

KITE TALE

Message from the President

"Leading Women" is the tag line of the National Fraternity of Kappa Alpha Theta, and it is a perfect description of the Houston Alumnae Chapter. I was so proud to be a member of this group of women on March 9th at our Philanthropic Coffee. **Lois Wright** presented checks to the beneficiaries of our 2015 Theta Charity Antiques Show, and each representative briefly explained how the money would change lives in our Houston community. It was such an inspirational day!

The 2016 Antiques Show is well underway, and **Nancy Bertin** and **Julie Harris** are full of enthusiasm for "A Touch of Gold"! Contact Nancy or Julie to get involved with the 2016 Show if you haven't already. It is a great way to make Theta friends and contribute to this very worthy cause. See more details about the 2016 Show and Underwriter Signing in this Kite Tale.

I really hope to see everyone at **Krissi Reid's** beautiful home on Wednesday, April 13th at 11:30 AM for the Kite and Key Luncheon with our Kappa friends. The Thetas are hosting this year, and we do not want to be outnumbered by the Kappas! I want to thank **Tracey Brown**, **Liz Rigney**, and **Sallie Mansell** for chairing this event for us.

As I write this last Kite Tale message, I am looking ahead to May 4th when we will install the 2016 - 2017 Slate of Officers and I will pass the gavel to 2016 - 2017 President, **Cynthia Lange**.

This past year has been my busiest year ever with two weddings and my Theta job! It has also been extremely rewarding. The Houston Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta is truly a group of "Leading Women", and it has been a joy, an honor, and a privilege to serve as your president.

Loyally in Theta,

Melinda McConn Chernosky



Kite and Key Luncheon

Wednesday, April 13th

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\$20 per person

At the home of **Krissi Reid**

402 Shadywood Road, 77057



Pay online at www.houstonthetas.org or send your \$20 check made out to Houston Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta to **Liz Rigney**, 5531 Sugar Hill, 77056. Questions? Contact Liz at lrigney957@gmail.com

Fellowship with our Kappa Friends



Mark your calendars now!

April 11th & 12th: Underwriter Letter Signing from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the home of **Susan Martin**, 5411 Tilbury, 77056

April 27th: Kick-off Party 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Betty Clarke**, 3850 Del Monte, 77019

See our exciting updates on page 3!



End of Year Luncheon
Celebration of our 2015-2016 Year
and
Installation of 2016-2017 Officers
Wednesday, May 4th
11:30 a.m.

At the home of **Susie Smith**
 5619 Bordley Drive, 77056

It's that time of year again! Notices for the 2016-2017 dues will be mailed in early April. You won't want to miss any of our fun events! Only dues paying members will be listed in and receive a directory. Dues may be paid online at www.houstonthetas.org



Pansy Bouquets to:

- ❖ **Meredith Grisebaum**, for having us in her lovely home for our February Board Meeting.
- ❖ **Waverly Gage**, for hosting us in her beautiful home for our February Winter Coffee and Chapter Meeting.
- ❖ **Emily Bolin**, for hosting the Legacy Coffee and serving as the Recruitment Board Chair again this year.
- ❖ **Frances Arnoult**, for being such a gracious hostess and opening her doors to us once again for the Philanthropic Coffee.
- ❖ **Lois Wright**, our 2015 Theta Charity Antiques Show Chair, who celebrated a wonderfully successful 2015 Show on March 9th at our Philanthropic Coffee.
- ❖ **Olivia Munson**, for coordinating with all of our beneficiaries for the Philanthropic Coffee.
- ❖ **Dinah McClymonds**, for hosting Theta Foundation Executive Director Kristen Kaiser in her home for the Philanthropic Coffee, and for her constant encouragement and excellent advice throughout the year.
- ❖ **Maura Montgomery**, for organizing the Theta Travelers "KATS on the Trail" outing, which was tons of fun!
- ❖ **Cynthia Adkins**, for being the lunch hostess for the "KATS on the Trail". Cynthia offered us warm hospitality, a beautifully set table, and the perfect location!
- ❖ **Tracey Brown, Liz Rigney, and Sallie Mansell**, for co-chairing the upcoming Kite and Key Luncheon, and **Krissi Reid**, for offering her beautiful home once again.
- ❖ **Susie Smith**, who will be hosting our May 4th meeting and luncheon and who is so kind to offer her lovely home to the Thetas once again.
- ❖ **Susan Martin**, for being such a patient and helpful Chapter Advisor.
- ❖ **Margaret Buescher**, who has been Treasurer Extraordinaire!
- ❖ **Giggy Thanheiser**, who has served as Vice President, Greeter Coordinator, Theta Dish Coordinator, and good friend.
- ❖ Every member of the 2015-2016 Board, who has served so capably and with smiles and enthusiasm.
- ❖ All of **you** who said "YES!" and helped make our 2015-2016 year so much fun and so successful!

Our newest 2016 Spring Pledges! * legacy

Baylor

Genna Harrison, Memorial High School
 Carla Martinez, Duchesne
 Rebekah Roberston*, Houston Christian
 Kathleen Matinna, Memorial High School

Washington & Lee

Kendall Bernard, St. John's
 Gabriella Miggins, Duchesne

Occidental

Georgia Arnold*, Kinkaid

Tufts

Caroline Talbert, Kinkaid

University of Virginia

Allie Black*, St. Agnes

Vanderbilt

Ava Wilson, Episcopal



CARING & CONCERN

Judy McEnany, for a speedy and full recovery from back surgery

Joanne Malinak, for a speedy and full recovery from knee surgery

Helen Little, on the death of her husband, Bill, of 60 years on March 11, 2016

Sandy Lucas, on the death of her father, Herman Drews, on March 17, 2016

Kite Tale feedback to Suzie at
socorrojones@icloud.com



Plans for the 64th annual Theta Charity Antiques Show, *A Touch of Gold*, are well underway!

Our new redesigned website, www.thetacharityantiquesshow.org, is being constructed and is expected to be launched by April 1st. **Lindsay Chernosky** has done an amazing job leading us in this endeavor.

Our Forum Speakers are already booked, thanks to the hard work of **Betty Clarke**. We are thrilled to announce that the nationally renowned designer and author, Thomas Jayne, founder of Jayne Design Studio in New York, as our Friday Speaker and the incomparable duo of Allan Greenberg and Carolyn Roehm as our Saturday Speakers. Please visit our website for more details about these fabulous, not-to-be-missed speakers!

The popular Designers Walk will be back again this year. **Laurie Dorfman** has already booked many outstanding local designers including Linda Eyles, Suzanne Duin, Edwina Vidosh, Chandos Dodson, Geoffrey Westergaard, Connie LeFevre and Randy Powers.

Our terrific Administrators, **Lori Johnson**, **Lisa Schwartz**, and **Louise Symmes**, are busy filling the Show with many returning exhibitors along with new and exciting ones.

And most importantly, our 2016 Beneficiaries have been selected!
Our four permanent ones are:

- Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens
- Child Advocates
- Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation
- Texas Children's Cancer Center

Our five non-permanent beneficiaries include:

- Bo's Place
- Camp For All
- Holly Hall
- Including Kids (InKids)
- Undies for Everyone



At our Philanthropic Coffee, 2015 Chair, **Lois Wright** with Bradly Brooks and Bonnie Campbell of Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens
Photo by KHVaugh

We hope to see you at our Underwriting Letter Signing and our Kick-off Party!

-Nancy Bertin and Julie Harris, 2016 Co-chairs

Upcoming Important Dates

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Kappa Alpha Theta Houston Alumnae at some of our events



Theta Bridge I-r Nancy Nees, Marilyn Wright, Linda Wukasch, and Martha Jones



Theta Bridge I-r Sue Wiewall, Jane Van Santan, and Norma Jean Brown



Lois Wright with Danielle Simms of Bridges to Life
Photo by KHVaugh



KATS on the trail with a perfect day of flowers, fellowship, food and fun
Photo by KHVaugh

Houston Thetas by the numbers...

654

Dues-paying Houston Thetas representing over 60 different Kappa Alpha Theta Chapters across our country

114

Young Alums

68

Individual Pansy Bouquets this year!

64th

Annual TCAS planning underway!

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Special Interest Groups

WildKats Investment Club's portfolio contains 29 Stocks and has 12 Theta members plus their Advisor (a Theta, too!)

Winning Mah Jongg hand with ALL 8 Jokers!



\$230,000

distributed to 7 agencies and 4 permanent beneficiaries from our successful 2015 TCAS



I-r Kathy Waugh and Maura Montgomery

But only...

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Truly Amazing Chapter President Melinda Chernosky



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bible Study	Our last meeting for this year is Monday, April 18 th 1:30-3:00 p.m. St. Luke's United Methodist Church. We will resume our study of Psalms in the fall.
Bridge	We will meet in April on Thursday, April 28 th and in May on Thursday, May 26 th . We will meet at The Forest Club, 11:00 to 3:00, for bridge and lunch. All bridge players are welcome. Please contact Jan Neuenschwander , 713-781-8899, or janeuen@aol.com
WildKats Investment Club Three meetings left in this club year!	We meet the second Wednesday of the month, September through June. The club is open to all members of the Houston Alumnae Chapter. The goal of the club is to learn about investing and understand the working of the stock market. Adviser, Susan Heuer , a Certified Financial Advisor and Analyst with Merrill Lynch and a Theta brings topics of interest to us about investing and guides us in our choice of stocks. On April 13 th , we will meet 5:00–7:00 p.m. at Connie Seger's home with Linda Wukasch as co-hostess. On May 11 th and June 8 th , we return to our usual 11:30 time with lunch served during the meeting. If you are interested in visiting the WildKats, please contact Patsy Holmes or Mary Helen Davenport . We welcome visitors and encourage you to consider membership in the WildKats Investment Club.
Mah Jongg Games continue this summer!	Theta Mah Jongg games continue all summer long, despite vacations, house guests, remodeling, and other summer activities. Come see what Mah Jongg is all about! Call Dinah McClymonds at 832-242-3191 or email at DinahMcC@aol.com for the location.
Theta Tuesdays	Join fellow Thetas for your favorite beverage or bite to eat. Watch email on where to meet. Contact Jana Phillips 713-661-8311 or at jmlphillips@comcast.net

MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit us at www.houstonthetas.org

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April 19 Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Nite Kites Year End Dinner North Italia 1700 Post Oak, #190, 77056 RSVPs by April 17th to Jana Phillips , jmlphillips@comcast.net
April 27 Wednesday	5:00 – 7:00	Theta Charity Antiques Show Kick-off Party at the home of Betty Clarke , 3850 Del Monte
May 4 Wednesday	11:30 a.m.	End of Year Celebration and Luncheon at the home of Susie Smith , 5619 Bordley Drive, 77056 Join us as we celebrate our 2015-2016 year and install our 2016-2017 Board.

2015 TCAS Supper & Celebration
Photo by KHWAugh



WildKats Investment Club
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