

Alpha Phi Phoenix Alumnae
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Bragging Corner



Carrie Hamstra (Beta Epsilon, '87) is walking in the Breast Cancer 3 day November 13-15 in Phoenix. She is walking with a friend who never pledged a house but her mother was an Alpha Phi at U of A and passed away from breast cancer. If anyone is interested in this walk or cause, Carrie welcomes your phone call or e-mail! Phone: 602-763-0875 email: carbee@msn.com Good luck Carrie!

Margaret Kurtz has been named President Elect for ABWA's (American Business Women's Association) Paradise Express Network. She also serves on the committee for the FSP (Financial Service Professionals) Nationally ---The University Program. Having recently served on the Phoenix FSP board of directors, Prudential Financial has named her one of their speakers of their Program. Congratulations Margaret!

Maryellen Ohrnberger-Alper (Theta Epsilon, '90) was awarded a \$2,000.00 scholarship from Phoenix Panhellenic Association in May 2009. The scholarships help both undergraduates and graduates continue their college education. Maryellen is pursuing a PhD in education and is grateful for all the volunteering fellow sisters and sororities do to make these scholarships happen! Congratulations Maryellen!

Juliann Trump (Gamma Pi, '69) has become the President of Arizona Marketing Educators after a year as President-Elect, while still attending to the duties of Area Representative and Awards Chair. She is also a marketing instructor, DCE Coordinator and DECA advisor at Desert Mountain High School. Wow Juliann! Congratulations!

Jill Trzcinski Zitt, (Gamma Sigma, '72.) is now the Middle School Vice President of the Arizona School Counselors Association. Even though this sounds like a huge new commitment, we hope to see Jill at an event soon! Congratulations!



Phoenix Alumnae

Fall Newsletter 2009

A Message from our Alumnae President

Greetings to the Alpha Phi Phoenix Alumnae! I want to let all of you know how excited I am to be your new President and will do my best to find new and fun ways to enhance our alumnae experience and continue with programs we have all loved. I have no doubt that we have what it takes to be an Outstanding Large Chapter and I look forward to sharing this experience with you!

I encourage you to read this newsletter from front to back to see the variety of programming we have planned, our brand new benefits for Dues Paying Members and new dues structures and special recognitions. We have a ton going on and can't wait for you to be a part of it!

This year our goal of our Programming Calendar is to have something for everyone and combine long standing events, with new ones, and include Philanthropic and Collegiate Connection Events. Our calendar of events includes our 4 Core Events: Founder's Day (Oct), Collegiate Care Packages/Cookie Exchange (Dec), FBR Open (Feb), and our Annual Meeting (May). We have also included a service project for St. Vincent De Paul, a happy hour and some new events..A Girl's Night at the Melting Pot, Spring Training Games, and a BBQ/Pool Party w. an Artist from "Piggies and Paws" rounds out this year's calendar.

We are also looking for ways to bridge the connection between the Gamma Pi's at ASU and our alumnae chapter. We want the collegiate to see that Alpha Phi Sisterhood doesn't end at Graduation. Please see the Chapter Advisor's Report on what they have been up to and details on their upcoming events They love our continued support!

In this tough economy, we know that extra expenses are getting harder and harder to justify. I would like to thank all of our loyal dues paying members for their commitment to Alpha Phi at both a local and International Level. Your dues help fund the ongoing programs that keep Alpha Phi strong, along with communication tools like this newsletter and our website that is going to be completely updated! This year we have brand new incentives for Dues Paying Members, to really say "Thank you" for your support. We cannot be the high level chapter we are capable of being, without our Dues Paying Members. We are looking to further increase our value to Alumnae by offering networking and job information for those who are interested in participating. The more we come together, the stronger we all will be, not just as sisters, but in our careers and lives.

I would like to thank both our new and continuing officers of this chapter Sara Graf (Gamma Nu/Miami Univ Ohio), Sara Ellis (Omicron/Univ of Missouri), Paula Messer (Gamma Pi/ASU), Maryellen Ohrnberger (Theta Epsilon/SUNY Buffalo), and Karen Stevenson (Sigma/University of Washington). And lastly a huge thank you to our outgoing officers: Katy Boyd (Zeta Beta/Loyola Marymount), Jennifer Palmer (Eta Eta/Seton Hall), Tara Spackeen (Iota Alpha/Pepperdine), and Jill Waldrop (Omicron/Univ of Missouri). None of what the Phoenix Alpha Phi Alumnae does is possible without this team effort and all of those working behind the scenes!

Loyally,

Dana Wayne

President



Look Inside For...

- Annual Calendar
- Executive Contact Info
- Exciting new Dues Program
- Collegiate Chapter Report
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- Our new Bragging Corner!

Check Out Our New Dues Program!

Martha: So, are you planning on becoming a Phoenix Alpha Phi Alumnae dues paying member this year?

Clara: I really am unsure... how much are dues? What does that money go towards? What are the benefits for me?

Martha: Well, Clara, let me tell you more about becoming a dues paying member...

I am sure all of you have wondered the same things as Clara has since being an Alumnae member of Alpha Phi. While our dues are not used entirely for the same reasons they were in our college days, they still support the operations of the alumnae chapter. Your dues enable the chapter to offer interesting and fun programming for members all year long, allow us to support the Alpha Phi Foundation and other charitable organizations, send an annual newsletter to over 1400 local Alpha Phis, offer Gamma Pi (ASU) and the ASU Greek Community support, and sustain our web site (currently being updated). The dues are also used to provide education (attending Convention and/or Alumnae Chapter College) for Executive Board Members. Most importantly, your dues allow us to maintain and grow the chapter as well as provide the most benefits possible to our local Alpha Phi sisters.

Beginning this year, the Executive Board (along with International's support) has decided to institute incentives for Dues Paying members (DPMS) outside of the info mentioned above. We are dedicated to offering discounts to our major events planned (i.e. Founder's Day) as well as providing chances for only dues paying members to win event raffles at the minor events. You will also gain recognition in the newsletter, access to post discounted ads on the website, receive an additional newsletter and our "Buzz Book" (Phoenix Alpha Phi mailing list).

The Executive Board has also instituted new dues paying structure:

General Member Dues	\$30	
2009 Graduates	\$20	
Anniversary Years		
10 Year Anniversary (Initiated in 1999)	\$10	
25 Year Anniversary (Initiated in 1984)	\$25	
50 Year Anniversary (Initiated in 1959)	FREE!	
<u>For those that wish to support the chapter on a higher level</u>		
Silver Members	\$60	Benefits include 50% off of events, special recognition in Newsletter
Bordeaux Members	\$100	Benefits include all events are free to attend, special recognition in Newsletter

Martha: So, Clara, now do you see the benefits of becoming a Phoenix Alpha Phi Alumnae dues paying member?

Clara: WOW...AOE... I sure do... who do I make my check out to so I can become a dues paying member?

Look in the mail in the next month for our membership form! All details about where to send your checks/information and will be available then!

Looking to get involved? The Gamma Pis Love our help!

Hello my Lovely Phoenix Alumnae!

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summers so far! Summer is typically a time to enjoy the warm weather (ok, maybe sweltering is a better term for the heat here locally), possibly take a vacation from the heat and regular schedule, recover from a busy beginning of the year, prepare for the fall and enjoy time with family. This is also true of our local collegiate chapter, Gamma Pi, at ASU! And they have a lot to be recovering from and even more to be planning for! Here are some highlights of what they've accomplished and what's coming up next:

Gamma Pi took 20 fabulous COB (Continuous Open Bidding) new members during the spring semester. With their lovely new additions, the chapter accomplished a spring GPA of 3.21 placing them 2nd in Panhellenic! Since winning an Excellence in Scholarship award at last year's Greek Awards, this is an area in which the chapter prides itself. They were also nominated for and won Chapter of the Week for Panhellenic more than any other sorority during the semester. They were recognized for blending Sister Sorority events with community service and also for outstanding service events. One in particular was during the campus-wide Devils in Disguise when they promoted and supported collegiate member Ashley William's foundation 'Warming the Heart'. They spread awareness for her cause while making blankets with members of the community that were later delivered to children with brain tumors at local hospitals. Service, Scholarship and Sisterhood were major priorities during the semester.

Currently the chapter officers are planning and preparing for a fabulous fall semester! The calendar is almost set and there are lots of exciting events! Recruitment will be held September 4th through September 7th. Anyone who would like to come by and help out or just check it out is welcome to come by the MU! We would like to announce and welcome two new members to our recruitment team -Elysia Labita, RA (Recruitment Advisor) and Elizabeth Schmitt, CMA (Collegiate Membership Assistant)! If you know and would like to recommend a potential new member going through recruitment at ASU, please contact us and let us know. You can contact Elizabeth at (602) 448-3507 and schmitt.elizabeth@gmail.com

The 6th Annual Red Dress Gala will be held on Friday October 16th, location TBA. So please save the date as we would love to have a record number of alumnae in attendance this year! The gala will be during ASU's family weekend and also happens to fall on the same weekend as initiation. So if Friday night is not available to you, initiation will be held Sunday morning, October 18 at Adelphi with a brunch to follow. This is a great opportunity to revisit our ritual and meet the newest members of Gamma Pi!

As always, there will be a silent auction for the Red Dress Gala. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Gamma Pi Gala Chair, Danielle Crowell @ (775) 336-8918 or Danielle.crowell@asu.edu.

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Gamma Pi Chapter, please contact me, Mollie Carroll @ (913) 706-7405 or gammapiadvisor@gmail.com!!!

Loyally,

Mollie Carroll, Chapter Advisor

Panhellenic News



This year, the FBR Open, Panhellenic's largest fundraiser will be February 22-28, 2010. For the first time ever, the FBR will not be held during the Super Bowl Weekend! We are hoping that even more dedicated volunteers of Alpha Phi will be able to help this year. As many of you know, Panhellenic sees thousands of dollars from the Thunderbirds after volunteering time to help run the FBR Open. This money funds Panhellenic's huge scholarship program. In short, Volunteers = Shifts worked = Thunderbird Donation = Panhellenic Scholarships. Our very own VP of Marketing was awarded \$2,000.00 toward her graduate studies this past spring! The more Alpha Phi's volunteer, the more our collegiate chapters and alumni can benefit! Please check out more information on volunteering at www.phoenixpanhellenic.org, or contact Paula Messer, our Alpha Phi Panhellenic Representative.

House Corporation Board News

Kate Farris is now the new president of the House Corporation Board. She has served as the chapter meals chair for the past two years on the board and took over the role of president for Karen Stevenson this summer. Karen is continuing on as the Housing/Threshold Project Representative. Sandy Kemp is our Treasurer. We have also recruited four new members to the board. Lauren Richards, Kristen Amsler, Sarah Mark and Hettie Haines. Kristen headed up the redecoration of ASU's patio this summer. Lauren and Sarah are putting on the chapter's meals for the 2009-2010 academic year. We provided the chapter with a lunch during polish days and our next big event we are putting on for the house is a dinner for Bid Day on September 8th for 150 girls at the Adelphi. We are looking forward to working with the Gamma Pi and the alumni group this year!

If you would like to get involved with the HCB and help the Gamma Pis at ASU, please contact Kate Farris at: kjfarris@hotmail.com

Support Our Sisters!

Thanks to those whose generous donations and support keep the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter running! Please continue your support by patronizing the businesses located here.



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We are on the web! Remember to check us out at:
www.phoenixalphaphis.com or join our group on Facebook!
It's a great way to see who's involved before coming to an event!
We look forward to seeing you online!

***We are currently looking for a volunteer to update and keep our website Phi-tastic!
If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Dana Wayne.***


2009 Calendar of Events

2010 Calendar of Events



September


September 18 (Friday)
 Kick Off Happy Hour - Elephant Bar Restaurant
 5:30
 private patio area
 3405 West Chandler Boulevard Chandler, AZ 85226 (Chandler Blvd/101, by Mall)
 Ap to host appetizers!
 Raffle for alumni for whom this is their 1st event ever
 Raffle for DPMs



October

Annual Founder's Day Celebration
 October 10 (Sat) 11:30AM
 Lon's at the Hermosa Inn
 5532 North Palo Cristi Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
 Presentation from collegiates
 Ceremony for 10, 25, 50, 65, 75 year members
 Pins for 50+ year members
 Fund Raising -- raffles
 \$5.00 Discount for DPMs
 Raffle for alumni for whom this is their 1st event
 Raffle for DPMs

Also in October:
 Collegiate Red Dress Gala 10/16 (Friday)
 Collegiate Initiation 10/18 (Sunday)




November

Volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul Society
 November 14 (Saturday)
 9:30 - 1pm
 casual attire

Help St. Vinny's thank all their donors after their annual breakfast. We will be making thank you calls and writing thank you notes.

Afterwards all go to lunch (optional)



December

Gamma Pi/ Exam Week Care Package & cookie exchange
 December 5 (Sat) 2PM-4PM
 Home of Dana Wayne
 3959 E Crest Lane Phoenix, AZ 85050 (Tatum/101-Desert Ridge)
 Each alum to bring 4 dozen home-made or bakery style cookies, brownies and/or other special treats.
 Alum Chapter will be providing all of the extra final's goodies/bags/etc
 Raffle for alumni for whom this is their 1st event
 Raffle for DPMs

Also in December:
 Christmas Angel Trees at Various Valley Malls.

January: Melting Pot Girls Night Out
 Specific date TBD Watch for Evite!
 7PM 8260 N. Hayden Road (Scottsdale, AZ 85258) AND 3626 East Ray Road (Ahwatukee, AZ 85044)
 Raffles: \$50 (2 \$25 Gift Cards- 1 per location) DPM Discount, \$5 each

February: FBR Open Month! (For more information, read the *Panhellenic News* article in this newsletter!)
 Kickoff Happy Hour - February 5th (Fri)- Location TBD
 Volunteers Needed Feb 22-28, 2010 for FBR Open (work concessions)
 Volunteers receive free passes to the FBR for the entire week! Shifts raise money for scholarships!

March :Spring Training Games
 Saturday March 13 - Peoria Sports Complex
 Sunday March 21 - Tempe Diablo Stadium
 Lawn Seats are only \$6 each! DPM Rate reduced by \$1.00 Raffles too!

April: Senior Brunch for Gamma Pi Grads
 April 17 (Sat) 11:30AM Location TBD Ceremony to honor graduates and invite them into alumni life!
Also in April
 Community Garage Sale- all proceeds to benefit our Chapter/ Foundation Date TBD

May: Annual Meeting "Phi-Esta"
 May 15th (Sat) 2:00-4:00PM Location TBD
 Raffles: \$50 (2 \$25 Gift Cards)
 DPM Discount (amount to be determined closer to event date)

June: Family BBQ/Piggies and Paws
 June 12 (Sat) 12PM-4PM Home of Maryellen Ohrnberger-Alper
 6319 S. Rockford Drive Tempe, AZ 85283
 Piggies and Paws Prints-- artist to make prints of kids inside and then play outside. Swimming too!