

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Houston Alumnae Chapter



KITE TALE

2019

Theta Charity Antiques Show

November 22 -24

George R. Brown
Convention Center

Preview Party

November 21

Mark your calendars as
you don't want to miss

our Grand Finale!

More information

to come about

underwriting
opportunities,

participating
exhibitors and

speakers.

CHANGE OF

ADDRESS

MAY 8

GENERAL

MEETING

AT THE HOME OF

SUSIE SMITH

5619 BORDLEY

77056

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for letting me serve as your president this year. It has been fun and I'm thankful. There have been some moments to treasure! How could I ever thank you sufficiently for this sweet honor? I'm reminded so often of the word in our alumnae activity...CHARITY. You've been charitable to me, the sisters you enjoy at meetings and this great Houston Community. There was no better day than at Ellie's gorgeous home celebrating just that charity within our sisterhood and Houston. The effects mostly will remain unknown to us but not to Him that sees such love.



Good days are still ahead as we gather as an alumnae chapter at Susie Smith's extraordinary home for our last meeting. At this meeting, I will wrap my year and then have the particular privilege of installing Suzanne Caram as your new president and introducing our 2019-20 executive committee. Please, note the meeting has changed to the home of Susie Smith, 5619 Bordley Drive, 77056.

Our Young Alums will meet Saturday April 27 at 1 pm for fun at Wakefield Crowbar and The Nite Kites are planning a casual evening on May 2 also.

Please make certain you've sent any letters of recommendation to Christina O'Shell and her recruitment committee by May 1 for all those darling girls you know that are headed to college this fall. They are our future!

There are a few seats remaining at the Theta table at the HAPA/HAPF luncheon on May 2 at the Junior League. Please, let me now that you want to join us! It's a great day celebrating the outstanding scholars around the city. Also, there are amazing door prizes donated by the other sororities in the city...you may even be the luckiest and win the Theta prize!

The Theta Task Force is making plans to meet...herding these wonderful but busy Thetas is a wild ride! Please, be a sleuth as you visit with friends and Thetas as you travel about what they might know to be a fun and profitable event. As one Theta said, "our founders were very clever 66 years ago and we can create something wonderful, too"!

I wish you all a safe and peaceful summer. Suzanne has exciting plans for the fall !!

Loyally in Theta,
Deborah Deford Dunkum

PANSY BOUQUETS TO:

Carrie Cornelius for planning another fun event for our Young Alums and for serving for 2 years in that planning capacity!

Martha Claire Mealy for planning and serving for two year wrangling those Nite Kites!

Dinah McClymonds for her faithful service to the Mah Jong group.

Jan Nuenschwander for her continuing leadership of the Bridge Players.

Suzy Heine for being the devoted leader of Theta Bible Study for more years than we can know.

Emily Crosswell and Monisa Cline who have cared well for our sisters and their families in need.

Ellie Bale for hosting such a beautiful reception to host our beneficiaries and allowing the opportunity to be so inspired.

For everyone who volunteered, attended or donated as underwriters to the Theta Charity Antiques Show in order to help alleviate the needs in this Houston community.

Nancy Bertin and Julie Harris who made it possible to have such an interesting meeting at Child Advocates and to hear the extraordinary way this agency cares for the youngest and most vulnerable.

Cheri Fossler and Susan Martin for planning such an especially fun trip to Northwest Arkansas, Bentonville, The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and the WalMart Museum!

Monisa Cline for chairing the KAT Foundation's Scholarship Application Review Committee and to those of you who served so graciously with her.

Kathy Waugh for the photography at General meetings and Annette for the Founders Day.

"My" Executive Committee and all who were Committee Chairs...you gals are the finest! And I will ever be grateful!

Care and Concern

To Cherry Schwarz on the death of her husband, John Schwarz in March.

To Janie Schubert loss of her father-in-law and Allison on the loss of her grandfather, Fred Schubert.

To Margene Lloyd on the loss of her husband, William.

To Anne Kinder encouragement for her post hospital stay.

To Rhonda Dearmond on the loss of her daughter, Sarah Grace Dearmon, a Houston area active at Texas Tech.

To the family of Julia Spinn on her death.

To Beverly Arnold recovering from a hip injury.

To Ashley Ann Wright who had a baby boy, Logan, in March.



VOLLEYBALL!
KATS TAKE THE COURT

Host: Carrie Cornelius 713-899-3107

Where: Wakefield Crowbar
954 Wakefield Dr., 77018

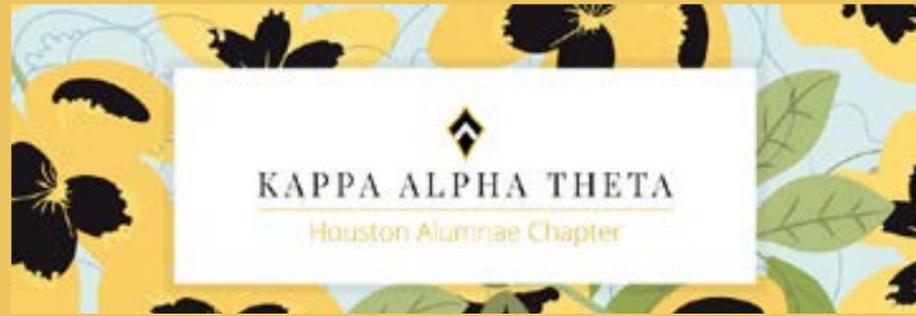
When: Saturday, April 27 at 1:00 PM



*Please Join Us for
End of Year Luncheon
Wednesday, May 8
11:00 a.m.
at the home of Susie Smith
5619 Bordley Drive, 77056
Celebration of our 2018-2019 Year
and Installation of 2019-2020 Officers*



Join the Nite Kites
for Drinks & Lite Bites
Thursday, May 2
5:30 p.m.
Brenners on the Bayou
1 Birdsall, 77007



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

LADIES, PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES. FEELING GENEROUS? IF YES, WE TRULY NEED MORE THETA TWIN STARS WHICH IS THE \$100 LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE JOIN ME IN BECOMING A TWIN STAR THETA!

SINCE 2015, OUR DUES-PAYING MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS HAVE DECREASED APPROXIMATELY 14%. WE ARE NOT UNIQUE IN THAT OTHER VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS ARE EXPERIENCING THIS SAME TREND. HOWEVER, IF WE WANT TO CONTINUE OUR VARIED PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS, AND WORK WITHIN A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET, WE NEED 1) MORE DUES PAYING MEMBERS AND 2) MEMBERS WHO OPT-IN AT A HIGHER LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP.

WE HAVE MADE IT EASY FOR YOU – YOU CAN COMPLETE AND RETURN THE PRINTED DUES AND INTERESTS FORMS MAILED TO YOU AT THE END OF MARCH. OR, YOU CAN GO ONLINE AND SUBMIT PAYMENT VIA CREDIT CARD AT WWW.HOUSTONTHETAS.ORG. REMINDER – DEADLINE IS MAY 31 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRINTED DIRECTORY. IF QUESTIONS, CONTACT MARCI HAMILTON AT MARCI.HAMILTON5@GMAIL.COM OR 713-397-3593.

PLEASE CONTACT AT LEAST ONE THETA FRIEND TO JOIN OR REJOIN FOR THE 2019-2020 YEAR!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

1). MEMBERSHIP DATABASE
WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO MANAGE OUR MEMBERSHIP DATABASE. THE 'BUSIEST' TIME OF THE YEAR IS DURING MEMBERSHIP DUES COLLECTION WHICH RUNS APRIL THROUGH MID-JUNE. THEN, IT REQUIRES REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF ADDRESS/EMAIL/PHONE UPDATES AS WELL AS SEGMENTING THE MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR VARIOUS MAILINGS. IMMEDIATE HELP IS WANTED AS OUR LONG-TIME THETA VOLUNTEER, NANCY CAPPS FORESTER, HAS RETIRED AND WILL BE IN HOUSTON ONLY OCCASIONALLY. KUDOS TO YOU NANCY FOR COORDINATING THIS TASK FOR 10+ YEARS. CONTACT SUZANNE CARAM, SFCARAM@COMCAST.NET OR 832-860-3861 IF INTERESTED.

2).HOUSTON THETA ALUMNAE ON SOCIAL MEDIA – NEED HELP!
CALLING FOR A VOLUNTEER OR TWO TO TAKE OUR EXISTING SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM AND RAMP IT UP! THANKS TO DEBORAH DUNKUM (FACEBOOK) AND CYNTHIA LANGE (INSTAGRAM) FOR LAUNCHING THESE "PAGES" FOR US. CHECK OUT HOUSTON ALUMNAE OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA ON FACEBOOK AND HOUSTONTHETAS ON INSTAGRAM. CONTACT SUZANNE CARAM AT SFCARAM@COMCAST.NET OR 832-860-3861 IF INTERESTED.

2018 THETA SHOW RECEPTION

Photography by Kathy Waugh



NICKI RICHNOW AND PAIGE LINES FREEDOM PLACE
KAREN DONOVAN



BONNIE CAMPBELL & BRADLEY BROOKS
BAYOU BEND COLLECTION



DR. SUSAN BLANEY,
PRISCILLA LUNA MONDRAGON & CAROL MINOR,
TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



LOIS WRIGHT JULIE HARRIS
CAROL MINOR
ASHLEY BRUCHETTE
CHILD ADVOCATES



JENNIFER O'DONNELL
ANA SCHICK AND BRITTNEY AMEND
SMALL STEPS



VICKI LOVIN JENNIFER O' DONNFELL
MICHELLE SCHONBECK
HOUSTON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICES



VICKI LOVIN
GINGER COOK BARBARA BERNSTEIN
SECOND SERVING



KELLEY HURST DONNA SCHMIDT ALICIA LEE
KAPPA ALPHA THETA FOUNDATION



TCAS CO-CHAIRS JENNIFER, VICKI AND PRESIDENT DEBORAH



BETH, SHANA, TRICIA AND GIGGY

THETA SHOW RECEPTION CONTINUED



MAURA AND KATE

Photography by Kathy Waugh

THETA WILDCATS INVESTMENT CLUB MEETING



ELEANOR, SHERYL, MELISSA, JAN AND PATSY



CONNIE, MARTI, DEBORAH, PATSY AND ELEANOR



KAΘ & CASA

WINTER MEETING

A CASA VOLUNTEER. SHARED HER INSPIRING STORIES AND HOW SHE HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN TROUBLED FAMILIES' LIVES.



Heather, Margaret and Rhonda



Deborah



Cynthia and Cherri



Connie and Melinda



Vicki and Jennifer



Sonya Galvan, CEO, CASA, Houston and Nancy



Katie and Karen



Joanne and Vicki



Linda and Julie

THETA EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

SEND IN ALL OUTSTANDING ALUMNAE BILLS AND MAY 1. REIMBURSEMENT FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT HOUSTONTHETAS.ORG. CHOOSE REFERENCES, SCROLL DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SCREEN. THE REIMBURSEMENT FORM IS THE LAST ONE ON THE SCREEN.

DUES FOR NEXT YEAR

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR DUES NO LATER THAN MAY 31 TO BE LISTED IN THE THETA DIRECTORY. LEADERSHIP NEEDS YOUR PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAILS

THETA TRAVELERS AT CHRYSTAL BRIDGES



Pictured from left to right: Julie Harris, Deborah Dunkum, Sue Watkins, Maura McCarthy, Jane Humphries, Debbie Leighton, Ruth Hawk, Sandy Lucas, Pam Lamp, Janis Henry, Sarah Eilers, Margaret Scott, Susan Lawhon, Carol McCartt, Nancy Bertin, Cheri Fossler, Linda Triplett & Susan Martin
The Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel is in the background.

Houston Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship Application Review Committee

Chairman: **Monisa Cox Cline**

Members of the Committee: **Stacey Tucker Arlosoroff***, **Marnie Lattimore Clark**, **Linda Castellon Debrovner**, **Susan Walton Edward**, **Pam Greenwood**, **Marta Kelle Henderson**, **Kathryn Hennington**, **Janis Frank Henry**, **Amy Fox Keith**, **Maura McCarthy**, **Dinah Hampton McClymonds**, **Kelly Moneyhan**, **Christine Neuenschwander Parke**, **Elizabeth Winfield Rigney**, **Peggy Ratcliffe Roe**

On behalf of the Theta Foundation, thank you very much for serving on the Scholarship Application Review Committee. I truly appreciate your time and support. This is an important initiative in helping young Theta women in pursuit of their education and their dreams ~ and we thank you!

Monica Cline

*Theta members who are outside our area that have volunteered to help.

CALENDAR

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bible Study	See you in the fall! Contact: Suzy Heine suzyq819@gmail.com or 713-858-0802.
Bridge	Theta Bridge on Thursday, April 25 and May 23. 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, May 8 at the home of Anne Frischkorn, 3815 Piping Rock, 77057 Contact Mary Helen Davenport at 713-523-9065 or Marti Peterson at 713-254-4330
Monday Mah Jong Group	Monday Group meets every week from 1- 4:30 p.m. in our homes. Our group is full but substitutes are contacted as needed. Contact Dinah McClymonds at 832-594-0407 or dinahmcc49@gmail.com.
Tuesday Mah Jong Beginner Group	We meet on every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Our group is full also but you may sign up on our waiting list. Contact Joanne Malinak @ jokm1812@gmail.com or text 713 725 1667 for information.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Young Thetas Sat., April 27 1:00 p. m.	KAT Volley Ball at Wakefield Crowbar, 954 Wakefield Drive, 77018
Nite Kites Thurs., May 2 5:30 p.m.	Nite Kites get together at Brenners on the Bayou, 1 Birdsall, 77007
May Meetings Wednesday, May 8	Joint Board Meeting 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 at 10:00 a.m. End of Year Luncheon and Installation of 2019-2020 Officers at the home of Susie Smith, 5619 Bordley Driver, 77056 at 11:00 a.m.