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Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Panhellenic
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Introducing our 2017 Scholarship Award Recipients

Danielle Allaire - Buffalo Grove HS, plans to attend Miami University in Oxford, Ohio to study biology and natural science

Rebecca Kendeigh - Cary-Grove HS, plans to attend the University of Iowa to major in elementary education

Michele Marvin - Palatine HS, plans to study neuroscience at Pepperdine, Wake Forest or USC

Kathleen McManus - Fremd HS, will study business/marketing at either the University of Alabama or the University of Indiana

Sydney Shadrick - Lake Zurich HS, will attend Appalachian State University in Boone, NC where she will major in special education-adapted curriculum

Jennifer Sobkowiak - Palatine HS, will attend Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA and pursue a major in chemistry and psychology

CNWSAP President's Update

Northwest Suburban Alumnae Panhellenic has had another great year. With the support of all members of Panhellenic organizations our Fall Event - Supporting our Scholars – was exceptionally successful. We awarded \$1500 scholarships to six outstanding young women. I want to thank all members who have donated to North West Compass each month, attended one of our events, volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, or enjoyed a meal with friends or sisters during Badge Day. Your attendance and support has made these events a huge success. Thank you for that and everything else you have done to help ensure the continued success of our Panhellenic organization. We will be having another exciting Sorority Recruitment Information Session in May. Please share that information with any young women who may be considering sisterhood in their future.

The Chicago NW Suburban Alumnae Panhellenic is implementing a significant change to its organizational structure. At the December meeting, a committee was appointed to review the structure of the organization. That committee has set forth an excellent proposal to change the structure of the organization. Their suggestions were shared with sorority Delegates and Presidents. Along with eliminating one major officer, all of our events will be organized by committees. The committees will be formed from the regular delegates and others who wish to help. Being on a committee will be the delegate's choice instead of being required to do a job from the old rotation system. The regular Panhellenic Council meetings will be held four to six times a year, August through May. All regular Council meetings will be open to all members of CNWSAP participating sororities. As in our current bylaws, each active member sorority shall be entitled to one vote per group. Committee meetings will be held as needed by the committees and shall be announced to all delegates.

More information about any of the events sponsored by our Panhellenic can be found on our website at www.CNWSAP.org.

Sandy Ratter, CNWSAP President 2016-2017

SAVE THE DATE! - 2018 Scholarship Fundraiser

Our annual Scholarship fundraiser is held each fall to raise funds for the scholarships we award. Please save **Sunday, November 5th at 11:30am** on your calendar for our Fall Fundraiser Luncheon. Details forthcoming!

Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Panhellenic
invites you to

Sorority Recruitment Information Session

Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00pm

Barrington Area Library

505 W. Northwest Highway, Barrington



ALPHA DELTA PI

The Northwest Countryside Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association has been busy this year with many annual and new events. We began the year in August, with 21 AΔΠ sisters, attending our "Sweet Treats" ice cream social. The fall also included a "Cards & Vine," "Binding Blankets," and "Re-gifting Your Treasures" meetings. In November, we had a table of members attend the Panhellenic "Supporting Our Scholars" luncheon and also had a vendor open house featuring: LuLaRoe, Tastefully Simple, Custom Touch Quilts, Thirty-One, and USborne Books, which helped us to raise monies for Ronald McDonald House.

So far in 2017, we have had an evening of "Dinner & a Movie," made jewelry at our "Craft Night Fun," and dinner at the "Panhellenic Badge Day Fundraiser." We look forward to our "Surely Spectacular Silent Auction" which will raise money for our Memorial Grants that are given to chapter members from our Illinois chapters to help pay their sorority bill, and our "Sisterhood Celebration & Salad Supper" that will honor our members 10, 25, 50, or 60 year member anniversaries. We plans to bake cookies at the RMH near Lurie's where we will also donate pop tabs and 20 blankets made for the children.

Members can also take part in our Book or Lunch Prides. Our book pride has read: "A Man Called Ove," "All the Light We Cannot See," "Hillbilly Elegy," "Nightingale," "The Husband's Secret," "The Moonstone," and "The Ten Thousand Things," and our Lunch Pride has eaten at Spears, Bonta, Countyline Tavern, Pita Inn, and Union Ale House. We look forward to more good books and some great restaurants.

If you know of any Alpha Delta Pi in the area, we would love to connect with them. They can reach out to Barb at Bbay53@aol.com with the subject line of ADPi.



ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

The Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club started off the year on a high note after receiving two convention awards: The Alumnae Panhellenic Award and Outstanding Communications Honor Roll. In addition, several of our members received Honors of Epsilon Pi for their dedication and hard work for the fraternity.

Then as has been done for over 30 years, we participated in the October JDRF One Walk, this year again manning the Registration Tent. The 22 volunteers collected over \$55,000.00 on the day of the event.

Throughout the year, we have enjoyed good times and conversation at the annual Holiday Party, a Holiday Tea, Dinner at the Melting Pot, Game Night and a Paint Party.

In addition, our educational meetings gave members a better understanding of the breadth of programs supported by our International Foundation and Local community programs which help support the homeless. Finally, our fund-raising efforts included selling poinsettias for the holiday season and the club held its first Trivia Night which was a great success. The club boasts 50 members and we hope this number will continue to grow.

- Jane Allendorph, President





ALPHA OMICRON PI

Our alumnae chapter meets every month from September to May. Our programs include convention updates, collegiate chapter updates, packing treat bags for the collegians, a winetasting night, a holiday party, game night, installation of new officers, as well as our annual May potluck.

We raise money for Arthritis Foundation Education and Research by having a Fall nut sale, a March AOPi auction, and participating in the Jingle Bell Run in December plus the May Walk for the Cure in Libertyville.

We also supported local philanthropic projects. We donated, and helped children shop for school supplies at the Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign. We walked to raise money for the Alternating Hemiplegia Foundation, and donated to and packed boxes at the Panhellenic Night at Feed My Starving Children. We also collected pop-tops for Ronald McDonald House. In total, last year we donated over \$4345 to international and local philanthropic organizations.

AOPi's enjoy socializing so we also have planned dinners at different restaurants. We joined 230 sisters in attending our Founders' Day Celebrations at DePaul University in February, and now we are looking forward to our spring garage sale and convention in June in Washington, D.C.



ALPHA PHI

The Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter is a tight knit group that tries to embody our mission of promoting a sisterhood of outstanding women supporting one another in lifelong achievement. Our group meets every other month and enjoys including a book discussion in most of our meetings.

Last Spring we enjoyed book discussions at various restaurants around the Northwest Suburbs and Lynfred Winery in Wheeling. Our Fall always starts off with our Founders' Day event. This year we celebrated our 144th Founders' Day at a members' home with a candlelit ceremony and of course food and conversation. Many of our sisters attended the Fall Panhellenic Luncheon, and they had a great time visiting with each other and trying to win some of the beautiful basket raffles.

As is our tradition, in December, the Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter adopted a family from the area. Our members had a great time shopping for the family. We met at a member's home to wrap the gifts and socialize. One of the children happened to be a book lover, which is appropriate for our group! In February, two members attended the Alumnae Reception at Alpha Phi's Northern Quadrant conference and made some great connections with collegians from our alma matters and alumnae volunteers from all over the country.

We proudly supported badge day and look forward to supporting Panhellenic in the year to come. If you have any book suggestions for us, let us know!



ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA

Once again, the Chicago North Suburban Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha achieved the Crown Recognition Award at the sorority's biennial convention. The chapter joined the many active AΣA Alumnae Chapters receiving this recognition.

Playing no small part in earning the award is our support for the Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Panhellenic. We were proud to have our delegate, Sandy Ratter, serve as the president of CNWSAP this past year.

Each October, Alpha Sigma Alpha sets aside one week for Donating Our Time, or DOT Days. Each collegiate chapter and alumnae chapter volunteers their time for others. For the 2016 DOT Days, members of the Chicago North alumnae chapter once again collected feminine products to donate to Lakeview Pantry in Chicago.



The alumnae chapter held a special Founders' Day reception and ceremony on Nov. 15 at Riccardo's Restaurant in Schaumburg. Members and several guests enjoyed the pizza and sisterhood. The photo is from that event.

A popular occasion is our Cookie Exchange annual meeting at the holidays. After eating the many treats provided by our hostess, we play a fun game of Left, Right, Center to raise money for the AΣA Foundation, which provides educational services and scholarships to collegians and alumnae alike.

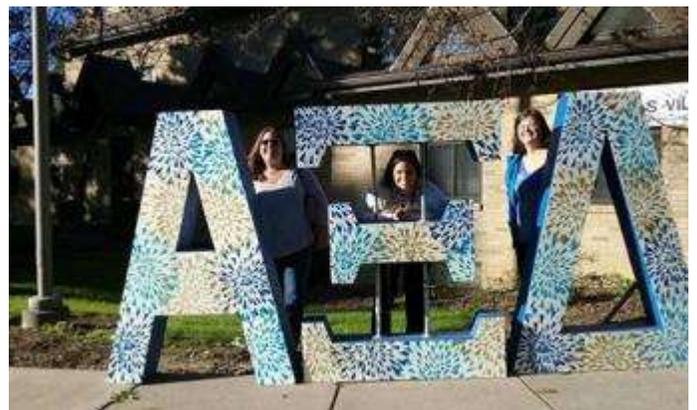
To round out the year, members enjoyed a book club meeting where we discussed the book behind the movie, "Hidden Figures." With several former math/science teachers and a couple past and present technology trainers in the room, it was a lively discussion.



ALPHA XI DELTA

This past year has been a year full of sisterhood for the Alpha Xi Delta Chicago Northwest Alumnae Association, all leading up to our National Convention this July. We are looking forward to gathering with our Alpha Xi Delta sisters from around the nation as we are Reaching Magnificent Milestones in Chicago.

Enjoying each other's company, we have brunch and lunched around the Northwest Suburbs. Our sisters have supported Autism Speaks as well as other causes that are important to us through different events. We fulfilled our creative sides by participating in a flower arranging class, creating pottery items, and attending a theatre production.



Pets are an important part of the lives of our sisters, so we gathered to make healthy treats for our four-legged friends. It was fun to remember our collegiate days by making dipped pretzel treats for some of our chapters and making a road trip visit to the chapter house at one of our sister's alma maters.

The Alpha Xi Delta team is proud of our first-place finish at Kappa Delta's trivia night that has become a fun tradition for us. This year marks our 124th year of sisterhood and we couldn't be more excited about the many more years to come.



DELTA GAMMA

We've had a fun year starting in June with Convention in Orlando, Florida. Our chapter was a finalist for Best Programming of all DG chapters of similar size! We held our annual programming planning party in June. That resulted in another year of creative programs for 2016-17. In September, we had a dinner/meeting at a member's lakeside home, with barbecued ribs and everyone bringing side dishes. October: Bunco party with lots of prizes and snacks and in November, we made holiday cards for our 50+ year members. In December, we collected Toys for Tots and canned goods for a local food pantry and just enjoyed being together. In January, we met at a restaurant near the Palatine Train Station to catch members on their way home from the City. In February, we brought "picnic" dinners that were creatively packaged. Each dinner was auctioned off with \$155 raised for the Delta Gamma Foundation.

The chapter also donated \$1,000 to the Foundation to help military members who sustained eye injuries while serving the USA. March brought us together to pack boxes of donations to be shipped to service men and women overseas. In April, we celebrated Founders Day at Maggiano's with the Chair of the DG Foundation's Board of Trustees as our keynote speaker. In May, we install our new officers after a salad supper. June 4, we will walk to raise money and support the Foundation Fighting Blindness at their annual Vision Walk. We are still totaling members' service hours for our philanthropy, Service for Sight.



We have three long-established special interest groups – Bridge Club, Book Club and Lunch Bunch – and have started up two new groups (Brunch Club, plus DGs Night Out!) and holding them at different times to draw in alumnae that may not be able to attend the other outings. If you know of any Delta Gammas in the area, we would love to have them join us! They can reach out to Leana Killham at DGEopsPlus@deltagamma.org.
- Barbara Brinkman, chapter president



GAMMA PHI BETA

The Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has enjoyed another wonderful year full of great activities!

Our year started in August with a Welcome Back Potluck with a Mexican inspired theme. The highlight of the evening was the pinning of our alumnae initiate! A Saturday in September was the initiation of our alumnae initiate at our collegiate chapter at Northwestern. Adding sisters to our family is always so moving and emotional. It brings many of us back to our own initiation and how much it meant to us. Our September meeting was a book swap and a book discussion for "A Man Called Ove," by Frederik Backman. October was a great evening at Lynfred Winery in Roselle with a wine tasting and tour, followed by treats at a nearby alumna's home. November was our annual Carnation Bouquet assembly & delivery for the collegians at our Northwestern University chapter, in celebration of our Founders Day. Also, as alumnae, we gathered at the East Bank Club in Chicago as the Chicago Alumnae Chapter was the host, inviting the Far West Suburban Alumnae Chapter and our Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter. Wonderful sisterhood celebrating our four Founders! December was a fun & spirited Christmas Dinner!

January found us assembling the Care Packages for collegians at area universities. We have got this down to a science! Such a great way to show our support for the students as they study for mid-terms. We chose for our February meeting to have a Game Night! The game of choice was Telestrations, which provided an 'artistic' outlet and lots of laughs. March found us crafting with our service project, making hair ties with ribbons for the Girls on the Run participants in June in Grayslake. March was our opportunity to showcase our trivia knowledge as we participated in Kappa Delta's 12th Annual Trivia Night! Such a fun evening with some yummy snacks to fuel our brains as we tried our best! April was another book club meeting, discussing The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kid. May will close out the year with our traditional End of Year Potluck & Officer Installation.

As you can see, food is never far from our thoughts! We love to try new activities and keep some of the tried and true around, but Sisterhood always remains as the core to our meetings.



KAPPA DELTA

It has been another fun and exciting year for the KD Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter. Last April, several of us gathered for our annual Illinois-Wisconsin State Day, and our very own Annette Whewell May was named Outstanding Alumna of the Year – a well-deserved recognition for an amazing KD sister.

For this past year's calendar of events, we kept some old favorites and tried some new activities. We had our usual Margarita Monday dinner in August and our Holiday Auction in November, and added a fun evening of embracing our inner artists at Pinot's Palette in South Barrington. We also had a shopping day in Long Grove, and in January, had dinner to celebrate Chinese New Year.

As always, our big event is our Trivia Night fundraiser, and this year we raised more than \$5,200 for Shelter, Inc. in Arlington Heights and Prevent Child Abuse America. We are always so honored to help two great organizations!



KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

The Women of the Northwest Suburban Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma have enjoyed another wonderful year! We were so proud to celebrate our 50th anniversary last April. This milestone will be forever preserved in the form of a donated brick at one of our Fraternity museums, The Stewart House in Monmouth, IL (which is the former childhood home of one of our Founders).

At our biennial convention in June, we were the proud recipients of two awards: The Heritage Award for our preservation and celebration of our Fraternity and Association history and an Honorable Mention for the Alphonsine Clapp Howard Alumnae Association Membership Reference Award that recognizes our knowledge and use of the alumnae reference system.

Throughout the year, we have held many of our favorite events, including our October Founders Day celebration, our fall Kappa Kare Bag fundraiser and our holiday celebration - complete with a hilarious white elephant gift exchange!

We continue to make philanthropy a priority to support Kappa's national philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental, as well as our partnership with Loyola University for GIRLS Academy, Kappa's mentorship weekend for middle school and collegiate girls. We will finish out the year with a few more social events and our year end Potluck Dinner.



PHI SIGMA SIGMA

A dynamic, principled, passionately committed group of women from around the world who define ourselves not by our distinct differences, but by what we have in common. And that common bond is a firm belief that women of different religions, cultures, backgrounds and viewpoints working together can and do make a difference in our communities, and in the world, every day.

Founded in 1913 in New York City, Phi Sigma Sigma is internationally recognized as a progressive, successful women's philanthropic and social organization with cutting-edge leadership programming for college students, active clubs and special events for alumnae from coast to coast, a new Headquarters, a strong Foundation, state-of-the-art technological capabilities, and a strategic focus on our future.

If you know of a Phi Sigma Sigma in the area that would be interested in developing a local alumnae chapter, please let one of the Panhellenic members know!



PI BETA PHI

The Arlington Heights Pi Beta Phi Club participated in many different events. In the Fall we had a meeting designated to making blankets for Project Linus. We also had volunteers at Sunny Hill Elementary School who read with third graders as part of our Champions Are Reads (CAR) program. As winter rolled around, we had volunteers participate in the Rotary Santa Run. We also had a wonderful Monmouth Duo event with the wonderful women of KKG.

We had Dr. Lisa Kaplan, Psy.D., CPC, present a program on Building and Maintaining Lifelong Friendships by addressing the difficulties involved in creating valuable friendships in our modern-day world of social media and how to work at keeping them. Each month we also have women who participate in our Book Chat group at Church Creek. We are finishing up the year with our annual Founder's Day Dinner and Plant Sale.



SIGMA KAPPA

The Chicago Northwest Towns Alumnae of Sigma Kappa began the year in September with a Build A Taco Dinner Night. We walked for our philanthropy, Alzheimer's, in the October Memory Walk in Libertyville - again raising over \$3,000 for this organization. We then had a bunco and wine night!!

In November, we celebrated our Founders' Day by working on our chapter's scrapbook, and held our annual holiday auction in December. In January, we had a fashion accessory exchange and did a Life Expressions craft in February.

We volunteered at Bernie's Book Bank in March and will work on a Sigma Kappa Cookbook in April as well as learning how to make healthy power drinks. Our last meeting of the year will be held in May with a social evening and installation of officers.

We continue to strongly support our college chapter in Milwaukee. It was another great year!



SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA

In June of 2016 Tri Sigma held our 44th National Convention. Tri Sigma holds conventions every three years so it is always highly anticipated but this time the Chicago NW Suburban Tri Sigma Alumnae Chapter was especially excited because it was right here in Chicagoland at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. The hard work of our Chicagoland groups, national staff and volunteers paid off and it was a wonderful success.

During Convention, we launched a new brand so the whole national organization has a new look with updated logos and a focus on our vision to empower women. Another exciting announcement was a new philanthropic focus.

The Robbie Page Memorial Fund became our first national philanthropy in 1954 and throughout the years Tri Sigma has supported children's hospitals, therapeutic play and many causes serving children. Beginning this year, we are proud to announce our national philanthropic partnership with the March of Dimes. The Robbie Page Memorial Fund and March of Dimes share a common history; both were founded as a polio patient aid program and funded research for vaccines. These vaccines effectively ended epidemic polio in the United States. Our Foundation also established two awards to recognize the achievements of our Tri Sigma philanthropists; Philanthropist of the Year and Emerging Philanthropist of the Year, to be presented beginning at Convention. Chicago Northwest Suburban Member, Michelle Tantillo was awarded Emerging Philanthropist of the Year.

Convention kicked off an exciting year for our group and we have kept busy ever since trying new activities this year to hopefully grow and draw new members. We recently hosted the Chicagoland Founders Day Event and have truly enjoyed this past year of amazing sisterhood.



ZETA TAU ALPHA

The Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha started our season with "Unwind with Wine", an evening filled with wine, hors-d'oeuvres and great conversation. It was a wonderful way for the sisters to visit with each other and catch up after a long summer.

At our monthly meetings, we enjoy sisterhood, service, food and fun. We joined together in October for Founders' Day and worked on a craft project for the Making Strides campaign. At our November meeting we enjoyed treats made by a local Pampered Chef sales rep. In January, we celebrated the Chinese New Year with friends and family with dinner at Chef Ping. We worked on a service project for our February meeting. We had fun at game night for our March meeting. For our April meeting, we brought in a speaker to discuss the basics and cautions of DNA testing.

At our annual December Make and Bake auction, we raised enough money to, once again, send \$1400 to our international office to fund a Zeta scholarship. We also had two other fundraisers. We had a member only raffle when sisters sent in their dues and sold pink flower bulbs. In April many of us attended the Illinois-Iowa Zeta Day at the Improv Comedy Club in Schaumburg. The day was full of laughter and sisterhood. We also won a chapter award for increased membership.

Our group loves to help others. In October, we participated in two American Cancer Society Making Strides against Breast Cancer walks. The first one was held in downtown Des Plaines and the second one was held at Cabela's in Hoffman Estates. Some of our other philanthropy activities have been: sending school supplies to a local women's shelter; collecting vases for Random Acts of Flowers center; sending hats, gloves, and scarves to a local women's shelter; supplying "gifts for moms" through the Elgin Community Crisis Center, filling coffee mugs with snacks and coffee for a local food pantry and collecting greeting cards to be used at a jail. We are going to round out another exciting year with our annual potluck dinner in May.





Alumnae Panhellenic Creed

We, as Fraternity Women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life. The opportunity for wide and wise human service, through mutual respect and helpfulness, is the tenet by which we strive to live.

Purposes of the Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Panhellenic Council

- ◆ To INFORM fraternity women of current trends
- ◆ To PROMOTE the fraternity system
- ◆ To IMPROVE the Panhellenic image
- ◆ To STIMULATE a continuing interest in Panhellenic affairs

International Badge Day 2017 “Senior Citizen Style”

KKG’s Alumna Relations Specialist Nancy Worsley recently came up with the wonderful idea of seeking out the northwest suburbs’ senior citizen alumnae who are living in our towns and retirement communities and to gather everyone together to celebrate Badge Day 2017. Nancy’s idea swiftly became a reality and just one month later over thirty alumnae, of all ages, came together to celebrate the *Northwest Suburb’s First Annual International Badge Day - Senior Citizen Style*.

The group gathered at the Garlands in Barrington for a delicious Asian buffet luncheon on March 6th, where everyone honored their separate and distinct Greek-letter affiliations by wearing their badges while celebrating the common sorority experience!

The eldest attendee initiated her sorority in 1940! The Chi Omegas surprised everyone in attendance with a beautiful flower and Lauren Burk (KKG) brought adorable door prizes which brought both smiles and tears to the recipients’ faces. Everyone involved in this amazing gathering, from the planners to the attendees, feels in their hearts that this was the start of a wonderful new tradition.

If you know of any seniors who were “sorority gals” living in the northwest suburbs, either independently or in a retirement community, please share their names and contact info with Nancy Worsley so that we can invite them to next year’s celebration, and perhaps other “all sorority” events throughout the year. Nancy.Worsley@kkg.org or [847/804-3102](tel:8478043102)



Feed My Starving Children Service Event

February 2017

