

THE GREATER KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC NEWSLETTER 2016

Regular meetings held:

- First Thursday of each month Oct—April
- No meeting in Jan
- Meetings held at 9:00 a.m.



Some of the 2015 Scholarship winners. \$10,000 was awarded .

Member Organizations

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Delta Pi-GKC

Alpha Delta Pi- NKC

Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Omicron Pi

Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Sigma Alpha

Alpha Phi

Chi Omega

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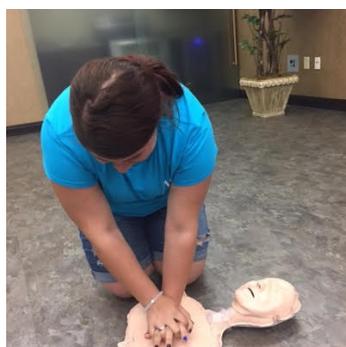
Zeta Tau Alpha



Alpha Phi

In June 2015, the Greater Kansas City Alpha Phi Chapter piloted and was the only AF alumnae chapter to host a community-wide, ***“Take Heart. Take Part. Hands-Only CPR Training.”*** In partnership with the Alpha Phi Foundation and St. Luke’s Hospital on the Plaza, we held a free training to learn the invaluable skill of Hands-Only CPR. The Alpha Phi Foundation donated 20 Hands-Only CPR kits to St. Luke’s Hospital, used during the program and for other groups to learn on in the future. More than 30 people participated, and in turn, they may just help save the lives of others if ever needed to give CPR.

February is Cardiac Care Month and on February 6, 2016, we will host a Red Dress Soiree from 6:30-9:30 pm at the Pinebrook Clubhouse in Overland Park. All are welcome to attend. The event will include networking, a wine tasting, appetizers and desserts, and a silent auction. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. A portion of the cost to attend, the silent auction and 10% of any bottles of wine purchased will be donated to the Alpha Phi Foundation to support women’s cardiac care.



Alpha Sigma Alpha

The Greater KC Alumni chapter was recognized as a CROWN Chapter this year and also received the ASA CROWN OF EXCELLENCE award for 2015 from the National Organization. This award is given to one Alumni chapter each year exemplifying all areas of sorority purpose. We were also presented the Outstanding Programs Award for the year!



The alums have been active supporting local Girls On the Run and Ronald McDonald House charities. The alumni group has had success in 2015 with events at Hamburger Mary’s. These have been fun evenings enjoying sisterhood and Bingo to raise funds for our philanthropic mission. Events were well attended by alumnae and collegiate members.

We most recently celebrated the 114th Founders Day of Alpha Sigma Alpha on November 15, 2015 at the Gaslight Grill in Overland Park. This is always a fun luncheon to attend as we honor those with over 50 years with Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Please check us out on Facebook.com/ASAKCALumnae We are also on Instagram and Twitter @asakcalumnae

Alpha Omicron Pi

As winter's dreariness sets in, begin spring dreaming by ordering flowers and vegetable plants from K.C.'s Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII) Alum chapter – our annual fundraiser. You can order online, avoid the long lines at the big-box stores and nurseries and support a great cause: the Arthritis Research Foundation. Get a hint of what will be available for Spring 2016 by visiting www.kcaoi.com/2015/03/plant-some-love/. Mark your calendar for early March to remind you to check back and see what will be available this year. Orders will be due April 1 with plants available for convenient pick-up at an AOII member's home near 83rd and Metcalf. Other recent AOII activities include the creation of a new weekly digital newsletter aimed at encouraging member involvement, making treats for families staying at one of K.C.'s Ronald McDonald Houses, Founders' Day and the Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis. Upcoming events include Wine Night at Tannin Wine Bar, a visit to the National Toy Museum followed by lunch at Bella Napoli, a Beat-the-Spring-Break-Blues Dinner at Barley Brewhaus and brunch in Lawrence in June.



Alpha Delta Pi, KC North

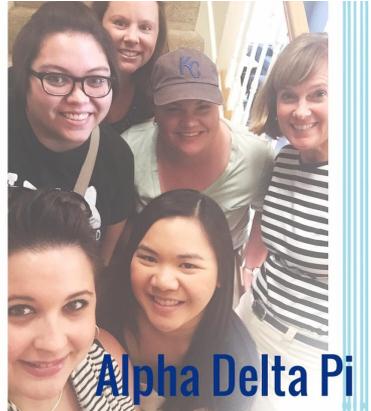
The Kansas City North Alumnae Association of Alpha Delta Pi had a great 2015. In May, we held a Ham Bingo night at Hamburger Mary's, which raised over \$2,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

In the fall in addition to our annual pecan sales, we helped with the Trunk or Treat at the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House with 4 area Alpha Delta Pi chapters. In between we had a lot of great social events including our fall kick off salad supper and the first annual Holiday Black Diamond.



Alpha Delta Pi, Greater KC

The Greater Kansas City Alumnae of Alpha Delta Pi had a fabulous 2015. Our board planned out a year of events with our entire membership in mind. We wanted to focus on our members and set a hefty membership goal that we reached at our final capstone event of the year. We wanted to bring new and fresh ideas to reach our new graduates as well as get back to the basics to reach our more seasoned alumnae. Both initiatives were fruitful. We had an amazing time at happy hour supporting our alma maters and kicking off a great Chiefs season that went nearly as spectacular. We got back to the basics with a holiday brunch and ornament exchange. This event drew over 30 sisters to celebrate the season. We had another tremendous year giving back to the Ronald McDonald House. We held our annual pecan sale, our annual pop tab drive and started a drive to sponsor a room at the brand new Ronald McDonald House that opened in Kansas City during 2015. We had sisterhood and philanthropy and can only hope for more in 2016.



Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Gamma Delta's Greater Kansas City Alumnae Club enjoyed an active year, with cultural, philanthropic, and social events scattered throughout our calendar. Many of us very much enjoyed touring the Strawberry Hill Museum and newly re-opened National Toy and Miniature Museum, and we learned a great deal about orchids at Byrd's Botanicals. We packed 'Back Snacks' at Harvesters for children with food insecurity to take home on weekends. We also shared our home made valentines with retirement community residents.

We celebrated many socials together, from our annual Alpha Gam Always cookout kicking off the fall season, to chocolate tasting, pumpkin carving, and viewing the Symphony Alliance Designer Showhouse at our private event.

Our members continue to support nearby college chapters as advisors, assist with senior rededication, and attend initiation ceremonies. A major upcoming event, in April, is our International Reunion Day with our Kansas collegiate chapters, recognizing our recolonization at Kansas State University this year. We look forward to meeting our new Wildcat sisters!

Alpha Chi Omega

The women of the Mu Mu chapter of Alpha Chi Omega were selected as the recipients of the Rose Brooks Center's Community Group of the Year Award for 2015! Members of the chapter were presented with the award at the Center's annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on Thursday, April 16, 2015 in Kansas City. Alpha Chi Omega supports the Center in many ways throughout the year, including collecting baby item donations at our annual Founders' Day celebration and hosting a Valentine's Day party for the Rose Brooks Center residents. The chapter's signature fundraising event, a Wine & Cheese event with a

silent auction, is held each April. The annual fundraiser benefits the Rose Brooks Center as well as the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation, both of which support victims of domestic violence. Alpha Chi Omega's cumulative donations to these two organizations total over \$100,000. The chapter's dedication and commitment in helping Rose Brooks and the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation realize their mission is making a difference in the lives of women and children.

SAVE THE DATE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP MARCH 30, 2016 6:30—8:00 PM Trailside Center LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION BY EMAIL



Phi Mu

The Greater Area KC Phi Mu chapter has had another successful year. This year we have celebrated our Annual Christmas Brunch. At this event, sisters participated in a rob your neighbor game, and every one took home a new ornament. 2015-16 found us trying our new social events at Ceramic Café and Pinot's Palette where sisters were able to come together and craft. We are currently hard at work planning for our Founder's Day to be celebrated on March 5th at Brio on the Plaza. Our chapter's Young Alumni Happy Hours continue to be a popular way our chapter is connecting recent graduates to our alumnae group and building a network. Our coffee crew continues to meet and successfully offer support to various charities. We are looking forward to National Convention this July.

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

Alpha Xi Delta

The Alpha Xi Delta Kansas City Alumnae Association has monthly events to celebrate our sisterhood. We've been slowly building up our membership and as we grow we are blending the new blood into the old ways! Among our activities this year were our participation in our national philanthropy which has been renamed The Autism Walk sponsored by Alpha Xi Delta. You should see our name plastered all over the media starting next spring. We also got together to write out and send congratulations on initiation letters to our closest collegians. Building on our relationship with our collegians we will be having a coloring book party in January where our local collegians home on break will be the guests of honor. We also have been working on developing a monthly happy hour for our younger alumnae. We also had a talk about travel trends and heard about "Don't Fear The Escorted Tour." Following up with that we are hosting a fundraiser cruise on board Ama Waterways next November. Anyone interested in participating should let us know.



Chi Omega

In 2015 we completed the fundraising to grant a wish for a local Make-A-Wish child named Grady by participating in walk for wishes in April. In August we selected our 2015-2016 wish child, Jackson, and in November we hosted our 4th annual Trivia night, raising almost \$7,000 toward his wish of going to Atlantis. On December 12th, we hosted our annual Holiday Gathering at the brand new chapter house at UMKC. About 50 ladies enjoyed a light brunch while Wesley Kelly performed on her harp and we installed our new officers. Other activities in 2015 included a cooking class at Williams Sonoma, a happy hour at Boulevard Brewery and a wine tasting out at the historic Belvoir winery in Liberty, MO.



Delta Delta Delta

2015 has been another successful year for the Kansas City Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter! Our spring plant sale netted \$2500 this year, enabling us to continue to support local children's charities. The plant sale is our primary fund-raising source and provides beautiful flowering plants to our loyal customers each year. From our plant sale profits, we donated \$1000 each to Children's Mercy Hospital and Camp Quality Greater Kansas City, and \$500 to our national philanthropy, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, supporting their mission of finding cures and saving children. Nationally, Tri Delta has raised over \$38 million for St. Jude, with a current commitment to raise \$60 million in 10 years. This is the single largest fundraising commitment in St. Jude's history. Our chapter participated in The St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer in September, raising \$880 for this worthy cause, and made a \$100 donation to The Farmer's House in Weston, MO, supporting children and young adults with developmental disabilities. Ronald McDonald House Charities is another favorite cause. We collect pop-tabs for them year-round and served a delicious lunch at the RMHC Family Room at Children's Mercy in November.



Delta Gamma

This year The Greater Kansas City Delta Gammas continued to work towards their motto to "do good!" In January we held neighborhood meetings crafting gifts for our graduating collegians at KU and MU. In February we were treated to a beauty demonstration by one of our sisters. Our Founders Day celebration took place in March at the Roasterie. Our new fundraiser, A Night of Knowledge and Nonsense, a trivia night event, took place in April. We are thrilled that it was a huge success in its first year! This night raised **\$15,000**. The event benefited the following organizations: Delta Gamma Foundation was gifted 10% of the profits, Alphapointe was gifted \$2,250, and the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (CCVI) was gifted \$11,250 to the General Scholarship Fund. Mark your calendars for this year's Night of Knowledge and Nonsense to be held Friday, April 8 at the Abdallah Shriners Temple. Over the summer Delta Gammas took part in the Vision Walk, assisted at mock recruitments at KU and MU, and volunteered at the Alphapointe Adventure camp. Our September kicked off with a pool party. Our October meeting was held at CCVI where we were updated on the progress of their new sensory garden. A police officer gave an informative presentation on home and personal safety at our November meeting. The holidays and our sisterhood were celebrated in style with a brunch at YaYa's Euro Bistro with a presentation by our sister, Kristin Wing, creator of the website, Greekgab.com.

Delta Zeta

Our Delta Zeta Killarney Rose best tells our 2015 story. The rose petals represent the beauty of our alumnae sisterhood that has flourished in KC for 95 years. Our knowledge bloomed through our enlightening programs including the Prairie Fire Museum Tour, dinner at Andre's, and Channel 4 Tour by DZ Meryl Lin McKean, Health News Reporter. With colleagues representing the buds, we were thrilled when three collegiate chapters joined two alumnae chapters for our November 7th Founders Day which we hosted for 84 at Brio with speaker Maija Devine. Just as the roots support the rose, we supported Children's Mercy Speech & Hearing Clinic with cash, hats and mittens; donated travel size toiletries to community organizations; donated money for books for schools in Zambia; and did a volunteer project for Charlie's House. Five members were silent auction volunteers at the Hear Aid Gala benefitting the Midwest Ear Institute. The green leaves represent the green dollars we raised through our Peculiar Spice fundraiser and Best Choice labels. Awards are like the dew on the rose. At Founders Day, the Killarney Rose became a Golden Rose as Carol Fisher was honored as a 50-year member.



Gamma Phi Beta

Most successful event.

Founders Day 2015: There were 65 members attending with award recipient's family/friends invited. **Awards:** WOY/Cindy Wood; IIKE/Rachael LaFreniere, **25/50/75-Year Members** recognized; **50/50 Raffle Drawing** brought \$350 for KU/KSU/MU/MSU/WSU/RU Chapters and Girls on the Run!

Gamma Phi Beta Philanthropy

GPB/KCPT Campaign/Kids on Ice 2015: The Campaign is funded by alumnae joining KCPT through our chapter to raise funds for children's programming. The final KCPT Kids on Ice was held at Crown Center Ice Terrace February 2015 where guests ice skated with Clifford. Our rich history with KCPT began in 1985 and has raised \$700,000. **Girls on the Run:** They serve over 2,800 girls and the small staff relies on volunteers to help inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. Alumnae volunteered for the cold 5K Race at Arrowhead in November, handing treats to girls after crossing the finish line!



Kappa Alpha Theta

Our Sisters have stood with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to impact the lives of foster children for 25 years. Our group works throughout the year to support Jackson County CASA and CASA of Wyandotte and Johnson Counties through volunteerism and fundraising. On April 9, 2016, Flights and Kites, our annual fundraiser, will be held at the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport. Proceeds from the evening of wine tasting, brews and bites, benefit CASA and our local collegiate scholarship through the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Each year, Thetas come together as a group to celebrate our past, present, and future at the annual Founders' Day celebration. The Four Founders are honored, tribute is given to 25-year, 50-year, and 75-year members and the Theta of the year is announced. During the year, alumnae group meetings are held monthly at different locations throughout the Kansas City area offering programs that are both diverse and educational. Interest Groups – Book Group, Bridge, Bunko, Wine and Dine, Young Alums – offer smaller opportunities for friendship. In addition, alumnae support collegiate chapters at the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, The University of Missouri, Westminster College, and Saint Louis University.



Kappa Kappa Gamma

The Greater Kansas City Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma has had a productive and fun 2015. In January, we held the annual **Winter Party**. Attendees donated copies of *Oh The Places You'll Go* for our annual **Reading is Fundamental Signature event**. We delivered the books and enjoyed a March morning reading with the children at Operation Breakthrough.

Our **Hospitality Party** in September welcomed back all alums, rookies and veterans, to socialize and hear about the upcoming year's activities. In October, we celebrated the 145th KKG's **Founders Day** and honored five- 50, five -65 and one 75-year Kappas.

We announced the newest recipient of our **Marty Gallagher Cox Loyalty Award**, Nan Vail. Kappas brought their favorite appetizer or dessert to share at our **Holiday Tasting Party** and meeting in November.

Our **64th annual Holiday Homes Tour** showcased five of Kansas City's finest homes, decorated for the holidays by five local florists on December 2nd & 3rd. Proceeds from the 2015 Tour and Boutique will benefit Hope House, Literacy KC and our KKG Foundation.

Looking ahead in 2016, we have a full slate of officers and committee chairs ready to take on a new year of goals and events.

Pi Beta Phi

It was a great year to be a Pi Phi in Kansas City! Our Young Alums continue to be very active, hosting monthly events, like Summer Soiree, visits to the cider mill, "Friendsgiving" and an ornament exchange. We are thrilled to have such an active group and look forward to some of them serving on Panhellenic in the future! Our members stay active throughout the year participating in organized group activities like the "Out to Lunch Bunch", antique study, book clubs and bridge club. With Pi Phi, there is always something to do!

In October, we hosted the 58th annual "New York Theater Tour", our club's major fundraiser open to all. Many Pi Phis hit the Big Apple and took in some of the hottest musicals on Broadway. Our signature club event is the annual Progressive Dinner. Heavy appetizers, cocktails and desserts followed by a kick-off meeting, all while enjoying our sisters' beautiful homes across the city.



Literacy continues to be our charity focus and in addition to collecting books at most events, many of our members volunteer at Gordon Parks Elementary Charter School where we read with Kindergarten - 4th graders one on one and in small groups. We hope to make a long term impact on their literacy skills...and lives.



Sigma Kappa

The GKC Sigma Kappa alumnae had an interesting and varied year. Philanthropically, we participated with 200 of our Sigma Kappa collegiates in assisting with the Alzheimer's Walk in Corporate Woods. Alzheimer's is the national philanthropy of Sigma Kappa Sorority. We also were involved with the spring Panhellenic Scholarship Brunch and the Bunko party which raised funds for scholarships. For Earth Day, our guest speaker was our own Linda Richards Stoker from the Overland Park Arboretum.

Socially, our monthly bunch-to-lunches were very successful and well attended. From the newly renovated Olive Garden, to the Bloomsbury Bistro, IKEA, BRGR, Cheesecake Factory, Salty Iguana, to BBJs Lawnside for Blues and Bar- B-Q, we enjoyed each varied adventure. One of our best evening events was at Williams & Sonoma where we learned about new products to use in your kitchen and how to make some interesting Mexican appetizers.





Sigma Sigma Sigma

"Sigma Serves Children" is the theme for Tri Sigma philanthropic efforts and the Kansas City Alumnae Club kicked off 2015 with this in mind. On Saturday, Jan 2, a group of alumnae members volunteered their time to assemble BackSnacks at Harvesters Community Food Network. The BackSnack program provides a weekly backpack filled with nutritious, child-friendly food for schoolchildren to take home over the weekend. More than 100,000 children in Harvesters' service area received free and reduced-price school meals during the week, and many of those are at risk of hunger on weekends. Other events that members enjoyed throughout the year included after hours events at Char Bar and Snow & Co, volunteering at the Midwest Balloon Fest, touring the Moon Marble Company, a taco fiesta, our annual Founder's Day and holiday luncheons, as well as monthly coffees and book club meetings.

Our chapter continues to seek ways to interact with our local collegiate chapters and encourage continued membership through alumnae life.

Sigma Delta Tau

Everyone is very excited to begin getting ready for our Centennial Celebration in March 2017.

The SDT Foundation and the Society kicked off the first celebration for alumnae in Fort Luaderdale/Hollywood Florida on January 31 at a brunch attended by our National President and Foundation Board. Over 100 South Florida Alumnae attended. All ages attended, from many different universities, and it was amazing how people knew people from other places. That is six degrees of separation.

Carol Goldstein was asked to join the SDT Foundation Board as one of their trustees. Their meeting was held on January 30 so they would be able to join in the many alumnae pre-celebrations planned for the 100 years in Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, Dallas and other cities throughout 2016. There will also be a celebration at Cornell University Alpha Chapter on March 17, 2017. The culmination will take place June 22-25, 2017 in New York City at the Crowne Plaza Times Square.



The Greater Kansas City Alumnae Panhellenic

Congratulates These Award Winners

Alpha Chi Omega:

Rose Brooks Center's Community Group of the Year

Alpha Delta Pi North Kansas City:

Diamond 4 Point Award

Alpha Phi:

Sara Ann Hatton Award: Linda Gallagher

Greater KC Panhellenic Woman of the Year: Linda Gallagher

Alpha Sigma Alpha: (National awards)

Crown of Excellence Award

Crown Award

Outstanding Program Award

Delta Zeta:

Golden Rose: Carol Fisher

Gamma Phi Beta: (National awards)

Diamond Circle of Excellence

Public Relations Excellence Award

Community Involvement Award

Newsletter Excellence Award (Honorable Mention)

Alumnae/Collegiate Relations Excellence Award (Honorable Mention)

Pi Phi: (National Awards)

Club of Excellence

Excellence in Programming (Large Group)

Excellence in Communication (Regional)

Top 10 in Foundation Giving (Fourth)

Selected as one of five 2016 Fraternity Day of Service Signature Event

Cities