



2016~2017 Greater Kansas City Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter Newsletter

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Chapter Website

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www.kc-aphis.com



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President's Note:

This spring we said goodbye to one incredible Alpha Phi sister. Nonie Barrett Lowry (Zeta Alpha—Eastern Illinois) passed away from cancer in April. Nonie was always so positive, upbeat and kind, and a gracious host of many Greater Kansas City Alpha Phi events in her home.

After graduating from Eastern Illinois, Nonie was an Educational Leadership Consultant (ELC) for Alpha Phi, getting to shape many young Alpha Phi lives in the 90s. Following, for over 20 years, she was President of her own highly successful association management and event planning company in Overland Park. She also was an amazing mom to Meghan and Jack, and wife to Michael.



Nonie Lowry

The first Alpha Phi event I attended in Kansas City was at Nonie’s home. While it was 15 years ago this fall, I remember my first meeting like it was yesterday, and how beautiful her home and her style and grace was. And more importantly, how welcome she made me and others feel in her presence.

I also recall 10 years ago during a jewelry making party at her house, her sweet, young daughter Meghan joined right in to learn how to make bracelets, and Jack wasn’t too far away watching us. At the time I wasn’t a mom yet, but I vividly remember thinking that Nonie’s style and care as a mom was one to emulate when I became a mom myself. Plus, she had so much to admire as a successful business owner and professional. While it had been some time since I had seen Nonie in-person, she was a big fan of our alumnae chapter and will be dearly missed.

I share this story not only to celebrate and remember Nonie and her involvement in our chapter, but to also honor our alumnae chapter experience and how life changing it can be and is for so many of us.

Fifteen years ago, as a fresh-faced graduate who had just moved from Iowa to Kansas City, I hardly knew anyone in this big city. Alpha Phi was one of my first outlets to meet people. And when I went to my first meeting, I didn’t know Nonie or anyone who would be there. Admittedly, I was nervous! But she and other great women there welcomed me with open arms. I know my path would have never crossed with Nonie and so many of you if it weren’t for Alpha Phi.

With that in mind, whether you are new or have lived here for years, I invite you to join us. Alpha Phi is calling your name to continue or rekindle the lifetime commitment you made by getting involved in your local alumnae chapter. And, we are here and ready to welcome you to a wonderful group of diverse women in your community. It is a terrific way to network, make new friends, reconnect with your sisters and take a break from your hectic schedule for an evening once a month, or as often as you can. So join me. I can promise you we will be there and ready to welcome you with open arms, just like Nonie did for me 15 years ago.

AOE,
Allison Rickels, Epsilon Theta, Northern Iowa



Greater Kansas City Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter

2016-2017 Calendar of Events

Event Info:

All events begin at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

Mix & Mingle:

Come a little early at 6:30 pm for extra social time with your sisters before each event. Catch up with old friends and make new ones.

**New to the group?
Just moved to KC?
Looking for a ride or someone to attend an event with?**

Lorie Snyder, VP of Membership, is happy to help. Email her at: membership@kc-aphis.com

Thanks to our Vice Presidents of Programming:

Tricia Kyler Bowling & Megan Brethower

Please visit our chapter website and/or Facebook page for complete event details, directions, and much more!

We look forward to seeing you!

February 3, 2017:
National Wear Red Day



September 20: End of Summer Ice Cream Social

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Let's have one final summer fling by enjoying a sweet treat together. The Executive Board will provide the ice cream and toppings so you can make an epic sundae to enjoy while socializing with sisters new and old. Bring your checkbook to pay dues! Location: The home of Katey Chamblin, 15829 England Street, Overland Park, KS (913-219-2508)

October 18: Founders' Day

Come together to celebrate 144 years of Alpha Phi history and sisterhood. Light appetizers and desserts will be provided. More details can be found on page 4.

Location: Charisse, 1006 Walnut, Kansas City, MO (816-474-0000); www.charissekc.com

**This event is free for dues-paying members, \$10 for non-dues-paying members*

MONDAY, November 14: Hands and Hearts in the Community

Spread holiday joy as we make and serve a chili dinner for the Ronald McDonald House Family Room at Children's Mercy. Sisters can sign up at our Sept. and Oct. meetings to bring and serve food, and are encouraged to enjoy dinner with the families. Can't sign up at a meeting? Email events@kc-aphis.com to let us know you'd like to take part. There are only 10 volunteer positions available for this event, so please sign up early! **This event will start at 5:00 and go until 7:30pm**

Location: Ronald McDonald House, 2401 Gillham Rd, Kansas City, MO 64108

December 6: Annual Holiday Party

Ring in the holidays, Alpha Phi style! Bring a wrapped ornament for our fun Ornament Exchange, and enjoy the chocolate bar full of tasty treats. This is our most popular event—don't miss it! Location: The home of Kelli Daly, 8101 Longview Road, Lenexa, KS (913-908-6936)

January 17: "Bad" Movie Night

Baby, it's cold outside... so let's stay in together and watch a movie (Bad Moms, anyone?), and stuff our faces with popcorn until we forget how long it is until Spring arrives.

Location: The home of Debra Burgess, 11000 W 126th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213 (913-897-4175)

February 4: 2nd Annual Red Dress Decadence—Wine and Chocolate Soiree

Join us for a fun evening with girl friends and significant others while giving back to Alpha Phi and support cardiac care! You are welcome to bring friends too! Complete details on pg. 3.

Location: Pinebrook Condominiums Clubhouse, 7620 W. 102nd St., Overland Park, KS (913-515-7830)

**This event is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.*

March 14: Career Coaching with Peg

Get to know yourself better with help from Peg Peterson (Gamma Omicron). Become more successful in work, family and life by learning a few things about your personality and how you can maximize your strengths to achieve extraordinary results! Peg has her Masters' in Educational Psychology, and spent over 18 years as an executive coach for Sprint.

Location: The home of Peg Peterson, 6237 W 126th Terrace, Overland Park, KS (913-766-0850)

April 18: Pintervention

Last year's Crafts & Drafts was so popular, we're bringing it back! Get out your glue guns—Megan will patiently lead us in a Pinterest-worthy craft project while we sample a variety of adult beverages.

Location: The home of Megan Beck Brethower, 21308 W 48th Street, Shawnee, KS (913-909-9907)

**Supply fee for dues-paying members is \$5; \$8 for non-dues-paying members; fee can be paid at event.*

May 16: Summer Sendoff

We'll have one last fling before the start of summer. Enjoy a cold drink and conversation with your sisters! Bring a book to swap for a new summer read.

Location: The home of Kathie Warner, 11605 Conser Street, Overland Park, KS 66210 (913-451-6215)

2nd Annual Red Dress Decadence: Wine and Chocolate Soiree

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 ⚡ Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Location: Pinebrook Condominiums Clubhouse, 7620 W. 102nd St. Overland Park, KS 66212



Join us for a fun evening of wine and chocolate with Alpha Phi sisters, friends and significant others! Get dressed up in your little black dress or dare to put on that fabulous red dress to support cardiac care. Make sure to bring your love of wine or chocolate or both! We will sample a variety of red and white wines, enjoy delicious heavy appetizers and taste decadent chocolate desserts.



The cost to attend is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. There will be a complimentary wine tasting for all attendees. A portion of the proceeds of your cost to attend will benefit our alumnae chapter and the monthly meetings and functions our chapter hosts. Additionally, proceeds from the auction as well as 10% of any bottles of wine purchased during the event will be donated to the Alpha Phi Foundation to support women's cardiac care.



YOUR HELP WANTED: SILENT AUCTION

An exciting Silent Auction will take place during the Soiree, but we need your help for it to be a success! New this year, we are forgoing our traditional fall fundraiser to concentrate on having a wildly successful auction. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 from the auction to benefit the Alpha Phi Foundation. Please consider donating an auction item such as a gift basket, home-based business baskets, your favorite baked goods, a local Kansas City experience, a travel package, Alpha Phi branded items, etc. We welcome all donations, so please contact Erin Heffernan Markowicz (Upsilon), at elhmarkowicz@gmail.com or (913) 515-7830, for questions and/or to donate an auction item.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

- “An elegant night of fun and friendship!”
- “So much delicious food and wine — what a fun evening with friends!”
- “There’s no better way to raise funds for the Foundation than by eating and drinking with friends!”
- “The wine tasting was fun and the food was good. They were spot on with the appetizers!”
- “The event, from start to finish, was a fantastic time and well organized!”



Alumnae from the Gamma Xi Chapter (Wichita State) enjoy the First Red Dress Soiree in February 2016.



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2016 Founders' Day Celebration

We will celebrate Founders' Day on **Tuesday, October 18** and honor those sisters initiated in 1966 with a special 50-year recognition. Please make plans to join us for a very special Alpha Phi evening.



Time:

6:30 (Mix & Mingle)
7:00 (Program Begins)

Location:

Charisse
1006 Walnut, KCMO
(SW corner of 10th & Walnut)
Visit charissekc.com for
directions and parking information.

Congratulations to Kansas City area 50-year Members:

Charlotte Bartelsmeyer, Gamma Delta
Terry Hock Becker, Gamma Omicron
Pamela Dutt Bell, Gamma Delta
Sharon Coberly, Gamma Delta
Lynn Gentry, Gamma Delta
Pam Halvorson Hamer, Delta Xi
Susan Scribner Hangauer, Beta Psi
Kathie Thomas Knehans, Omicron
Julia Staples Lawson, Gamma Gamma
Melissa Kling Phillips, Omicron

Greater KC Alumnae Panhellenic Update



The Greater Kansas City Alumnae Panhellenic will begin their meetings for the 2016-2017 year in October. Panhellenic members meet the first Thursday of the month, October through April, 9:00 am to 11:00 am, at the Trailside Center. Kim Peak (Gamma Delta) serves as our Panhellenic Delegate and Tammy Neeb (Gamma Zeta) is our Alternate Delegate.



Panhellenic provides scholarships for sorority women who are college seniors or graduate students who live in the greater Kansas City area. This year, Panhellenic awarded 5 scholarships totaling \$10,000. If you know women in who are interested and qualify for these scholarships, please contact Kim Peak or visit www.kcpanhel.com.

Each spring, Panhellenic provides information to Alpha Phi about what other sororities are doing, programming, leadership and membership during the Fraternity Education Workshop. We also get to hear what National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) is doing.

Panhellenic's year ends with their annual Women of the Year Brunch. Scholarship recipients are recognized during the program and a silent auction is held. Last April, over \$6,100 was raised for their college scholarship program. Also, each sorority nominates an outstanding member who are recognized at the Brunch. Last May, 175 women attended the brunch, including a table of Alpha Phi alumnae. Our Alpha Phi honoree was Debra Howland Burgess (Gamma Delta). Debra is the Contact Center Leader for Synchrony Financial, working for the company for 25 years. Debra is also a board member and former chair of SIDS Resources, an organization dear to her and a refuge after her 7½ month old son, Logan died of SIDS in 2008.

Please plan to join us for The 2017 Women of the Year event on **Saturday, April 29, 2017**, at Indian Hills Country Club 6847 Tomahawk Road, Mission Hills, KS 66208. All are welcome. If you'd like to reserve a seat for the 2017 Brunch, please contact Kim Peak at panhellenic@kc-aphis.com.

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Let's Happy Hour!

Looking for another way to get to know other Alpha Phis in the area? Can't attend a monthly chapter event? How about joining us for our quarterly Happy Hours! We're busy making plans to have Happy Hours in October, December, March and June. Watch our alumnae chapter's Facebook page for announcements about dates and locations!



Alumnae celebrated the holidays together at the home of Peg Peterson with a festive ornament exchange and delicious appetizers and desserts.

Sara Ann Hatton Award

The Sara Ann Hatton Award is a traveling honor awarded to an outstanding active member of our alumnae chapter each year. Sara Ann Hatton (Omicron 1927) was International President of Alpha Phi for two terms 1966-1970, collegiate chapter president and served multiple terms as both district governor and director of collegiate programs.

The award itself is Sara Ann's Alpha Phi badge attached to a gold pendant backing. Sara wore the pendant as a bracelet for many years, then bestowed it as a gift to Esther Richart (Omicron) during her term as Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter President. Because Sara Ann was very modest and would never honor herself, Esther gave our alumnae chapter the badge in Sara's honor. The members nominated and awarded this honor have exhibited a dedication and love for Alpha Phi throughout their commitment to our alumnae chapter. A photo of the award is below.



Past recipients of this honor include: Esther Richart, Robin Beck, Ginger Peak, Sherry Wilcher, Lisa Harrison, Kim Peak, Carole Drummond, Kathie Warner, Debby Anderson, Terri Seyl, Dody Lee, Barbara Decker, Gretchen McClure, Dee Malone, Allison Rickels, Katey Chamblin, Debra Burgess, Samantha Cook, Kelli Daly, Ashlea Noonan, Tricia Kyler Bowling, Melissa McDonald, Lorie Snyder, Ela Shacklet, Linda Gallagher (2015 recipient)

Change of Heart Jar

Last year, our Change of Heart jar was success for a second year in a row! Each meeting, attendees generously donated their spare change to benefit our two area collegiate chapters, Washburn and Missouri. Because of your change of heart gifts, a donation of \$75 for each chapter was sent for their fall recruitment programs.

Because of the success the last two years, we will continue the tradition again. Look for the jar at each meeting and please consider donating. Each time you contribute, you will enter your name into a drawing. At the December meeting, we will draw for the person who will receive the coveted 'floater' position in the Annual holiday ornament exchange. The floater has the opportunity to steal one gift throughout the exchange. At the May meeting, we will draw for an individual to receive local dues for the upcoming chapter year.

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2015-2016 Dues Paying Members

The following sisters are local dues paying members for last year. Local dues are used to maintain our chapter's sustainability by covering expenses associated with annual International and Panhellenic chapter dues, contributions to the Foundation including Birth and Silent Chapter recognition, administrative tasks (i.e. newsletter, website) and various sisterhood activities and events. Renew your membership and add your name to our list of dues paying members for 2016-17. We'd love to see your name listed here next year!

Lauren Banis, Omicron	Ann Goodrich, Gamma Omicron	Peg Peterson, Gamma Omicron
Robin Richart Beck, Omicron	Tina Henry, Delta Chi	Esther Richart, Omicron
Megan Beck Brethower, Omicron	Brenda Karlin, Tau	Allison Cink Rickels, Epsilon Theta
Erin Bleakley, Iota Xi	Emily Keimig, Gamma Xi	Lorie Snyder, Theta Lambda
Tricia Kyler Bowling, Theta Gamma	Nonie Lowry, Zeta Alpha	Janet Steury, Gamma Delta
Katey Foster Chamblin, Delta Xi	Erin Heffernan Markowicz, Upsilon	Beth Talbott, Gamma Omicron
Samantha Pipe Cook, Gamma Delta	Gretchen McClure, Theta Gamma	Kristi Tarver, Gamma Xi
Alyssa Voss Dailey, Upsilon	Melissa Johnson McDonald, Upsilon	Kathie Behrel Warner, Delta Chi
Kelli Wilson Daly, Nu	Karen Montalto, Omicron	Maggie White, Upsilon
Charlene Frye, Gamma Delta	Tammy Sutich Neeb, Gamma Zeta	Andrea Hoemeyer Wilt, Omicron
Laurie Gallagher, Upsilon	Ashlea Brack Noonan, Delta Delta	Kelsie Wilken, Upsilon
Linda Hineman Gallagher, Gamma Delta	Kim Hahlen Peak, Gamma Delta	

2016 - 2017 Greater KC Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter Dues

Please continue your lifelong support of our local chapter and international Fraternity.

Please pay by **December 31, 2016**. Thank you for your support!

Pay online! Visit www.kc-aphis.com to fill out our Membership Form and pay your Alumnae Dues.

Please Print

Name: First _____ Maiden _____ Last _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____

Email: _____ Chapter: _____ Zip: _____

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	<u>Quantity</u>	x	<u>Amount</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
<u>Active Member</u> - All main events (September—May)	_____		<u>\$25.00</u>		\$ _____
<u>Sustaining Member</u> - Unable to be active, but still support	_____		<u>\$35.00</u>		\$ _____
First Year Alumnae Member – 1st year after college	_____		<u>FREE</u>		\$ _____

International Alpha Phi Dues:

Paid Directly

Lifetime Dues Payee

Annual Dues (\$37.00) + Founder's Day Pennies (\$1.44) _____ \$38.44 \$ _____

Red Dress Decadence (\$30 per person/\$50 per couple) _____ \$30/50 \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Greater KC Alpha Phi Alumnae".

Mail your check and chapter dues form to: Katey Chamblin, 15829 England Street, Overland Park, KS 66221.