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Sigma Kappa News

Welcome

Lifelong – this word applies to our Sigma Kappa membership. Never was this more evident than in a beautiful note received from a 75-year member after receiving her Diamond Anniversary Certificate:

Your generous gift is indeed appreciated. The years I spent as a member of Alpha Theta enhanced my life.

Thanks for remembering me. My home for the past two years has been the lovely Savannah, Georgia.

*Loyally in Sigma Kappa,
Elsie Rock Staples*

To our newest subscribers - welcome! We hope you will enjoy each monthly issue of *Virtual Violet*. And to everyone, may Sigma Kappa be a lifelong experience filled with many memories surrounded by friendship.



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75-Year Members

Earlier this year, Sigma Kappa congratulated our alumnae who were celebrating their 75th year of Sigma Kappa membership. Diamond Anniversary Certificates were sent to these women initiated in 1933.

Alpha, Colby College Lysbeth Winchell Blomgren, Lois Lund Giachardi, Agnes Carlyle Hadden, Evelyn Kelley Kelley, Kathryn Caswell MacDonald, Ruth Richardson Paradise, Bettina Wellington Piper **Delta, Boston University** Elizabeth Gilmour Newburg, Ebba Peterson **Epsilon, Syracuse University** Violet Warren Ayres, Dorothy Lannon Dodd, Catherine Matthews Firman, Doris Baumann Johnson, Doris Konecke Walters, Gladys Morgan Youngquist **Zeta, The George Washington University** Frances Ridgway Brotzen, Caroline McMillen Fairbanks, Jeanette Gilbert Goffredi, Mary Pruitt Johnson, Dorothy Jones Kurz **Eta, Illinois Wesleyan University** Mary Fern Martin Bartrum, Mary McDorman Burton, Virginia Mammen Goforth, Lavinia Frymoyer Hardie, Martha Hilton King, Eloise Shaw Orser **Theta, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** Marion Corliss Beavers, Caroline Huey Hotchkiss **Iota, The University of Denver** Ernestine Heinsohn Armstrong, Gay Airheart Kelly, Frankie Adams Kimball **Lambda, University of California, Berkeley** Mary Wallace Burket, Ruth Joslin Durbin, Mary Conrad Eldred, Caroline Prifold Harrison, Paulyne Seulberger Johnson, Dorothy Smith Mayfield, Barbara Bennett Oakie, Pauline Fancher Siwek, Helen White Talleur **Mu, University of Washington** Sally Strange Ayers, Ruth Nordstrom Fee, Shirley Patterson Hawkins, Miriam Shangle Hill, Mildred Ruddell, Kathleen Newton Shafer, Jane Smith Wright **Xi, The University of Kansas** Helen Naylor Minniear, Jean Schofield Schaible, Harriet Daniels Tomlinson, Mary Harrison Waters **Omicron, Tufts University** Elaine Edmunds Brown, Jane Bailey Kerr, Patricia Smith Mulhern **Rho, Randolph-Macon Woman's College** Helen Sasscer, Lorna Slocombe, Althea Maxedon Tankersley,

Psi, The University of Wisconsin-Madison Mary Hammersmith, Louise Meyer Jinkins, Dorothy Richman Wade **Omega, Florida State University** Janet Cook Anderson, Virginia Walker Ellington, Mary Simmons Glazier, Susan Taylor Hayes, Emily Johnson Jennings, Ola Vickers Kane, Leona Stimmel McLarnan, Margaret Anderson Moorer, Evelyn Kennard West **Alpha Beta, The State University of New York, Buffalo** Nancy Knowlton Binder, Ruth Snow Coombs, Josephine Pound Hart, Margaret Fowler Martens, Alra Badger Simpson, Frieda Schaurath Upson, Dorothy Swartz Williams **Alpha Gamma, Washington State University** Lois Trimble Henkins, Jane Smithson Irwin, Eleanore Davis Meenach, Rhoda Firmin Whittlesey **Alpha Delta, The University of Tennessee** Mary Evans Avent, Frances Lewis Hurley, Annie McEver McMillan, Eddyth Forrester Scantlin, Mary Sterchi Tobler, Frances Theile Webb **Alpha Epsilon, Iowa State University** Maurine Smith Curry, Charlotte Hale Steva **Alpha Zeta, Cornell University** Marjorie Kane Hoppen, Janet Lobdell Hughes, Frances Weil Reid, Margaret Edwards Schoen, Dorothea Ticknor Vankers, Catherine Bower Voegeli **Alpha Eta, University of Minnesota** Helen Robbins Burns, Marguerite Greenfield Jorgenson, Patricia Collins Morris **Alpha Theta, University of Louisville** Virginia Brown, Frances Fuller Richards, Jean Jones Shelton, Elsie Rock-Hacker Staples, Aileen Flanders Swaby, Betty Thomas, Margaret Stonesifer Wood **Alpha Iota, Miami University** Pearl Kirschner Biggs, Caroline Seither Merigold, Madgel Overstreet Rogers, Mary Spenneberg, Hazel Keeling Watkins **Alpha Mu, University of Michigan** Currentce Adams, Cecily Sellars Robertson, Carlotta Weitbrecht Walters

Alpha Nu, The University of Montana Margaret Johnston Bedard, Winifred Keyes Debelak, Eleanor MacDonald Ecker, Audrey Wessinger Holzum, Elizabeth O'Brien McArthur, Dorothy Miller **Alpha Omicron, University of California, Los Angeles** Marilla Corey Bodily, Helena Gemmer Collis, Lucile Pemberton Duncan, Solvejg Nelson Howard, Bessie Messenger Schneider **Alpha Pi, Ohio Wesleyan University** Helen McClure **Alpha Rho, Vanderbilt University** Anne Jenkins Butterworth, Evelyn Lovelace **Alpha Tau, Michigan State University** Alice Huse Barnett, Elaine Wagar Becker, Jennie Cheney Bower, Roberta Wilson Hutchins, Charlotte White Morse, Mary McLaughlin Pugh, Doris Davis Schnute **Alpha Upsilon, University of North Dakota** Clarissa Benjamin Massey **Alpha Phi, University of Oregon** Josephine Simerville Covello **Alpha Chi, Georgetown College** Margaret Baker Collins, June Redding McConnell, Gladys Roggenkamp McGuire, Lucille Coots Thompson **Alpha Psi, Duke University** Frances Hunter Castilow, Josephine Eaby Gordon, Cora Patterson, Julia Perry Pattie, Dorothy Wikoff Wade **Alpha Omega, The University of Alabama** Frances Donovan, Lillie Byars Hogue **Beta Beta, University of South Carolina** Bennie Lewis Callis **Beta Gamma, University of Manitoba** Helen Francis Anders, Nellie Burmaster, Alice Rivoire Keller, Maisie Molison Kennedy, Margaret MacKenzie Russell **Gamma Epsilon, Indiana University of Pennsylvania** Sara Dick McGregor **Delta Zeta, Southeastern Oklahoma State University** Laura Duncan Gunter **Delta Eta, University of Central Missouri** Hazel Bell Green **Delta Iota, California State University, Chico** Alma Bradovick **Delta Lambda, Wayne State University** Virginia Thornburg Shonyo **Delta Xi, Western State College of Colorado** Dorothy Ickes Aude

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Epsilon Kappa Anniversary Celebration

The members of Epsilon Kappa, Transylvania University, are planning a celebration of the chapter's "40-something" anniversary on Saturday, April 26 during the Transylvania alumni weekend in Lexington April 25-27. For more information, please contact Marjorie Peace Lenn at lennm@cqaie.org or Ann Stafford Dahl at asdahl@insightbb.com.

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National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month. Thank you to everyone who supports Sigma Kappa by volunteering time and skills. You are truly the glue that holds our wonderful sisterhood together. For a larger version of the National Volunteers Month thank you, please click on image.

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My chapter has a new Web site. How do we get ours linked to the national Sigma Kappa Web site?

Collegiate chapters should contact their Collegiate District Director and alumnae chapters should contact their Alumnae

District Director to review the Web site for compliance with graphic standards, protection of Sigma Kappa's trademarks, and portrayal of a quality image. Once approved, the CDD or ADD will contact the associate director of publications who will link it to www.sigmakappa.org.



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Did You Know?

Joining an Alumnae Panhellenic (APH) is another way you can stay involved after college. The purposes of APHs are:

- * To INFORM fraternity women of current trends
- * To PROMOTE the fraternity system
- * To IMPROVE the Panhellenic image
- * To STIMULATE a continuing interest in Panhellenic affairs

There are over 200 APHs in the US, Canada, and the UK that help enhance the fraternity system through educational forums, scholarship awards, philanthropic projects, and civic leadership. Help us reach our goal of having representation in every APH.

To learn more about APH or to find one in your area please visit the [National Panhellenic Conference Web site](#) or contact Kara Watkins Lenahan, director of alumnae recruitment, at alumnae_recruitment@sigmakappa.org for more information.

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Alumnae Spotlight - District I



Edie Clark Hartman, *Beta Upsilon*, Ohio University

Alumnae Chapter: Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Kappa Mu, Duquesne University
 - Past advisory board chairman
 - Recruitment advisor
- Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter – Alumnae/collegiate liaison

Occupation: Director of Research & Communication – Grant Street Associates, Inc

Education: Bachelor of science in journalism – Ohio University

Professional/Civic Activities:

- International Association of Business Communicators – Pittsburgh Chapter
- Pittsburgh Young Real Estate Professionals

Family:

- Husband – Dean
- Son – Samuel, age 1
- Sister – Kiley Clark, *Beta Upsilon*, Ohio University
- Dogs – Colby and Kenzi

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

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- Visiting with family
- Playing with her son
- Reading
- Having date nights with her husband

Favorite things:

- Her sister's baked goods
- Her son's laughter
- Pandora.com
- Starbucks chai tea
- Wireless internet
- Her dogs

Words to live by:

"Make small commitments and keep them. Be a light, not a judge. Be a model, not a critic. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem." Stephen R. Covey

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Alumnae Spotlight - District II



Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Sister Collegiate Chapters:

- Gamma Eta, Ball State University

Membership:

- Approximately 35 members
- Age range – 23 to the 70s
- Most are in their 30s
- Monthly dinner SIG

Philanthropic Service:

- Hold a “Giving Dinner” – cooking in instead of eating out and donating savings to Alzheimer’s Association
- Participate in sales at Connor Prairie – outdoor living history museum
- Volunteer at Series on the Lawn outdoor concert series

Chapter Activities:

- Participates in Alzheimer’s Memory Walk
- Murder Mystery dinner
- Salsa dancing
- A day at the museum
- Celebrating Founders’ Day with a high tea

Most Successful Event:

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- Murder Mystery Dinner
 - Great way to get to know their sisters
 - Guest were invited to join in the fun
 - Several new members attended
 - Unusual event that was fun for all

Quote from president about why alumnae chapter membership is important/valued:

“Joining the alumnae chapter emphasizes Sigma Kappa is not only four years while you are in college. It gives our membership the opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones with women from across the country. The alumnae chapter includes women from different areas and diverse backgrounds – and expresses life-long membership.”

Alumnae Chapter Contact Information:

For more information about Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter membership, contact the president, Angie Naniot Ahrens at indysigmakappa@yahoo.com.

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Alumnae Spotlight - District III



Carin Kosberg Schachat, Zeta Epsilon, California State University, Northridge

Alumnae Chapter: San Fernando Valley Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- San Fernando Valley Alumnae Chapter
 - President
 - Past vice president of programming

Occupation: Preschool Teacher - Maimonides Academy in Los Angeles

Education:

- Bachelor of arts in liberal studies – California State University, Northridge
- Multiple subject teaching credential – California State University, Northridge
- California State Certificate in Early Childhood Education – University of California, Los Angeles

Professional/Civic Activities: National Association for Education of Young Children member

Family:

- Husband – Selwyn
- Son – Alex, age 18 months
- Baby – Due in October

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When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Traveling to South Africa to visit her in-laws
- Cooking
- Baking
- Trying new recipes

Favorite things:

- Spending time with her family
- Visiting her grandma every weekend
- Having family nearby

Words to live by:

“Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind.”
Henry James

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Alumnae Spotlight - District IV



Sara Turley, *Alpha Delta*, The University of Tennessee

Alumnae Chapter: Athens Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Epsilon Epsilon, University of Georgia
 - Past corporation board president

Occupation: Substitute teacher

Education:

- Bachelor of arts in political science – The University of Tennessee
- Master of public administration – University of Georgia

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Society for Human Resource Management member

Family:

- Mother – Barbara
- Father – Randy
- Cats – Milo and Mia

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Scrapbooking
- Relaxing on the lake
- Spending time with her family and friends

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Favorite things:

- Watching college football
- Traveling
- Reading

Words to live by:

"We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us."
Romans 5:2-5

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Alumnae Spotlight - District V



Karyn Rebecca Bailey Spaude, *Alpha Mu*, University of Michigan

Alumnae Chapter: Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter – Vice president of finance
- Advisory board member – Alpha Mu, University of Michigan

Occupation: Corporate Planning and Financial Manager – Amerisure Mutual Insurance Company

Education:

- Bachelor of business administration – University of Michigan
- Master of business administration – Walsh College
- Certified Public Accountant

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Insurance Accounting and Systems Association
 - Michigan chapter – Secretary
 - National volunteer
- Junior Achievement
 - Young Professional Group member
 - Southeastern Michigan classroom instructor
- Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants member

Family:

- Husband – Chris

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- Baby – Due in June
- Cat – Nala

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Golfing with family
- Reading
- Cooking
- Running
- Exercising
- Spending time with her girlfriends

Favorite things:

- Her husband who inspires her
- Starburst jelly beans
- Getting her hair lightened
- The change of color in the fall

Words to live by:

“Treat others the way you want to be treated.”

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