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Sigma Kappa Triangle

Do you enjoy writing and wish to be published? Looking for another way to use your talents and be involved as a Sigma Kappa volunteer?

Sigma Kappa has a new volunteer position available - Features Editor for the Sigma Kappa Triangle. The Features Editor will assist the Editor with the publication of the magazine by preparing, researching, and writing feature articles, as well as assisting in the long range planning of future feature articles.

Interested? Contact Mallory Curtis, director of publications at mcurtis@sigmakappa.org

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Sigma Kappa News

Welcome!



Lifelong – this word applies to our Sigma Kappa membership. Soon we will have many collegians joining us as new alumnae once they graduate or leave school permanently this spring. If you know of any woman who will be going through the Order of the Triangle, encourage them to stay involved with Sigma Kappa after college. There are so many opportunities around the world to be involved in an alumnae chapter, support a collegiate chapter or even mentor a collegiate woman. It is a fun and rewarding experience. Let them know that anywhere they may go they will find a Sigma Kappa sister willing to assist them. That's the unique opportunity we provide for our members. Sisterhood is for life!

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.

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 1934.

<p>Upsilon, Oregon State University Meredith Davey Welton, Edith Bear Starr, Eleanor Dygert Haddon Phi, University of Rhode Island Eleanor Dygert Haddon, Ruth Hopkins Nichols, Margaret Peckham Potter, Barbara Thomas Sammons, Anabel Follett Baker, Grace Proctor Rausch Omega, Florida State University Grace Wicks Graves Alpha Beta, University of Buffalo Ruth Janes Anderson Alpha Gamma, Washington State University Janet Hulteen Claus Alpha Delta, University of Tennessee Elinor Chilton</p>	<p>Alpha Iota, Miami University Leona Elef Dunwoodie, Eloise Sunderman Merrick Alpha Lambda, Adelphi University Ruth Pross Denhard, Mabel Leonard Fitzpatrick Alpha Omicron, University of California, Los Angeles Barbara Williams Bandy, Maybelle Chapman Peitzke, Pollyann Longneckre VanNatta, Virginia Dumm Witt Alpha Pi, Ohio Wesleyan University Hazel Parks Parry Alpha Rho, Vanderbilt University Eunice Taft Miller, Lula Moran Major, Myrtle Leftwich Taylor Alpha Sigma, Westminster College</p>	<p>Alpha Phi, University of Oregon Clara Larsen Belozer, Irma Egbert Gedney Alpha Chi, Georgetown College Bess Martin Alpha Psi, Duke University Ethel Jones Swink Alpha Omega, University of Alabama Virginia Trullinger, Mary Hornsby Sizemore, Irene Sheppard Wolnski Beta Beta, University of South Carolina Mildred Matthews, Sarah Matthews Ross Beta Gamma, University of Manitoba Gladys Tucker Shelford</p>
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Harrison, Marian Cooley Beall, Doris Tate Peters Alpha Epsilon, Iowa State University Helen Alexander Schafroth Alpha Zeta, Cornell University Marion Bean Parnell, Shirley Devoe Corney, Roberta Edwards Patterson, Elsie Koehler Fowler	Rita Hite Brincko, Suzanne Irons Smith, Helen Swartz Spohn Alpha Tau, Michigan State University Marie Bergman Wilkas, Dorthy Langdon Yates, Alpha Upsilon, University of North Dakota Norma Augustadt Boisen
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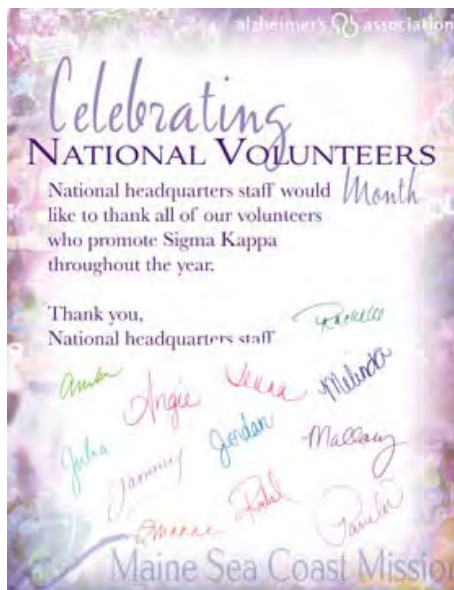
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Alumnae Chapter Membership Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to connect with sisters in your area? Are you wondering if there is an alumnae chapter in your city? Would you like the opportunity to be involved in an alumnae chapter? All of the active alumnae chapters around the world are listed on the Sigma Kappa national [Web site](#). They would love to have you as a member! You can also see some of the activities the alumnae chapters are hosting by viewing the alumnae chapter event [calendar](#).

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National Volunteer Month



April is National Volunteer Month. Thank you to everyone who supports Sigma Kappa by volunteering your 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, click [here](#).

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New Chapter Money Tree

A unique Sigma Kappa tradition for newly installed chapters is the presentation of the money tree/new chapter contributions. Sincere messages of welcome and congratulations, along with monetary gifts, are presented to the chapter upon installation as an expression of the excitement for the addition of the new chapter into our sisterhood. These personal or chapter messages and gifts become part of the history of the newly installed chapter and affirm our strong bond of sisterhood. Gifts range from \$5 and up and are not tax-deductible. You are invited to share in Bringing Sisterhood to Life for our newest chapter by sending your gifts and warmest wishes to the local new chapter province officer. To read more about our new chapter at Clemson, click [here](#). To read about our new chapter at University of California, Irvine, click [here](#).

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National Council Meeting

National council will meet April 27, via conference call. Should you have any item of

business or suggestions for discussion you wish to have considered, please send an e-mail to [Andi Fulton Sligh](#), national vice president for communication.

Please submit these items no later than April 20, 2009. An additional conference call is tentatively scheduled for 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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[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 Kappas 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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Check out our new [Reunions](#) page to view all upcoming reunions and reunions that would like help being planned!

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[Did You Know?](#)

Sigma Kappa is giving you a chance to own a piece of Sigma Kappa history.

Sigma Kappa will be unveiling a new visual identity at COTS 2009. To make room for new items, we are offering many products at a fraction of the original price. Take advantage of this opportunity as you prepare for alumnae events, gifts, etc. To start shopping, click [here](#).

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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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Significant Sigma Kappas

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

Carolyn Caudell Tieger

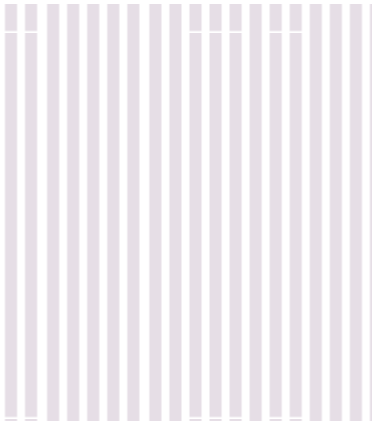


Carolyn Caudell Tieger, *Epsilon Epsilon*, University of Georgia, is an amazingly inspirational Sigma Kappa. A 2008 recipient of the Colby Award for the Field of Public Relations; the John Holliman, Jr. Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Georgia; Public Affairs Executive of the Year Award for 2006 from PR News; and Washington PR Woman of the Year Award from Washington Women in Public Relations in 2005.

Carolyn is a partner and managing director of Porter Novelli in Washington, D.C. A communications veteran, she is considered one of the top public affairs strategists in the country, especially on tough legislative issues, as well as corporate and industry crisis, litigation and reputation management.

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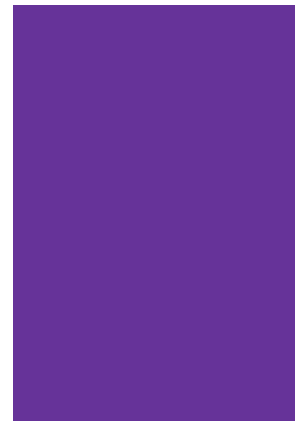
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Her 25 plus years of experience in the public and private sector bring a great deal of expertise and insight to Porter Novelli. She brings Sigma Kappa values to the work table and has the shining reputation to prove it.

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

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Alumnae Spotlight - District I



Michele Roguski Gennarino, *Theta Iota*, State University of New York at Fredonia

Alumnae Chapter: Rochester (New York) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Current advisory board chairman - *Theta Pi*, State University of New York at Geneseo
- Treasurer - Rochester Alumnae Panhellenic Association (1993- current)
- Panhellenic delegate - Rochester Alumnae Chapter (1992-current)
- Past advisory board chairman - *Theta Iota*, State University of New York at Fredonia (2003-2005)
- National trainer (2003-2005)
- Collegiate province officer (1992-2004)

Occupation: Director of Client Services

Education:

- Master of Business Administration, Medaille College
- Bachelor of Administration, State University of New York at Fredonia

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Treasurer for Cub Scout Pack 228
- Treasurer for Boy Scout Troop 375
- Mentoring for careers in marketing
- Member of the American Marketing Association
- Associate member of the Direct Marketing Association

Family:

- Husband - Nick
- Sons - Nicholas and Benjamin

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Volunteering for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
- Camping
- Gardening
- Enjoying the great outdoors
- Spending time with friends and family



Favorite things:

- Crunchy leaves in the fall
- Warm spring days when the daffodils start to bud
- Chocolate

Words to live by: “If you obey all the rules you miss all the fun.” – Katherine Hepburn

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Alumnae Spotlight - District II



Margaret (Margi) McGohan Hafer, *Gamma Zeta*, Northern Illinois University

Alumnae Chapter: Chicago (Illinois) Southern Suburban Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities: Involvement with philanthropic activities of the alumnae chapter including Relay for Life, planting flowers and a bingo party at a nursing home

Occupation: Retired Arts Administrator and Assistant Director

- Education:**
- Master of Arts in Sculpture
 - Bachelor of Fine Arts, Northern Illinois University
 - Teaching certificate

- Professional/Civic Activities:**
- Guild artist with Union Street Gallery
 - Advisory board for McCord Gallery

- Family:**
- Husband - William (Skip)
 - Four children

- Eight grandchildren

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Painting murals, watercolors and creating small sculptures
- Babysitting her grandchildren
- Visiting her mother (89 years young)
- Teaching watercolor workshops
- Singing in the Lincoln-Way area chorale and with "Noteworthy," a group that sings for senior centers and nursing homes in our area



Favorite things:

- Her family
- Her art
- Her music

Words to live by: "Live with passion and share your gifts."

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Alumnae Spotlight - District III



**Bernice Ramos Girasek, *Gamma Theta*,
California State University, Long Beach**

Alumnae Chapter: Riverside County (California) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Advisor to the vice president of new member education, Panhellenic delegate, Panhellenic officer and ritual chairman - *Gamma Theta*, California State University, Long Beach
- President - Riverside County Alumnae Chapter
- Recording secretary - Riverside Alumnae Panhellenic Association

Occupation: Dual Immersion Kindergarten Teacher

Education:

- Master of Arts in Reading, University of La Verne
- Master of Arts in Education, University of La Verne
- Bachelor of Arts in English, California State University, Long Beach

Professional/Civic Activities: Serving as a tutor to at-risk students

Family:

- Husband - Michael
- Cats - Nala and Bella

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Attending Los Angeles Dodgers baseball games
- Reading
- Scrapbooking
- Shoe shopping with my sisters



Favorite things:

- Classic movies
- Dodgers games
- White chocolate mochas
- Shoes
- Cats

Words to live by: “I believe that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.”

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Alumnae Spotlight - District IV



Joan Moses Moore, *Gamma Psi*, Tennessee Wesleyan College

Alumnae Chapter: Athens (Tennessee) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Alumnae/collegiate liaison - Athens Alumnae Chapter
- Recruitment supervisor and advisor to the executive vice president and vice president of new member education - *Gamma Psi*, Tennessee Wesleyan College

Occupation: Corporate officer for family-owned business

Education: Bachelor degree, Tennessee Wesleyan College

Professional/Civic Activities:

- Past treasurer of Civitan Club
- Past officer of Eastern Star
- Secretary/treasurer for her church

Family:

- Husband - J. Nat
- Daughters - Teanna and Jane, both *Gamma Psi*

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

Busy with family and their business

- Working on church projects
- Reading
- Cooking
- Caring for her cats


Favorite things:

- All things Sigma Kappa
- Coffee
- Chocolate
- Books

Words to live by: "Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater."

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Alumnae Spotlight - District V



Jane Pearson Durr, *Beta Upsilon*, Ohio University

Alumnae Chapter: Cincinnati (Ohio) Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- House corporation board secretary - *Beta Upsilon*, Ohio University
- Co-chairman of Beta Upsilon's 60th anniversary reunion in April 2009

Occupation: Special Education Intervention Specialist

Education:

- Master of Science in Early Literacy, Dominican University
- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Ohio University

Family:

- Husband - Michael
- Children - Jeffrey, Kristy and Timmy
- Granddaughters - Natalie and Audrey

When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Ushering for the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park
- Participating in her neighborhood ladies book club

Favorite things:

- Reading
- Traveling
- Walking her little Yorkie Maverick

Words to live by:

“Try your best to achieve success, but always be kind and considerate to others along the way.”

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