

Growing by Leaps and Bounds—Physically, Emotionally and Financially!

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Chapter KA's progressive dinner fundraiser was a great success

Members of Chapter KA, Columbia, Missouri, have been active in supporting the P.E.O. projects through fundraising activities. In May we held a progressive dinner which began at one member's home with wine and appetizers, and continued to other members' homes for salads, marinated flank steak, seafood pasta and multiple scrumptious desserts. This wonderful event not only resulted in proceeds to help fund the projects, but also gave KA sisters and their BILs, along with many guests, an opportunity to gather for a delightful evening of food and fellowship. Another outcome of this event resulted in the initiation, a couple of months later, of four new sisters into Chapter KA—they had come to the fundraiser to enjoy the dinner, and left feeling the connection of our sisterhood. Besides our four newest members, we have also welcomed two women who have recently transferred into our chapter and we have two others hoping to

become P.E.O.s in the near future.

Chapter KA held its annual garage sale in August as another fundraiser to support the projects. We were very successful in selling the many "treasures" that were donated for the sale, netting us between \$800 and \$900. Our chapter has also ventured into the P.E.O. bed and breakfast, with

several members hosting guests, as we meet new friends and donate proceeds to our chapter funds.

Besides holding fundraisers, our chapter has also been actively involved in seeking recipients for our various projects. We have voted again this year to "adopt" an International Peace Scholarship student at Cottey College. We have been paired with an IPS student at Cottey and support her with cards and care packages. Chapter KA

is also sponsoring four recipients for financial assistance—these include two P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education recipients, an Educational Loan Fund recipient and a STAR Scholarship recipient. At this time, we have also nominated another young woman to receive a STAR Scholarship.

With all this fundraising, Chapter KA



First row, from the left: Two Golden Girls, Janet Wright and Alice Moon. **Back row:** Chapter KA president Julie Kammerich

sisters definitely also know how to have fun! This is evidenced in enjoyable lunches before each meeting, as well as a high number in attendance at the annual Spring Fling and P.E.O. Days at the Lyceum Theater in Arrow Rock, Missouri. In September we enjoyed a carry-in salad luncheon, and our December meeting was be a celebratory luncheon complete with a "cookie exchange" and gifts collected to donate to a family chosen through the local Voluntary Action Center.

Members of Chapter KA take pride in all of these accomplishments which have brought us closer together as we work for the common goal of helping women complete their educational experience. 🌸



From the left: Kim Wright (PCE recipient), Abby Perry, Mel Sjoldal, Bonnie Adkins