

Summer/Fall 2004 Activities in Review

From Summer into Fall, Jacksonville Sigma Sisters mixed some new events with traditional ones. Whether you are new to the area or haven't had the opportunity to join us, new faces are always encouraged and welcome!

July brought us together for our first ever bowling night at Bowl America in Mandarin. Spares, Strikes along with lots of fun and laughter were had by all.



Sisters gathered for fun and games at Dave & Busters after a month of hurricanes.

Even the hurricanes could not stop us from getting together in September. Despite some storm related delays, we finally gathered at Dave & Busters for some much needed relaxation from weather related stress and exchanged storm stories!



Donna Wagoner, Hilary Hinds, Becky Patel and Virginia Hash participated in the Memory Walk.

October was time once again for the Alzheimer's Association Walk in San
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Mark Your Calendars to Participate in 2005 Alumnae Activities

Thursday, January 27th



6:30PM ~ 2005 Kickoff Dinner & Officer Elections at the Olive Garden (10144 Phillips Highway) ~ RSVP to

Becky Patel at REBABAY@aol.com or 904-276-1763 by January 20th

Tuesday, February 8th

7:00PM ~ Panhellenic Meeting at the Haskell Building (111 Riverside Avenue) ~ Sigma Kappa - Hostess (We provide the drinks, ice, paper products and decorations) ~ RSVP

to Anne Weeks at cagweeks@bellsouth.net or 904-721-1010 by February 2nd

Saturday, February 12th

7:05PM ~ Barracuda vs. Winston-Salem Hockey Game at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena ~ RSVP to Becky Patel at REBABAY@aol.com or 904-276-1763 by February 5th

Wednesday, March 9th

6:30PM ~ Visit to the JMoMA (333 N. Laura Street) followed by dinner

at The Landing ~ No cost to visit the Museum on Wednesdays ~ RSVP to Kirsten Tesdall at Kirsten. tesdall@healthsouth.com or 904-381-1945 by March 1st

Sunday, April 24th ~ 2005 Spring Avondale Home Tour ~ Cost is approximately \$15.00 ~ Additional details to follow ~ RSVP to Donna Wagoner at donnawagoner@bellsouth.net or 904-215-9931 by April 16th

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Recent Alumnae Activities

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Marco. Sigmas raised a record **\$1,115** this year. After an energizing walk we also treated ourselves to lunch at Café Carmon in the heart of San Marco.

November meant it was time to celebrate Founder's Day. Britta Fortson sponsored our celebration at The Florida Yacht Club, overlooking the beautiful Ortega River. We enjoyed a scrumptious brunch with all the trimmings and celebrated with the traditional Founder's Day Ceremony readings



Sisters enjoyed brunch at The Florida Yacht Club to celebrate Founder's Day.

Lastly, we presented Becky Baynard Patel with a special bracelet and plaque to acknowledge the Jacksonville Alumnae's appreciation for her incredible dedication, energy and leadership of our chapter.

In December, we kicked off the holiday season with a holiday party and Chinese Gift Exchange hosted by Cara Ameer. Items were brought as well as donations were made to the Maine Sea Coast Mission. Jacksonville Sigmas also gathered at Borders on Southside Boulevard to gift wrap packages. We collected \$51 in donations for the Alzheimer's Association.



Founder's Day ceremony.

honoring our founding sisters. In addition, 50-Year and 25-year Pins were presented to Virginia Hash, Anne Weeks and Mary Alice Marley.

Special Recognitions

The follow ladies were recognized at our Founder's Day celebration for their dedication and years of service to Sigma Kappa:

Virginia Hash

56 years - presented with a 50-year pin

Anne Weeks

55 years - presented with a 50-year pin

Mary Alice Marley

48 years - presented with a 25-year pin



Alumnae Chapter members presented Becky Patel with a special bracelet and plaque at the Founder's Day Brunch in recognition of her dedication and leadership of the North Florida Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Kappa.

Alumnae News & Accomplishments

Cara Ameer was designated as a "Five Star Real Estate Agent" for Best in Client Satisfaction by Jacksonville Homebuyer Magazine. Ameer was among 3 percent of licensed real estate agents in the Jacksonville area to be selected.

Cara was also recently spotlighted in the Virtual Violet. Check out the article at www.virtualviolet.org.

Britta Fortson is expecting a baby boy in January.

Missy Stover moved into a new house July 4th and is working at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Anne Weeks was recognized by the Jacksonville Area Panhellenic Association as the 2004 Hellenic Jewel for her years of service and dedication to Panhellenic.

Donna Wagoner was highlighted in Beta Tau's newsletter for her assistance with their Founder's Day celebration.

Carol Taylor has been asked to be on staff of Proclaim International, a unique missionary organization that uses art and music around the world to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bet Lentz is no longer with The Haskell Company, but is working out of her home as an architect. She and her husband Eric are expecting a new baby in June.

2005 Calendar of Events

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Thursday, May 19th

6:30PM ~ Dinner at Sakura Japanese Restaurant in Mandarin (9432 San Jose Blvd) ~ RSVP to Cara Ameer at cameer@comcast.net or 904-230-0295 by May 12th

Friday, June 10th

Jacksonville Suns vs. Carolina Mudcats (301 A Phillip Randolph Blvd) ~ This event is a "Firework Friday" ~ www.jaxsuns.com ~ Cost is approximately \$7.50 per ticket ~ RSVP to Bet Lentz at bettiger@att.net or 904-230-9431 by June 1st

Philanthropic Success in 2004

Our alumnae group did an awesome job this year raising money for our philanthropies. October's Alzheimer's Memory Walk raised \$1,115 with most alum's making their contributions online.

Alumnae also brought donations of all kinds for the Salvation Army at our Bunko game night in July and donations for the Maine Sea Coast Mission at our Christmas Party at the beginning of December. Several members also volunteered their time in December at Borders Bookstore on Southside gift wrapping for donations to Alzheimer's Research.

We hope to do more of the same next year. We welcome any new ideas and always more volunteers! Come have fun with us as we raise funds for several different philanthropies.

Thursday, July 14th

6:30PM ~ Dinner at Barbara Jean's (15 South Roscoe Blvd. Ponte Vedra) ~ www.barbara-jeans.com ~ RSVP to Cara Ameer at cameer@comcast.net or 904-230-0295 by July 7th

Thursday, August 18th

6:30PM ~ Girl's BUNCO Night at Trista Wallace's house ~ RSVP to Trista at trista@creativetypes.net or 904-886-4394 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

October ~ Date TBD

Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk with Brunch to follow ~ 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 farmerron345@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.

December ~ Date TBD

6:30PM ~ 5th Annual Holiday Party ~ at the home of Cindy Atnip ~ RSVP to Cara Ameer at cameer@comcast.net or 904-230-0295 by November 25th

Beta Tau Update

On Nov. 20th the Beta Tau Corporation Board had its annual meeting in which they elected a new board. The board now consists of Rebecca Hull, Gwynne Kelton, Sherri Johnson, Lauren Wright, and Missy Stover. Last summer they redecorated the chapter's TV room and lounge, and replaced the upstairs carpet. Their goal for next summer is to paint and give the outside of the house an updated look.

Ladies from the Gamma Lambda Chapter flew into town to assist Beta Tau during the week of recruitment. A special thank you to Donna Wagoner and Becky and Rakesh Patel for picking the ladies up from the Jacksonville airport and driving them to Gainesville. After a successful recruitment, Beta Tau initiated 26 women into the mystic bond this fall.

The ladies celebrated Founders Day by participating in the Memory Walk followed by a luncheon and career workshop at the house. Donna Wagoner spoke about the help that alumnae can offer to sisters looking for a job.

Beta Tau held its 3rd Annual Pool Tournament to raise money for Alzheimer's Research on November 3rd. If you have an interest in serving on the Advisory Board, please contact Becky Patel at rebabay@aol.com, or Corporation Board contact Missy Stover at missystover@juno.com.

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.

2004 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

February 8th at 7:00pm - Regular Meeting at Haskell Building
SIGMA KAPPA HOSTS - We will provide drinks, ice, paper products and decorations. Please let Becky Patel at rebabay@aol.com know if you will be able to attend.

April 16th - Spring Fling

The theme chosen for the scholarship baskets is "My favorite day of the year is...". We have chosen to do a Florida - Georgia basket. We will be collecting items for the Sigma Kappa sponsored basket beginning in January. Please bring any items to include in the basket to the January, February and March events.

May 14th - Spring Luncheon at the Timuquana Country Club.

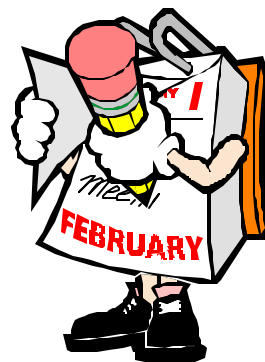
Member Birthdays

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
July 22nd - Bet Lentz
July 29th - Carol Taylor
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

Membership Dues Deadline Tuesday, February 1st

Please submit your \$35 dues (checks made payable to NE Florida Alumnae Chapter of Jacksonville) to Becky Patel at 1958 Birch Run East Orange Park, FL 32073.



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