, 2024

Homecoming this year is Saturday, October 26th against Penn State. Kick-off time is not yet scheduled, and may be 11:00 am, 2:30 pm, or 6:00 pm. As of the publication of this newsletter, we are not aware of any College of Engineering (CoE) tailgate and ticket package, which has been offered in past years.

Please join us at the Chapter House for the annual Delta Alumni Association (DAA) sponsored pre-game in-person porch party. We will 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

Delta Chapter Centennial Saturday, Oct 12, 2024 Delta Chapter & Union South, Madison, WI
Next DAA pre-NEC special meeting Saturday, Feb 8, 2025, Union South, Madison, WI
Next NEC Convention Saturday, Feb 22, 2025 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 Chapter Centennial Celebration

The Delta Chapter of Kappa Eta Kappa was founded on February 9th, 1924. The Delta Alumni Association, in coordination with Delta Chapter, are hosting a series of Centennial Celebration events. The chapter is hosting a KHK House Party on Friday, October 11th, starting at 7 pm (until late). This is your chance to relive your college years and socialize in the chapter house basement. The Delta Chapter is hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 12th, starting at 11:00 am. There will be snacks, brats, burgers, and beverages for lunch. This is an opportunity to see all of the chapter house improvements that have been made over the years, meet the current active members, and learn about some of the activities the chapter is engaged in. Everyone (all ages) is welcome to the open house.

Following the open house, a banquet dinner will be held at Union South, 5:00 – 9:00 pm. An RSVP is required to attend dinner, and RSVPs were due on September 26th. If you did not RSVP for dinner, you are still very welcome to attend the party and open house events. For more details, visit daa.khk.org.

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.

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While our ongoing mission is to keep rent for members as low as possible, over the previous three years the DHC has implemented an increase in rent in order to keep up with increasing tax, insurance costs, and to keep funds available to support major house improvements. After many years of consistent rates, in FY 2022-23 the DHC increased monthly rent from \$2,600 to \$2,800 (7.7% increase). In FY 2023-24, monthly rent was increased to \$3,000 (7.1% increase), and this year (FY 2024-25) rent was increased by \$300/month to our new current rate of \$3,300 per month (10% increase). Ongoing financial analysis will be performed to ensure that revenue will to keep up with increasing costs.

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.

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 to improve the chapter house. Last year we had approximately \$9,400 in donations from our alumni to the House Improvement Fund. We did not spend funds on a major project last year, and now have a balance of approximately \$19,500 to use for our next major project, which will be kitchen cabinets and floor. 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.

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 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 2024, with a banquet held on April 28, 2024 at The Great Dane, Madison, WI. The chapter welcomed KJ Dhande (D1482), Raghav Jindal (D1483), Fin Kuhse (D1484), McKenzie Kujava (D1485), Hunter Lawry (D1486), Abhay Mettu (D1487), Lexi Pietenpol (D1488), Praneet Popuri (D1489), Ethan Race (D1490), and Matthew Ye (D1491) as new active members. We also bid farewell to our Spring 2024 departing seniors Abhimanyu Gupta (D1439), James Hunt (D1417), Nick Im (D1441), Jack Rollins (D1447), George Vajagich (D1457), and Imogen Youngs (D1481). The Chapter currently has 44 active members. The Chapter is currently involved in rush activities for the Fall semester pledge class. The current pledge trainer is Ryan Young (D1480) and the chapter president Karan Kapur (D1462).



Spring 2024 group photo, taken after initiating a new class of active Delta members. A banquet was held at the Great Dane downtown, April 28, 2024. **Back row, left to right:** Kevin Park, Vincent Iadarola, Benjamin Klicker, Hunter Lawry, KJ Dhande, Finn Kuhse, McKenzie Kujava, Raghav Jindal, Matthew Ye, Ethan Race, George Vajagich, William Tobin. **Upper Middle Row:** Abhimanyu Gupta, Tanner Birenbaum, Praneet Popuri, Abhay Mettu, Karan Kapur. **Lower Middle Row:** Arnav Bhardia, Tyler Richard, Dev Mehrotra, Jack Klausner, Daniel Sandoval. **Front Row:** Ryan Young, Andrew Diener, Imogen Youngs, Dhruv Kerai, Max Schwarz, Nicole Kemnitz, Sam Erickson.

Last semester, a new Delta Chapter Exceptional Member Award was introduced, to recognize active members of the chapter who have gone above and beyond their normal duties. Members were invited to apply for this award, including a written personal statement, and several criteria including attendance, planning special events, and academic excellence were considered. The Spring 2024 awardees were Nicole Kemnitz (D1469), Dev Mehrotra (D1425), and Jack Rollins (D1447). Awards were presented at the Spring banquet, including a certificate, \$150 cash award, and a gift from the chapter president.

The chapter participated in Engineering Expo 2024, and their project was titled “Learn 2 Code”.

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 2023-24, alumni donated \$4,800 to the active chapter, and the DAA dispersed over \$3,200 in donations to cover chapter rush events and activities.

DAA Update

The DAA had our annual meeting at the Delta Chapter House on Sunday, September 15, 2024. In attendance were the DAA officers – President Jerry Peplinski (D916), Treasurer Samuel Hurley (D1238), and DAA Secretary Parker Jorenby (D1402). Delta alumni Jack Rollins (D1447), Michael Stemper (D833), and John Vaughan (D1143) were also in attendance, as well as Delta Chapter President Karan Kapur (D1462). 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) 2023-2024 financial summary is

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included with this mailing. Our 2023-24 FY ran from July 6, 2023 to July 18, 2024. Election of officers was the final order of business. The new officers are listed on the page just before the financial report.



Photo of attendees of the Annual DAA meeting, held at the Delta Chapter House on Sep 15th. **From left to right:** Parker Jorenby (D1402), Karan Kapur (D1462) Jerry Peplinski (D916), Michael Stemper (D833), and Samuel Hurley (D1238). **Not pictured:** John Vaughan (D1143), Jack Rollins (D1447).

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 164 members for 2024. Use the enclosed reply slip for your 2025 membership dues. Please return your dues by November 30th, 2024. We hope you will renew for 2025!

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

2023-2024 SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT	
BEGINNING BALANCE (7/06/2023)	\$ 63,813.40
2022-2023 FY INCOME	\$ 20,145.00
2022-2023 FY EXPENSES	\$ (11,647.65)
ENDING BALANCE (7/18/2024)	\$ 72,310.75

DAA OPERATIONS BREAKDOWN	
DUES INCOME	\$ 2,460.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 400.00
MISC INCOME (DECALS, PENS SALES, ETC)	\$ 597.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ (1,431.84)
NEWSLETTER EXPENSES	\$ (2,212.71)
HOMECOMING & ALUM EVENT EXPENSES	\$ (1,693.44)
MISC EXPENSES (BANKING, UMBRELLA INS.)	\$ (238.25)
PAYPAL FEES	\$ (302.48)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ (2,421.72)

DELTA DONATIONS FUND	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 4,783.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$ (3,213.93)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ 1,569.07
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	
DONATION INCOME	\$ 9,350.00
DONATION EXPENSES	\$ -
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ 9,350.00
NEC DUES AND DONATIONS	
NEC DUES RECEIVED	\$ 1,610.00
NEC DONATIONS RECEIVED	\$ 945.00
NEC DUES FORWARDED	\$ (1,610.00)
NEC DONATIONS FORWARDED	\$ (945.00)
NET GAIN / (LOSS)	\$ -

ACCOUNT BALANCES			
	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE	Δ
GENERAL (OPERATING) FUND	\$ 18,731.45	\$ 16,309.73	\$ (2,421.72)
DELTA DONATION FUND	\$ 34,890.29	\$ 36,459.36	\$ 1,569.07
HOUSE IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 10,191.66	\$ 19,541.66	\$ 9,350.00
OWED TO NEC (DUES&DONATIONS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 63,813.40	\$ 72,310.75	\$ 8,497.35

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

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The chapter has currently begun the Fall 2024 semester and I am very excited to share a lot of new updates and changes with you.

We currently have 44 active members, and after a successful round of rush events planned and successfully organized by the publicity chair McKenzie Kujava, we are expecting a large and enthusiastic pledge class. This semester we had a lot of new publicity events including speed dating, resume review, and study night. The energy around the chapter has been fantastic, and we're all looking forward to welcoming our new members. Additionally, our Vice President, Nicole Kemnitz, designed new rush shirts for this semester which furthered our goal of expansion.



There have been some significant changes at the house this year. Currently, 10 out of 12 rooms are occupied. We saw a big shift in housemates, as many members who had lived in the house for years have moved out, making room for new members to settle in. The house continues to be a central hub for chapter life, serving as a place where members not only hang out but also collaborate on classes and projects.

This year's homecoming tailgate will take place on October 26th, the day of the game against Penn State, and we would love for you to stop by! We host tailgates for every game, so if you're in Madison on a game day, feel free to swing by the house, grab some food, and reconnect with the chapter.

This year, we are celebrating a huge milestone: the 100th anniversary of Delta Chapter of Kappa Eta Kappa! We are hosting centennial celebrations on October 11th and 12th, and we would love for you to join us. The festivities kick off with a party at the Delta Chapter house on October 11th at 7:00 PM. The next day, October 12th, we will have an open house from 11:00 AM, followed by a banquet at Union South from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. It's going to be a memorable event, filled with opportunities to reconnect with fellow alumni and celebrate 100 years of our fraternity's legacy. Our vice president also designed centennial shirts which would be available for purchase at the chapter house before the party and during the open house.



The Delta Chapter is stronger than ever, with a motivated group of members who are eager to make a difference. We look forward to seeing many of you at homecoming or during the centennial celebrations. Feel free to reach out to me or the vice president Nicole Kemnitz at nekemnitz@wisc.edu with any questions. GO KHK!

Fraternally,
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