

2007 Alumnae Gatherings Have New Purpose

This year began with a kickoff dinner at Buca di Beppo's! We had a great family-style meal and elected the new officers. We also decided to incorporate charitable giving into our events this year. Each month we chose a not-for-profit organization to donate goods to.

February took us to The Grotto in San Marco for a wine tasting. We found a few favorites and enjoyed each others company.



Wine Tasting at The Grotto

The following month we met at Cheesecake Factory with our "Dignity U Wear" undies. We collected more than 21 packages (~70 pairs) of new underwear for Dignity U Wear's "Undie Monday" drive. We also sampled several cheesecakes after dinner!

In April, we attended a Cooking Light



Learning to cook at Williams-Sonoma

Class at Williams-Sonoma. The cooking class was good, but boy were we hungry by the time it was time to eat!!! We also collected items to donate to Community Connections, a local non-profit in Jacksonville.



Taking in a little theatre

In May, we enjoyed "Enchanted April" at Theater Jacksonville in San Marco. The play was a comedy, Desperate housewives 1920's-style! We also collected various items to donate to Hubbard House.

June was a busy month for everyone, so we didn't make it out to the Jacksonville Suns game as planned, but a small group of sisters met for an impromptu dinner at Maggiano's.

In July, we were back at the Town Center for dinner this time at PFChang's. We had one of our largest turnouts in a while and collected items for the Ronald McDonald House. The second half of the year involves more dinners, charities, and activities, we hope everyone can spare some time for some sisterhood!

Dinner at PFChang's



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Alumnae News

Becky Patel was recently recognized by the Junior League of Jacksonville as the 2006-2007 Volunteer of Year. Becky and her husband Rakesh are also expecting their second baby at the end of December! Jaden is very excited about being a big brother.

Jenny Hayes and family have moved to St Augustine and are doing great! The baby is now 5 months old and getting big! Her big sister, Macy, is also doing well!

Kirsten Tesdall and her husband are expecting their second baby in early January 2008!

Trista Wallace began a new job in June as the Director of Public Relations & Marketing for the Otis Smith Kids Foundation. The job change came just after a 2-week trip to Spain with her father.

Member Birthdays

Karen Feiser	2-Aug
Winona Unick	20-Aug
Anne Weeks	7-Sep
Virginia Hash	23-Sep
Becky Patel	12-Oct
Cara Ameer	13-Oct
Cathy Newton	8-Nov
Trista Wallace	14-Nov
Missy Stover	16-Nov
Hope Diamantes	6-Dec
Jolene Michael	7-Dec
Mary Alice Marley	11-Dec
Britta Fortson	12-Dec
Bonnie Lawrence	12-Feb
Ann Dall	17-Feb
Jenny Hayes	18-Feb
Neena Corbin	28-Feb
Donna Wagoner	13-Mar
Cindy Atnip	24-Mar
Helen West	2-Apr
Victoria Kalnoske	6-May
Kirsten Tesdall	8-May
Jennifer Lisella-Marcellus	7-Jun
Hilary Hinds	25-Jun
Frankie Stevens	2-Jul
Bet Lentz	22-Jul
Carol Taylor	29-Jul

Philanthropy Update: Entertainment Book Sales

Entertainment Books are back!! Each book is \$20 and filled with all kinds of coupons-great area restaurants, gas stations, auto repair/oil changes, movie tickets, zoo tickets, Publix grocery stores!! The book is awesome and pays for itself several times over.

Sigma Kappa will make \$4 on each book sold. Email all of your friends and family-even if they live out of town. Entertainment Books will send them one for their area!! (Prices vary slightly per area and size of book.) Towns and prices can be checked at their Web site: www.entertainment.com and entering their zip code.

PLEASE plan on purchasing one for yourself and taking several to sell/share with your neighbors, postman (makes a great gift), co-workers, friends and family. Books have arrived at Kirsten's house already!! Start pre-selling. We can sell as many books as we want through Dec 5, although the time to sell is before school reopens and the kids start selling!! This is our major fundraiser for the year. Your Entertainment Book is an awesome deal.

Be proactive and call Kirsten at 710-0541 or email (kirstentesdall@yahoo.com) her first with the number of books you want and she will get them to you! Thanks for your participation and helping us donate towards Alzheimer's Research!

Monthly Charitable Collections a HUGE Success!

The mission of **Dignity U Wear Foundation, Inc.** is to positively impact the lives of children and their families by providing brand new clothing. To date, Dignity U Wear is the only non-profit agency to solicit, to warehouse and to distribute brand new clothing, at no cost to the recipients. Since its inception in April of 2000, DUW has distributed over \$32 million dollars worth of new clothing.



Underwear for Dignity U Wear's Undie Sunday

Community Connections of Jacksonville helps people in need become independent, contributing members of our community. Community Connections provides Help for the Homeless, Children's Services, Parenting Programs,

Community Partnerships, Special Literacy Programs. For 27 years, **Hubbard House** has made a difference in the lives of domestic violence victims, former batterers and the community at large. Hubbard House also provides a comprehensive list of services that aim to strengthen every aspect of a



Items for Community Connections



victim's well-being with counseling, wellness initiatives, and even help for abusers themselves.

Hubbard House Donations

Collegiate Happenings: Beta Tau Update

Mock Recruitment will take place on Saturday, August 18 beginning at 11 am. The chapter will be hosting a luncheon, followed by mock recruitment. There will be an electronic newsletter going out soon explaining the day, mock recruitment, and other recruitment information.



Alumnae from various Florida Alumnae Chapters join the Beta Tau collegians at their Spring 2007 Initiation and Past and Present Banquet on March 24th, 2007.

Additionally, they are looking for younger alumnae to help recruit during recruitment (Rounds 3 and 4). If alumnae are interested, please contact Molly Rose (VPM) at mollymc@ufl.edu.



Beta Tau Collegians visit National Headquarters during COTS 2007.

Beta Tau won Honorable Mention for the Outstanding Public Relations and Programming Award at COTS this year. This award is presented to the chapter who exhibits the most outstanding on-going active public relations program in the following areas: alumnae relations, campus involvement, continued education as to the importance of positive public relations, community

activities, participation in both local and national philanthropies, faculty relations, Panhellenic support, parent relations, and alumnae newsletters.



Becky Patel, CPO and Jennifer Gove, Advisor join Beta Tau Collegians for the Achievement Banquet at COTS.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 14th

6:30 pm ~ Dinner at Sakura Japanese Restaurant in Mandarin (9432 San Jose Blvd.~ Please bring new toys for elementary school children for the Otis Smith Kids Foundation.

Tuesday, September 18th

6:30 pm ~ Visit to the Cumber Museum ~ Admission is free (Sponsored by AT&T). Please bring clothing, toiletries, bed linens and towels for the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless.

*October ~ TBD

Please bring backpacks, children's books, stuffed animals, toiletries, diapers or nightlights for the Junior League's Fostering Care program.

Sunday, November 11th 12:00

pm ~ Founder's Day Celebration at The Florida Yacht Club in Ortega (5210 Yacht Club Road) ~ The cost of the brunch is \$22.

December, Date & Time TBD

7th Annual Holiday Party at Missy Stover's Home ~ Please bring items for the Maine Sea Coast Mission.

Questions: Contact Cindy Atnip, Vice President of Programming at cbear32457@aol.com or 904-398-6179.

Visit our Web site at www.geocities.com/sigmakappajax.

*The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk has been moved to the spring and will now be held on April 26, 2008.

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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 Patel at REBABAY@aol.com.

2007 Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter Board

President - Becky Patel
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Vice President - Programming - Cindy Atnip

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Recording Secretary - Missy Stover
Vice President - Finance - Charlotte Ostrout

Alumnae Panhellenic Delegate - Anne Weeks
Alumnae/ Collegiate Liaison - Victoria Kalnoske
Foundation Chairman - Kirsten Tesdall

JAPA News: Sigma Kappa to Lead Organization in 2008-2009

The Sigma Kappas continue to make themselves known in the Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association (JAPA). During the 2006-2007 Hope Diamantis was the inspirational chaplain for the year. Carol Taylor and Donna Wagoner served as co-chairmen of the Membership Committee. They are so good that we now have 7 Sigma Kappa members and 122 total membership! Anne Weeks continued to chair the Lunch Bunch and found several new places to ruin a perfectly good diet. Anne Weeks and Carol Taylor each hosted a board meeting during the year. Virginia Hash continued to raise the bar for volunteer hours. For the February meeting Sigma Kappas were responsible for the

table decorations. We used a Valentine theme and it looked very festive. Sigma Kappa came close to winning an attendance award this year (it went to Alpha Chi Omega).



AnneWeeks, Mary Alice and Ron Marley and Carol Taylor at the Japa Spring Fling.

For the 2007-2008 year, Hope Diamantis is the vice-president of JAPA. Following tradition she will then become president for the 2008-2009 year, the first Sigma

Kappa in nearly 50 years. Carol Taylor and Donna Wagoner will continue to serve as the Membership Committee for the group. Virginia Hash will serve as chaplain. Anne Weeks will continue to serve as chairman of the Lunch Bunch. She will also co-chair the fall party, scheduled for September 11, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Building. At the fall party each sorority will be asked to sing a sorority song, so we hope someone will remember one and teach it to the rest of us.

The spring luncheon will be held at the San Jose Country Club in May. Hope Diamantis will take the gavel as the incoming president. Let's all rally 'round and support Hope in her efforts.