

The

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President's Message

Hello Indy Sigma Kappas!

Winter is here, and the alumnae chapter has events planned with you in mind! January is the perfect time to make changes, and our hope is that you will make a commitment to your Sorority by joining your Indy sisters as we continue to celebrate sisterhood throughout the year.

Read more about this season's featured event, Dinner Date & Duckpin Bowling, on page 3. The event gives you the option to grab a date for a night of delicious food at Deanos Vino and fun entertainment in Fountain Square Theatre for duckpin bowling.

The collegiate women are returning back to school to start the second semester. We continue to encourage them as they recruit more women into our sisterhood, as well as plan events with them towards the end of the semester. Don't hesitate to contact Ellen with any questions you may have.

After the success of our Memory Walk, Laura has come up with some great ideas to incorporate our local area and the national philanthropies that we strive to achieve. Your participation and ideas are always encouraged!

So make yourself a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy this season's newsletter!

Angie Naniot Ahrens, *Beta Eta*
Alumnae Chapter President

"Winter is the time of promise because there is so little to do - or because you can now and then permit yourself the luxury of thinking so."

Stanley Crawford

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Chapter members and guests celebrating Founders' Day at Café Nora.



Chapter Officers & Chairmen Reports

Information and announcements from your chapter officers & chairmen

Vice President of Membership: *Melinda Starbuck*

Our chapter membership continues to grow! We have welcomed several new members over the past few months and I hope to welcome even more members in 2009! Our major membership recruitment event will take place in May and be on the lookout for more details as the time nears. As always, all Indianapolis alumnae are welcome to join us at our monthly events. Keep reading for more details about our next SIG dinner and more information on our newly developed wine tasting club. I hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Vice President of Programming: *Heather Carson*

2009 is forecasted to be one filled with many new and exciting events! I would like to introduce our newest SIG, Girls & Grapes. This group will be exploring the world of wine throughout the year. No expertise required. The dinner SIG, Around the World, will be making destination stops in Italy, Japan, and Belgium. Keep a look out for more details to come! Please let me know if you have any ideas of events that you would like to see on our calendar!

Recording Secretary: *Jamie Kelly*

Have you moved or changed your e-mail address recently? Send the chapter your updated information to indysig-makappa@yahoo.com and I'll update our address book so you stay connected!

Vice President of Finance: *Angie Ahrens*

There are currently 31 members who have paid dues for the 2009, but there is still an opportunity for you to join for the year! Visit the last page of this newsletter to see what membership offers, and turn your dues in today!



Panhellenic Delegates: *Suzanne Kenny & Trudie Wanchow*

The local area Panhellenic chapter has teamed up with Butler University, and donated yummy treats to assist the women with their collegiate recruitment. We wish all of them the best of luck as they start the Spring semester! In addition, it is that time of year for the Annual Taster's Luncheon, to take place at the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house on Butler's campus, March 12. There are two seatings, and each ticket is \$10. Read more about it in the chapter announcement section, and we hope to see you there!

Alumnae/Collegian Liaison: *Ellen McQueen*

The collegiate women are back in school in recruiting! Send them your best wishes via e-mail or mail, contact me at ellen.mcqueen@hotmail.com for Beta Sigma's or Gamma Eta's mailing information.

Foundation/Philanthropy Chairman: *Laura Mickler*

We need your help! The Indy Sigma Kappa alumnae chapter is looking for community service/philanthropy project ideas to support Gerontology/Alzheimer's, Inherit the Earth, or the Maine Seacoast Mission and the Sigma Kappa Foundation. We had a very successful fall with the Memory Walk and donating personal items to Joy's House, an adult daycare facility. Please contact Laura Mickler, laurasigmakappa@hotmail.com, with any suggestions or ideas. We are hoping to continue with our successful efforts in the spring!

Public Relations Chairman: *Mallory Curtis*

Announcing the new Indianapolis alumnae chapter Web site! Our new Web site will be available for viewing at the end of the month. Look for an e-mail in the near future to visit the new site, and then pass it on to your friends! If you have any pictures or would like anything specific to be added, e-mail me at mallorycurtis@gmail.com and I'll be happy to look into it for you!

Historian: *Summer Stone*

If you are interested in getting together to scrapbook, share ideas, or just have some fun cropping with fellow Sigma Kappa's, I invite you to join me! If there is interest, I would like to start a special interest group (SIG) for scrapbookers. Join me on Saturday, February 28, starting at 4:00 p.m., to scrapbook and discuss this potential gathering activity. E-mail me at stone_mba_cpa@yahoo.com if you are interested in more details!

Featured Events

Mark your calendar for this season's featured event

Dinner Date & Duckpin Bowling

The alumnae chapter invites you to grab a date, friend, or colleague for a night of delicious food and beverages, followed by duckpin bowling entertainment! On Friday, February 20, we will be enjoying a night in the Fountain Square district of downtown Indianapolis. This historic neighborhood is home to many restaurants and buildings that include the nights festivities.

We'll start the night at 7:00 p.m. with dinner and drinks at Deanos Vino. Then, we'll make our way over to the historic Fountain Square Theatre for a night of duckpin bowling. Not a fan of bowling? Duckpin might be the game for you! Different from "regular" bowling, duckpin involves three smaller bowling balls, with smaller pins. So grab that special someone, and get ready for wine and bowling!

For more information about our event, contact Heather Carson, carson_heather@hotmail.com, for details. Visit www.fountainsquareindy.com for information about this historic building, home of the Action & Atomic bowling alley. For dinner information, visit Deanos Vino Web site, www.deanosvino.com, and review the menu of the delicious items you have to chose from. We look forward to seeing you downtown!



Calendar of Events

See what the alumnae chapter has planned for this season

Tuesday, January 27
6:30 p.m.

SK Around the World Dinner, Old Spaghetti Factory (210 S. Meridian St., Downtown) Italy: Did you make a resolution to save money, but still want a night out with the girls? Then join us at Old Spaghetti Factory, as they are running their 40th anniversary special on Tuesday nights! Visit www.osf.com for details, prices will vary. Heather Carson, carson_heather@hotmail.com, is available for questions.

Tuesday, February 10
7:30 p.m.

Girls & Grapes, Angie Ahrens' home (403 Autumn Drive, Carmel) Grab a friend or date, and join the alumnae chapter for the first meeting of the SIG Wine club! Bring a bottle of Merlot to share, and enjoy the company of fellow wine lovers as well as we discuss the future of the club. Questions? Contact Angie Ahrens, angieahrens@gmail.com, for answers!



Friday, February 20
7:00 p.m.

Dinner & Duckpin (Deanos Vino, followed by Action & Atomic, Fountain Square, Downtown) Refer to the featured event for details regarding this February event! Grab a date, friend, or colleague to enjoy this event! Prices vary. Heather Carson, carson_heather@hotmail.com, is available for questions!

Saturday, February 28
4:00 p.m.

Crop Informational Gathering, Summer Stone's home See the historian officer report for details, and contact Summer with any questions as well as driving directions.

Announcements

Information regarding you and the chapter

2009 Panhellenic Taster's Luncheon

It's time for the **2009 Tasters' Luncheon**, which benefits the Indianapolis Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship Fund. This year's event will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house on Butler University's campus. Our goal is to have 8 members participate the event, and tickets are only \$10 per person!

There are two different opportunities of time to attend the event, one at 11:00 a.m. and one at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon will include dishes from the local alumnae groups, including appetizers, salads, and other delectable delights! In addition, you will walk away with recipes for each dish and enjoy an event and company (event TBD). Interested in attending? Contact Trudie Wanchow, stvbeth@worldnet.att.net, for your ticket today!



New SIG Girls & Grapes Wine Club

A new special interest group (SIG) has been formed! One that will tantalize your taste buds while giving you the opportunity to share in your interest of wine with fellow wine enthusiasts! Become part of the newest addition to the alumnae chapter, **Girls & Grapes Wine Club!** The club will rotate through member's homes as we try different types of wines, all which will be discussed at the first tasting.

This month, chapter member Angie Ahrens' invites you and a friend/spouse to her home to share in this first gathering. All participants should bring a bottle of **Merlot** to share for the tasting, and be ready for a night of fun with friends!

No intimidation, this is a casual gathering to try new wines and maybe find a new favorite! See the calendar of events for event specifics, and mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 10th. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the group, contact Angie at angieahrens@gmail.com or at 920-217-4003. Raise your glass to cheers this new club — we hope to see you there!



Collegiate Sister Chapter News

As a chapter, we would like to congratulate all of the new collegiate chapter officers at Beta Sigma (Purdue University) and Gamma Eta (Ball State University). What an exciting time for these emerging leaders of the chapter. With new officers and new activities planned, we are excited to see the beginning of many events to participate in with the women!

Look for a separate e-mail concerning an event with the women of Beta Sigma, as they are hosting a Lia Sophia party and would like alumnae to attend. In addition, Gamma Eta would like to host more alumnae events, so we will be receiving invitations throughout the semester as well. Stay tuned!

Collegiate Upcoming Dates

Gamma Eta

- Collegiate Officer Academy (Jan. 24)
- Initiation and Model Meeting (Jan. 25)
- Continuous Open Bidding (Jan. 26-29)
- Bid Night & Sisterhood Retreat (Jan. 30)
- New Member Pinning (Feb. 1)
- Spontaneous Social (Feb. 7)
- Polar Bear Plunge - Special Olympics (Feb. 28)

Beta Sigma

- Ritual Workshop (Jan. 22)
- Bid Day (Feb. 6)
- Formal Pledging (Feb. 9)
- Recruitment Workshop (Feb. 12)
- Alumnae Event (Feb. 21)
- Sisterhood Retreat (Feb. 24)
- BMOG (Feb. 27)

National Web site Announcement

The national organization is excited to announce the launch of an enhanced version of the Sigma Kappa national Web site, www.sigmakappa.org. The new platform looks similar, but there are some changes for all of the Indy alumnae to be aware of, especially regarding the For Sisters Only portion of the Web site.

This new Web site gives us the capability to create a new, unique login user ID and password to use the For Sisters Only portion of the Web site. All you need to do to create your new profile and update your information with the national organization is to visit www.sigmakappa.org, and click the link on the main page (which is located in the article about the new enhanced Web site). From there, you will be prompted to complete a form and create your unique login username and password.



Calling Tau Chapter Sisters: It's Reunion Time!

Did you graduate in 1989, or after? Have you missed seeing your sisters, and feel as though you lost touch? Well this is your chance to reunite! Dawn Fowerbaugh, *Tau*, is organizing a chapter reunion in Bloomington, Indiana for July 2009. Contact Dawn at 317-789-0157 or at fowerbaugh@sbcglobal.net for details and how to become involved with the event.

National Colonization Efforts

Sigma Kappa Sorority to Colonize at Two Universities

The national organization is pleased to announce we have accepted the invitation to colonize at Clemson University, located in Clemson, South Carolina and at the University of California—Irvine.

Recruitment for the two colonies will begin this month, with formal pledging continuing after the recruitment process in February. The alumnae chapter plans on supporting the two with cards and gifts to welcome them to our sisterhood.



Want to learn more about these great extension opportunities?
Visit www.sigmakappa.org, then click Join Us, Extension, New Chapters.

2009-2010 Alumnae Officer Elections

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the chapter? Do you have great ideas that you want to see happen as you become involved? This could be your opportunity, as an alumnae chapter officer or chairman!

All alumnae chapters consist of willing and dedicated members who volunteer as the local chapter executive officers. These members are not only elected by the chapter membership, but are also recommended and nominated by the chapter. You are encouraged to give serious consideration to recommending qualified sisters to serve as the executive council of the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The identification of leaders is critical to the successful future of any chapter.

Recommendations and letters of consideration should be sent to the chapter by **April 1, 2009**. The attached information provides position descriptions and expectations, as well as the recommendation form for the positions. If you have any questions regarding the attached information, please contact Angie Ahrens at angieahrens@gmail.com, or the chapter at indysigmakappa@yahoo.com. Thank you for your interest and participation in the officer process of your local alumnae chapter!



