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*Above: The Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter's Senior Lunch Bunch meeting at Bravo. Sitting: Roberta Lamberson, Trudie Wanchow, Fran Jacobs; Standing: Bonnie Strate, Liz Peterson, Jan DeJarnatt (one of our alumnae spotlights this month).*

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](mailto: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 > For Sisters Only > LEARN > Policies and More. Please send order forms to Pamela Levy, associate director of finance at [plevy@sigmakappa.org](mailto:plevy@sigmakappa.org) or at 317-872-3275, ext. 5518.

### National Council Meeting

National Council will meet November 13-15 in Orlando, Florida. Should you have any item of business or suggestions for discussion you wish to have considered, please mail or e-

mail to:

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Please submit these items no later than October 23, 2009. National council appreciates having the benefit of your ideas and viewpoints on all matters pertaining to Sigma Kappa Sorority.

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## Alumnae Spotlights

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## Reunions

Check out our [Reunions](#) page to view all upcoming reunions and reunions in the planning stage that need your help.

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## Significant Sigma Kappas

[October's Significant Sigma Kappa](#) is Sharilyn Smith Gasaway, *Beta Epsilon*, Louisiana Tech University.

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](mailto:virtualviolet@sigmakappa.org). For Sigma Kappas who have made a new accomplishment in their career or education, we have Sigma Kappa Kudos located in Simply Sisterhood.

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## Thanks for Asking

*How can we order new visual identity supplies such as letterhead paper, pens, note cards, etc.?*

We have many great items at national headquarters you can order with the new logo and wordmark. Please contact Pamela Levy at [plevy@sigmakappa.org](mailto:plevy@sigmakappa.org) or 317-872-3275 for details on all the new supplies for purchase.

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## Did You Know?

Sigma Kappa membership affords each woman rights, privileges and responsibilities. The

selection of leadership to usher Sigma Kappa into the future is a fundamental right each member is encouraged to exercise. Through a nomination and election process, Sigma Kappa National Council members are elected by the membership to serve for a biennium (two years). For more information regarding national council recommendations, including job descriptions, visit the Sigma Kappa Web site > For Sisters Only > LEARN > Nominating Committee.

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## Give Us Feedback!

*Virtual Violet* wants to make sure it is meeting your needs by giving you the information you want, helping guide you to the parts of [sigmakappa.org](http://sigmakappa.org) that you may be interested in and helping you feel connected to your sisterhood. Please take a moment to complete a short [survey](#) to give us feedback. Thank you!

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## Alumnae Spotlights >> District I

Roberta (Bobbi) Marshall Wilson, *Gamma Gamma*, Indiana State University



### Alumnae Chapter:

- Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Alumnae Chapter
- European Alumnae Chapter

### Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:

- Collegiate province officer for *Kappa Iota*, University of Pennsylvania and *Theta Psi*, Penn State University
- President for the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter

**Occupation:** International Marketing

### Education:

- Master of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science, Indiana State University
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Education, Indiana State University

### Family:

- Father - Bob
- Sisters - Sandy and Cathy
- Brothers-in-law - Jim and Kevin
- Niece - Christine
- Nephews - Jim and Ricky

### When not doing Sigma Kappa work:

- Traveling, especially to Europe
- Gardening
- Cooking

### Favorite things:

- Chocolate molten lava cake
- Foie gras
- Blue cheese
- Reading a book on the beach
- Entertaining at home
- Visiting family

**Words to live by:** "Love the people who treat you right, forget about the ones who don't."



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Janet Rybarczyk DeJarnatt, *Gamma Gamma*, Indiana State University



**Alumnae Chapter:** Indianapolis (Indiana) Alumnae Chapter

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:**

- Indianapolis Panhellenic alumnae chapter representative, Connor Prairie fundraising chairman and member of the senior lunch bunch for the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter
- Past president, vice president and Founders' Day chairman for the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter

**Occupation:** Retired teacher and assistant to an area realtor

**Education:**

- Master of Science in Education, Indiana University
- Bachelor of Science in Education, Indiana State University

**Professional/ Civic Activities:**

- Tithing committee and Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of Grace Church
- Volunteer at Riverview Hospital
- President of Beta Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Women in Education
- International projects chairman for Alpha Epsilon State of DKG International Society
- President of the Hamilton County Retired Teachers
- Volunteer pumpkin farm tour guide for children in the fall

**Family:**

- Husband - Doug
- Daughter and son-in-law - Susan and Daniel
- Mother - Ellie
- Sister and brother-in-law - Judy and Jerry

**When not doing Sigma Kappa work:**

- Reading
- Doing crafts
- Having lunch with her friends

**Favorite things:**

- Traveling

**Words to live by:** "Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Make the most of it."



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Lara Vano, *Beta Nu*, Bradley University



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**Alumnae Chapter:** West Orange County (California)  
Alumnae Chapter

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:**

- Corresponding Secretary for the West Orange County Alumnae Chapter
- Treasurer of the property committee for *Kappa Rho*, University of California, Irvine

**Occupation:** Assistant Vice President in the National Finance Group at Lennar Corporation

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bradley University

**Professional/Civic Activities:** Volunteer for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Orange County

**Family:**

- Boyfriend - Matt
- Kittens - Brady and Bella

**When not doing Sigma Kappa work:**

- Doing yoga
- Playing soccer
- Playing co-ed softball
- Visiting friends
- Planning her next vacation

**Favorite things:**

- Sushi
- Dunkin Donuts
- Coffee
- Fiction books
- Frozen yogurt
- Wrigley Field

**Words to live by:** "Be loyal to the people who are loyal to you."

## Alumnae Spotlights >> District IV

Jami Nartker Finan, *Omega*, Florida State University



**Alumnae Chapter:** Tampa Bay (Florida) Alumnae Chapter

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:** President for the Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter

**Occupation:** Physical Education and Health Education teacher and coach at Wesley Chapel High School

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Florida State University

**Professional/Civic Activities:**

- Sponsor of the Key Club at Wesley Chapel High School
- Honorary member of the Zephyrhills Kiwanis Club

**Family:**

- Husband - Sven
- Sons - Brenan and Landon
- Dogs - Dakota and Muggs

**When not doing Sigma Kappa work:**

- Spending time with family and friends at the lake skiing, tubing or knee boarding
- Spending time with her boys and watching them grow

**Favorite things:**

- Watching all sports, especially Florida State
- Coaching soccer
- Creating photo and video memory books on DVD
- Spending time in her garden

**Words to live by:** "If you are not having fun at work, then you are in the wrong profession!"



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## Alumnae Spotlights >> District V

Charlotte Ann Stickler Elder, *Alpha Chi*, Georgetown College



**Alumnae Chapter:** Southern Kentucky Alumnae Chapter

**Sigma Kappa Volunteer Activities:**

- Collegiate province officer for *Kappa Beta*, Grand Valley State University
- Advisory board chairman for *Epsilon Zeta*, Western Kentucky University
- Vice president of programming for the Southern Kentucky Alumnae Chapter
- Past alumnae/collegiate liaison for the Southern Kentucky Alumnae Chapter

**Occupation:** Professor of Communication at Western Kentucky University

**Education:**

- Master of Arts in Corporate and Organizational Communication, Western Kentucky University
- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Georgetown College

**Professional/Civic Activities:**

- Alumni and activities coordinator for the Department of Communication at Western Kentucky University
- Speaker for the Greek Symposium and M.A.S.T.E.R. plan, assists a number of Greek organizations in leadership development retreats and serves on various department and university committees at Western Kentucky University
- Volunteer for five different community organizations
- Volunteer for both her daughters' schools

**Family:**

- Husband - Michael
- Daughters - Bella and Reese
- Expecting another daughter in November

**When not doing Sigma Kappa work:**

- Traveling
- Trying new foods, places and adventures
- Making things such as building a clubhouse for her girls or doing a craft
- Learning new things such as taking cooking classes, spinning classes or a knitting class

**Favorite things:**

- Good friends
- Meeting new people
- The beach
- Laughing until your belly hurts
- Thunderstorms
- Soft top Jeep Wranglers

**Words to live by:** "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." - Gandhi



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