

Houston Alumnae Chapter

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Greetings Theta Alumnae Sisters,

A lot has happened to us. We are living in a time of uncertainty, making us fearful and sad. We canceled everything in our lives this spring, and we are still not sure how to plan for the future. We have also had time to reflect on what is truly important. Our health, employment, and physical surroundings have caused us worry while our families, friends, and faith have held us together. One thing is for certain, we are not alone. We Thetas are here to support each other. We need each other. So now, more than ever, it is important that Houston Thetas plan for our future.

I am asking you to reconnect with your fellow Theta sisters by renewing your annual Houston Alumnae Chapter membership or to **join us for the first time**. We are reaching out to those of you whom we haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, and to those of you who were members years ago and may have drifted away, and to those of you who pay your dues regularly, but are not as involved anymore. As someone who has been a member of a Theta Alumnae chapter for my entire adult life, I can honestly say that I have gained more than I have given. And when you join this alumnae chapter, it is possible for you, too.

The Houston Alumnae chapter is the largest in the US, and we believe we offer a friendly welcome, along with lots of fun and interesting things to do. We also provide a place where you can be comfortable, knowing that your Theta friends share so much with you...history, values, connections, memories. It is also a great place to make new friends, network with others and rekindle or solidify old friendships. And now, of course, we will have even more reasons to gather, after having been apart for so long. Working together and playing together, we create a bond that very few other organizations can offer.

This year will be a *transition year* for us, meaning that we will be trying a lot of NEW things. We will be working on establishing a NEW Philanthropic Event, we will offer NEW ways to become involved in the chapter, and we hope to create NEW Special Interest Groups: things that appeal to all ages. We want YOU to share in the transition, so that **you can create the Theta Alumnae experience that you want**. We want to offer opportunities that fit your lifestyle, skills, and interests. We also understand that joining us may not work out for you this year, for many reasons. But we hope you will not forget us. We are here to help you, as sisters should.

Please follow the instructions on the enclosed Membership form, plus the Involvement and Interests form, and mail them back with your check (directions are on the forms). You can also pay your dues and indicate your interests at <a href="www.houstonthetas.org">www.houstonthetas.org</a>. I look forward to seeing your smiles in September!

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