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President's Message

Hello Indy Sigma Kappas!

Happy Spring! I'm excited to have the days of warmer weather, hear the birds chirping in the trees, and finally not drive to and from work in the dark anymore! Spring is an anticipated time of year for me, and always reminds us that there is an overall feeling of new beginnings.

Our membership is growing each and every day, as we have the most members we have had in quite some years! We continue to grow and expand our ideas of activities and ways to get all members involved. So whether you have just graduated, or have been a Sigma Kappa for 50+ years, we have activities planned just for you!

Two new groups have merged as highly anticipated events, and I'm sure will continue to generate attendance for our membership. The *Girls & Grapes* wine group continues to taste a variety of wine, while our *Senior Lunch Bunch* continue to dine at local Indy restaurants. Maybe one of these groups are perfect for you?

We are also proud to announce our NEW Web site!! Many thanks to our PR chair, **Mallory Curtis**, *Delta Delta*, for her work on this project. I encourage all of you to visit our new Web site, www.indysigmakappa.com, and continue visiting for all of the recent news, photos, and updates on what your alumnae chapter is doing.

Enjoy the sunshine that is peaking through the clouds, plant some flowers, and mark your calendar for our upcoming events! See YOU at an upcoming event!

Angie Naniot Ahrens, *Beta Eta*
Alumnae Chapter President

*"In the spring,
at the end of the day,
you should smell
like dirt."*

Margaret Atwood

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Chapter members & friends gather for a night of duckpin bowling in Historic Fountain Square



Chapter Officers & Chairmen Reports

Information and announcements from your chapter officers & chairmen

Alumnae/Collegian Liaison: *Ellen McQueen*

Our two collegiate chapters have really reached out this semester, so I encourage all of you to attend these alumnae focused events! **Gamma Eta** has an event at SK NHQ on Friday, March 27, themed Sigma Kappa Through the Ages. **Beta Sigma** has a dinner planned at their chapter house on March 10, as well as a luncheon on April 5. As always, there is an opportunity to carpool when the events are not in Indianapolis!



Public Relations Chairman: *Mallory Curtis*

The **NEW** Indy Alumnae Chapter Web site is live! Go to <http://indysigmakappa.com> to check out photos from past events, see dates of upcoming events, and much more. It will be continually updated with more features, so keep checking back!

Historian: *Summer Stone*

Interested in a group all about scrapbooking? Then **Sigma Scrap** is the group for you! An informational meeting will take place at my home (5106 Hodson Drive, Indianapolis, IN) on Saturday, April 18. The fun starts at 4pm and will last until midnight—look for the evite in April, and I hope to see you as we make memories together! Contact me at stone_mba_cpa@yahoo.com or call 317-902-8359 if you want to help organize or contribute to the group!

Chapter Photos

Snapshots from past season's events



Annual Holiday Event



Girls & Grapes



Jamie & Rebecca
Duckpin Bowling in February



Philanthropy Event: Joy's House

Calendar of Events

See what the alumnae chapter has planned for this season

Thursday, March 12
11:00 a.m. &
12:30 p.m.

2009 Panhellenic Taster's Luncheon (Kappa Alpha Theta, Butler University)
It's time for the 2009 Tasters' Luncheon, which benefits the Indy Alumnae Panhel Scholarship Fund. Only \$10 per person! Contact Trudie Wanchow, stvbeth@att.net, for your ticket today!

Thursday, March 19
6:30 p.m.

SK Around the World, Miyagi's (3625 East 96 Street, Indy)
Japan: Another country's cuisine while enjoying a night out with the girls! Enjoy some of Japan's dishes at Miyagi's, and contact Heather, carson_heather@hotmail.com, with any questions.

Friday, March 27
6:00 p.m.

Gamma Eta Alumnae Reception (Sigma Kappa NHQ, 8733 Founders Road, Indy)
The collegiate women of Gamma Eta are hosting a sisterhood event for the chapter and alumnae! Come and share stories of your current life with the women, and network with your own alumnae chapter! Light refreshments will be served at this meet and greet. Contact Angie Ahrens, angieahrens@gmail.com, with questions.

Tuesday, March 31
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Cookie Bouquet Creation Class, Monon Center (1235 Central Park Drive East, Carmel)
Do not pay a fortune to send a cookie bouquet; instead spend the evening with us learning how to make your own for a fraction of the cost! Who wouldn't love to receive a delicious edible bouquet? \$30 for the class, registration required for the event, contact Heather Carson if interested, carson_heather@hotmail.com.



Monday, April 20
6:30 p.m.

SK Around the World, Brugge Brasserie (1011 E Westfield, Brownsville)
Belgium: Maybe you'll enjoy Moules Frites (mussels & fries), or one of the other listed Belgium treats, www.bruggebrasserie.com, while enjoying the company of the alumnae chapter. Heather Carson, carson_heather@hotmail.com, with any questions.

Wednesday, April 29
7:30 p.m.

Girls & Grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon (Luanne Hogg's home, Noblesville)
Another night of wine, snacks, and fun with the ladies! Bring your favorite bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon to share, and contact Luanne for directions, luho62@hotmail.com.

Monday, May 4
6:30 p.m.

2009-2010 Officer Elections, Installations, and Formal Meeting
Discuss chapter business, elect the 2009-2010 chapter officers and enjoy a reception with the chapter. Business attire is required with your badge. For information regarding officer position, refer to page 5. Any other questions, contact chapter president, Angie Ahrens, at angieahrens@gmail.com, for details.

Wednesday, May 13
6:30 p.m.

SK Around the World, Aesop's Tables Cafe (600 E Mass Ave, downtown)
Greece: Visit the blue waters of the Mediterranean without paying for a plane ticket! Our final SK Around the World event will take place in Greece, while we dine on tzatiki, souvlaki, and baklava! Heather Carson, carson_heather@hotmail.com, with any questions, or visit Aesop's Web site, <http://aesopstables.biz>.

Saturday, May 16
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Winery Tour & Tasting Event (Easley Winery, downtown Indianapolis)
Refer to this season's featured event for details on page 4.

Both SIG groups, *Girls & Grapes* and the *Senior Lunch Bunch* location and dates are determined at each activity. If you would like to contribute ideas, all you need to do is show up at the monthly event!

Featured Events

Mark your calendar for this season's featured event

Easley Winery began as a dream and a vision of Jack and Joan Easley in the late 1960's. Being home winemakers in the basement of their home in Indianapolis, Jack and Joan dreamed of growing grapes and making wine in Indiana. Today, the winery is still run by the family and 15 employees, and we've set-up an event to learn more about the wine that is produced here in Indianapolis!



This exciting and educational event will take place at the **Easley Winery on Saturday, May 16 from 4-6 p.m.** We will sample a variety of Easley's wines and take a private tour of the facility, all while learning the wine production process. After the tour, we will have the opportunity to sample wines and enjoy an array of hors d'oeuvres.

The cost of the event is \$13.00 per person (inclusive of tax & gratuity), and includes private usage of Easley's facility, a "grapes to glass" tour of the winery, sampling of their wine list, and hors d'oeuvres. **Please RSVP early to Melinda Starbuck**, vice president of membership, at melindastarbuck@gmail.com, as we need to confirm our exact numbers. So grab a spouse, friend, or co-worker and join us for an evening downtown Indy!

Announcements

Information regarding you and the chapter

Chapter SIGs: Senior Lunch Bunch and Girls & Grapes

The chapter currently has two special interest groups (SIG), *Girls & Grapes* and the *Senior Lunch Bunch*.

Girls & Grapes is a group of members who gather to taste new wines and enjoy a night out with the girls.

The group meets at chapter member's homes, all decided at each event. So far, we've tasted Merlot's and Rieslings, but are looking forward to March and the taste of Cabernet Sauvignon. Thank you to member's **Angie Ahrens, Mallory Curtis, and Luanne Hogg** for hosting the first three events.



Want to suggest a wine, or location, or even label color for the next wine? Come to the next gathering, which will be at Luanne Hogg's home on March 29th. Look for an evite, and contact Luanne directly for questions regarding directions (luho62@hotmail.com.)

The **Senior Lunch Bunch** provides an opportunity for our members who are looking to connect with 60+ (or close to!) members who are excited about Sigma Kappa and want to reminisce and stay connected. Does this sound like the opportunity you've been waiting for? **March 19th**, the group will be meeting at Max & Erma's (on N.Meridian, Carmel) at 11:45 a.m.— next month could be your suggestion!

Interested and want to participate? Contact Trudie Wanchow, stvbeth@att.net or via phone 317-846-7553, for more information! And call your girlfriends, because this could be the perfect event for them too! Get ready for your opportunity to reconnect with local area Sigma Kappas, all chapter representation welcome!



Collegiate Sister Chapter News

Both Beta Sigma and Gamma Eta are excited to offer special events for the alumnae membership. If you are from these chapters, or just want to reconnect with the collegiate side, mark your calendar!

These special events, planned just for us, are highlighted below. Are you interested in becoming more involved, or attending the events? Contact Ellen McQueen, your chapter alumnae/collegiate liaison, ellen.mcqueen@hotmail.com, for more information.

Collegiate Upcoming Dates

Gamma Eta

Alumnae Sisterhood Event (March 27)

Greek Week (March 30-April 5)

Initiation (March 29)

Grand Chapter (April 5)

Formal (April 18)

Order of the Triangle (May 3)

Finals (May 4-8)

Beta Sigma

Alumnae Dinner & Dessert (March 10)

Inspiration Week (March 23-27)

Initiation (March 29)

Alumnae Luncheon (April 5)

Mom's Day (April 18)

Grand Prix (April 20-25)

Order of the Triangle (April 26)

Dead Week & Finals (April 27-May 9)

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? Dawn Fowerbaugh, *Tau*, is organizing a chapter reunion in Bloomington, Indiana for July 2009. Contact Dawn at 317-789-0157 or fowerbaugh@sbcglobal.net for details on how to become involved with the event.

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.

Elections and installations will be part of the formal chapter business meeting in early May (refer to the calendar of events for details.) This is great opportunity to contribute to the alumnae chapter through vote, as well as know what is happening in the alumnae chapter business. We will be voting on budgets, giving national organization announcements, and then celebrating the new officers and chairmen by having a small reception. You are encouraged to come out and meet these officers, as well as be a part of the chapter for this important meeting.

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!

