



ALPHA XI DELTA

Through membership in Alpha Xi Delta, Sisters are inspired to realize their potential through the ideals our Founders instilled in our Fraternity: Sisterhood, leadership, knowledge and service to our communities.

This past year we participated in the Panhel events and gathered as a group for luncheons at various local restaurants. We will celebrate Alpha Xi Delta's 132nd year at a Founders' Day luncheon in early May.

Our philanthropy, the Kindly Hearts Initiative, focuses on supporting children experiencing foster care or homelessness. Nationally, we support our key impact organizations, FosterClub and StandUp for Kids. Our local association supports the IL Foster Closet. We also supported other causes that are important to us through different events, like participating in Panhellenic events such as donating cards to Elderwerks, having Lou Malnati's for Badge Day and the Fall auction.



We're looking forward to getting together throughout the upcoming year with our Alpha Xi and Panhellenic sisters.



CHI OMEGA

The NW Suburban Chi Omegas will be recognizing their 10th Anniversary this year! How quickly the time passed since we first organized in August 2014, received our not-for-profit status on 4/16/2015, and were formally re-Chartered at Chi Omega's National Convention in June 2015. After the original NW Alumnae Chapter disappeared in the 1990s, it took twenty plus years to finally make a return. Our group will always experience turnover from retirement moves and busy family juggles, yet we persist and commit to sticking together by keeping things simple.

Book club brings us together every six to eight weeks to catch up, share food, and sometimes even discuss the assigned book. Lenée Soto (U of IL) is our book list keeper and FB admin.

- Jess Coombs-Kelley (WIU) hosted another April 2024 "Crafternoon" at her home where we made retro ChiO shirts with her Cricut & sewing machines.
- Julie Ostrow (NC St. Univ.) organized an outdoor paint & sip party in June 2024. A fun time was had by owl!



In October, "Team ChiO Alumnae" raised funds and walked together in the annual Make-a-Wish Walk at Busse Woods. Kate Vittore Richardson (U of IA) served as MAW Chicago's event co-coordinator for the fourth consecutive year and served as Team Captain.

Chi Omega filled an entire table at CNWSAP's Fall Fundraiser. Thank you to Carol Pfister (LSU ChiO/SigKapMom) and Doris Dunn (Sig Kap/ChiOMom) for always being flexible with seating! Extra thanks to Nancy Golbeck (IL St. Univ.) for assembling our basket. Also, in November, Julie O and Laura Cerettani (Mich. St. Univ.) organized a pickle ball game for pros & amateurs alike at Pickle Haus in Crystal Lake. In December, we hosted the 11th annual Holiday Owl Exchange at Makray CC in Barrington.

A group of eight ChiOs attended the Lou Malnati's Fundraiser on Badge Day. We enjoyed seeing the KKGs, SKs, and ADPi alumnae to raise funds for CNWSAP's Scholarships. Thank you Ellen Kosson (USC) for joining Gina Study (Bradley Univ.) at CNWSAP's Senior Badge Day at The Garlands in mid-March. It was a pleasure to spend the afternoon with Suzanne Carmer (IA St. Univ.), members of CNWSAP, and many Panhellenic Sisters from The Garlands.

If anyone knows a ChiO Alumnae from the area, send them our way! We have even more in common today than when we first met...so please have them join us again or for the first time: https://chicagonwsburbalums.chiomega.com/contact_form



DELTA GAMMA

The Chicago Northwest Suburban Delta Gamma Alumnae have been celebrating their Sesquicentennial, 150 years of the Delta Gamma sisterhood, that concluded with Convention 2024 in Palm Desert, California. We are very proud to announce that our club was awarded the Region 5 Award for Communication Excellence!

We kicked off our programming year with a potluck dinner and continued with craft nights, a holiday house walk, and a Disney trivia night.



Our annual events- Coffee with Collegians, Galentine's Dinner with our Northshore DG alumnae sisters and Founders Day are always great events that allow us to connect with our other alumnae sisters as well as our local collegians.

Upcoming events will include: drinks and dinner at No School Tomorrow and Fox & Turtle in Itasca; summer outdoor concerts; and, of course, the Annual VisionWalk Chicago. Every summer, Delta Gamma participates in VisionWalk, raising funds for Foundation Fighting Blindness, which is an organization closely connected to Delta Gamma's philanthropy of Service for Sight. We encourage sisters from all of the Chicagoland alumnae chapters, local Delta Gamma collegians, and any friends of the anchor to join us in support of this organization and all of the research that they are doing to help the blind and visually impaired community.

Recently, two members of the chapter, Martina Fanella and Leana Killham, were appointed to Delta Gamma's leadership and will serve the Fraternity as a Regional Alumnae Specialist and a Regional Collegiate Specialist, respectively. They will serve from June 2025-June 2027.

Members of the Chicago Northwest chapter support the collegians at the Delta Nu chapter at Northern Illinois University as advisors during recruitment prep and recruitment week and with planning alumnae events like networking nights. If you are interested in connecting with Delta Gamma, contact Vanessa Vasquez (president) at vanessavasquez306@gmail.com.



KAPPA DELTA

Kappa Delta has enjoyed lots of new and different activities this year, while keeping some favorites on our calendar. We planned for the year at a delicious potluck dinner last spring, and enjoyed fun coffee drinks at the Panhellenic Re-engagement event. We flexed our golf skills at TopGolf, and enjoyed the Illinois-Wisconsin State Day luncheon on Northwestern's campus near our Lambda chapter.

We have met for brunch, and participated in National KD virtual events with guest speakers on a variety of topics, including networking and personal resilience. We're looking forward to Convention this summer in Dallas, Texas.



GAMMA PHI BETA

The Chicago NW Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has had a great year. We've had a mix of new activities and old favorites. One of the highlights was helping Gamma Phi celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2024! In June of 2024, we were lucky to have our biannual Convention right here in Chicago. This allowed many of our members to attend. We continued the celebration at our annual Chicago area Founders Day luncheon in November (along with the three other local alumnae chapters.)



In January we assembled 79 care packages for collegians. It is our annual fundraiser to support Girls on the Run and the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. Other meetings included a neighborhood scavenger hunt, game night, a holiday gift exchange with a 'Twelve Days of Christmas' theme, and a formal 7 course dinner replete with fine china, crystal and silver at a member's home. We look forward to wrapping up the year with our annual end of the year potluck dinner.



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It was a great year for Northwest Suburban Alumnae Association - filled with philanthropy, learning, and sisterhood! We love the opportunity to welcome graduating seniors to their alumnae experience, reconnecting with local women we may have lost touch with, and honoring our SuperSeniors, through a variety of events throughout the year.

For our Kappa Kickoff in September we met at Mrs. P & Me in downtown Mt. Prospect and as always there was not a minute of silence! Catching up after a long summer, and welcoming new and returning Alums kept us talking through the evening. In October we hosted 2 events for our Founders Day, and honored our Milestone Kappas celebrating 10, 25, 50, and 65 years. A special evening with our alumnae members, and a High Tea at The Garlands with our SuperSeniors. Some of the women honored shared their college experience in the 1950s/1960s, which is a precious reminder of how Kappa Kappa Gamma has evolved through the decades.

In November, the women of NWSAA met to pack the Kappa Kare bags for our local collegian members, wishing them a happy and successful finals week. The bags include treats, necessities, Kappa themed items, and a personal note from the student's parents. It's become a recurring and cherished tradition with our local college Chapters. Our holiday party and gift exchange was spectacular, our hostess had a full house with lots of food, laughter, and hugs. In January book club, we discussed [A Very Woodsy Murder](#), and had a great zoom discussion with the author!



Sisters met for a murder mystery party in February, and celebrated Badge Day at Lou Malnati's. We look forward to rounding out our year with philanthropy at Feed My Starving Children, and Kappa Derby Day Party!

To stay up to date on all our Kappa events, you can visit our Facebook page – or northwestsuburban.kappa.org – we love meeting new sisters!
