



KAPPA ALPHA THETA
Houston Alumnae Chapter
KITE TALE

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Dear Theta Sisters,

I am writing this the morning following our Founders Day Dinner celebration.

Wow, "my cup runneth over". Such a very special evening at the Junior League. Please check out the photos that appear in this issue.



What a pleasure it was to honor our two, 75-year Thetas and 18, 50-year Thetas. And we had a handful of 25-year Thetas to recognize as well! Kudos to our Theta of the Year, **Margaret Buescher**, Twin Stars **Allison Allison** and **Dina Ormiston**, and Rookie of the Year **Emily Spanos**.

While surveying the room, I felt my heart was full sharing the evening with my Theta mentors, with my new "younger" alumnae friends, and last but not least, with my Delta Omega/Texas A&M sisters who came out "en masse" to support me and our chapter's celebration of our Founders and Theta's 150th birthday!

Our team's goal was to make the evening meaningful, relaxed and joyful. I hope we delivered on those counts! **Linda Brown Mueller**, **Lisa Schwartz** and **Dinah McClymonds** are the trio extraordinaire. **Jennifer Bowen** and **Deanne White** orchestrated a lovely awards presentation. The **Octet** entertained us with their beautiful voices. And who can go awry with **Laura Doerre** as speaker? What a lovely lady whose spoken words took us back to that memorable moment when we pledged ourselves to Kappa Alpha Theta. I don't know about you, but I remember thinking then...this is an important decision and trust that I am in the 'right' hands. Well....after 42 years, I believe that has come to pass.

Thank you to the entire Founders Day Dinner team which also includes **Liz Rigney** and her hostesses, candlelighters **Alison Bell** and **Reagan Dunkin**, photographer **Annette Boatwright**, Treasurer **Marci Hamilton**, Roll Caller **Cynthia Hazard**.... all who made the evening memorable.

Lots to look forward to this spring. All of the details are in this issue. Please join us. Your presence and participation make it all worthwhile. Happy 150th Birthday to Theta!

Theta Love,

Suzanne FitzGerrell Caram
President
Delta Omega '78

*"Don't be afraid of
opposition. Remember,
a kite rises against, not
with, the wind"*

Hamilton Wright Mabie

SAVE THE DATE



Winter Coffee and General Meeting February 19, 2020

At the home of
Jennifer O'Donnell 11111 Wickway, 77024
10:00 a.m.

Join the fun as we participate in a demo by famed Houston cooking instructor, recipe developer and food writer Marcia Smart

Listen for our officer slate for 2020-21, get updates from Philanthropy Task Force, learn about easy weeknight meals and dinner hacks!



HAPA Recruitment Roundtable
Saturday, February 15, 2020
The Church of St. John the Divine
2450 River Oaks Blvd., 77019
9:45 a.m.

HAPA Foundation 34th Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Unlock the Potential

Guest Speaker:
Carole Jones, Alpha Omicron Pi
National Panhellenic Conference Chairman 2019-21

Recognizing:
2020-2021 Collegiate Scholarship Winners

Welcoming: Suzanne Stiles, Pi Beta Phi
Incoming HAPA President 2020-2021

Benefitting:
The HAPF Scholarship Program

Thursday, May 7, 2020
11:30 am
(Check-in begins at 11:00 am)

Junior League of Houston, Ballroom
1811 Briar Oaks Lane
Houston, TX 77027

Please join your Theta sisters at our table!

Mail your \$65 check, payable to Houston Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta 5773 Woodway Drive, #260, Houston, Tx. 77057. **Deadline April 30.**

Questions??
Contact Suzanne Caram scaram@comcast.net,
832-860-3861 or
Laura Guillory laurafguillory@gmail.com, 713-757-2779.

Theta Legacy Informational Coffee

9:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 5, 2020

At the home of
Christina O'Shell
130 Radney Road, 77024

Join us if you have a daughter or
granddaughter attending
college in
Fall 2020 or Spring 2021

rsvp to christinaoshell@gmail.com

PANSY BOUQUETS to :

Patsy Mahlstedt for hosting the Nite Kites in her lovely home and **Crystal Murray**, Nite Kite Chair, for coordinating the Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange.

Brittany Page, Young Alumnae Chair, for coordinating the YA dinner at my home.

Krissi Reid for hosting our fabulous Christmas luncheon in her stunning home. Kudos also to **Judy Ann McCartney** for corralling the Theta Mothers Club members, and their daughters, to attend.

HollyAnne Jenkins and **Casey Rowland** for their help as Panhellenic Delegate and Alternate through December 2019.

Laura Fruit Guillory for accepting the position of Theta Panhellenic Delegate through May 2020.

Marnie Clark and **Lisa Dunwoody** for accepting the positions of Houston Panhellenic Vice Chairs/ Recruitment to take effect May 2020. They are Vice Chairs for one year and roll into the Recruitment Chairs Position the following year.

Cooky Mays for coordinating the February HAPA meeting where Theta is hostess.

Christina O'Shell for accepting, once again, the Theta Recruitment Board Chair position and for hosting the Theta legacy coffee.

Dinah McClymonds and **Joanne Malinak** for coordinating Mah Jongg, **Suzy Heine** for Bible Study, **Jan Neuenschwander** for Bridge and **Mary Helen Davenport** and most recently, **Melissa Jones**, for Theta WildKats.

Philanthropy Task Force members who participated in our November survey results wrap-up sessions.

Deborah Dunkum for coordinating and hosting our Nominating Committee meeting and to all attendees.

Peggy Roe for hosting our February Board meeting and **Jennifer O'Donnell** for hosting our February General Meeting.

Debbie Pedrick for coordinating our Azalea Trail day excursion and **Deanne White** for hosting a lovely luncheon in her home, assisted by **Janis Henry** and **Melissa Schnitzer**.

Margaret Buescher and **Cindy Balderach** for chairing our March Philanthropic Reception and **Janice Priest** for hosting in her lovely home.

Patsy Holmes and **Cooky Mays** for coordinating our upcoming Kite & Key Luncheon and **Joanne Malinak** for hosting us!

CARES AND CONCERNS

NOVEMBER

TO MARY BURKETT WHALING ON HER RECOVERY FROM THE FLU

TO MARY KRISTEN PLUMHOFF VALENTINE ON THE DEATH OF HER GRANDMOTHER, FRANCHELLE PLUMHOFF, ON NOVEMBER 12TH

TO COOKY MADDOX MAYS ON THE DEATH OF HER SISTER, CAROLYN SHELTON, ON NOVEMBER 16TH

TO LADY MACLEOD HUFFSTUTLER FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRENGTH AS SHE AIDS HER MOTHER IN HER CANCER TREATMENTS

DECEMBER

TO HOLLYANNE FARRIS JENKINS ON THE BIRTH OF HER SON, COLLIER RAIMOND JENKINS

TO THE FAMILY OF BETTY ELIZARDI BLAND ON HER PASSING ON NOVEMBER 30TH

TO ANNE PEDEN TUCKER ON THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, JEFF, ON DECEMBER 11TH

JANUARY

TO JEAN AMSLER CATHRINER FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRENGTH AS SHE HEALS FROM A FALL

TO JANA LAIRD PHILLIPS ON THE DEATH OF HER FIANCEE, WOODY WOODRUFF, ON CHRISTMAS EVE

TO KATHY REED PHILLIPS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRENGTH AS SHE HEALS FROM A BROKEN HIP

TO MARY WARE MCDANIEL FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRENGTH AS SHE HEALS FROM A BROKEN HIP

TO CAROLYN HAMILTON CRUSE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRENGTH AS SHE HEALS FROM A HIP REPLACEMENT

TO TRACEY NELSON, A FORMER DISTRICT X ADD, AS SHE BATTLES MAJOR HEALTH ISSUES

TO MARY BURKETT WHALING FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND STRENGTH AS SHE HEALS FROM A HIP REPLACEMENT

Christmas Luncheon



Houston Scholarship Application Review Committee

Theta Foundation is looking for volunteers to serve on the Houston Scholarship Application Review Committee (ARC). The 2020 Houston ARC is being chaired by **Monisa Cline**.

Participation on this committee is very rewarding, as you become a part of the process that makes Theta's scholarship program one of the most respected in the fraternal community. Not only will you learn a lot, but you will help change the lives of the women who receive these scholarships.

A review will be completed on members' own time via Theta Foundation's online system beginning **Friday, March 20 through Wednesday, April 8**. Committee service offers an ideal opportunity for those who cannot commit to long-term projects but still want to give back to Theta.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Monisa Cline at monisacline@gmail.com for further information. Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity!

Please make sure your membership profile is current!

Theta National's Chapter Spot (formerly the Theta Portal).

Please access your membership profile on Chapter Spot and update your settings in Sister Search. Having access to this data will help Jeannie, our membership database chair!

Here are the instructions.

Go to www.kappaalphatheta.org

Go to "Member Login" in upper right corner

Login with your FSID (you should have received this info from National in 2019)

Go to upper right corner where it shows your name and click drop-down arrow for Member Profile

Hit "Sister Search" tab in middle of 10+ tabs across page

Click on Show Street Address, Show City-State and Show Zip

Click SAVE

Thank you. Taking these steps helps us keep our database accurate.



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1870-2020



Calling for Volunteers!

If you are interested in serving on a committee or with a team of volunteers to plan and execute our meetings and events in 2020-2021

PLEASE contact Dinah McClymonds
Dinahmcc49@gmail.com or
832-242-3191

There are LOTS of fun events to work on, and we need new ideas as well.

If you have always wanted to join in the fun, now is the time to jump in!

New Theta Members

University of Virginia

Olivia Marrus Kinkaid
Camila Sabisky St. Johns

Vanderbilt

Ellie Ragiel Episcopal
Caroline Oster Kinkaid

WakeForest

Story Sinex Episcopal

Baylor

Allie Barnett Village School
Anna Litner Stratford

Tulane

Katherine Spring

University of Texas (COB)

Delany Newsome Episcopal

Washington and Lee

Claire Hotze Duchesne

Legacies are in Italics



CALLING ALL THETA TRAVELERS AND NON-THETA GUESTS!

Please join Us for KATS on the TRAIL! Azalea Trail Home and Garden Tour

**Friday, March 6, 2020
10:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**Meet at 10:15 am at St. Luke's United Methodist Church Parking Lot
Tour four homes and gardens in River Oaks and Historic Courtland Place
Lunch at Deanne White's lovely home**

**RSVP's First Come, First Served! Let's fill the bus!!
Reservation Deadline February 28**

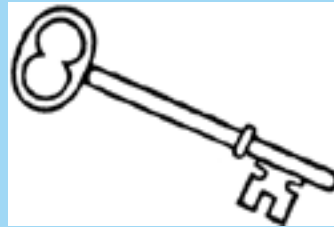
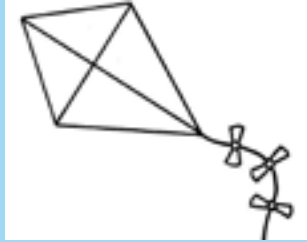
**\$75/per person includes transportation, Azalea Trail ticket and lunch
Pay online at houstonthetas.org or mail \$75 check payable to
Houston Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta 5773 Woodway Drive., # 260 Houston, Texas 77057
Questions? Contact Debbie Pedrick debpedrick@comcast.net 713-504-2221**

New Alumnae Members since last issue

- Lida Inge Swafford Dahm, ldahmmd@sbcglobal.net, 832-423-2181
- Janice Jay Culp, janiceculp@sbcglobal.net, 713-854-1909
- Corie Chumpitazi, corrie@bcm.edu, 832-367-9455
- Kathryn Pielech, kpielech@me.com, 832-729-7531
- Allison Bolin, allison.bolin@att.net, 713-933-8377
- Michelle Williamson, michellewilliamson563@gmail.com, 281-451-4250
- Katharine Lord, kathyclord@gmail.com, 713-529-6441
- Cimarron Evans, rcimarr@yahoo.com, 405-562-0579



Nite Kites having a fun evening



KITE AND KEY PICNIC

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

At the home of Joanne Malinak
6008 Riverview Way, 77057

Cost is \$25 per person. Please pay through the Theta website www.houstonthetas.org.
RSVP by April 9, 2020.

Come and enjoy a fun visit and lunch with your Theta sisters and Kappa friends!

Exploring Antiques Show & Alumnae Chapter Archival Options

Several Thetas attended an exploratory meeting at the Carey Shuart Women’s Collection Archive at UH in January to discuss storage of the records of the Theta Charity Antiques Show (TCAS) and the Houston Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta. Carey, a member of our Houston Alumnae chapter, is a co-founder of the Women’s Archive and Research Center and continues to be an avid supporter. Her passion for preserving documentation of women’s accomplishments was inspired after finding papers belonging to her grandmother, lecturer and writer, Blanche Espy Chenoweth.

<https://libraries.uh.edu/locations/special-collections/shuart/>

We will be reviewing other archival institutions in the coming months as well as assessing the TCAS information in storage to determine our needs.

Philanthropic Reception

*Celebrating our
2019 TCAS Show Beneficiaries*

*Wednesday, March 11, 2020
10:00 a.m.*

*At the home of Janis Priest
803 Briar Ridge, 77057*

*Witness our gift-giving to
11 Houston area
Non-Profits*

The Houston Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was honored to be the recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Community Service Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals on November 15, 2019. Theta representatives, Peggy Roe and Liz Rigney, were also featured in the video shown to the 800-crowd audience. We were 20 Thetas-strong in accepting the award which was based largely on the success of our Theta Charity Antiques Show. Thank you to all Thetas for helping us achieve this milestone.



Theta Founders Day



*Linda Brown Mueller and
Lisa Schwartz - Co-chairs*



*Suzanne FitzGerrell Caram and
Laura Doerre - Theta Foundation Trustee*



*Emily Atchley Spanos - Rookie of the Year Award
Dina Sullivan Ormiston - Twin Star Award
Margaret McCullough Buescher - Theta of the Year*



*Allison Cain Allison - Twin Star Award
Jennifer Justice Bowen*

Theta Founders Day



Thank you to those who submitted articles and pictures for our Kite Tale. A special **thank you** to **Kathy Waugh** and **Annette Boatwright**, our Houston Theta Alumnae photographers.

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 will meet on Thursday, February 27th and Thursday, March 26th, at The Forrest Club, 11:00 - 3:00 P.M. for bridge and lunch. All bridge players are welcome. If you would like to play, please contact Jan Neuenschwander at janeuen@aol.com or 713-542-1823.
WildKats Investment Club	Will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at 11:15 a.m. at Susan Heuer's 3433 Westheimer, Apt 307, 77027. Next meeting will be Wednesday March 11 after the Theta meeting. Please rsvp by 3 days in advance of meeting, as lunch will be served. RSVP to Kathy Waugh at kathleen_waugh@me.com .
Mah Jongg	Meets every Monday from 1- 4:00 p.m. We take turns hosting in our homes. Currently, our group is full, but occasionally, we add a player or two. If you are interested, please contact Dinah McClymonds at 832-242-3191, or at Dinahmcc49@gmail.com .

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Saturday, February 15 9:45 a.m.	HAPA Recruitment Roundtable at The Church of St. John the Divine 2450 River Oaks Blvd., 77019 For high school senior girls or current college undergraduates, residing in Houston, and interested in sorority recruitment. http://www.houston-panhellenic.org/recruitment.htm
Wednesday, February 19 10:00 a.m.	Winter Coffee and General Meeting featuring Marcia Smart, Smart in the Kitchen. Announcement of 2020-2021 officer slate and update from Philanthropy Task Force. At home of Jennifer O'Donnell 11111 Wickway, 77024
Thursday, March 5 9:30 a.m.	Theta Legacy Informational Coffee - please join us if you have a daughter or granddaughter attending college in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021. At home of Christina O'Shell 130 Radney Road 77024. rsvp to christinaoshell@gmail.com
Friday, March 6 10:30 a.m.	85th Annual River Oaks Garden Club Azalea Trail. More details and registration at www.houstonthetas.org/calendar . First-come, first-serve. Invite your non-Theta friends too. Meet at St. Luke's United Methodist Church parking lot.
Wednesday, March 11 10:00 a.m.	Philanthropic Reception Celebrating our 2019 Antiques Show Beneficiaries. At the home of Janis Priest 803 Briar Ridge, 77057.
Wednesday, April 15 11:30 a.m.	Kite and Key Luncheon. Visit and enjoy lunch with our Kappa friends. Register at www.houstonthetas.org . At home of Joanne Malinak 6008 Riverview Way, 77057
Wednesday, May 6 11:00 am	End of Year Luncheon. Celebrate our 2019-2020 year and install our 2020-2021 Officers. At home of Nicole Manning 613 Wellesley Drive, 77024
Thursday, May 7 11:30 am	HAPA Scholarship Luncheon at The Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Drive, 77027. \$65 per person, check payable to Houston Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta 5773 Woodway Drive, #260, Houston, TX 77057

Thank you Houston Life Loyal Members!!

Nancy Abernathy
 Aimee Andrepont
 Suzanne Arrington
 Rhonda Guest Barclay
 Nancy Yager Barry
 Emily Carmen Barth
 Katy Kaminski Bate
 Betty Beaird
 Susannah (Sue) Harkins Bene'
 Elizabeth Look Biar
 Patricia Hamilton Blalock
 Mary Ellen Wright Bos
 Brenda Maynard Bowman
 Penny Pickens Brooks
 Ann Davis Bruch
 Anne Sadler Budill
 Margaret McCullough Buescher
 Cait Casteel
 Virginia Meyers Chandler
 Melinda McConnell Chernosky
 Corrie Klopocz Chumpitazi
 AlexChunn
 Monisa Cox Cline
 Kristen Cobb
 Peggy Jo Cook Coker
 Janice Jay Culp
 Lida Swafford Dahm, M.D.
 Angela Danelutt
 Grace Nicole Davenport
 Madison Deal
 Virginia ClayDeam
 Colby Kerr Doyle
 Ann Turley Dreith
 Deborah DeFord Dunkum
 Kathryn Farris
 Catharine Clark Falconer
 Katie McGee Field
 Michael Fife
 Carter Fitts
 Mary Ellen Fitzsimonds
 Natalie Flores
 Nancy Capps Forester
 Anne Munger Freeman
 Dianne Fain Garrett
 Catherine Guiffre
 Jennifer Cove Green
 Frieda Hale
 Judy Blair Hall
 Ann Arney Halverson
 Carolyn Burton Hamilton

Jayna Haney
 Julianne (Julie) Buas Harris
 Jasmine D. Hawk
 Ruth Mercer Hawk
 Cynthia Ralphs Hazard
 Marilyn Todd Hazelrigs
 Alice Arnold Helms
 Carolyn Roch Henneman
 Kathryn Hennington
 Janis Frank Henry
 Laura Carter Higley
 Hannah Hoffman
 Patricia Ford Holmes
 Linda Hsu
 Clare Wiggins Jackson
 Jenny Janssen
 Marti Johnson
 Jean Kirby Jones
 Laura Elise Jones
 Martha Taylor Jones
 Melissa DeBois Jones
 Elyse Spector Kalmans
 Katherine Gayden Keenan
 Gayle Galt Kennedy
 Marilyn Perkinson Kerr
 Anne Lamkin Kinder
 Cynthia Jones Lange
 Karen Albrecht Ledbetter
 Alicia Lee
 Christina Elisa Lombana
 Vicki J. Lovin
 Sandra Drews Lucas
 Shannon Martin
 Susan Arnold Martin
 Cooky Maddox Mays
 Dinah Hampton McClymonds
 Sara Scholes Morgan
 Alyssa Murray
 Mallory Nelson
 Elizabeth Dula Nickles
 Ruth Gibson Odom
 Jeannie Willcox Osborne
 Abigail Owen-Pontez
 Erica Gray Parker
 Robin Paulsen
 Ellen Pellegrin
 Marti Stilwell Peterson
 Sarah Bagley Peterson
 Meredith Arnold Powers
 Ruth Nell Ramsey Powers

Daisy Whitridge Quayle
 Emily Balch Radke
 Elizabeth Winfield Rigney
 Amy Rivers
 Abigail Roberts
 Elizabeth "Liz" Roberts
 Brooke Trotter Robertson
 Rebekah Robertson
 Robin Rosenberg
 Judy Camp Sauer
 Jennifer Schmidt
 Kathy Schultz
 Lisa Lowry Schwartz
 Kate Flack Scott
 Constance Harris Seger
 Gretchen Sengelmann
 Misha Sharp
 Rebecca Crowder Shatto
 Michelle Sheena
 Carey Chenoweth Shuart
 Perveen Singh
 Holly Horton Smith
 Mary Stanton Smith
 Nancy Williams Smith
 Shelley Seidel Solcher
 Callie Soltis
 Judith Magnell Stone
 Molly Street
 Kathleen Strong
 Laura Stubbs
 Lisa Collins Tidwell
 Lynda Knapp Underwood
 Alexandra Van Deman
 Whitney Vaughn
 Samantha Waldheim
 Ruthie Rand Waldrop
 Briana Wallace
 Emily Waters
 Mary E. Ivers Wersebe
 Martha McKee West
 Joan Erickson Whalen
 Deanne Wagner White
 Sherri Rains Whitus
 Ashley Williams
 Cabell Walker Wood
 Susie Frey Woodall
 Mary Gail Coutret Woodman
 Lois Hamilton Wright
 Jennifer Yager
 Nicole Domercq Zarr

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KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Life Loyal Enrollment Form

- I am enrolling myself in Life Loyal
- I am enrolling another member in Life Loyal

Life Loyal member's name (First) _____ (Maiden) _____ (Last) _____

Life Loyal member's initiating school: _____

Life Loyal member's initiating chapter: _____

Address of Life Loyal member: _____
Street _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Home phone of Life Loyal member: _____

Cell phone of Life Loyal member: _____

E-mail address of Life Loyal member: _____

- Please do not send me the premiums (gift, pin, card, etc.). I want only to continue to receive The Magazine.
- Please do not list my name in The Magazine or on the Life Loyal website.

LIFE LOYAL PAYMENT OPTIONS

- I have enclosed a check payable to Kappa Alpha Theta for a one-time payment of \$299.
- Charge my credit card a one-time payment of \$299.

LIFE LOYAL PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR 50-YEAR THETAS

(options only for 50-plus-year Thetas)

- I have enclosed a check payable to Kappa Alpha Theta for a one-time payment of \$189.
- Charge my credit card a one-time payment of \$189.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION :

MasterCard Visa

(We cannot accept American Express.)

Credit card number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please send this form and payment to:

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Indianapolis, IN 46268

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to become a member.