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In January, our thoughts turn to changes we'd like to make in our lives, be they large or small. Change is a fact of life for all of us. *Virtual Violet* this month begins highlighting the many changes occurring at national headquarters as reorganization takes place and new staff is welcomed. This month, we introduce our new executive director.

Marriage and the birth of a child are moments of celebration as well as tremendous changes in our lives. We encourage you to share these changes with your sisters in [Simply Sisterhood](#), a section of *Virtual Violet*. Be creative and send us signs of Sigma Kappa that you see around you, like the doves that were so beautifully displayed during the Holidays. [Symbols and Sister Sightings](#) is waiting for you to share your fantastic pictures!

Virtual Violet would like to welcome all our first time subscribers. We wish everyone a very happy 2007 that will be filled with lots of new Sigma Kappa memories.

**Rachelle Merkel joins National Headquarters**

Rachelle J. Merkel, *Gamma Eta*, Ball State University has joined the national headquarters team as Executive Director for the sorority.

Merkel holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Merchandising and Marketing and a Master of Arts in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education bringing 10 years experience to the executive director position. She has most recently served as a senior staff member at both Wabash College and the University of Illinois in the administration departments.

Merkel states, "I am thrilled to have this opportunity and look forward to working with the wonderful women of Sigma Kappa. The experiences of Sigma Kappa extend far beyond the collegiate years and I am honored to now play a part in influencing those experiences. I eagerly anticipate the opportunities and challenges presented in the executive director position."

National President Barbara Collins Wilmer, *Delta Beta*, Marshall University, states, "We are very excited to have Rachelle join our leadership team. She brings many talents, strong qualifications and valuable experience with her to the position. Her philosophy, approach, and priorities make her a wonderful fit."

[top](#)**Legacy Policy: Who is a Legacy?**

It is the belief of Sigma Kappa Sorority that our legacies are extremely important to the success of our Sorority. When the chapter is

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determining whom they wish to pledge, the chapter gives careful consideration to the following relatives/step-relatives of collegiate members and Sigma Kappa alumnae:

- Sister
- Daughter
- Granddaughter
- Niece



While we believe all legacies are to be given special consideration, it is necessary to be even more careful in our consideration of those specifically listed above. A legacy is of great importance to Sigma Kappa for the following reasons:



- She possesses built-in knowledge about sorority life and a basic acceptance of membership principles.
- A legacy can influence other potential members because of her knowledge.
- Ongoing support of Sigma Kappa family and Sigma Kappa friends is guaranteed.

If you have a legacy in your family, consider filling out a [Recruitment Introduction Form](#).

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Celebrating Chapter Anniversaries

Congratulations to our collegiate and alumnae chapters and clubs that are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year.

Alumnae Chapters

100 Year Anniversary

- New York City, New York
- Rochester, New York

50 Year Anniversary

- Austin, Texas

10 Year Anniversary

- European
- Syracuse Area, New York
- Jacksonville, Florida

Collegiate Chapters

25 Year Anniversary

- Zeta Phi- Rutgers, The State University



Thank you to all of our alumnae members for your dedication to Sigma Kappa Sorority!

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The *Sigma Kappa Triangle* is always looking for talented contributors and story ideas. If you would like to be a guest writer or want to share your ideas please send one or two samples of your work to

sktriangle@sigmakappa.org



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The *Sigma Kappa Triangle* was first published in 1907? Since then there have been thousands of pieces of information on everything from recruitment to hurricane relief. Look for the special 100 birthday edition later this season!!!



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