

Kite Tales

Wichita Alumnae Affiliate of Kappa Alpha Theta

A Letter From Our President



Hello Wichita Thetas!

Hmmm....Let's see... Kindle/Nook vs. real book? Maps vs. GPS? Video-on-demand vs. DVD? iPod vs. CD? Telephone book vs. online white pages? Have you struggled with some of these options/decisions lately? If you have, then you will understand the quandary the Board of Directors has been in over the past year.

Two of our major discussions since last summer have concerned an updated "printed" directory and the "printed" newsletter. Allow me to fill you in on some of the comments and questions as to the newsletter:

- A printed newsletter is expensive to prepare, print and mail

- Should we send the newsletter via email only?
- Should we mail it only to dues-paying members?
- Will the "older" generations want print only and won't check the website or read it via email?
- How many issues should we publish per year?

Regarding the Membership Directory, comments and questions have included:

- It's time to consider electronics.
- If we print a directory, should it consist only of dues paying members?
- The problem with printing it is that it's out-of-date before it leaves the printer.
- What are the costs for printing?
- What should we include in the directory?
- How many should we print?
- Mail to inactive members?

The Board, of course, is trying to be fiscally responsible to all of our members. We are also attempting to in-

crease membership and keep the current members happy. At our most recent Board meeting we made the following decisions:

- We will continue to print the newsletter and mail it to the entire membership three times per year (March, July and November.)
- The newsletter will also be posted on our website, www.wichitathetas.org
- We will print a new/updated directory which will be handed out to current **dues paying members** at the Salad Supper in September.

Hopefully, you will agree with our decisions. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding these resolutions, I welcome them at: mlw12@att.net.

Thank you for reading this, for being active in our Wichita Alumnae Chapter, and for paying your dues. We hope to see you at Triad, the Decades Dinner, the Panhellenic Card Party and Thirsty Thetas during the next few months!

In Theta,
Mary Lynn



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Theta of the Year

Congratulations, Heather Schultz, 2010 Wichita Alumnae Chapter Theta of the Year!

On Saturday, January 23rd at our annual Founders' Day celebration, Heather Schultz was recognized as the 2010 Theta of the Year. Taylor Gill, 2009 Theta of the Year honored Heather and discussed why she was so deserving of this honor. In Taylor's words:

In 1967 Elizabeth Kagey was honored as the first Theta of the Year of the Wichita Alumnae Chapter. This tradition of Theta of the Year was initiated as a way of honoring a Theta that had given substantial amounts of her time, resources and talents to our Alumnae Chapter. Several Thetas have been honored over the years and can be seen wearing their Theta of the Year charm as a symbol of their contribution to Theta. While we typically think of the honoree of giving substantially over the previous year, I would like to honor someone who is worthy of this honor, not just this year, but what I believe to be every year.

In 1984 this soon to be Theta entered into sorority recruitment at the University of Kansas. As a daughter of a Theta, she already knew the advantages to sorority and Theta membership but wanted to keep her Panhellenic options open. However, like her mother before her, it was quickly evident that Kappa Alpha Theta was somewhere that she could call home. Unbeknownst to her at the time, she ended up making a life changing decision, as she preferenced and pledged Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of Kansas. She was awed by the chapter house at 1433 Tennessee and quickly acclimated into Theta and campus life. After graduating from KU, she found and married a fantastic man. This man is also a celebrity within our Theta chapter, as he has been known to great Thetas as Santa at our annual Christmas progressive dinner. The couple went on to have two sons, Tucker who is a 5th grader at Hyde Elementary and Nicholas who is an 8th grader at Robinson.

While this Theta was very busy raising a family, she also had career aspirations in mind. I have personally seen first-hand how successful this Theta is in her career. As a pharmaceutical representative, this Theta puts her people skills and warm, fun personality to use as she not only promotes pharmaceuticals but develops relationships within the industry. This Theta knows the value of personal relationships and this is an area in which she flourishes. I cannot begin to tell you how many times she is very helpful to me, always willing to go the extra mile for the patients and health care practitioners that she serves.

Well this Theta would not be complete if she wasn't actively involved in her community. In addition to being very active in the PTO groups in the schools of her boys, she is most associated with her work in organizing the annual College Hill Trolley Tour. For years this Theta has been seen directing groups of Christmas light seers into trolleys, always calm and collected and definitely in a new coat. She is also actively involved in her church community having served on many committees and events. While you might think that this Theta had a lot on her plate, she has always found time for Theta in her very busy schedule.

This Theta truly knows the meaning of "Theta for a Lifetime". She has been actively involved in our chapter attending and hosting alumnae events. She has served on the Alumni board many times, holding such positions as Vice President of Philanthropy (twice). In these positions, she has been in charge of mum sales, organized our Triad Fiesta and developed our new spring fundraiser in our Theta Bingo Night. In addition to her Board involvement, she hosted the first ever Theta Christmas progressive dinner and has hosted this event many times over the years.

While all of her accomplishments certainly make her a worthy candidate of this award, perhaps why I feel this Theta is so deserving is that she living version of the mission of Kappa Alpha Theta. Whether it is in her career, community or family involvement, this Theta strives in her daily life for social, intellectual and moral growth. She is always there with a warm smile and an encouraging word to all she meets. Please join me in recognizing Heather Schultz, 2010 Wichita Alumnae Chapter's Theta of the Year.

KAO Social Events

By Maggie Mathias

Thirsty Thetas

Come and enjoy some Summer Sippin' with your Theta sisters and join us for our "Thirsty Thetas!" "Thirsty Thetas" are similar to a happy hour – these are a great way to meet new Thetas in a relaxing environment or catch up with a Theta you haven't seen for awhile. Make sure to check out our two Thirsty Thetas this summer. There will be a drawing for a prize at each event! If you are new to town or have never been to one of these before, just look for the black and gold balloons and that is where your Theta sisters will be waiting! Join us for a glass of wine at **Oeno Wine Bar in Old Town. Tuesday, June 8th, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.** Can't make that one? No worries, we are having another one in July! **Yia-Yia's in Bradley Fair is the place to be on Thursday, July 15th, at 5:00 pm,** that's where you will find some of your Theta sisters having a cocktail, an appetizer, or a nice glass of iced tea! If you have questions about the Thirsty Thetas or any other social event, call Maggie Mathias at 644-5959!



Triad

This year our chapter is the proud sponsor of Triad! Debbie Richardson, Frances Foster, Maggie Mathias, and Susan Schroeder have been busy planning an event that will provide everyone with a unique experience. **This year's Triad will be "Cooking at Bonnie's Place" on Thursday, April 8th, from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.** Cooking at Bonnie's Place is located at 9747 E. 21st Street North, Suite 139. Cooking at Bonnie's Place is "the place to be" for all culinary enthusiasts – both the skilled and the novice. Leave behind the high-tech age of emails, text messaging, being strapped to your cell phones and truly experience a bit of real life. Imagine being seated at a counter-height table where you actually see, smell, and sink your teeth into the wonderful foods being prepared.

The following is a preview of the menu: Fresh Spinach and Baby Green Salad with Mandarin Oranges and Candied Pecans, Parmesan Chicken with Tomato Basil Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes with Herbs, and White Chocolate Cheesecake with Whipped Cream and Raspberry Coulis. In addition there will be a wine paired with each course. There will also be door prizes and culinary trivia!

Please make your reservation so you don't miss out on this great opportunity! Send a \$45 check to: Frances Foster at 10301 E. 19th Street North, Wichita, KS 67206, by March 29th.

Decades Dinner

By Tracy Farrell

It's time for another Decades Dinner and we hope to see many of you there! We have set the date for **Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** This year your gracious hostesses include:

Doris Nelson, Ann Bauer and Lisa Schriefer
Susan Schroeder and Debbie Richardson
Maggie Mathias and Taylor Gill

The cost to each Theta is \$20.00 and the proceeds benefit CASA.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to catch up with Thetas from your decade and the opportunity to buy raffle tickets! The raffle winner will receive a Lady Skaagen watch generously donated by Sally Barrier at Signatures, and a facial from All About Faces. Any questions???

Please call Tracy Farrell at 636-1973.....***watch for your invitation!***

Founder's Day 2010

By Maggie Mathias

Not even a fire could put a damper on our Founder's Day Celebration this year! On Saturday, January 23rd, 30 women enjoyed a lunch celebration and program at the Courtyard Marriott downtown for our annual Founder's Day Celebration. A fire at Larkspur restaurant caused us to change our venue but that didn't affect our great turnout! The program started with a warm Welcome from Chapter President Mary Lynn Walker followed by Anna Mills leading us in Theta Grace before lunch was served.

After a delicious meal and great conversation we recognized two, 25 year Thetas that were in attendance, Sara Van Bebber Lester and Heather Schultz; and we recognized two, 50 year Thetas that were in attendance, Margot Breckbill and Harriett Van Bebber. It was nice to have a mother-daughter combo get recognition at the same Founder's Day! We continued the program with more recognition when last year's Theta of the Year Taylor Gill, named the recipient of this year's Theta of the Year Award.

A big thank you to the following women for participating in this year's Founder's Day Celebration by being a part of the program and ritual: Anna Mills, Mary Williams, Judith Manning, Nancy Wandling, Cindy Dunne, Heather Schultz, Margo Breckbill, and Harriett Van Bebber.



KAPPA ALPHA THETA MISSION STATEMENT

Yesterday, today and tomorrow, Kappa Alpha Theta exists to nurture each member throughout her college and alumnae experience and to offer a life-long opportunity for social, intellectual, and moral growth as she meets the higher and broader demands of mature life.

2010 Dues Paying Members

With a new fiscal year beginning
March 1, 2010 we already have the following dues paying members!

Margot Breckbill	Ingrid Gill	Rhonda Johnson	Sherri Newlin	Janet Smith
Molly Crowe	Taylor Gill	Catherine Lisenby	Sheila Prichard	Barbara Thompson
Shannan Devlin	Patricia Gorham	Kathryn Losee	Linda Ralston	Anne Travis
Cindy Dunne	Judy Groves	Judy Manning	Phyllis Robertson	Harriett Van Bebber
JoAnn Estes	Bobbi Hollar	Maggie Mathias	Sara Rogers	Mary Lynn Walker
Tracy Farrell	Anna Houchin	Linda McMaster	Lisa Schriefer	Nancy Wandling
Frances Foster	Laura Ice	Barbara Murphy	Susan Schroeder	Mary Williams
Kyle Futo	Peggy Johnson	Doris Nelson	Heather Schultz	Virginia Zebold

If you do not see your name, please use the Dues Form in this newsletter to submit your contact information and payment. Thank you!

Panhellenic Update

By Ingrid Gill

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the **Wichita Alumnae Panhellenic Card Party & Luncheon!** This great event is scheduled for **Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** The event will be held at Botanica, (701 N. Amidon, Wichita, KS 67203.) This fun day includes the luncheon, a stroll in the gardens, Bridge & card games, a fashion show, silent auction & door prizes. For tickets or more information, contact Ingrid Gill at 652-7931 or ingrid.gill@cox.net. The price per ticket is \$12.00. **See you there!**

Do you love Pampered Chef? If you do and you want to help support the Panhellenic Scholarships, this is your opportunity! Pampered Chef will donate back 10-15% of all sales through the web site! All you have to do is log on to www.pamperedchef.biz/carlacalvert, click shop online and choose WAP as your hostess. If you need help, you may contact Carla at 393-3194. Please consider shopping for a great cause!

The Wichita Alumnae Panhellenic greenery fundraiser was a huge success! Over \$1,000 was raised for scholarships. Special thanks to Thetas for purchasing evergreens go to Molly Crowe, Frances Foster, Taylor Gill, Phyllis Robertson, Linda Ralston, Deanna Ternes and Mary Lynn Walker.

Wichita Alumnae Web Site

Membership

Have you visited the web site lately?

If not, please take a moment and explore! You will find forms, the social calendar, pictures and more. You can also make suggestions and submit them online! This is a great way to keep up to date and learn more about our chapter.

Do you know of a Theta that recently relocated to Wichita? If so, we would like to hear from you! Please email Cathy Devlin, cathydev@cox.net. We would love to invite them to join the chapter.

Also, if you have an address, email, and/or phone number change, please advise Cathy, thank you!

www.wichitathetas.org

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