

Recent & Upcoming 2005 Events

January marked the beginning of a new year and we kicked off our planning at Bucca di Beppo. Plenty of Italian food and lots of new faces made the evening a success.

In February we got together for the Jacksonville Barracudas vs. Winston-Salem hockey game. Sigma sisters also co-hosted the Valentine themed February meeting of the Jacksonville Panhellenic Alumnae Association (JAPA).



In March, we decided to add some culture to the mix and made our way to the Jacksonville Modern Museum of Art

(JMOMA). After the museum we enjoyed dinner at MONGO's at The Landing.

April brought us out for the Avondale Spring Tour of Homes. We enjoyed seeing the charm and character of this historic neighborhood in Jacksonville.



Japanese was our theme for May as we ventured out for a delicious dinner at Sakura Restaurant in Mandarin. We enjoyed watching the skillful chef prepare everything before our very eyes.



June meant it was time for baseball fun as we gathered to watch the Jacksonville Suns vs. the Carolina Mudcats.

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December 2004 Holiday Activities

Sisters gathered at the home of Cara Ameer for the 2004 Holiday Party.



Sigma Kappa Alumnae wrapped gifts at the Borders on Southside Blvd. to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association.

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In July, we gathered for a dinner outing on the Intracoastal Waterway at Barbara Jeans in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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Looking ahead for the rest of the year, here's what we have planned:

Thursday, August 18th

6:30PM ~ Girl's BUNCO Night at Trista Wallace's house (110-2 Southern Bridge Blvd. Unit 2). ~ RSVP to Trista at trista@creativetypes.net or 904-287-4129 by August 12th.

Friday, September 23rd

6:00PM ~ Dinner at the Mellow Mushroom (9734 Deer Lake Court) followed by a movie at Tinseltown ~ RSVP to Missy Stover at missystover@juno.com or 904-363-0452 by September 16th.

Saturday, October 1st

9:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk with Brunch to follow. Begins at the St. Joe Building on Riverside Ave. ~ RSVP to Becky Patel at REBABAY@aol.com or 904-276-1763.

Saturday, October 22nd

11:00AM ~ Visit to The Jacksonville Zoo (8605 Zoo Parkway) ~ Cost \$9.50 Adults, \$6.50 Kids, \$8.00 Seniors ~ www.jaxzoo.org. ~ RSVP to Mary Alice Marley at 345@aol.com or 904-264-7566 by October 15th.

Sunday, November 13th

12:00PM ~ Founder's Day Celebration at The Florida Yacht Club in Ortega (5210 Yacht Club Road) ~ RSVP to Britta Forston at Britta12@yahoo.com or 904-230-0295 by November 6th.

Thursday, December 8th

6:30PM ~ 5th Annual Holiday Party ~ at the home of Cindy Atnip ~ RSVP to Cindy at cbear32457@aol.com or 398-6179 by November 25th.

Alumnae News & Accomplishments

Cara Ameer and her husband recently moved to a new home in Ponte Vedra Beach. Earlier this year, Cara received the President's Club Award for leadership in sales production, was designated as Top Saleperson for the Month and also earned the RELO Silver Level Award for excellence in working with relocation customers.

After 8 years as a travel agent, **Donna Wagoner** returned to school to earn her paralegal certificate. She now works for The Edwards Law Firm in Orange Park.

Hope Diamantis' daughter Alexis graduated from the University of Georgia in May and will join the Sigma Kappa alumnae group in Atlanta with her sister Elizabeth.

Becky Patel was recognized by the Junior League of Jacksonville as the 2004-2005 Volunteer of the Year.

Cindy Atnip welcomed her daughter home to Florida from going to University of Alabama for 2 years. She will be a Gator in the fall and is very excited. Cindy and her husband will be spending long weekends in North Carolina as they are building a log cabin in Waynesville.

Courtney Jessup is getting married and moving to Hawaii at the end of October. The wedding will be in Fayetteville, NC.

Trista Wallace, APR recently purchased a new home in the Julington Creek area. She also accepted a position at the Dalton Agency, a local advertising and public relations agency, as a public relations account executive.

Virginia Hash was recognized at the Annual JAPA Spring Luncheon as the member with the most volunteer hours. During the luncheon, it was announced that JAPA members have contributed 7,941 volunteer hours during the past year. Virginia was identified as an Active Volunteer Educator in an article published in SIGMA KAPPA HEARTBEAT, the newsletter of her home chapter, Alpha Epsilon. Virginia currently serves as Vice-president of the Board of Directors for the Clay County Literacy Coalition, as recording secretary for her PEO chapter, and as a volunteer tutor of English as a Second Language.



Chapter Experiences a “Baby Boom”

2005 has been a busy year for our alumnae chapter, with 3 babies born so far and another on the way ...

Britta Fortson and husband welcomed a baby boy Phillip Thomas Fortson on Jan 17th.

Bet Lentz and her husband welcomed their third son Benjamin Philip Lentz June 10th. He was 8 lb, 15 oz, 21 inches.



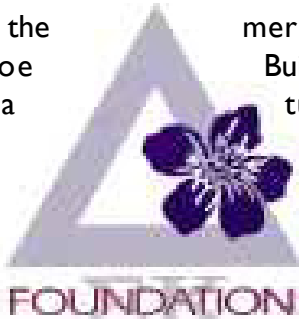
Benjamin Lentz

Jennifer Lisella-Marcellus had a baby girl named Madelyn also on June 10th. She weighed 7 lb, 11 oz.

Becky Patel and her husband Rakesh are expecting a baby boy at the end of September. This is their first child.

Join us for the Memory Walk October 1st

Please join Team Sigma Kappa on October 1, 2005 as we walk to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association. We've already reached our goal of 5 walkers, but the more, the merrier! The walk begins at 9:00 am at the St. Joe Building on Riverside Avenue. The walk is 2 miles with a turnaround point at The Landing. Please sign up to join us now.



Courtney, Donna and I have been diligently working to raise funds for our team. We have already raised \$945 towards our goal of \$1500. We raised \$1,115 last year, and we'd like to exceed that goal this year!

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Go to <http://memorywalkjacksonville.kintera.org> and search for Team Sigma Kappa's personal site under Team Standings to help in our efforts to support Alzheimers Association Central and North Florida Chapter. Donating through this site is simple, fast and totally secure. It is also the most efficient way to sponsor our team. Any amount will make a difference but please try to give generously! If you would prefer to make a donation to our team by check, please feel free to send it to Becky Patel at 1958 Birch Run East, Orange Park, FL 32073.

Thanks for your support and we hope to see you at the walk!

Beta Tau Update

This summer the Beta Tau Corporation Board has been busy with exterior improvements to the sorority house at UF. The house has been repainted and given a new color scheme. The chapter voted at the last annual meeting to change the colors to tan with white trim, black shutters, and a maroon door. Several of the exterior light fixtures have been updated as well and the Greek letters are in the process of being updated.

In addition, a new house director, Dee Nixon, was hired and started in May. She has been very busy cleaning and handling maintenance issues in the interior of the house. As always, the board is need of any volunteers interested in serving on the board or assisting in upcoming projects. Please feel free to contact Missy Stover at missystover@juno.com to learn more about this exciting opportunity to serve the sorority.

Mock Recruitment

Beta Tau is hosting a mock recruitment on August 14. If anyone would like to join us, please contact Donna Wagner (donnawagoner@bellsouth.net) or Courtney Jessup (cjessup@duvalasphalt.com). We will leave Jacksonville that morning, returning that day.

They need our help to make sure their recruitment goes smoothly starting on August 17.

Jacksonville Σ K Alumnae Chapter

Sigma Kappa Sorority
c/o Becky Patel
1958 Birch Run East
Orange Park, FL 32073

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

2005 Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter Board

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

Corresponding Secretary - Trista Wallace, APR
Recording Secretary - Missy Stover
Vice President of Finance - Charlotte Ostrout

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

JAPA Events

The next JAPA meeting is the Fall Party on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 7 PM at the Haskell building. Monthly meetings include speakers and fun activities. There are also philanthropic activities and social events to enjoy as a member of JAPA. We currently support several college students with scholarships and keep in touch with them throughout the school year.

There is no limit to how many member a sorority can have so join us! Hope Diamantis was recently elected recording secretary, Virginia Hash is the public relations chairperson, Carol Taylor is the membership chairman and Anne Weeks is the Lunch Bunch chairman. Anyone who is interested can contact Hope at UGAmom3@aol.com.

Member Birthdays

July 22nd - Bet Lentz
July 29th - Carol Taylor
August 10th - Courtney Jessup
August 14th - Charlotte Ostrout
September 7th - Anne Weeks
September 23rd - Virginia Hash
September 26th - Jennifer Kresge
October 12th - Becky Patel
October 13th - Cara Ameer
November 14th - Trista Wallace
November 16th - Missy Stover

December 6th - Hope Diamantis
December 11th - Mary Alice Marley
December 12th - Britta Fortson
March 4th - Melanie Young
March 13th - Donna Wagoner
March 24th - Cindy Atnip
May 8th - Kirsten Tesdall
June 7th - Jennifer Lisella-Marcellus
June 25th - Kelly Cordes
June 25th - Hilary Hinds

The basket that **Sigma Kappa** donated to the Panhellenic Scholarship auction raised \$115 and Sigma Kappa came in second for best attendance at Panhellenic meetings.



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