

Chapter Activities: Alumnae Spotted All Around Town During the Past Year

Jacksonville Sigma Sisters have been busy gathering for casual dinners and wine tastings, pottery projects and even a hockey game! We also participated in sorority philanthropic activities. Here's a recap at what we've been up to the last several months. If you haven't joined us yet, come on out!



Dinner at Carrabba's

There's no such thing as strangers, only sisters you haven't met! In July, 2002 we celebrated summer with a casual dinner gathering to enjoy southern cookin' at LuLu's Waterfront Grill overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway in Ponte Vedra Beach. In August 2002, a small, but dedicated group of Sigma Sisters set-up shop at Pottery Works to create beautiful objects d'art! We are still raving about the lemon topiary tray

Painted by Bet Lentz! Bet, can we hire you to paint our pieces for us next time?

We kicked off the Fall of 2002 with a dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grill in September over in the Regency area. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

In October, we put on our walking shoes to participate in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk in San Marco. It was a beautiful fall day and we enjoyed catching up with each other while seeing the sights of all those charming historical homes as well as taking in cool views of the St. Johns River. After burning off all of those calories, we enjoyed a post walk lunch at Café Carmon in the heart of San Marco.

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Beta Tau Mock Recruitment: Alumnae Needed

The Ladies of Beta Tau invite you to participate in a Mock Recruitment and Luncheon Saturday, August 16 from 11am to 3pm at the University of Florida Sigma Kappa House, 1108 E. Panhellenic Drive. Please RSVP by August 8 to Lauren Topetcher, Vice

President of Alumnae Relations by email: CrzySxyFL@aol.com or home phone: 352-371-3535, cell phone: 407-719-2771. We greatly value your participation and assistance with our Fall Recruitment! We're looking forward to seeing you!

If overnight accommodations are needed, we suggest these nearby hotels: Comfort Inn: 352-373-6500; Days Inn: 352-376-2222; Howard Johnson Express: 352-371-2500; Residence Inn by Marriott: 352-371-2101; Sheraton: 352-377-4000.

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November meant it was time once again for Founder's Day, in which we celebrated 128 years of



Founder's Day Brunch

sisterhood. We hosted our celebration at the Tournament Players Club in Ponte Vedra Beach and enjoyed a wonderful lunch event. Becky Baynard even provided some beautiful Founder's Day Sachet's as mementos of the day. We also conducted a 50-50 Raffle with half of the proceeds being donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

December brought the holidays into full swing with a party hosted by Trista Wallace and a Chinese Gift Exchange. Trista was truly the hostess with the mostess. She really knows how to throw a party! The Chinese Gift Exchange got a bit intense as sisters eyed many cool gifts including wine



Hockey Night

charms, CD's from the Pottery Barn, candles, and more! We also used this event to donate items for the Maine Seacoast Mission which included school supplies, pens, paper, notebooks, etc. January 2003 brought a new year and we held our kickoff event with dinner at The Olive Garden in the Southside area. We

had a tremendous turnout and enjoyed seeing many new faces. Enthusiasm was running high as we discussed our ideas for the new year. In February, we hosted the Jacksonville Panhellenic Association's (JAPA) meeting along with co-hosts Zeta Tau Alpha. Sigma Sisters provided the beverages along with Valentine's Day Decorations for the meeting and enjoyed watching Chef Robert of Winn-Dixie and Channel 12 whip up some delightful creations!

We thought we'd try something different in February, with Happy Hour at Seven Bridges followed by a hockey game to see the Jacksonville Barracudas at the Coliseum. In March, we just couldn't keep ourselves away from

painting pottery once again, as Sigma Sisters gathered at Pottery Works to create beautiful works of art! This event was definitely a hit. April brought a trip to The Grotto in San Marco for some wine tasting and



Creating our own art at Pottery Works

tapas. A small group enjoyed a sociable gathering and an opportunity to catch up on everything that had been happening.



Wine Tasting at the Grotto

In May, a few sisters gathered at Hillary Hind's House for a Chocolate Indulgence party. Sigmas, along with some of their significant others prepared for an evening of laughter as they gathered for movie night in June 2003 to see "Bruce Almighty" starring Jim Carey and Jennifer Aniston at the San Marco Theatre.



Sigma Kappas at the JAPA Meeting

In late July, we gathered for Café Night at the Cummer Museum and Gardens where we enjoyed light refreshments and music, along with a lecture by two of the museum's curators on the Cummer's present exhibit called "Expressive Impressions: Three Decades of American Abstract Prints from the Charles R. Dean Collection."

Is there a Sister in Your Neighborhood?

Did you know there are more than 200 Sigma Kappa Alumni living in the Jacksonville area? Chances are several of your sisters live in your own neighborhood. Check out these figures:

Mandarin: 27	Ponte Vedra Beach - 23	Middleburg - 3
San Jose/San Marco - 14	South PVB/Vilano - 1	Green Cove Springs - 7
Baymeadows/Southside/	Intracoastal - 18	Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach - 14
Deerwood - 7	Orange Park - 17	Arlington/Ft. Caroline - 17
Spring Park/San Souci/Grove Park/	Avondale/Riverside - 11	Oceanway/Pecan Park/Ft. George - 1
St. Nicholas - 3	Ortega/Venetia - 11	West Jacksonville/Oak Hill - 1
St. Johns County - 8	Murray Hill/Lakeshore - 2	
Atlantic/Neptune & Jax Beaches - 14	Argyle - 2	

Special thanks to Cara Ameer for compiling this information!

Alumnae Member News & Birthdays

Anne Weeks-	September 7	MaryAlice Marley-	December 11	Hilary Hinds-	June 25
Virginia Hash-	September 23	Donna Wagoner-	March 13	Leslie Henard-	July 16
Becky Baynard-	October 12	Chastity Johnston-	April 11	Lisa Olson-	July 17
Cara Ameer-	October 13	Kirsten Tesdall-	May 8	Bet Lentz-	July 22
Trista Wallace-	November 14	Jennifer Lisella-Marcellus-	June 7		

⌘ Charlotte Bivins was married to Bruce Ostrout in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

⌘ Cara Ameer joined the Mandarin North Office of Watson Realty Corp.

⌘ Trista Wallace earned the designation Accredited in Public Relation (APR).

⌘ Britta Fortson had a baby girl named Madeline, who was recently christened.

⌘ Jen Keil left us to move back to Fort Lauderdale.

⌘ Becky Baynard got engaged. Her wedding is planned for October 4th.

⌘ Bet Lentz had a baby boy named Alex who is now 10 months old.

JAPA Update

The Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association recently elected its officers for the 2004 year. Becky Baynard was elected Treasurer for the upcoming year, and Anne Weeks will be serving as the Lunch Bunch Chairman.

Our chapter received a thank you from the Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association for our donations to the 2001-2002 and the 2002-2003 Scholarship Fundraisers and for hosting the February Meeting.

JAPA Meetings will continue to be held on the Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Haskell Building on 111 Riverside Drive. Sigma Kappa is scheduled to co-host the February 10, 2004 meeting.

Chapter Awards

Congratulations are in order! The Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter received several awards last year at the 2002 Convention held in Scottsdale, Arizona:

Reactivation of Alumnae Chapter in District IV

Honorable Mention - Frances Mann Hall Award - Recognizes the most improved alumnae chapter not in a college community.

Honorable Mention - Elizabeth Gorham Hoag Award - Recognizes the most outstanding alumnae chapter not in a college community.

Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter

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If you're interested in officially joining the Jacksonville Sigma Kappa Alumnae Chapter, or being added to our email list, please contact Becky Baynard at REBABAY@aol.com.

2003 Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter Board

President - Becky Baynard
Vice President of Membership - Hilary Hinds
Vice President of Programming - Cara Ameer

Corresponding Secretary - Trista Wallace
Recording Secretary - Leslie Henard
Vice President of Finance - Charlotte Ostrout

Alumnae Panhellenic Delegate - Anne Weeks
Alumnae / Collegiate Liason - Donna Wagoner
Foundation Chairman - Kirsten Tesdall

Beta Tau News

At COTS 2003 in Indianapolis, Indiana this summer, the Beta Tau chapter received a recruitment award for increasing their membership by 24%. District IV also had the highest participation in the Sigma Kappa Foundation Challenge.

Pre-Recruitment is scheduled from August 9th to August 16th and Recruitment is scheduled from August 17th to August 24th. If anyone is interested in assisting, please contact Donna Wagoner, at 215-9931 or snowkatt@mindspring.com.

Important Collegiate Dates

Classes begin on Aug. 25.

Initiation is scheduled for Oct. 18.

Homecoming is Nov. 7 and 8.

Final exams are Dec. 13 - 19. We will plan to send a goodie basket.

Mark Your Calendar: Fall 2003 Activities

AUGUST

Thursday, August 14th 6:30PM
BUNCO/Game Night at the home of Trista Wallace. RSVP to Trista Wallace at trista@creativetypes.net or 904-886-4394 by August 11th.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 10th 6:30PM
Dinner at the Mellow Mushroom on Southside. RSVP to Cara Ameer at cameer@comcast.net or 904-230-0295 by September 8th.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 18th 9:00AM
Memory Walk with Brunch to follow. RSVP to Becky Baynard at REBABAY@aol.com or 904-276-1763 by October 7th.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 8th 11:00AM
(Date & Time Tentative) Founder's Day Celebration at Club Continental. RSVP to Cara Ameer at cameer@comcast.net or 904-230-0295.

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 4th
Holiday Party at the home of Cara Ameer - 7:00 pm - RSVP to Cara Ameer at cameer@comcast.net or 904-230-0295.

