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Sigma Kappa Alumnae Chapter

Alumnae Events Past & Future

2006 Year in Review

We started the year with dinner at Bucca's and had our largest crowd, everyone chipped-in and almost everyone ended up with a job. Other meetings last year were held at the Cummer Museum for artwork and chit-chat, Mellow Mushroom. P.F. Chang's, and Carrabba's for dinner and more chit-chat. One of favorite and most attended gatherings each year is the Founder's Day Lun-



cheon which was held at the Ortega Yacht Club again. We wrapped up the year with our holiday gathering at Becky Patel's home for snacks, sisterhood, and gifts to Maine Seacoast Mission.

2007 Started Off with a Bang

2007 started at Bucca's as well with dinner and the choosing of the officers and jobs again. Our February meeting was held at the Grotto in San Marco for a wine tasting and catching up time. We have decided that on several occasions we will gather to have fun and catch up but also bring goods or funds for a local charity. The charity and their needs will be posted on the invitation for that event. We look forward to an eventful year!!!

Sisters gathered for the annual Founder's Day Brunch at the Ortega Yacht Club



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 7th ~ 6:00pm ~ Dinner at The Cheesecake Factory at the St. Johns Town Center (10260 Midtown Parkway (904)998-9511) ~ Please bring brand new boys & girls underwear for Dignity U Wear's Undie Sunday and Undie Monday Drive.

Tuesday, April 24 ~ Cooking Light Class at Williams Sonoma at the St. Johns Town Center (4712 River City Drive (904) 998-4304). The cost is \$35, which includes a sampling of all the food and recipes.~ Please bring linens, towels, toilet-

ries, diapers, women & children's socks for Community Connections.

Thursday, May 3rd ~ 7:30pm ~ Enchanted April at Theater Jacksonville (2032 San Marco Boulevard (904) 396-4425 www.theatrejax.com ~ Comedy, Desperate housewives 1920's-style! We will meet at The Loop in San Marco before the show. ~ Please bring items to make welcome kits for the women and children of Hubbard House that include personal care items, small toys and other things to help ease the stress of the first night.

Friday, June 8th ~ 7:00pm ~ Jacksonville Suns vs. Chattanooga Baseball Game (301 A Phillip Randolph Blvd) ~ This event is a "Firework Friday" and "Birdzerk" Night ~ www.jaxsuns.com ~ Cost is approximately \$10.00 per ticket ~ Friends and Family are encouraged to attend. ~ Please bring canned goods for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Thursday, July 12th ~ 6:00pm ~ Dinner at P.F. Changs at the St.

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Alumnae News

Cara Ameer successfully completed coursework and passed the state exam to obtain her Florida Real Estate Broker's License.

Becky Patel is now serving as the Collegiate Province Office for the Beta Tau Chapter. To get involved with the Advisory or Corporation Board, please contact her at rebabay@aol.com.

Britta Fortson is training for the Jax marathon to qualify for Boston this year. She has run 2 previous marathons and a 1/2 marathon last year on Thanksgiving, which seeded her for the Gate River run (she is in the first 1000 to take off from the start).

Virginia Hash was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by JAPA for providing 1294 hours community service. She is currently serving as President of the Clay County Literacy Coalition. She's also written the materials for the CCLC website www.clayliteracy.org and is celebrating her fourth year as Science Laboratory Director for Drs. Inlet Elementary School. where she develops and teaches laboratory experiences for all the children in grades kindergarten through 4th.

Cindy Atnip received her 25-year pin from Sigma Kappa in 2006!

Jenny Hayes had her second baby girl on January 10th. Ava Carina Hayes was born on January 10, 2007 at 11:29 am, weighing 5lbs 6 oz and measuring 19 1/4 inches long. She was born 4 1/2 weeks premature, and was perfectly healthy!

REUNION

Sigma Kappas from Syracuse University, class of '59, have been getting together every few years for the past 20 plus years. We rented homes in the earlier years, but in recent years have treated ourselves to hotels with maid service and dining rooms. This past year (2006) we planned to meet in Chicago. The '59 chicks were going to blow into the Windy City and leave it breathless.

Life has a way of interrupting the best laid plans. In April, I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and thought I was probably going to miss this reunion. But my sisters had other thoughts. We would just move the reunion to Florida - Fernandina Beach to be exact. After many e-mails back and forth we settled on November 12 - 15 dates. This would be after hurricane season and before major holidays. Reservations were made. Ron, my husband, and I would meet the ladies at the airport and transport them to the

by Mary Alice Marley

hotel in Fernandina Beach. Everything was in place.

Then we had several pot holes in life's road. My car needed repairs and I had to get a "loaner". Then I ended up in the hospital for repairs from November 2 - 11. Two sisters had to cancel as their husbands had serious illnesses and needed assistance at home. One sister was called to new grandbaby duty. One sister was very "iffy" as she had two skull surgeries in the past two months, but she made it.

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Johns Town Center (10281 Midtown Parkway. ~ Please bring items for the Ronald McDonald House.

Tuesday, August 14th ~ 6:00pm ~ Dinner at Sakura Japanese Restaurant in Mandarin (9432 San Jose Blvd.~ Please bring school supplies for "Stuff the Bus" drive.

September ~ TBD ~ 6:00pm ~ Visit to the Cummer Museum ~ 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.

Saturday, Date & Time TBD ~ Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk with lunch to follow.

Sunday, November 11th ~ 12:00pm ~ 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 website at** www.geocities.com/sigmakappajax.

Philanthropy News

For the first time this year, we sold Entertainment books with \$4 of each sale going to Alzheimer's Research.

A total of \$108 was raised with 27 books sold. For getting an inpromtu start, it was a success! Books were \$20 and with \$20 in Publix coupons alone, the book was essentially free. Entertainment allowed us as many books as we wanted to sell and charged us nothing for shipping. Administrative costs, therefore, were zero. One hundred percent of what was raised will go to our philanthropy.

Next year, we hope to get an earlier start to have a jump on the local schools and a larger number of Sigma Kappas participating. Plan on getting your 2008 book through us come next August! (And one for your neighbor, your postman, your mother...)

**Jacksonville Sigma Kappa
Alumnae Chapter
is celebrating its
10th Anniversary this year!**

Alumnae Spotlight: Meet Victoria Kalnoske

Hi! I am Victoria C. Kalnoske, and I am so excited about becoming a part of the Jacksonville Alumnae



Chapter. I turn 24 on May 6th. I just got married this past September 16th, and my husband is a helicopter pilot in the Navy.

I pledged Sigma Kappa in the Spring of 2002 at Longwood University (Delta Nu Chapter). I held the positions of Foundations Chair, and Vice President of Alumnae Relations. I am a special education teacher for children with physical handicaps, grades K-2 and I LOVE IT! I am passionate about a lot of things in life. I love to shop, hang out with my husband, dog, and hamsters, read a good book, dance, be outdoors, watch educational programs....just the usual things a Sig Kap enjoys!

I look forward to meeting you all!

Member Birthdays

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
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 Diamantis	6-Dec
Jolene Michael	7-Dec
Mary Alice Marley	11-Dec
Britta Fortson	12-Dec

Important Dates

Tuesday, May 1st ~ Membership Dues deadline for New Members ~ Please submit your \$35 dues (checks made payable to NE Florida Alumnae Chapter of Jacksonville) to Becky Patel at 5533 Alden Bridge Drive Jacksonville, FL 32258

Upcoming JAPA Events

- Mar. 13** – Butterfly Garden Planning- Leslie Royce- Westside Regional Park
- April 10-** Blueprint for Prosperity
- May 8** - Art Appreciation

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.

2007 Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter Board

President - Becky Patel
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Alumnae/ Collegiate Liaison - Victoria Kalnoske
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I was not able to attend the festivities on Sunday and Monday, but the show did go on. My "loaner" car was a Mercedes-Benz 350S with bullet proof windows. Husband, Ron drove to the airport on the 12th in the "Mafia" car. Ron held a Sigma Kappa sign up near the escalators and met the sisters.



One of the ladies rented a car and everyone made it to the hotel in great

shape. One of the ladies drove from South Carolina so another car was available for traveling around Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island.

On Monday the ladies spent the whole day on Cumberland Island. The weather was a balmy 70 degrees. The walk was great for some and for others - well they hitched a ride. Most of my sisters live in the North so to have such beautiful weather in November was a real treat.

As usual, there was non-stop talk. Through the years we shared laughter and tears, recipes and good books. Tales of children changed to tales of grandchildren. Talk of work changed to the joys of retirement. The problems of the world have been solved.

On Tuesday, Ron took me out to meet with my sisters for several hours. It was a wonderful two hours. The same beautiful qualities that drew the sisters together as young women remain the same 50 years later. We may get older, maybe a little heavier, maybe a little grayer, but the inner core remains the same.

Wednesday morning found everyone sadly departing for home. It had been such a great reunion that we decided to have one every year now. It looks like Savannah may have the pleasure of our company in 2007. If you haven't had a "get away" reunion, try it. It is so refreshing to validate what was evident 50 years ago.