

*Kansas City*  
*Alumnae Panhellenic Association Newsletter*  
*2014 - 2015*



**THANK YOU**

To those organizations who contributed to this newsletter. We hope that reading about the other alumnae organizations in the Kansas City area will provide you with some indication of the amazing work being done by Greek alumnae in the Kansas City area.

Great women really do Go Greek!

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## ***Alpha Chi Omega***



Alpha Chi Omega Mu Mu enjoyed another successful year!

We had many monthly opportunities from evening meetings like a cooking demo and cookie exchange to our annual White Elephant Auction, to lunches out, and young alum happy hours.

One of our favorite meetings is pictured. We celebrated Valentine's Day with the residents of Rose Brooks domestic violence shelter. We played bingo, decorated cards and cookies,

and had a wonderful time with the women and children. They had so much fun, they've invited us back again!

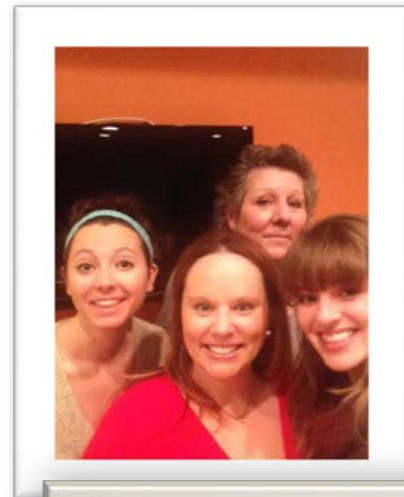
We also held our annual fund raiser for Rose Brooks and Alpha Chi Omega Foundation with a Wine and Cheese evening at the KCPL events space at Power and Light. We raised over \$1700!

[www.alphachiomega.org](http://www.alphachiomega.org)

## ***Alpha Delta Pi***

2014 was a great year for Alpha Delta Pi Kansas City North. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a luncheon and fundraiser to support local ADPi chapters and Ronald McDonald House Charities. In October we helped at the Ronald McDonald House of Kansas City with their Annual Trunk or Treat. Over 50 alumnae and collegiate sisters helped play games, make crafts and pass out candy. Our left over candy was donated to Jackson County CASA. In addition to our support of the Ronald McDonald house, we spend time supporting local ADPi Chapters with events and activities and many members are active in other charities and church activities.

The Greater Kansas City Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae had a fantastic 2014. We held our annual Pecan Sale.



which netted more sales than last year and is always a huge fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House. We kicked off a campaign to sponsor a room at the new Ronald McDonald House currently under construction in Kansas City. We traveled to meet with our sisters at KU for Tacos and Treat Bags. We made tons of goodie bags for the Ronald McDonald House for Halloween. We finished off the year with a trip to the Ronald McDonald House with the collegians at UMKC. We had a fantastic time preparing dinner for the guests in the Cherry Street House.

[www.alphadeltapi.org](http://www.alphadeltapi.org)



## ***Alpha Gamma Delta***

Nothing fills an Alpha Gams heart more than being able to help out others! Even as alums we try to fulfil our purpose of "contributing to the worlds work in the community where I am placed". This past year we have helped out at SafeHome, as a group at Thanksgiving, and individuals on a reoccurring basis. When we have alumni group events like our picnic we collect items for various groups, everything from diapers to books to school supplies! Probably the most exciting event we had this past year, was actually a "social" event for our Junior Circle group. We got involved with the

Brides Against Breast Cancer organization and helped woman choose designer bridal gowns at huge discounts! They are coming back in March for another Bridal Show and could not be more excited to go back and help out as a sorority!

[www.alphagammadelta.org](http://www.alphagammadelta.org)

## ***Alpha Omicron Pi***

The Greater Kansas City Alum Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi focuses the majority of its philanthropy efforts on our international philanthropy: the Arthritis Research Foundation. To that end, we



participate in a variety of fundraising events on their behalf. In December, for example, local AOIIs, as well as collegians from the University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg, Mo.), joined together as a team for the Arthritis Foundation's National Jingle Bell Run. Kansas City's event took place in an underground business park in Lenexa, Kan., allowing runners and walkers to enjoy the cave's mild temperatures while raising funds for the event, despite December's typical frigid weather. Earlier in the year, a group of AOIIs participated as walkers and also as volunteers at the Annual Arthritis Walk held at Worlds of Fun for K.C. participants. Kids of all ages enjoyed the talents of several AOIIs who worked as face painters, and another AOII volunteered many more hours as an executive member of the planning and management staff for the event. In addition, individual members often support arthritis research with their own fundraisers. One AOII, for example, who owns a Pampered Chef franchise, devoted a portion of profits from one party's sales to support the philanthropy. Similarly, at our annual Founders' Day, when an AOII won a drawing to donate funds to her favorite charity, she chose the Arthritis Research Foundation to receive the dollars.

[www.alphaomicronpi.org](http://www.alphaomicronpi.org)

# ***Alpha Phi***

The Greater Kansas City chapter of Alpha Phi is proud to support Alpha Phi Foundation and Women's Cardiac Care. The Alpha Phi Foundation is dedicated to advancing leadership development, encouraging academic excellence,

improving women's heart health, supporting sisters in need and educating about the value of philanthropy. Each year the Foundation awards the Heart to Heart Cardiac Care grant to an organization focused on women's cardiac research. Heart disease is the number one killer of women—and it does not discriminate based on age!

Last year our chapter hosted its annual Red Dress event at Pinot's Pallet in Leawood. The event included sisterhood, wine, raffles and of course a masterpiece to take home! All proceeds to donated to support Alpha Phi Foundations "Take Heart" program. February is Cardiac Care Month and we observe this tradition by wearing our Red Dress pins the first Friday of each February. We'll be hosting another Red Dress event this year and welcome others to get involved. For details,





email [fundraising@kc-aphis.com](mailto:fundraising@kc-aphis.com). To learn more about our Foundation, visit [www. foundation.alphaphi.org](http://www.foundation.alphaphi.org).

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## **Alpha Sigma**

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The ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha proudly support multiple philanthropies with our time and resources. Our philanthropies are the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation, Special Olympics, Girls on the Run and Excentia's S. June Smith Center which provides therapeutic and educational services for children with developmental needs.



Our Spring 2014 fundraiser was our first ever Trivia Night to benefit the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation. It was held at Shawnee Town Hall and everyone had a great time socializing, playing challenging team trivia and of course indulging in fantastic snacks and beverages. The Girls on the Run Fall 5K was held at Arrowhead Stadium and our members volunteered at pre and post event activity booths. Our members support Girls on the Run locally as coaches, committee chairs, and by volunteering at 5K events. Recently, in January we held a very successful event which raised money for all our national philanthropies. We hosted a



Bingo night at Hamburger Mary's in midtown KC and it was so much fun! We were able to fill every table with ASA's, friends, family and co-workers as well as the general public. Our efforts raised over \$1200 for our charities.

[www.alphasigmaalpha.org](http://www.alphasigmaalpha.org)

## **Alpha Xi Delta**

Alpha Xi Delta's national philanthropy is Autism Speaks, an organization devoted to support for families, research and advocacy for autism spectrum disorders. Locally we support Autism Speaks through Walk Now For Autism Speaks which was held in October this past year and raised more than \$99,000!

In addition, our small but mighty little alumnae association has put a focus toward social justice, both locally and internationally. We co-sponsored an event "Bralapalooza" to gather used bras to donate to an organization called Free The Girls, an organization focused on supporting women who have been freed from human trafficking and the sex trade. In one afternoon we gathered 25 POUNDS of bras to either be recycled for cash (the ones not fit for re-use) or sent to women in Africa who sell the bras. They have found selling used bras is the single most profitable product these women can sell.

[www.alphaxidelta.com](http://www.alphaxidelta.com)



## ***Chi Omega***

The national philanthropy for Chi Omega is Make-A-Wish. Locally the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Greater Kansas supports Make-A-Wish Missouri. For the fiscal year of September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015 we have committed to granting a wish for a local child. November 7<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our third annual Trivia Night as a fund-raiser and rose over \$4,000! On April 18<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in the Kansas City Walk for Wishes at the Sporting KC park. It will be our first year entering a team and we hope to

raise the remaining money needed to grant our wish.

[www.chiomega.com](http://www.chiomega.com)

## ***Delta Delta Delta***



Northland Kansas City Delta Delta Delta Alumnae Chapter continues our annual plant sale tradition. We take pre-orders from friends, family and the community each year. We order pansies, impatiens, vincas, geraniums, and begonias for our gardeners. We hand deliver the flowers to our customers. We have a small and mighty group of sellers who continues to raise more each year. In 2014 we raised \$2,450. In total our plant sale has raised over \$14,000 since 2007. We



have varied our charities in the past few years. In 2014 our proceeds benefited, 40% Camp Quality Greater Kansas City, 40% Children's Mercy Kansas City and 20% St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Additionally, we participate in the Give Thanks Walk for St. Jude each fall. This year our team raised \$2,445 and was the #7 team fundraiser at the walk. This contributes to our national philanthropy supporting St. Jude and our national pledge to raise \$60 Million in 10 years.

[www.deltadeltadelta.org](http://www.deltadeltadelta.org)

## ***Delta Gamma***

We are excited to announce the 2015 Delta Gamma Alumnae's new fundraiser and social event! *A Night of Knowledge and Nonsense* is an interactive "game" night designed to share with everyone. An evening of light-hearted trivia designed by a professional multimedia company, *A Night of Knowledge and Nonsense* incorporates photos and videos. If you are thinking of Jeopardy or Trivial Pursuit, think again. Our professional trivia experts know the difference between "trivia" and "trivial" and focus on topics that have broad appeal and are fun. We all had plenty of tests in school - *A Night of Knowledge and Nonsense* is designed to create an engaging show that encourages guest interaction. Everyone is guaranteed to have a great time!

**DG'S A NIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE AND NONSENSE**

**WHEN: FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015, 6 PM-10 PM**

**(6-7 PM SOCIAL HOUR AND DINNER) (GAMES FROM 7-10 PM)**

**WHERE: LEAWOOD CITY HALL,**

**4800 TOWN CENTER DRIVE (NORTH OF TOWN CENTER SHOPPING CENTER,  
117<sup>TH</sup> AND ROE- LOWER COMMUNITY ROOM/OAK ROOM)  
BENEFITS ALPHAPOINTE, CCVI AND DELTA GAMMA FOUNDATION.**

[www.deltagamma.org](http://www.deltagamma.org)





# ***Delta Zeta***

Delta Zeta supports many hearing and speech efforts. For decades, the Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter has made an annual monetary donation to Children's Mercy Hospital's Hearing and Speech Department, and has donated hats and mittens at Christmas to the department's patients. The chapter also participated in the 2014 We Can Hear You Now Run/Walk for children's hearing.

Each November, chapter members volunteer at the HearAid Gala, the major fundraiser for Saint Luke's Midwest Ear Institute. Delta Zetas organize the silent auction tables, and greet guests as they bid.

Members accept donations of used hearing aids in any condition for the Starkey Hearing Foundation. The hearing aids are recycled and given to people in need in the U.S. and around the world.

Greater Kansas City Delta Zetas also donate toiletries to various homeless and domestic violence shelters.

[www.deltazeta.org](http://www.deltazeta.org)



# ***Gamma Phi Beta***

## **GPB/KCPT Campaign/Kids on Ice:**

The Campaign is funded by members joining KCPT through our chapter: \$2300 was raised for children's programming. Kids on Ice at Crown Center sponsorship brings guests to ice skate with Clifford. Our rich history with KCPT began in 1985 and has raised \$600,000.

**Campfire:** Campfire helps kids attend summer camps and with

after school day care. Members took KCPT's Clifford to the Absolutely Incredible Kids Day held at Crossroads Academy/KCMO. **Girls on the Run:** Serving over 2,800 girls to help inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. Members volunteered at the 5K Race held this fall at Arrowhead Stadium watching girls cross the finish line with huge smiles accomplishment. 50/50 Raffle Drawing brought \$350 for KU/KSU/MU/MSU/WSU/RU Chapters, Campfire and Girls on the Run!

[www.gammaphibeta.org](http://www.gammaphibeta.org)



## ***Kappa Alpha Theta***

Some of our great alumnae members enjoying themselves at our annual philanthropic event “Flights and Kites” held at the downtown Kansas City Airport.

[www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org)

## ***Kappa Delta***

The Kansas City Kappa Delta Alumni Association has decided as a group to make financial donations to CAPA and Girl Scouts of Kansas – Heartland to align with our National Philanthropies, Prevent Child Abuse America and Girl Scouts of America. Our goal for the future will be to host a philanthropic event.

[www.kappadelta.org](http://www.kappadelta.org)

## ***Phi Mu***

The Greater Area Kansas City Phi Mu Chapter has had an incredibly successful year in regards to strengthening our collegiate relations. This year we branched out and were able to complete a co-volunteering at Ronald McDonald house. Fifteen members from the collegiate chapter joined our alumni group for a day of volunteering. We made snacks and chatted about what Phi Mu means to us before going on a tour of each of the Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City.

The GKC Phi Mu chapter has also been hard at work planning a successful Kick-off Event, coordinating Young Alumni Happy hours, putting together a Mommy and Me group and increasing philanthropy through our coffee crew. Members are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Event where we will do an ornament exchange and gather Toys for Tots.

[www.gkcphimu.org](http://www.gkcphimu.org)

## ***Pi Beta Phi***

Pi Beta Phi's Kansas City/Shawnee Mission Alum Club has had a great year!

Our national and local philanthropy is Literacy and we have many activities to provide children with books and help them learn to read. We are a sponsor for the Reach Out and Read Kansas City Green Eggs and Ham Luncheon, and we have our Fraternity Day of Service event at Brighton Gardens where we read with kids from the Kansas School for the Blind, the elderly and the R.E.A.D. dogs. At the Mother Goose of all Happy Hours we collect books to donate.

[www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org)

## ***Sigma Delta Tau***

Empowerment of Women is our main focus. PCAA has long been a strong focus. In April, many chapters have a pinwheel event for donations to PCAA. The largest are in New York and Chicago.

We partner with JWI, to help women and children who otherwise would be homeless or abused. In the fall, chapters raise money by selling Grapeness purple nail polish for Greatness in empowering women. In May, we sell Mother's Day tribute cards. At our convention this summer, we partnered with National ZBT in SAFE SMART DATING on campuses to promote Healthy Relationships involving Greeks by having speakers and seminars to stop date rape.

Our Foundation also supports all the philanthropies as well as providing scholarships from donations from our Alumnae.

[www.sigmadeltatau.com](http://www.sigmadeltatau.com)

## ***Sigma Kappa***

Sigma Kappa's national philanthropy is Alzheimer's Disease. Locally we financially support Alzheimer's by wrapping purchases at Barnes & Noble to purchase puzzles, games, and other tactile materials for Alzheimer's patients.

The first Sunday in October is the national Alzheimer's Walk. For the past several years the KC walk has been at Corporate Woods. We joined with other Sigma Kappas from area chapters working the sign in table and the water stations along the route. Afterwards, we met at First Watch for a celebratory brunch.

[www.sigmakappa.org](http://www.sigmakappa.org)

# ***Sigma Sigma Sigma***



Alumnae members continued our tradition of volunteering at Harvesters. Collegians living in the KC area were



we invited to join us. At our Founders Day celebration, we brought socks for infants and children to support Blair's Foster Socks. We collected 150 pairs and \$50. At this event, each member was asked to donate \$1 per year since initiation to Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation. Throughout the year, we had a 50/50 drawing at most of our events with half going to our Foundation. We were able to donate \$149.50 for 2014. Each fall, we host children's parties for Hope House. For the third year, the pledge class plus a few upper class members from Nu Chapter at UCM joined us in hosting these parties. The collegians played games and read to the children, and our alumnae members provided treats. Our final philanthropic project this year was bell ringing for the Salvation Army at the Oak Park Mall. We were thrilled with the response from our members for these projects in 2014 that fit with our national motto: Sigma Serves Children.

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Alumnae Panhellenic Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month Oct- Dec and Feb- April.

Leadership Education Night: March 25, 2015 The Trailside Center (9901 Holmes, KC)

Registration 6:15 rsvp: [hollidaynj@aol.com](mailto:hollidaynj@aol.com)

Women of the Year Brunch: April 25, 2015 9:30-noon

Ritz Charles, Overland Park KS



**The Kansas City Alumnae Panhellenic Association  
recognizes, and celebrates, the following awards and  
honors earned by our member alumnae chapters in 2014.**

**Alpha Chi Omega:** Last summer, Mu Mu was once again honored to receive Alpha Chi's top honor, the Continuing Excellence trophy at our National Convention. We were especially excited to receive both our trophy and our 100 year sash from National President and Mu Mu member, Diane Blackwelder.

**Alpha Sigma Alpha:** Our Alumnae chapter was honored to receive the Outstanding Membership Growth Award as well as being designated a Crown Chapter at our National Convention which was held in San Antonio last July.

**Delta Gamma:** Our Alumnae chapter was honored to receive the following awards: Region 5 Award of Excellence; 4th place Fraternity-wide for alumnae service hours; 5 Stars of Alumnae Success Award; Outstanding Alumnae Programming Award (Division 3: 101+ local dues-paid members); and Outstanding Alumnae Chapter Award (Division 3: 101+ local dues-paid members). Our member, Susan Lucas Durbian was awarded the Cable Award (for personal devotion and continued service to the Fraternity. It is reserved for alumnae who through the years of serving Delta Gamma, have evidenced unusual loyalty and devotion far beyond normal alumnae participation).

**Gamma Phi Beta:** Convention Awards 2014 (Seattle) won: Diamond Circle of Excellence, Public Relations Excellence Award, and the Community Involvement Award. Honorable Mentions: Newsletter Excellence Award, and the Alumnae/Collegiate Relations Excellence Award.

**Pi Beta Phi:** We won the Premier Club Award, which is the highest international award for a Pi Phi Alumnae Club. Our local member, Joanna Glaze, also won the International Award for Community Service.