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Sigma Kappa News

Welcome!

The symbol that comes to mind when we think of February is the heart, a symbol that Sigma Kappas treasure every month of the year. The heart is celebrated in our open motto. The heart universally stands for love--the love we have for each other as sisters and the love we have for our beloved Sorority. Hearts will be all around you this month. Snap a photo of a special one and share it with us in the [Sister and Symbol Sighting](#) section, a regular feature in [Simply Sisterhood](#).



Virtual Violet welcomes new subscribers this Saint Valentine's month. To every reader we wish you a month filled with the spirit of our Sigma Kappa motto, "One Heart, One Way."

Colonization



UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA · IRVINE

Local Sigma Kappa alumnae interested in Bringing Sisterhood to Life at the University of California, Irvine may assist by attending colonization events, serving on the advisory board, or serving on the decorating committee. For more information, click the above UC Irvine banner, or e-mail Kelly Jeffrey, collegiate extension specialist, at kjeffrey@sigmakappa.org.

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Alumnae Panhellenic Opportunities

Are you interested in meeting other Greek women in your area? Becoming your area's alumnae Panhellenic delegate may be your answer! Alumnae Panhellenic Associations, community-based organizations affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference, have 214 established chapters.

Alumnae Panhellenic Associations:

- Inform sorority women of current trends
- Promote the fraternal community
- Improve Panhellenic image and stimulate a continuing interest in Panhellenic affairs

Sigma Kappa is represented in 46% of these associations. Help us get that number even higher. For a listing of Alumnae Panhellenic Associations that are currently without Sigma Kappa representation and to find out how you can help meet Sigma Kappa's goal to be represented in every alumnae Panhellenic across the United States, contact Kara Watkins Lenahan, director of alumnae recruitment at alumnae_recruitment@sigmakappa.org.

On a daily basis, the Panhellenic team works with our collegiate and alumnae membership regarding Panhellenic-related topics and concerns. The winter 2008 edition of the *Sigma*

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Kappa Triangle will feature the current Sigma Kappa Panhellenic Delegation. Be sure to read up on our representatives.

Donna Crain King, Panhellenic Delegate
 Lisa Jones Holliday, First Alternate Delegate
 Jan Caspary Behm, Second Alternate Delegate
 Carole Cordray Syracuse, Third Alternate Delegate

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March 2 is International Badge Day

The 26 member organizations of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) will celebrate International Badge Day, March 2, 2009. For over a decade sorority women have honored their Greek affiliation and Panhellenic spirit by wearing their badge or letters on the designated day.

College and alumnae Panhellenics and collegiate and alumnae chapters are encouraged to celebrate NPC spirit and loyalty by organizing and/or participating in celebrating events. Suggested events might include: regional alumnae/collegiate luncheon celebration; volunteer activity within your community honoring International Badge Day; honor distinguished alumnae; visit a local high school; send a press release to a local newspaper, radio and/or television stations; wear your badge with fellow co-workers and go to lunch to celebrate Panhellenic sisterhood; ask your mayor to proclaim March 2, 2009, NPC International Badge Day.



For additional information or questions, contact a member of the Sigma Kappa NPC Delegation or review the NPC Web site at www.npcwomen.org.

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Celebrating Chapter Anniversaries

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

Alumnae

50 Year Anniversary

S. Oakland City, MI
 Wichita Falls, TX

25 Year Anniversary

Concho Valley, TX

10 Year Anniversary

Central Florida, FL
 West-Central, MO

Collegiate

50 Year Anniversary

Gamma Tau, Midwestern State University
Gamma Upsilon, California University of Pennsylvania
Delta Alpha, Eastern Michigan University
Delta Delta, Central Michigan University
Delta Eta, University of Central Missouri
Delta Theta, Truman State University
Delta Iota, California State University, Chico
Delta Nu, Longwood University
Delta Pi, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Delta Rho, James Madison University
Delta Sigma, Western Illinois University
Delta Tau, University of Central Arkansas
Delta Upsilon, Missouri State University
Delta Chi, University of Central Oklahoma
Delta Psi, Radford University

10 Year Anniversary

Kappa Theta, Saint Louis University

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Reorganizing Alumnae Chapter Announcement

Sigma Kappa alumnae have recently reorganized the Baton Rouge, Louisiana Alumnae Chapter. If you are in the area or know of a sister who lives there, please contact President Robin Mcgee at mcgee_r@msn.com or Vice President of Membership Lisa Borden at lisa.bordelon@gmail.com. The newly reorganized chapter will be attending the

Mardi Gras parade February 21st. The chapter will be meeting once a month for fun and sisterhood. They look forward to hearing from all sisters in the area!

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National Council Meeting

National council will meet February 28 - March 1, via conference call. Should you have any item of business or suggestions for discussion you wish to have considered, please send e-mail to [Andi Fulton Sligh](#), national vice president for communication.

Please submit these items no later than February 21, 2009. Additional conference calls are tentatively scheduled for March 23, April 27 and May 18.

National Council appreciates having the benefit of your ideas and viewpoints on all matters pertaining to Sigma Kappa Sorority.

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A Note of Sympathy

The fraternal community mourns the loss of Barbara Schwartz Bromberg, a member of Chi Omega Fraternity, a well-known legal advisor in fraternal circles and partner in the Cincinnati law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP. Bromberg had been battling cancer and fell ill last week while attending the NIC Foundation Institute for Greek Advancement.

A longtime trusted friend of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and external legal counsel for Sigma Kappa, Bromberg was also a well known national speaker and the author of a regular tax column for "Fraternal Law." Her practice area focused on nonprofit organizations, particularly fraternal organizations and their related foundations. "Barbara's loyalty and service to fraternal organizations was much appreciated during the course of her career. We will miss her personally and professionally," said Julie Cain Burkhard, chairman of the NPC.

In 1996, Bromberg was the recipient of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Trustees' Award and

was past president of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation. Bromberg was also a member of the Internal Revenue Service Commissioner's Exempt Organizations Advisory Group and was a past president of the Cincinnati Bar Foundation. In November 1995, she was featured in "Cincinnati Magazine" as one of the top 50 attorneys in the city. Bromberg graduated summa cum laude from the University of Buffalo in 1962 and magna cum laude in 1965 from the Columbia University School of Law. She was admitted to the bar in both Ohio and New York.

Pending funeral arrangements are being coordinated by the Elden A. Good Funeral Home in Cincinnati, Ohio. An online condolence book will be posted at www.goodfuneralhome.com. Full details will also be posted there, including final calling and service arrangements.

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Significant Sigma Kappas

Don't forget to check out this month's featured Significant Sigma Kappa [here](#)!

If you know of an alumna who should be recognized in our Significant Sigma Kappa section, we encourage you to submit her information to include name, chapter of initiation, bio and if possible a photo to virtualviolet@sigmakappa.org. For Sigma Kappas who've made a new accomplishment in their career or education, we have [Sigma Kappa Kudos](#) located in Simply Sisterhood.

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Reunions

Check out our new [Reunions](#) page to view all upcoming reunions and reunions being planned!

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How did the heart come to be a symbol of Sigma Kappa?

The heart was adopted as an official symbol of Sigma Kappa at the 1988 convention to signify the bonds of love felt by members across the country.

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Did You Know?

An enhanced version of our Web site, www.sigmakappa.org, has been implemented. In the coming months, this new platform will provide additional functionality, such as online collegiate chapter reporting and access to electronic chapter profiles.

What you need to do to use the new FSO site:

- Create a new, unique login ID (no longer your member number)
- Create a new, unique password

If you have yet to do this, click [here](#) to create your new username, password and update any old information on your member profile.

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Significant Sigma Kappas

Showcasing sisters who have made a difference by living our values!

Susan Eisenhower



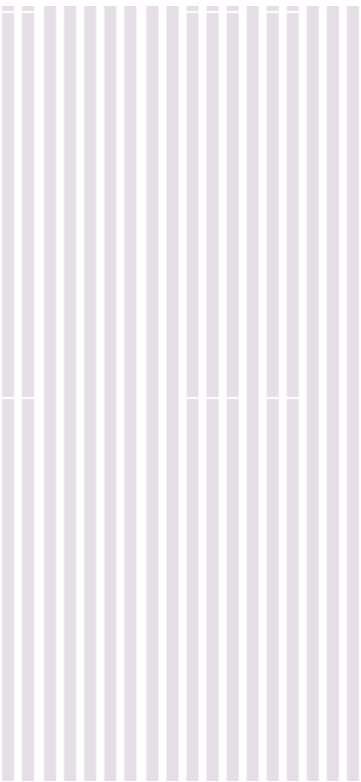
Susan Eisenhower, *Epsilon Epsilon*, The University of Georgia, has and is leading an incredible life of inspiration to all Sigma Kappas.

Beginning in the 1970s as a student and writer overseas for various news publications, she has since authored three books, two of which have hit the best seller lists. Along with her own literary works, she has edited collected volumes on regional security issues and written numerous articles regarding foreign and domestic policy.

As her surname suggests, she is the granddaughter of former

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President, Dwight Eisenhower. She, like her grandfather, has lived a life of political prowess. In 2000 she was appointed by the United States Secretary of Energy to evaluate U.S. - funded nonproliferation programs in Russia. She has also served as an advisor to another United States Department of Energy study. Currently, she sits on the Nuclear Threat Initiative board, serves as an Academic Fellow of the International Peace and Security program of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and formerly co-chaired Save America's Treasures with the last two first ladies, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Laura Bush.

Currently in her career, Susan is President of the Eisenhower Group, Inc, which provides strategic counsel on political, business and public affairs projects. She is the Chairman of Leadership and Public Policy Programs and Chairman Emeritus of the Eisenhower Institute.

Check out the list of [Significant Sigma Kappas!](#)

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Alumnae Spotlight - District I



Sofia Cabrera-Van Nostrand, *Zeta Phi*, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Alumnae Chapter: New Jersey Suburban Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Advisor to the ritual, philanthropy and Foundation chairmen for *Zeta Phi*, Rutgers University
- Jamie Sell Memorial Scholarship committee member

Occupation: Project Management

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Women's and Gender Studies with a minor in Math, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Professional/Civic Activities: Started the "Going Green" initiative at her company

Family: Husband - Ryan

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Reading
- Scrapbooking
- Studying for the GRE



Favorite things:

- My Sigma Kappa sisters
- Cooking
- Dancing

Words to live by: "Make every moment matter."

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Alumnae Spotlight - District II



Kelly Ashton-Hand, Alpha Iota, Miami University

Alumnae Chapter: Chicago (Illinois) West Towns Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: Recording secretary for Chicago West Towns Alumnae Chapter

Education:

- Master of Science in Forensic Science, University of Illinois, Chicago
- Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, Miami University

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Oak Park Runners Club
- Committee member for Race That's Good For Life
- Member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences
- Head of the Wellness Committee at the Forensic Science Center in Chicago
- Teacher for undergraduate forensic DNA class at Loyola University

Family:

- Husband - Scott



When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Running
- Decorating cakes
- Reading
- Playing the trumpet
- Visiting local wineries
- Hiking
- Traveling
- Baking

Favorite things:

- Running
- Candy
- Wine

Words to live by: "Begin somewhere. You cannot build a reputation on what you intend to do."

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Alumnae Spotlight - District III



Kristy Munro Reeser, Zeta Mu, University of California, San Diego

Alumnae Chapter: LaJolla (California) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: President and vice president of finance for La Jolla Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: Supervising Management Analyst

Education:

- Master of Business Administration, San Diego State University
- Bachelor of Science in Management Science, University of California, San Diego

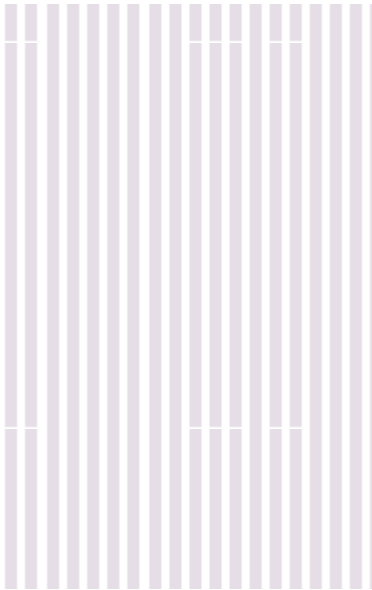
Professional/Civic Activities: Triathlon Club of San Diego

Family:

- Husband - Wade
- Step-daughter - Shea

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Trying new restaurants
- Cheering at Saturday morning soccer games

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- Bargain shopping
- Mentoring employees
 - Watching movies on demand

Favorite things:

- Brownies
- Great friends
- Red wine
- Good deals
- My family

Words to live by: "Happiness is contagious."

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Alumnae Spotlight - District IV



Debbie Bryson Ingram, *Gamma Lambda*, East Tennessee State University

Alumnae Chapter: Chattanooga (Tennessee) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: For Theta Phi, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

- Prior advisory board chairman
- Advisor to Panhellenic delegate and philanthropy chairman
- Corporation board member

Occupation: Physical Therapist and College Professor

Education:

- Doctorate of Education, University of Tennessee
- Master of Education, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- Bachelor of Science, Georgia State University

Professional/Civic Activities:

- 2007-2008 President of the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association
- Previous Vice President of the Federation of State

Boards of Physical Therapy

- Chairman of the Tennessee Physical Therapy Board of Examiners
- Clinical Education Chairman for the American Physical Therapy Association
- Current member of the University of Tennessee Development Council
- National Chairman of Annual Giving for the University of Tennessee

Family:

- Husband - David
- Daughter - Alex

When not doing Sigma Kappa work: Attending lots of University of Tennessee events

Favorite things:


- Ice cream
- Traveling

Words to live by:

“Education transforms lives. We must do all we can to change a generation of our families. ”

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Alumnae Spotlight - District V



Julie Linnenbringer, *Alpha Theta*, University of Louisville

Alumnae Chapter: Greater Louisville (Kentucky) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- House corporation president and treasurer for *Alpha Theta*, University of Louisville
- Advisor for Zeta Alpha, Indiana University Southeast
- Secretary for the Greater Louisville Alumnae Chapter

Occupation: CPA, Audit Senior

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Accounting and Finance, University of Louisville

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Junior Achievement classroom teacher
- AICPA
- Kentucky Society of CPAs

Family:

- Parents - Gary and Liz
- Sister - Amy, *Alpha Theta*

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Shopping
- Watching TV
- Attending University of Louisville football and basketball games

Favorite things:

- University of Louisville sports
- Rock climbing
- Reality TV
- Spending time with family and friends

Words to live by:

“Here is my secret. It is very simple: It is only with the heart that anyone can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.” - "Le Petit Prince" by Antoine de Saint Exupery

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