

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Houston Alumnae Chapter



KITE TALE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Theta Sisters,

I grew up with only three brothers and I'm reminded time and again how precious Theta Sisterhood is. Your care and happy participation are truly a joy! I just cannot completely express my thanks and gratitude to all who have hosted, organized, brainstormed, entertained and led! Our national motto of "Leading Women" has certainly been ringing true for Houston! Our Fall has already been active and we are anticipating all that is yet to come! Our October meeting and lunch was at Crime Stoppers.

Jenna McGaw was a most amazing speaker. She really opened our eyes to the way social media and the internet could be friend or foe!! They've re-branded their name to include "Safe School Institute" to show that they are proactive in keeping our young people safe!

I do hope you enjoyed the daily myriad fantastic events at the Theta Charity Antiques Show! Vicki Lovin and Jennifer O'Donnell led an amazing team in creating an astonishing show! It is our chapter's fund raiser and for this effort our alumnae chapter has received the Golden Kite Award from National in multiple years. I appreciate your part in the success in whatever capacity you chose.

In this Kite Tale you will read about many other upcoming events. The Nite Kites group will celebrate Christmas at Patty Mahlstedts home on December 6 with all kinds of fun festivities! All are welcome. Please, sign up early for the Kappa Pilgrimage on December 8 as space is very limited. Let Theta put you at ease and comfort as you are being chauffeured around to visit these extraordinarily well decorated Christmas homes...dropped at the front door and then shuttled on!

We celebrate our future with the Christmas Luncheon as we host our new members, our high school legacies and their mothers. This year we will gather at the gorgeous home of Dorothy Cuenod on December 19. I hope you've noted all our darling New Theta members and remember to thank Christina O'Shell and her marvelous Recruitment Board for their work.

Another upcoming event is Founders' Day. I've moved it to the evening so all alumnae in the area can join together to celebrate our sisterhood and our founders. The details are included in this newsletter. I truly hope it's already on your calendar.

Let me wish each of you and those you love a most wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season.



Loyally in Theta,
Deborah DeFord Dunkum

*"When the wind is
against you, like a kite,
have your chord of faith
rooted and you would fly
highest ever."
Vikrmn,
Guru with Guitar*



Nite Kites
Christmas Party
Dinner
 and
Gift Exchange

Thursday, December 6

6:30 p.m.

at the home of

Patty Mahlstedt

2203 Arlington, 77008

\$15 gift price limit

Cost \$25. RSVP
 is greatly appreciated.
 Contact Martha Claire Mealy
 at Mcmealy@gmail.com.

Young Thetas

White Elephant
Gift Exchange
December 12

For details contact
Carrie Cornelius
 at Cornelius.carrie@gmail.com

Kappa Pilgrimage
Saturday, December 8

Meet at St. Martin's
 Episcopal Church Parking lot

at 9:45 a.m.

Tour and lunch

at home of

Sheryl Beck

Return at 2:30

Contact
 Deborah Dunkum for information
 Please send \$60 check to Rhonda Barclay,
 705 Chelsea, 77006
 or pay online at
www.houstonthetas.org

PANSY BOUQUETS TO :

Rhonda Barclay for her constant and complete oversight and management of our various funds.

Nancy Forester for logging and tracking our growing membership.

Suzanne Hill for graciously coordinating hostesses for our fall events.

Cheri Fossler for so sweetly opening her home and serving such yummy bites for “High Tea & IT” .

Linda Bloss, Gayle Durie, Sharon Hibbert, Olivia Munson, Peggy Roe, Susu Ross, Connie Seger and **Betty Taylor** who were our Hostesses for the High Tea.

Mary Kristen Valentine and **Lindsay Chernosky** who were a delight in bringing us up to speed on social media at the “High Tea & IT” and teaching us this “new to some of us way”!!

Jeannie Osborne who created our directory even with all the challenges she overcame doing so!!

Christina O’Shell for opening her beautiful home on a dark and stormy night for a fabulous Fall Feast and to **Cooky Mays** for steering such a great event to a perfect conclusion!

Jennifer Bowen, Ethel Dodge, Ruth Hawk and **Olivia Munson** for hostessing the Fall Feast.

Laurie Dorfman who served a beautiful healthy lunch at Crime Stoppers in October.

Cindy Burnett, Anna Beth Hill, Elyse Kalmans, Olivia Munson, Kate Scott and **Laura Wheless** who were our Crime Stopper Hostesses.

Emily Crosswell and **Elizabeth Thompson** who’ve been so thoughtful to our Theta sisters in need.

Ashley Ann Wright Plaeger for representing Theta so well at HAPA.

The 2018 Recruitment Board that so diligently cared for “our” girls as they headed out to make their way at college and maneuver their way through recruitment.

Andrea Elliot for leading our Mothers’ Club and hosting the first wonderful event of the year

You ~ for your participation !

CARE AND CONCERNS

To the Family of Ruth Suffield on her death. Ruth is survived by a Theta daughter, Julia daughter-in-law, Laura and granddaughter, Caroline.

To Douglas Schnitzer, Melissa’s husband on the loss of his mother, Joan’s, husband, Irvin Louis Levy.

To Karen Jensen on the loss of her son Parker Jensen.

To the family of Betsy Reichert on her death.

To Alison Ayers Bell on the loss of her father, George Bell.

To Mimi Sapp Brown on the loss of her mother Edie Sapp.

To the family of Beverly Timberlake Abbey on her death.

To Frances Koelsch on the loss of her brother Robert Koelsch.

To the family of Katherine Hart on her death.

To Anne Gorry on the loss of her husband Tony Gorry.

Betty Moore who is recovering from surgery.



IT IS OUR HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIRMEN FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT. NOW IN ITS 66TH YEAR, THE THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW IS ONE OF THE PREEMINENT CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOWS IN THE COUNTRY WITH PROCEEDS BENEFITING DESERVING LOCAL CHARITIES.

THE 2018 THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW FOCUSED ON THE TIMELESS BEAUTY OF BOTANICALS, BRINGING TOGETHER NEARLY 70 EXHIBITORS OF FINE ART, FURNITURE AND DÉCOR FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF DESIGN STYLES AND TIME PERIODS. ATTENDEES EXPERIENCED THE SHOW IN FULL BLOOM BY TAKING EXPERT-LED WALKS THROUGH THE EXHIBITION SPACE, ATTENDING TALKS BY RENOWNED DESIGNERS (ASHLEY WOODSON BAILEY, JAMES FARMER, SUZANNE KASLER, MILES REDD AND CAROLYNE ROEHM) AND SHOPPING ANTIQUES AND ART EXHIBITORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND EUROPE. ALSO NEW THIS YEAR WAS THE ARTISAN VILLAGE, A HIGHLY-CURATED COLLECTION FOR THE HOME WITH ITEMS VALUED FOR THEIR CRAFTSMANSHIP AND BEAUTY.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR EXHIBITORS WHO CAME FROM ACROSS THE US AND EUROPE TO SHARE THEIR EXQUISITE TREASURES; SOME OF WHOM HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR MANY YEARS AND SOME FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME. THERE ARE ALSO MANY OTHER WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SHOW'S SUCCESS, AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE A FEW OF THEM HERE.

TO OUR UNDERWRITERS: THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SHOW WITH YOUR TEXAS-SIZED GENEROSITY. IT IS BECAUSE OF FRIENDS SUCH AS YOU THAT THIS SHOW HAS GIVEN NEARLY \$8 MILLION OVER ITS 66-YEAR HISTORY TO IMPORTANT CULTURAL, COMMUNITY, EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL CAUSES IN HOUSTON.

TO OUR KAPPA ALPHA THETA ALUMNAE VOLUNTEERS: THE THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW COULD NOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT YOUR TIME AND TALENTS! OUR SHOW IS COMPLETELY VOLUNTEER-DRIVEN, WITH MORE THAN 50 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND 200 VOLUNTEERS OF THE HOUSTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BRING THE 2018 SHOW TO FULL BLOOM!

WITH GRATITUDE,
VICKI LOVIN AND JENNIFER DONOVAN O'DONNELL / 2018 SHOW CO-CHAIRS

FOUNDERS' DAY & FRIENDSHIP FUND MESSAGE

Women supporting women. At its heart, that's what sisterhood is. And it's what Kappa Alpha Theta does so beautifully.

At Grand Convention 2018, we introduced a social media campaign—Women Supporting Women—with the hashtag #ThetasGotYourBack. The campaign was created to celebrate the many ways Theta seeks to inspire each of us and encourages all of us to be our best selves.

Although I doubt they would express it in the same way, I believe our founders would find the idea of #ThetasGotYourBack to be very familiar. Bettie, Alice, Hannah, and Bettie studied with distinction and graduated with honors, but their early college years were difficult. At best, they were ignored and excluded by male students, professors, and administrators; at worst, they met with more active discrimination.

In response, these four young women created Kappa Alpha Theta: a welcoming, empowering, supportive community for themselves and the women who would follow them. And just as our founders did, we, too, support one another! We listen and console; we uplift and cheer on; we celebrate accomplishments; we talk each other off ledges; we push in all the right ways ... and in the truly dark hours, we offer aid.

In fact, aid to sisters living through those dark hours is the basis for our Friendship Fund. Since 1926, the fund has provided gifts to Thetas experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences. The fund is also an affirmation of our ritual, which instills in us the belief that Kappa Alpha Theta is larger than ourselves and that what we give to one another comes full circle.

On January 27, 2019, the 149th anniversary of our founding, I hope you will join me in honoring our founders with a gift to the Friendship Fund. With the traditional gift of \$1 per year of membership, you can give support to sisters who desperately need it.

Women supporting women is more than just a catchy phrase or a social media initiative. It is a tangible demonstration of the power of Theta sisterhood in our own lives and in the lives of others. By supporting the Friendship Fund, we are women supporting women; we are sharing care and comfort with our sisters in distress and doing everything we can to turn the bitter sweet.

Loyally,

Mandy Burgett Wushinske,

Mandy Burgett Wushinske, Zeta Sigma/Ohio Northern Fraternity President

NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING

THETA WOMEN ARE AT THEIR BEST WHEN THEIR THETA SISTERS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS ENCOURAGE THEIR DREAMS AND AMBITIONS. THETA'S GREATEST STRENGTH COMES NOT FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTER, BUT FROM WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER. IN CELEBRATION OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE—AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO—TOGETHER, THETA FOUNDATION IS EXCITED TO LAUNCH THE THETA FOREVER FUND ON NOV. 27, 2018, ON #GIVINGTUESDAY. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO SEE WHAT'S IN STORE AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT.

EVERY UNRESTRICTED DONATION TO THE THETA FOREVER FUND SUPPORTS THE EDUCATIONAL, LEADERSHIP, AND PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS THAT HELP ALL THETAS BECOME THEIR BEST SELVES. YOUR INVESTMENT IS AN OUTWARD SIGN OF YOUR COMMITMENT, APPRECIATION, AND ONGOING BELIEF THAT KAPPA ALPHA THETA IS TRULY FOREVER.

Houston Scholarship Application Review Committee

It is such a joy to participate in encouraging our Theta Sisters in their education.

One way is to serve on the Houston Scholarship Application Review Committee.

This is an online process completed on your own time between Friday March 23 and April 11. It's an especially good way to serve Theta if attending meetings is a challenge for your schedule!

This year it is being chaired by

Monisa CLine (monisacline@gmail.com)

Please contact her if you want further information or want to participate in changing the lives of those deserving Thetas.

**Thank you,
Deborah Dunkum**

Conversations from the Heart

Cooky Maddox Mays will be honored at the Houston Junior Forum on February 15. For information contact Patsy Holmes at pfholmes2001@hotmail.com or 281-395-0343 or 832-316-7898.



An Exciting trip to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, a 2 night stay at the 21c Museum Hotel and a tour of other unique sites in Bentonville.

**It's filling up ~only 6 places still available
April 9-11, 2019**

Contact Cheri Fossler at cfossler@gmail.com or Susan Martin at susan@twmartin.com for more information or go to the calendar on www.houstonthetas.org and, click on "Theta Travelers - Crystal Bridges" then find link to "event website" for details



**TIME TO
START
ANOTHER
MAH JONGG
GROUP!**

Our Theta MJ group has been playing together for over 10 years now, and we absolutely LOVE the game, and the time we spend together. Currently our group has 18 members but there is a core group of 15 who play regularly. Some weeks, the group is small, but at other times, we have a full house. We have simply grown too big to add any more players. But, there is no reason why there could not be TWO Theta Mah Jongg groups. Mah Jongg is addictive and more importantly, fun. So, if you are interested in learning, joining, and possibly helping to organize a second group, we will be happy to help in any way we can. Once the preliminaries are done, you will no doubt enjoy the time spent with your Theta sisters as much as we do.

Please contact Joanne Malinak at jokm1812@gmail.com or 713-725-1667 if you are interested.

NEW THETA ACTIVES

COLUMBIA

EMILY PEDRICK* ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL
SPRING 2018

LIZZY FALLON EPISCOPAL
SPRING 2017

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

MARY ANN ENERSON ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL
FALL 2017

*LEGACY

Calling for Volunteers!

I am building my leadership team for May 2019-April 2020, and welcome members to join me! If you are interested, please reach out via phone or text, 832-860-3861, or email sfcaram@comcast.net. There are multiple types of positions to fill, and we can find one that best suits you.

**Thank you for considering.
Suzanne FitzGerrell Caram,
President-Elect**

Founders' Day
honoring
Seventy-Five, Fifty,
and Twenty-Five
Year Thetas

Wednesday, January 23

6:30 p.m.

Junior League of Houston

1811 Briar Oaks Lane

Mail \$ 35 check to Rhonda Barclay
705 Chelsea, 77006
or reserve online at
www.houstonthetas.org

Seventy Five Year Thetas

Winifred J. Catlin
 Charlotte C. Clayton
 Barbara Beasley Riddell

Fifty Year Thetas

Gaynor Beesley
 Cherryl Gaines Chrisco
 Mimi Greenwood Ellis
 Ann Joiner Evans
 Kathryn Ann Baker Farris
 Frieda S. Hale
 Jody Smith Henderson
 Janis Frank Henry
 Kathy Daley Hunt
 Nancy Hague Meltzer
 Witney Inness Neuhaus
 Karen Torbett Pike
 Susan Scott Ross
 Margaret Cecile Shilstone
 Janie Jacobson Swank
 Cathy S. Valentin
 Melinda D. Van Paassche
 Roberta B. Veillette
 Amy Lynne Vernon
 Arlene Robinson Wagner
 Susan Gorman Wilson

Twenty Five Year Thetas

Annie E. Arnoult Lauren M. Averett, Lauren Michelle Barrash,
 Cora M. Beach, Rebekah Revzin Bennett, Joanna Bono,
 Mary Ellen Wright Bos, Melinda Berey Bradshaw,
 Allison Peyton Brandt, Brooke Keitz Burns, Kristin D. Cameron, Laura Rieke Church, Marcy Rinehart
 Crapitto, Jessica Baker Croyle, Rebecca N. Fein, Nancy Hahn Fischer, Nicole E. Fowler,
 Anita Mendoza Garibovic, Robin Prichard Giles, Catherine Brooks Giuffre, Tricia G. Gray,
 Carol Rohde Guattare, Misti Becker Halastaras, Linsey Lewis, Dawn Sullivan Hawthorne,
 Bree Januhowski, Kristin Johnson Johnson, Mary Cathleen Zuppardo
 Carrye Jorgensen Krouse, Hillary E. Lipsey, Sandra Thompson Luhrsen, Allison Pappas Martin,
 Catherine Bain Maxon, Alexandria Coates McCracken, Cindy Lohrding McWhorter,
 Christi Wooldridge Megow, Julie Miley, Erin Hamm Milton, Meredith Montague Montgomery,
 Holly Moran, Melissa Oatman, Cecile Coneway Puckett, Lacy Howe Rieke, Erin E. Roquemore,
 Katherine Martin Rush, Tamara Russell, Kate M. Lovett, Elizabeth Selig Stephens,
 Susan Hermansen Swanson, Roslyn Teltschik, Meghan R. Watkins, Mary Ivers Wersebe

THETA FALL FUN AND FELLOWSHIP



NICOLE CHRISTOFF &
JENNA MCGAW



RHONDA & LAURIE
AT CRIME STOPPERS



ELYSE & CONNIE
AT CRIME STOPPERS



DEANNE & DINAH
AT CRIME STOPPERS



RUTH & BARBARA
AT FALL FEAST



DEBORAH & OLIVIA
AT CRIME STOPPERS



VICKI, DEBORAH & COOKY AT FALL FEAST



MELINDA
AT FALL FEAST



YOUNG THETAS AT FALL FEAST



JANA, JEANNIE & JANE
AT FALL FEAST

CALENDAR

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bible Study	We meet every Monday at St. Luke's Methodist Church Room, R23B1:30 - 3:00 p.m. The group is very casual, very friendly, most welcoming. Join Us! Contact: Suzy Heine suzyq819@gmail.com or 713-858-0802.
Bridge	Theta Bridge on Thursday, Nov. 22, Dec. 22 and Jan. 24. We Meet at The Forest Club, 11:00 - 3:00 P.M. for bridge and lunch. All bridge players are welcome. Contact Jan Neuenschwander at janeuen@aol.com or 713-781-889
WildKats Investment Club	Meets 11:30 - 2:00 on the second Wednesday from September -June Meeting and lunch. Wednesday, November 14th, Home of Eleanor Lipscomb, 1036 Town Place, 77057 Wednesday, December 2, Christmas Party at the Forest Club Wednesday, January 9, Home of Mary Helen Davenport, 2727 Kirby, # 14 L, 77098 Contact Mary Helen Davenport at 713-523-9065 or Marti Peterson at 713-254-4330
Mah Jongg	Meets every Monday from 1- 4:30 p.m. in our homes. Our current roster of players is full, but we have a substitute list, which you are welcome to join. If there is room, we will contact you with the location of the game. A second Theta Mah Jongg group may be formed as well. If you are interested in playing, either as a sub or in a second group, please contact Dinah McClymonds at 832-594-0407, or dinahmcc49@gmail.com.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 6 6:30 Thursday	Nite Kites Christmas Party and Gift Exchange, at the home of Patty Mahlstedt 2203 Arlington in the Heights, 77008 \$25 /person, www.houstonthetas.org or send check to Rhonda Barclay, 705 Chelsea Blvd., 77006. RSVP would be appreciated greatly.
December 8 Saturday 9:45 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.	Kappa Pilgrimage, meet at St. Martin's Church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. Return by 2:30 p.m. \$60 includes, bus, ticket and lunch. Send \$ 60 check to Rhonda Barclay, 705 Chelsea Blvd., 77006 or pay at www.houstonthetas.org .
December 19 Wednesday 11:30 -1:30	Christmas Luncheon honoring Theta Actives, Legacies and their Mothers, at the home of Dorothy Cuenod, 3650 Inwood Drive, 77019
January 23 6:30 p.m.	Founders' Day Dinner at the Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane, 77027 Honoring 75, 50 and 25 Year Thetas! Please send your \$35 check to Rhonda Barclay, 705 Chelsea Blvd., 77006 or sign up on www.houstonthetas.org .

THETA OF THE YEAR

EACH YEAR, WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SELECTING A THETA FROM OUR MIDST WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO KAPPA ALPHA THETA AND OUR COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING IN RECENT YEARS. YOU MAY SOLICIT LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM AS MANY AS FIVE DUES PAYING THETAS TO PROMOTE YOUR CANDIDATE!

I NOMINATE _____ AS 2018 THETA OF THE YEAR.

MY CANDIDATE WAS INITIATED IN _____ (YEAR) AT _____

THETA ACTIVITIES IN WHICH SHE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH SHE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING:

YOUR NAME _____ THETA CHAPTER _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN TO VICKI LANGE EMAIL AT VVLANGE@COMCAST.NET OR MAIL TO 7615 RIVER POINT DR., 77063. FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 15,

THETA TWIN STARS

NOMINEES FOR THE HONOR OF TWIN STAR ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR LONG-TIME, OFTEN UNHERALDED SERVICE TO KAPPA ALPHA THETA. YOU MAY NOMINATE ONE OR TWO THETAS TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD. YOU MAY SOLICIT LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM AS MANY AS FIVE DUES PAYING THETAS TO PROMOTE YOUR CANDIDATE!

CANDIDATE 1: I NOMINATE _____ AS A TWIN STAR.

MY CANDIDATE WAS INITIATED IN _____ (YEAR) AT _____

THETA ACTIVITIES IN WHICH SHE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING:

CANDIDATE 2: I NOMINATE _____ A TWIN STAR.

MY CANDIDATE WAS INITIATED IN _____ (YEAR) AT _____

THETA ACTIVITIES IN WHICH SHE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING:

YOUR NAME _____ THETA CHAPTER _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

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77063. FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 15.

THETA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

NOMINEES FOR THE HONOR OF ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ARE NEWCOMERS TO THE HOUSTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER BUT WHOSE WORK HAS MADE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON THE CHAPTER OR HAS INFLUENCED THE SUCCESS OF THE THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW.

I NOMINATE _____AS 2018 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR.

MY CANDIDATE WAS INITIATED IN _____(YEAR) _____
THETA ACTIVITIES IN WHICH SHE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING:

YOUR NAME _____THETA CHAPTER _____

EMAIL _____PHONE _____

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