



## Southern Arizona Region Alumni Newsletter

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.



### Special Interest Articles:

-Career Corner: KDChi...Teaching Our Youth and Helping Create Brighter Futures

- Learn about upcoming events, recent news, and ways to get involved

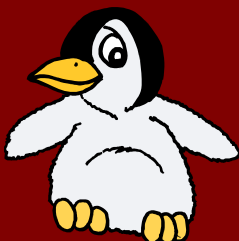
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### Fact of the Month:

"Running low and no time to run out to buy a new one? Here's a quick fix. Run the mascara wand under cool water then reinsert into bottle. Pull wand in and out at least twice and you will have enough to complete the job. We do not recommend that you continue use after this emergency fixer. Discard after use and purchase new product."

<http://make-up-for-latino-women.cosmeticsbag.com/203.htm>



## Endless Summer: Events and News

Hello Everyone! I hope that you enjoy our latest installment of the Southern Arizona Regional Newsletter. We have had quite a few successes since we began and hope to continue expanding and inspiring you to continue your much needed support and involvement. Here are a few things to look forward to in the

months to come plus some fun facts:

- ❑ We will be having another fun sister happy hour on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at North at La Encantada.
- ❑ Race for the Cure on October 9<sup>th</sup> (More info on page 5)

I am thrilled to invite you to these

very fun and important events. If you have any topics for articles or material that you would like to see discussed in upcoming newsletters feel free to email me at [lizet15141@aol.com](mailto:lizet15141@aol.com). Your feedback is definitely appreciated. I will have more updates to come on Conference 2005 and other sister news. Love you all and God Bless.  
Your sister,  
Lizette Granillo

## And the Shopping Continues: A Further Look into Careers in Retailing

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Delta Chapter Lambda Class Spring 97  
Graduated Dec. 2001 B.S. Retailing and Consumer Sciences (after 3 major changes)

Now: Assistant Buyer Holiday Seasonal SAM'S CLUB division of WAL-MART STORES INC.  
Job Functions: Responsible for buying specialty and high end department store Christmas/ Holiday product for over 550 SAM'S CLUB warehouse clubs nationwide.

Duties: Trend watching, traveling to the market and the clubs for "continuous improvement", developing relationships/ negotiating with suppliers, watching the competition, forecasting sales, reacting to poor selling items, public speaking (presenting ideas to CEO/ VP merchandising and other (over 300 person) buying teams in weekly merchandise meetings

Yearly Travel Includes: Pre-buy trip to Hong Kong (2 weeks)/ Comp trip New York/ various Club visits driving and with Regional staff using company jet/ Buy trip to Shenzhen, China (2 weeks), Christmas World supplier trade show Frankfurt, Germany/ Various trade shows or supplier showroom visits domestically or abroad

How I got started: the major in RCS was a great place to start. there I received exposure from many buyers in the industry (from a wide variety of different retailers) and realized that I thought that this would be fun and something that I'd be good at. After graduation the job market was grim and I had no idea what I was going to do to start a career in buying by not starting at the store management level. this is where the connections I developed from KDCHI came in, a sister "sent for me" by shooting my resume to a recruiter she new at SAM'S CLUB. Due to all the intern experience I had gained by being in the RCS major, they flew me over for an interview and I was hired.

My next steps: The official "buyer" of the category has been on maternity leave for the past 4 months, so I completed the 2005 buy, by myself, which is a pretty stressful task. Through this I've shown my management team that I'm ready for the next challenge: the head buyer. My buyer has since decided that she wants a position with less travel so I will be promoted in this category (holiday seasonal) within the next 2 months. Sometimes things just work out. After that who knows, but the official title definitely will open a lot of doors.

My recommendation for those interested in retailing: INTERNSHIPS!!! wherever and whenever you can get them. They will help you get that "experience" that everyone is looking for as well as figure out what you like doing. If you love being on the front line in retail and dealing with the customers and employees, being behind a desk playing with product, color and negotiating with suppliers might not be for you. The best way to find out is try during that internship period.

## Career Corner: KDChi...Accounting for Our Future: The Endless Opportunities



Okay, okay, you're probably thinking that a career in the accounting field probably doesn't sound too exciting. You're right. It's doesn't sound exciting. It is exciting! (I might add, it pays pretty nicely, too! I'll admit that's what first drew me!)

I graduated from the University of Arizona in August 2002 with a bachelor's in accounting from the Eller College of Business. I'll be honest. It wasn't easy but if you can make it through Eller with your head still attached, you have one foot in the doorway of making it through an accounting career. In the accounting department, you should start interviewing for a full-time job during the second semester of your junior year. However, now with the push to obtain your masters in accounting to sit for the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam, you should interview a year before you complete graduate school. I interviewed my junior year and accepted an offer as a staff auditor with Arthur Anderson. Anderson was part of the "Big Five" public accounting firms in the world.

Here's a painful flashback: Anderson was Enron's, supposedly independent, auditors and the rest is history. So, two weeks before I graduated, the fall of Anderson occurred and I was out of a job. I then decided that the remaining "Big Four" public accounting firms was not the place for me and interviewed with a smaller private firm, Heinfield, Meech & Co. ("H&M).

H&M specializes in governmental auditing and there was where I began my professional development as a Staff Auditor. We audited cities, towns, community colleges, not-for-profits, and school districts in the state of Arizona. I rarely was stuck all week in my cubicle and loved the constant change of scenery and projects. I was pleasantly surprised to find that another KDChi alumna already was working there, Susy Lopez-Arechaga. She unofficially took me under her wing and guided me through my first couple years at H&M. She is an awesome leader and friend and taught me an invaluable lesson of work-life balance. I spent about 3 years at the firm, where I then realized I needed some much deserved "work-life balance." I learned a tremendous amount being with a small firm but needed a change of pace now that I had some experience under my belt.

Because I had a strong background in auditing, I accepted a job with Providence Service Corporation ([www.provcorp.com](http://www.provcorp.com)) as the Corporate Internal Auditor. It's a great, opportunity for advancement because, essentially, the internal audit department is new to the corporation and I'm basically the department. At Providence, I will be traveling more nationally and conducting internal audits of the corporation, reviewing it's processes and evaluating areas that could be strengthened. Again, because I tend to get bored quickly, I get to work with all the different departments and

different types of people. I'm trying to battle the perception that I am the corporate "police" and there to improve the quality of work done. I'm really excited to be there at ground level working to develop this department and, most definitely, will be around to reap the benefits of this position.

Other than advancing in accounting, the profession encourages people to continue their education. Currently, I am going back to grad school at the University of Phoenix to get my masters in accounting and, hopefully, passing the CPA exam in the next couple years. Additionally, I will be taking the CIA (Certificate of Internal Auditing) exam in November. Wish me luck!

Finally, although I chose auditing, there are also careers in financial accounting, tax preparation, compliance, and consulting. The demand for accountants (especially minority women) has currently been increasingly high and with all the new legislation coming out, demand will only get greater. So whether you like working with numbers or people, the accounting profession is an awesome way to begin your professional path.

If anyone has any questions, I can be reached at [keys2quint@hotmail.com](mailto:keys2quint@hotmail.com) and will be happy to further explain the accounting profession.

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*"Every alumna has the ability to make an impact on KDX, an undergraduate chapter, or just one sister."*

*--Alumni Association  
Mission Statement*

## Next Month's Career Feature

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Do you have a story to tell us? We want career updates from alumni sisters! Where are our doctors, teachers, managers, bankers, etc.? Every issue we will feature a career field and the sisters in that field. Want to be next month's highlight? Let us know!

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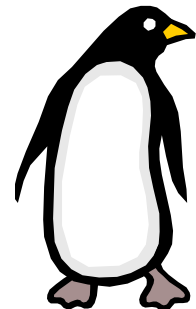
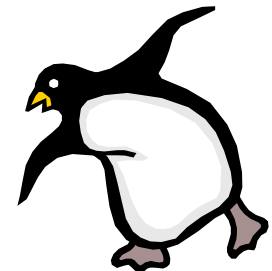
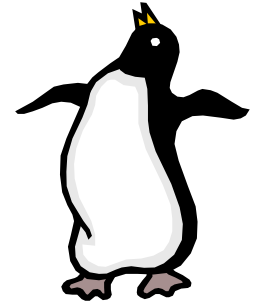
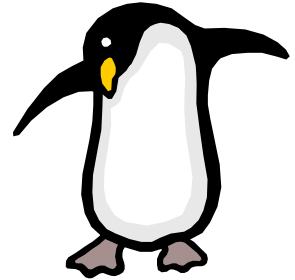
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## Continuing to Lead the Pack: Look Who's Representing the AZ!

### REGIONAL CHAIRS (ALUMNI)

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*Any cities north of Casa Grande including the city of Casa Grande. It also includes, but not limited to, Phoenix, Flagstaff, and Prescott*

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#### Southern Arizona Region

*Any cities south of Casa Grande, including, but not limited to; Tucson, Nogales, and Douglas*

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Region Website: [www.geocities.com/azalumni1991](http://www.geocities.com/azalumni1991)

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA REGION WINS AWARD AT CONFERENCE 2005!!!

Also Congratulations to the **Southern Arizona Region!** We took home the **"Most Active Regional Alumni Association"** And why is that? Because we are the best!!!! So, I would like to thank everyone for all of her hard work. Thanks for participating so much with the newsletter, and let's continue to show the rest of the nation what Southern AZ is made of! I wanted to get more information, but it is not up on national's website yet. We'll have more of an update in next month's issue.

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## Ingredients For the Perfect Spring Break: Sisters, Sand, Sun, and Adventure...Oh and Did I Say Sisters!

Fav. spring break moment is (course) Adventures in CA with Karen, Liana, and Christina - good times. They wouldn't let us in a club in TJ so we had to go to this interesting place with um a slide that was 3 stories high. Then onward to Disneyland where we ate too much, ran around riding rides, and crashed out way too early to admit to for a Spring Break adventure. My parents never would've let me go to Rocky Point, so it was good there were other girls that were willing to "explore new horizons". I definitely miss college days, wouldn't give up the time I spent there for the world :)

Vanessa

My favorite, and well only spring break spent on vacation (I always worked over spring break) was when I went to New Orleans with the BFF Cira Villa. We had way too much fun! People say that Las Vegas is the city that never sleeps; Cira and I would beg to differ. The food was expensive, but the liquor was cheap! I landed on Friday and got to the hotel at 12:15, but I did not allow the time to impede on my vacation. I took a shower and we were off to Bourbon Street. Not only did we attend the parties on the famous (or should I say infamous) street, but also we attended a Mississippi Steam Boat Dinner. Needless to say, southern hospitality really does exist and I can't wait to go back.

Lizette

# Happy Birthday!!

Olga Pena 5/13/2005

Maricela Meza 6/1/2005

Arlene Carbajal 6/3/2005

Jessie DeLoera 7/4/2005

Renae Rosales 7/9/2005

Ana Ramirez-Pullares 7/15/2005

Martha Licea-Castro 7/29/2005

Kanna Beckwith-Komis 8/18/2005

Alicia Acevedo-Urcuyo 8/20/2005

Christina Vejar 8/26/2005

Ana Varela 8/30/2005

*"Some men see things  
and ask 'Why?' I dream  
things that never were  
and ask 'Why Not?'"  
- Robert Kennedy*

### ***About Our Organization...***

The Southern Arizona Region is here to serve you and build our network of alumni! Please email, call, or send us any ideas or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at our events and corresponding with you in the coming months. Thanks for your support!

## **Race For the Cure:** Let's show them what Kappa Delta Chi is all about!

BOTH ARIZONA ALUMNI REGIONS JOIN WITH *TELEMUNDO* TO HELP FIGHT BREAST CANCER!!!! Race for the Cure Against Breast Cancer! Both Arizona Regions will be joining forces on October 9<sup>th</sup> along with Telemundo (the exclusive Spanish Television Media Partner). It should be a lot of fun, as well as a great cause. So mark your calendar and be ready to *Race for the Cure*. If you have any questions please email me at [lizet15141@aol.com](mailto:lizet15141@aol.com), and I will ensure to get the information you need relayed as quickly as possible. More updates to come!

"Today, there is more hope than ever for people touched by breast cancer. However, there is still much work to be done to promote early detection and help those impacted by the disease. And *you* can make a difference.

Making Strides is a noncompetitive walk supporting the American Cancer Society's unique mission to fight cancer on four fronts: research, education, advocacy, and patient services. Hope Starts Here."

## **Penguin Search:**

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.geocities.com/  
azalumni1991](http://www.geocities.com/azalumni1991)

Is there a particular sister you would like to find, or are you the sister who has fallen off of the iceberg. Please send your shot-outs and updates to [Lizet15141@aol.com](mailto:Lizet15141@aol.com). Let's make the most of 2005!!!

### **SEPTEMBER IS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH!!!**

Mujeres, September is Hispanic Heritage month. Help us celebrate by sending in articles, inspiring stories, funny anecdotes, or whatever you can think of!!

We will have a special newsletter for the month..

We also want to hear from you... What does it mean to you to be Latina?? Or, if you are one of our sisters not of Latina descent, what did it mean to you to be in a Latina sorority?? Let us know!

Bendiciones!!

***KAPPA DELTA CHI***  
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