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President's Corner

A Quarterly Update

By Julie Emms

Welcome to 2005! With the New Year upon us and resolutions being made, CAP is also making some resolutions. In order to serve our members and their alum chapters better, all delegates will be asked to complete an online survey this month. Your participation in the survey will increase our efforts to create programming, social and roundtable events around your chapter's needs. We realize there are varying levels of participation among the alum chapters in CAP, and hope that this survey will help our exec board and chairs better understand your chapter's needs from CAP.

As noted at our November meeting, for the new year, we have decided to shake things up. Beginning January 19, in lieu of our monthly meetings we will hold programming, social, roundtable and pre-recruitment events in place of our 3rd Wednesday of the month meetings. We will still hold occasional council meetings at the Courtyard Marriott. Our anticipation is by scheduling these events during our monthly meeting time our members will be served better. Keep an eye on the CAP's web calendar for meeting and event information.

I am excited to say that we are on our way to awarding our first scholarship. Before the holidays, Diane Rand, Allison Peters and I began devising the criteria for the scholarship. In January we will be sending a draft to our members for their e-vote. Your input will be helpful in making our scholarship successful.

As we are planning to award our first scholarship we are also making arrangements for our 2nd annual Scholarship Tea, Sunday, May 15. So mark your calendars and begin thinking about your chapter's basket ideas. Instructions on how your chapter can participate in the basket silent auction will come in January.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Why not start with the Webster Wine Tasting social on January 19 at Webster Wine bar!

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Pre- Recruitment and You!

By Megan Bouche

Extending the Sorority Experience to potential new members takes on many seasons and means. It's catching up with a cousin or niece and remembering that a family friend will be entering college soon. The holidays may prove to be a great chance to share your collegiate experience, which is highlighted by your Sorority Experience!

Remembering your college days and your sorority sisters is something that we all do more often than we would like to admit! We each hold pride in our own organizations and have the chance to share that pride with people that we meet everyday. As positive role models, we each sell the Sorority Experience everyday. At a time when there have been countless alcohol-related tragedies, as well as, books and shows that portray us in a negative light, we need to show our pride everyday!

You can also get involved with CAP's pre-recruitment efforts. The spring is when the action starts happening!! High school seniors are now in the home stretch and are deciding what college is in their future. We can help them realize that no matter what university they are off to in the fall, a sorority can enhance their experience!

This past year, we've sent several communications and information packets to local high schools, but we hope to do more in 2005. To be successful, we need your support! CAP is looking for volunteers to work with individual schools and prepare a group presentation at our May meeting. If you would like to get involved (or volunteer someone), please contact Megan Bouché at mbouche@alphaphi.org.

Share your Sorority Experience today!

Of Local Interest

Welcome to the newest addition to CAP's
E-Newsletter!

Are you starting your own business?
Looking for a job?
Interested in publicizing an event?

Let CAP help! If you have any information to
include in "Of Local Interest," please send it to Elly
Krumwiede, Public Relations Chair,
at elkrumwiede@hotmail.com.

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Meeting Schedule

CAP meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from
September to June. Open meetings and council meetings
are held at the Courtyard Chicago Downtown Marriott,
30 E. Hubbard, Chicago, 60611.

January 19 – OPEN Meeting
February 19 – Social Event – Jacqueline
Kennedy: The White House Years
March 16 – Roundtable
April 20 – Council Meeting
May 15 – Scholarship Tea
June 15 – Dinner/Programming Event

OPEN Meetings—All alumnae women are invited to
attend

Council Meetings—Delegates & Alternate delegates
attend

CAP Social Calendar

Susanne Siegel Presents...

JANUARY

GIRLS NIGHT OUT!

Date – Wednesday, Jan. 19

Time – 7:30 p.m.

Location – Webster Wine Bar, 1480 W. Webster Street

- Join us for REDS OF THE VENETO! For \$30, we'll try 15 wines from northeast Italy, including Valpolicella, the rich Ripasso wines and the world famous Amarones. Light bites will also be served. Street parking possible is possible and a pay lot is available across the street. Call (773) 868-0608 to reserve your spot by credit card or mail a check to Heather Breen by January 5th. Heather's contact info: 1717 N. Orleans Street #3, Chicago, IL 60614, Mobile: (773) 991-2388.

FEBRUARY

JACQUELINE KENNEDY: THE WHITE HOUSE YEARS

Date – Saturday, Feb. 19

Time – Meet at 10 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. tour

Location – Field Museum

- Revisit an era of style and grace with Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years featuring selections from the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. CAP will explore the Field Museum's exhibit on Saturday, February 19th. Meet us on the steps at 10:00 a.m. for the 10:30 tour and stay for lunch at the Corner Bakery. Tickets are \$25 plus \$5 for the cassette-guided tour (recommended). Get your own tickets at <http://www.fieldmuseum.org/> or send a check to Heather Breen by February 1st and save on the \$3 convenience fee.

Here's What's Coming Up!

A number of events are now in the works, including a talk from Life Coach Michele Purtell and "Be a Party Smarty," a presentation on how to be a haute hostess. To nominate someone (including yourself) for the CAP Speakers Bureau or contribute an idea, e-mail Heather Breen at HBBreen@aol.com.

By Nancy Dschida

Susanne Siegel of Susanne Siegel Designs spoke at our November 17, 2004 open meeting.

Susanne began creating her own jewelry while attending the University of Kansas, where she studied design. After college, Susanne pursued a career in advertising and marketing, but still felt that her desire to feed her creative side was not being met. Many people met her designs with enthusiasm and Susanne Siegel Designs was born.

Susanne has always had a deep-rooted passion for travel and she decided to combine her two passions: creating fine jewelry and travel to exotic locales. She searches for gemstones on all of her travels, selecting each piece by hand. All of her pieces are one of a kind creations. She uses her travel, nature and her life experiences to inspire her unique designs and gemstone combinations.

Susanne is now studying gemology through the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). This will provide her with the knowledge to select and present the best quality gemstones in each piece of jewelry she creates. All of Susanne's jewelry is handcrafted using the finest quality precious and semi-precious stones and sterling silver.

Susanne's designs have been featured lately in September 2004 of Women's Wear Daily (WWD) – Orient Expression, the November 5, 2004 Daily Candy: Chicago web blast, and on Fashionista.com in September 2004.

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Alumnae Chapter News

The Windy City Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha focused on philanthropy in 2004. The chapter participated in the Y-ME walk for Breast Cancer in Grant Park and raised \$3,600! This is the third year of their participation and raising record funds. Through fundraisers at Fuddrucker's restaurant and with Pampered Chef Windy City raised close to \$300 to donate to the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation and to one of their national philanthropies – The S. June Smith Center. Chapter members also spent time working with Special Olympic Athletes, an organization Alpha Sigma Alpha regularly works with. The chapter plans to continue this focus into 2005.

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Aside from her beautiful necklaces and earrings, Susanne has also started “*Something Blue*” her line of bridal necklaces using precious stones, such as pearls, opalite and vintage crystals along with blue zirconia in the clasp, which is where each bride can get her “something blue” for her wedding day.. Her jewelry is also featured in many local boutiques, including Urbane Weddings, Jake, The Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, The Ritz-Carlton-Chicago, and the Shop at the Chicago Cultural Center in Chicago. Her pieces are featured at some suburban stores including Biondi in Hinsdale, Urban Sole in LaGrange and Veiled in Elegance in Geneva.

Be sure to check out her website at www.susannesiegel.com, where you can view her jewelry on-line, make your selection and drop her a line at info@susannesiegel.com if you see something you want to purchase. I have quite a few of her pieces and always receive compliments on them. Check out Susanne’s line – Elegant jewelry with attitude.

If you would like to submit an article or Alumnae Chapter Announcement for the next newsletter, please contact Elly Krumwiede, Public Relations Chair, at elkrumwiede@hotmail.com. Submissions are due by March 15, 2005.

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