

2005/2006 Recap of Events

The Jacksonville Sigma Kappa Alumnae Chapter has been busy during the last year taking part in a variety of events. Our schedules have been hectic and planning events has been more challenging than ever, but we still get together just about every month.

The second half of 2005 saw a baby shower to welcome Becky & Rakesh Patel's first bundle of joy - Jaden.

Last October sisters participated in the Memory Walk and raised

funds for the Alzheimer's Association. In November we celebrated Founder's Day again at the Yacht Club. Sisters enjoyed a beautiful buffet brunch and honored our founders in traditional style.



Becky's baby shower at Britta's home



Gift Wrapping at Borders

Also in 2006, we've ventured out to PF Changs for dinner, The Grape for a wine tasting, Mongo's at the Landing for lunch and dinner at Carrabba's.



2006 Kick-off Dinner at Bucca di Beppo



Founder's Day Brunch

Cindy Atnip hosted the Holiday Party at her house in December and everyone enjoyed some delicious food and a fun gift swap. We also held our now annual gift wrapping fundraiser in December at Borders.

We began 2006 with our usual kick-off dinner, this year at Buca di Beppo, where the "Pope Table" was filled to capacity. Several new members joined us and officers were elected.



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Upcoming Events

If you haven't made it out to an event recently, we hope to see you soon at one of the following upcoming events:

Tuesday, September 12

We'll tour the Cummer Museum (it's free on Tuesdays) beginning at 6 pm

October

We'll plan a dinner and movie night. More information coming soon.

November

Founder's Day Luncheon - **Saturday, November 11** - 12:00pm - at The Florida Yacht Club in Ortega (5210 Yacht Club Road)

Memory Walk - **Saturday, November 4** - (more information on Page 3)

December 1

6th Annual Holiday Party- Becky Patel's Home - 5533 Alden Bridge Drive

Alumnae News & Accomplishments

Kirsten Tesdall and her husband welcomed their first child, Tyler, on March 4, 2006, at 21" and 9 lbs, 7 oz. He continues to be a big baby taking after his Daddy in never missing a meal and most often demanding seconds. At 15 weeks, he is 19 lbs and wearing 9-12 mo old outfits.



Tyler Tesdall celebrates Memorial Day in style

Charlotte Ostrout is expecting a baby boy on August 4th.

Carol Taylor was proud to sponsor Brittney Ferguson, graduate of Mandarin HS, as recipient of a \$3,000 JAPA scholarship. She will be attending the University of Florida. Her profile was sent to Beta Tau at Florida for recruiting purposes in the fall.

Donna Wagoner began a new job at Bank of America in Mortgage Processing.

Trista Wallace was recently promoted within the Dalton Agency to Strategic Events Director. She is now responsible for coordinating all client events nationally.

Becky Patel began a new job at Bank of America as a Credit Products Underwriter for Not for Profit Healthcare and Institutions. Becky and her family also moved from Orange Park to Mandarin.



Jenny (Gulino) Hayes moved to Jacksonville in February with her husband Mark and daughter Macy. Jenny is a Stay-At-Home-Mommy to 18-month old Macy. When Jenny lived in Tennessee, she was an advisor to the Theta Phi chapter of Sigma Kappa at UT at Chattanooga. Jenny is a graduate of the University of Florida and pledged Beta Tau in 1995.

Bet Lentz and her husband Eric just returned from a 12 day Mediterranean cruise. One of their stops was in Corfu, Greece, where all the signs were in Greek (of course) and Bet did recognize some of the letters thanks to having to learn the Greek alphabet as a pledge. They went to Barcelona, Monaco, Florence, Piza, Rome, Venice, Corfu, and Dubrovnik, Croatia.



Bet & Eric Lentz in St. Mark's Square in Venice

You may recognize one of our newest alumnae members . . . **Jennifer Bauer** is a reporter for Channel 4. Jennifer has a journalism degree from Michigan State University, where she pledged Sigma Kappa. Before joining *the* local station, Jennifer reported at stations in Flint and Cadillac, Mich. Her career began at the NBC affiliate in Detroit, where she was an associate producer.



Jennifer Lisella-Marcellus's little girl Madelyn Grace had her 1st Birthday on June 10th.



Madelyn Grace enjoying her birthday cake

Beta Tau Update

This summer Beta Tau underwent major construction to install a fire suppression (sprinkler) system. The \$125,000 project was necessary to protect the collegiates in the event of a fire and was required by the university to be installed by the end of this summer.

Thanks to all the alumnae who came to help Beta Tau with recruitment throughout the week and with prefs. The chapter received 52 (quota + 1) wonderful women at Bid Day this year. Congratulations to Beta Tau!

To assist with recruitment this year, our alumnae chapter sent flowers and a basket of goodies to the girls. Several members also participated in the mock recruitment.

Link to Beta Tau website:
<http://grove.ufl.edu/~sigkap/>

Congratulations are in Order . . .

The Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter was recognized at the 2006 National Convention with the **Elizabeth Gorham Hoag Award**. This award recognizes the most outstanding alumnae chapter not in a college community. This award even comes with a tea set!

The Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter was also recognized at the 2006 National Convention with a **honorable mentions for the Frances Mann Hall Award**, recognizing the most improved alumnae chapter not in a college community, and the **Outstanding Newsletter Award category**. This is awarded to the chapter that best meets the following criteria: original title, distributes one or more issues annually, utilizes graphics and headlines to enhance effectiveness, includes news of the national organization, alumnae chapter, assigned collegiate chapter, other alumnae chapters, philanthropy, gerontology, Alzheimer's disease, inspirational items and is presented in a professional manner.

Join us for the Memory Walk November 4

In 1984, Sigma Kappa responded to an increasingly critical problem facing older Americans by adding Alzheimer's Disease research and education to its philanthropic activities. Research grants are made each year by the Sigma Kappa Foundation to universities and other institutions actively engaged in the fight against Alzheimer's Disease.

On November 4, 2006, a team participate in the 2006 Walk. We will be walking to Alzheimer's Association. raising funds for this great



of Jacksonville Sigma Kappa's will Alzheimer's Association Memory raise funds for the local We hope you'll join us in cause.

Please join in the fight disease and plan to Memory Walk. Reg- 10:00am, and the 11:00am.

to end Alzheimer's join us for this year's istration starts at Walk begins at

Each walker is encouraged to raise \$100, but any size donation will be accepted. If you are unable to join us for the walk, but would like to make a donation, please sponsor us online. Go to <http://www.memorywalk2006.kintera.org/faf/teams/groupTeamList.asp?event=164475&team=1&tree=164475-D865F357F348AFA28198D5E72A06D6&teams=1279533> 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 5533 Alden Bridge Drive Jax, FL 32258.

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

Member Birthdays

August 14th - Charlotte Ostrout
 September 7th - Anne Weeks
 September 23rd - Virginia Hash
 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 13th - Donna Wagoner
 March 24th - Cindy Atnip
 May 8th - Kirsten Tesdall
 June 7th - Jennifer Lisella-Marcellus
 June 25th - Hilary Hinds
 July 22nd - Bet Lentz
 July 29th - Carol Taylor

Upcoming JAPA Events

2006-2007 JAPA Calendar

All events are held at The Haskell Building, 111 Riverside Ave..

September 12, 2006

7:00 PM
 Fall Party

October 10, 2006

7:00 PM
 Regular Meeting

November 14, 2006

7:00 PM
 Regular Meeting

December 12, 2006

7:00 PM
 Holiday Party

January 9, 2007

7:00 PM
 Regular Meeting

February 13, 2007

7:00 PM
 Regular Meeting

March 13, 2007

7:00 PM
 Regular Meeting

Jacksonville  **Alumnae Chapter**

Sigma Kappa Sorority
c/o Becky Patel
5533 Alden Bridge Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32258



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.

2006 Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter Board

President - Becky Patel
Vice President of Membership - Cara Ameer
Vice President- Programming - Cindy Atnip

Corresponding Secretary - Trista Wallace, APR
Recording Secretary - Donna Wagoner
Vice President - Finance - Bonnie Benjamin

Alumnae Panhellenic Delegate - Anne Weeks
Alumnae / Collegiate Liaison - Missy Stover
Foundation Chairman - Kirsten Tesdall



Jenny Hayes' little girl Macy at Easter



Sisters gathered at PFChangs in February for dinner.



The Patel Family - Becky, Rakesh and Jaden celebrate Easter



Trista Wallace with her best friend and pledge sister from Beta Tau Cheri Gamm celebrate Trista's 30th birthday last November.

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