

CNWSAP 2010 Newsletter

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2009-2010 CNWSAP happenings

We kicked off the year in August in Crystal Lake, then went to Des Plaines to make note cards as favors for our fall event.

The only thing to do after that was put on our crazy hats for our September meeting in Buffalo Grove. We then headed back out West to Algonquin for a Halloween party & meeting where our alter egos all came out.

On October 25th, 2009, our fall event held at The Meadows Club in Schaumburg was another success. Fashions were provided by Savvy fashions of Barrington. We also had several vendors along with silent auction items and baskets to raffle donated by the groups.

We were able to raise approximately \$4,000 to support our scholarships endowment fund.



The holidays were then upon us and we had a wonderful Holiday Dinner at the home of Jane Russell, Alpha Phi Representative.

On St. Patrick's Day a group of our representatives and their members volunteered for the WTTW call-a-thon.

Throughout the year we supported CEDA. The delegates brought a chosen item like pasta or soup to each meeting to donate.

The spring had us celebrating Badge Day at several restaurants. It also brought us looking forward to our scholarship program and meeting so many wonderful young women.

With the year coming to a close, we are looking forward to our new executive council being installed at our May meeting & salad supper and again having a year of things to remember.

Stylin' For Scholars 2010 Fashion Show and Luncheon

This year brings our 6th year for having a Fashion show and luncheon. We will be having our fashion show on Sunday, October 24th, 2009 from Noon to 3pm. Our event will be at The Meadows Club in Schaumburg. Again we will have a nice luncheon with fashions being provided by Savvy of Barrington, IL.

Additional Information will be making its way to all groups in August.

If you are interested in participating or have additional questions, please contact Anne Clark by email at aclark1050@gmail.com.

Alpha Delta Pi



Our association has had another great year of fun, philanthropy and friendship. In the fall we enjoyed members' favorite appetizers, played bunko, tasted wine, and sponsored a silent auction to raise money for memorial awards. This spring we have sampled Tastefully Simple products, tested our knowledge of our sisters, and presented some great recipes for the summer. Through the sale of gift cards we will be donating to Ronald McDonald House and our auction has provided money for memorial awards to three Illinois chapter members to help pay their dues in the fall of 2010.

Gamma Phi Beta

We started off our year with a Fundraiser Potluck Dinner. For every spoonful of delicious food you took, you paid 25¢ towards our philanthropy, Campfire Girls.

One of fall meetings seem to always combine Bunco and Pink-Bow-Making for our Pink Carnation Bouquet fundraiser. For our fundraiser, we purchase the flowers and vases and assemble them with pink bows to make the bouquet a special gift. We solicit orders for these bouquets from parents of Northwestern Gamma Phi's in honor of our Founders Day in November. Our Founders Day Luncheon with surrounding Gamma Phi Alumnae chapters was held at Le Titi de Paris. It was a wonderful afternoon full of delicious food and sisterhood.

December finds us celebrating the holidays with a Party and Ornament Exchange. What a great way to start off the holiday party season! We also Volunteered for Gift wrapping at Borders at Randhurst for the evening. Donations were accepted and used towards our philanthropy.

January was Wine Tasting at Vino 100 in Mt. Prospect. What a great way to enjoy a wintry evening! Late January finds us with our very popular Collegiate Care Packages fundraiser. Once again we solicit Gamma Phi parents from area colleges and take orders for plastic boxes that we fill with snacks and study aids for midterms.

Something new was a Volunteer Night as Clearbrook Bingo Night in February. Fun was the name of the game as our volunteers helped in many ways to make the evening a fun and winning one for the Bingo players. Our February meeting was a Book Swap which was very fun and informative. Leftover books were donated to a library. What a great way to recycle on so many levels!

Jazzercise! One our alum's has her own studio and our meeting was held there after a fabulous exercise session. Movin' and grovin' to some great music with sisters almost made it seem like we weren't exercising!

Our year wraps up in May with another Potluck Dinner as we install our officers for the upcoming year.

Kappa Alpha Theta



In spite of mounds of snow, Thetas warmed up a February evening with a Mardi Gras party for couples and singles. Everyone got into the spirit with colorful attire, beads, and elaborate masks. Our hostes, Melissa and Dave Bingham, decorated their home and tables in true Mardi Gras fashion of gold, green and purple and many many beads. New Orleans style gumbo, jambalaya, red beans and rice, Caesar salad, chocolate pecan pie, and of course, King cake were all prepared by Melissa. Aided by 'Herricanes', the gathering became a spirited celebration of Carnival.

Sigma Kappa

The women of Sigma Kappa work hard and play hard. We participated in the Lake County Memorial Walk last fall, and have ongoing projects to raise money for Alzheimer's Research. Since gerontology is our philanthropy, we always try to help out at a local nursing home and bring some cheer to the residents there. That being said, in February, we made little gift boxes and put cookies in them to be distributed to the residents of our nursing home. This was certainly well received by the people there. We always have a great time at our December meeting where members bring in homemade items to be auctioned off, and some of the proceeds go towards our philanthropy. Next month our ladies will be twisting all about at a Yoga meeting. And of course we end our meal as we begin it with a fin meal for everyone and our installation of next year's officers.



Alpha Omicron Pi

Alpha Omicron Pi's have had a very busy year! At convention our chapter was awarded the Mary Ann Rice Caldwell Award which recognizes the top alumnae chapter in the United States and Canada. We set a record of 54 members this year too. The Chapter embarked on a new fundraiser this year with the Ultimate Elvis Evening with tribute artist Joseph Hall. And we initiated our first alumna initiate, Mary Insprucker. The Chapter also learned how to knit and used those skills to make hats for Cancer patients. Members brought designated items each month to donate to a local shelter and also supported our philanthropy, the Arthritis Foundation, with donations and participation in local fundraising efforts. Members also enjoyed our annual Murder Mystery Night, AOII Book Club, and our famous monthly Girls' Night Out dinners.



Alpha Chi Omega

This has been a great year for AXO! We have had some great meetings, our annual Christmas fundraiser, a book chat, and a few fun filled ladies nights out! We are looking forward to our convention this summer and have supported our colligate chapter at Northwestern in different ways. This year our nationals ran a trial program called AlphaChindness and our group was an alum group picked as a test group. It was a trial run on how to touch more of our alum sisters in our area without annoying them with support requests. Our group members wrote letters to a list of area alum from nationals, just a simple note saying that an Alpha Chi Omega is thinking about you and we hope that you have a great week. Different test groups across the country did different tasks, and nationals has said they have gotten a positive response from the receiptants and participants! It was a neat trial to be part of and we expect to hear more about it at convention this summer. Over all the Gamma Chi Gamma Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega had a great year.



Alpha Xi Delta



The current economy helped the Alpha Xi Delta Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Association when planning their new graduates invitational meeting. In June 2009, the association hosted a career networking program, presented by three Alpha Xi Delta HR professionals. The recent grads also had time to network with Alpha Xi Delta professional women from all walks of life. The networking was done in a format similar to "speed dating." The event was a big success and will be held again this summer.

How do you follow an event like that? Thoughts turned to philanthropy service. Alpha Xi Delta's new philanthropic partner, Autism Speaks, was introduced in April 2009. An all-Chicagoland philanthropy event was held in November at a Sister's home, and alumnae created 50 sensory stimulation kits for children with autism.. The highlight of the gathering was that Autism Speaks' Chicago executive director, Liz Klug, attended and spoke about the organization, shared a video and statistics about autism, and provided ideas on how to further support Autism Speaks.

The 2010 Walk Now For Autism Speaks Chicago will be May 15. The five Chicagoland alumnae associations have formed a team, and walkers and volunteers are still welcome to register. Contact Deb Keyes at axiddeb@gmail.com to get involved.

Delta Gamma



Several members of Chicago's Northwest Suburban Alumnae group met at the home of Marie Cannizzaro Gilbert, Sigma-Northwestern, to make more than 40 study snack bags for the women of Delta Nu chapter at Northern Illinois University, as they prepared for upcoming exams.

Delta Zeta

New to the Chicago Northwest Suburban Panhellenic experience, the Delta Zeta Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter meets on the second Tuesday every month, usually in Barrington, Arlington Heights and Palatine. The chapters members include every age of alumnae, from new grads to grandmothers, There is even a mother-daughter pair in its membership.

Each monthly meeting has a theme. This year's themes included: a traditional Founders Day celebration in October, a yoga night, wine tasting, Ladies Night out and a chocolate night. Delta Zeta's meetings are simple: coffee, tea, wine and catching up with the old and new who are our sisters through our ritual.

Delta Zeta also raises money for its local charities of choice, Paws with a Cause and the Center on Deafness in Northbrook, and its national philanthropy, the Delta Zeta Foundation, which contributes money to speech and hearing causes and the Painted Turtle Camp.

Zeta Tau Alpha

Our first meeting of the year featured foods from around the world, as this was an Olympic year. In October we celebrated Founders Day by playing Bunco & eating ZTA crest cookies. The annual make & bake auction was held in December. This is our main fundraiser for the year.

The favorite meeting for the year with ZTA was held in February. Members brought mugs and items to fill them for the Elgin Crisis Center. We were able to fill over 60 mugs with coffee, tea, candy, granola bars, hot chocolate and other goodies. We then wrapped each mug as a present for the women who come to the Crisis Center. We also watched a slide show of 4 of our alumnae as they made a trip to the Univ. of Michigan in January to see our own Trudy Balogh's daughter, Jennifer, be initiated into ZTA. It was also the recolonization of ZTA at Michigan. It reminded us all of our own initiation into ZTA. Jennifer was a finalist for the Panhell scholarship last year.

Our final meeting of the year will be an alumnae Potluck dinner at Janis Menges' house on 5/18. We started inviting local collegates from the suburbs to join us last year. We are excited to know that over 15 girls have been initiated into ZTA this year from local high schools. We hope that this gathering between alums & collegates will let the girls know ZTA is forever.



Kappa Kappa Gamma

The women of the Chicago Northwest Alumni Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma have had a great year! We celebrated 139 years of sisterhood at our annual Founder's Day event in October. We have also been actively involved in our national philanthropy- Reading is Fundamental. Since reading is a cause so near and dear to all Kappa's hearts we held our annual Kappa book discussion in early March. We read and discussed the book Rosie's Daughters: The "First Woman To" Generation Tells Its Story written by Matilda Butler, one of our Kappa sisters. Matilda was able to be on the phone for a conference call during our discussion and was able to share stories about how she came to write this interesting book. The sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma now look forward to our annual convention coming up in June at the Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, Arizona.



Alpha Gamma Delta

The Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta has had another eventful year. From our summer events to our monthly events we have had much sisterhood. We participated in the JDRF walk to cure diabetes and helped the Kirk School in Palatine with the Arts and Craft Show. Our programs included tea, Chinese nutrition, a cooking demonstration at Whole Foods, a book discussion and decades of wedding dresses. We gathered for birthday celebrations and had a tour with the Chicago Architecture Foundation based on the book Devil In The White City. We celebrated the holidays with a brunch and helped make the holidays better for one family. We helped our adopted chapter at Central Michigan University celebrate 50 years on campus.





Information on our INSIGNIA

The **shield** is a protective influence for our entire membership.

A **lamp** denotes leadership, scholarship and enlightenment.

The **laurel wreath** signifies victory, or achievement of ideals.

While the **sword** piercing the wreath indicates willingness to fight for ideals, symbolizing, too, penalty of obligation; also bravery, achievement and discipline.

The **mantling** surrounding the shield is the protecting cloak that education gives us, and a protective influence of organization. Thus, there in the mantle is inscribed the name of the National Panhellenic Conference.

Chicago NW Suburban Alumnae Panhellenic Council 2010-2011 Delegates

2010-2011 Executive Board Members Recognized

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| Alpha Chi Omega | Jessie Weachter | Recording Secretary |
| Alpha Delta Pi | Barb Bay | Treasurer |
| Alpha Gamma Delta | Deb Prendergast | Corresponding Secretary |
| Alpha Omicron Pi | Terry Palmer | |
| Alpha Phi | Jane Russell | President |
| Alpha Sigma Alpha | Laura Selby | |
| Alpha Xi Delta | Debbie Keyes | |
| Delta Gamma | Sue Oefelein | |
| Delta Zeta | April Samuelson | |
| Gamma Phi Beta | Missy Wagner | |
| Kappa Alpha Theta | Anne Clark | |
| Kappa Delta | Leah Kahoun | |
| Kappa Kappa Gamma | KC Ipjian | |
| Pi Beta Phi | Katie Cronan | |
| Sigma Kappa | Nancy Borenstein | |
| Theta Phi Alpha | Renia Walczak | |
| Zeta Tau Alpha | Janis Menges | Vice President |

The National Panhellenic Conference, founded in 1902, is an umbrella organization for 26 national and international women's fraternities and sororities. Each member group is autonomous as a social, Greek-letter society of college women and alumnae.

Members are represented on more than 650 college and university campuses in the United States and Canada and in over 4,500 alumnae associations, making up over 4 million sorority women in the world.

We're on the Web!

<http://cnwsap.org>