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Sigma Kappa News

Welcome!



Top: Members of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter gathered at Julie Dreyfus' home for a New Member Ice Cream Social and to discuss fundraising ideas for the annual Memory Walk.

Fall is a very exciting time of the year. Our thoughts turn to the changing colors of the leaves, cooler weather, football games, pumpkin carving, and that ideal costume for a Halloween party. Our collegiate chapters are busy planning activities for Homecoming. For chapters with fall recruitment, this is often the month they will welcome new members into our wonderful sisterhood.

We can all take pride in being members of one of the oldest and strongest women's organizations in the world, offering benefits that last a lifetime.

Welcome to our newest subscribers. *Virtual Violet* appreciates the opportunity to offer you Sigma Kappa news each month.



25/ 50 Year Pins & Certificates

With Founders' Day quickly approaching, 25-year pins and 50-year pins can be purchased to recognize the members in your chapter celebrating a significant anniversary. For a listing of 25-year or 50-year members, contact Tammy Wiggins at twiggins@sigmakappa.org or at 317-872-3275, ext. 5520.

It is easy to order a pin and/or a certificate for yourself or as a gift for a special sister. The order form can be found on the [Sigma Kappa Web site](#) under Alumnae, Certificate Badge Order Form. Please send order forms to Pamela Levy, associate director of finance at plevy@sigmakappa.org or at 317-872-3275, ext. 5518.

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National Council Meeting

National Council will meet November 15-16 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Should you have any item of business or suggestions for discussion you wish to have considered, please send or e-mail to:

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Please submit these items no later than October 24, 2008. National Council appreciates having the benefit of your ideas and viewpoints on all matters pertaining to Sigma Kappa Sorority.

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Reunions & Alumnae Chapter Events



Are you in the process of planning a reunion? If so, national headquarters wants to know. Please send us the date of your event, location, and main contact and we will publish the information in the November edition of *Virtual Violet*. If your reunion has already occurred, write us about what festivities took place. Send all information to virtualviolet@sigmakappa.org.

Left: Members of the West Orange County Alumnae Chapter

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Alumnae Spotlights

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Simply Sisterhood

We have all heard the phrase that a picture speaks a thousand words. If you agree, you won't want to miss the wonderful photos submitted by alumnae around the world. [Simply Sisterhood](#) is open to all alumnae. We'd love to have your contribution! Please send all submissions and photographs, as attachments, to *Virtual Violet* at virtualviolet@sigmakappa.org.

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Thanks for Asking

I have some great photos from my alumnae chapter activities this month, can I send those to Virtual Violet and if so, how should I send them?

We love photos! We gladly use photos from our alumnae chapter activities and gatherings. Whether your photos are for this main page or anywhere in Simply Sisterhood, we ask that you let us know by e-mailing the digital photo to virtualviolet@sigmakappa.org and use the subject line to let us know where you hope to see your photo. Photos that work great for the main page show Sigma Kappa Alumnae in action or with great smiles on their faces facing forward. Make sure your digital photos would easily print out as a good quality 4x6" photo for us to use.

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Did You Know?

In 1926 the registration fee for convention was \$2.50. The entire fee for convention, including all registration fees, room, board, banquet, boat trip, picnic, and automobile trip was \$29.00. My, how times have changed!

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Alumnae Spotlight - District I



Angela Webster Read, *Epsilon Epsilon*, University of Georgia

Alumnae Chapter: Baltimore (Maryland) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Reactivated the Suburban Maryland Alumnae Chapter (now dormant)
- Past president, vice president of membership, and vice president of finance for the alumnae chapter
- Advisor to the Executive Vice President for Beta Zeta chapter
- Collegiate Province Officer

Occupation: Life Insurance Underwriter

Education: Bachelor of Arts in speech and communications, University of Georgia

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Achieved the Fellow Academy of Life Underwriting (FALU) designation and the Fellow Life Management Institute (FLMI) designation
- PTA volunteer
- Gold Club member of the American Red Cross
- Facilitated ongoing relationship between my employer

and the Betty Ann Kranke Center, a local women's shelter created by and named after a Sigma Kappa alumna

Family:

- Husband
- Two boys

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Working with my computer and other gadgets
- Going to concerts and listening to live music

Favorite things:

- My family and friends
- The creation of beautiful things: art, music, and food

Words to live by:

“Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.” Horace Mann

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Alumnae Spotlight - District II



Jamie Highman Kelly, *Beta Upsilon*, Ohio University

Alumnae Chapter: Indianapolis (Indiana) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: Corresponding Secretary and the Recording Secretary for the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Retirement Plan Administrator for American United Life Insurance Company

Education: Bachelor of Science in environmental biology, Ohio University

Professional/Civic Activities : Member of the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA)

Family:

- Husband - Michael Kelly
- Rabbit - Sammy

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Ballroom/swing dancing
- Geocaching
- Reading

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Favorite things:

- Playing with my nieces and nephews
- Cheesecake
- Thunderstorms
- My Bunny

Words to live by:

“Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and follow where they lead.” Louisa May Alcott.

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Alumnae Spotlight - District III



Nikyah Thomas-Pfeiffer, *Theta Beta*, University of La Verne

Alumnae Chapter: Riverside (California) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Advisory Board Chairman and Recruitment Supervisor for the Theta Epsilon chapter
- Membership Chairman for the Riverside Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Marketing and Public Relations Manager for Redlands Community Hospital

Education: Bachelor of Arts in communications with an emphasis in public relations, University of La Verne

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Public Relations Society of America
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Noon Kiwanis of Redlands

Family:

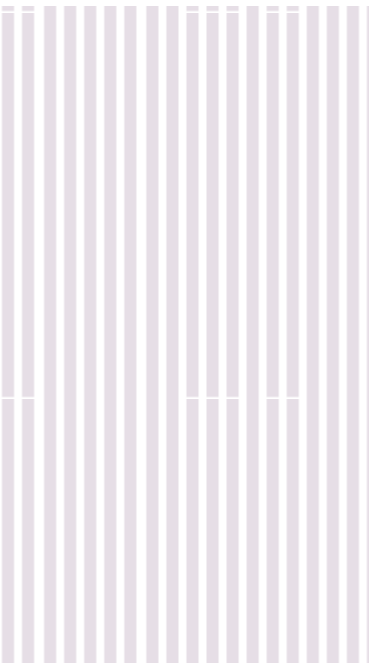
- Husband - Michael
- Sons - Izayah and Jordan

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Go to the movies (especially comic book movies with

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- 
- my oldest son)
 - Play with my kids
 - Travel and talk with my husband
 - Shop
 - Be with friends

Favorite things:

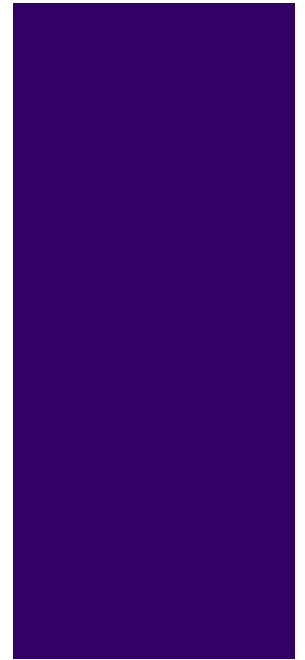
- A good strawberry margarita
- My fluffy terrycloth pillow
- Pictures of my friends and family

Words to live by:

“Actions speak louder than words. Always be truthful to yourself and others. ”

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Alumnae Spotlight - District IV



Becka Meier Gunderson, *Delta Theta*, Truman State University

Alumnae Chapter: Fort Worth/Arlington (Texas) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Chapter Consultant
- District Recruitment Coordinator
- National Trainer
- Alumnae Panhellenic Officer for Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter
- Alumnae Chapter President
- Advisor to Executive Vice President
- Advisory Board Chairman to Kappa Eta for Texas Christian University

Occupation: Clinical Coordinator for the Rape Crisis and Victim Services Program of the Women's Center

Education:

- Master of Science in counseling education, University of North Texas
- Bachelor's Degree, Truman State University

Professional/Civic Activities: Big Sister with Big Sisters/Big

Brothers since 1997

Family:

- Husband - Mike
- Daughter - Lillian Grace
- Dog - Max

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Traveling/visiting friends and family
- Running
- Reading
- Doing anything that makes our little Lilly smile and laugh

Favorite things:

- My friends and family
- The sound of my daughter's giggle

Words to live by:

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of those who are weaker than you - because some day you will be all of these.” George Washington Carver

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Alumnae Spotlight - District V



Lisa Harper, *Theta Rho*, University of Kentucky

Alumnae Chapter: Bluegrass (Kentucky) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Advisory Board Chairman for Theta Rho, University of Kentucky
- Advising President, Vice President of Scholarship, Recording Secretary, and Webmaster

Occupation: Business/Systems Analyst at Lexmark International

Family:

- Parents
- Sister
- Boyfriend - Trevor
- Trevor's kids - Bailey and Jade
- My two dogs - Anna and Cody

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Kentucky Horse Park volunteer
- Jazzercising
- Spending time with friends
- Playing with my dogs
- Playing the violin



Favorite things:

- Traveling
- Connecting with old friends

Words to live by:

“Life is too short to be anything but young and in way over your head.”

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