



## 2015 – 2016 Officers

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## Lisa's Letter

Happy New Year! And welcome to winter. We knew it was coming, but that never seems to make it easier. I regret that we needed to cancel the January meeting due to weather and look forward to toasting with those that can join us at our CAP Happy Hour on January 28 and reconnecting with our delegates at the February meeting.

The Scholarship Committee is gearing up for their busy season.

Please remember to encourage your sisters to apply; this year's deadline is Feb 29 - LEAP YEAR! Also, I hope you are coming up with wonderful ideas for the basket raffle. The luncheon invitations have been created; printed versions will be available at our upcoming gatherings. In the meantime, the electronic version is available for you to share! The ZTAs are busy planning a fun and engaging event and hope many can join us.

Stay warm and I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,  
Lisa Paul Sierk  
Zeta Tau Alpha  
CAPA President

## Save the Date!

### CAPA Spring Luncheon

**"No Matter the Letter – We are Tied Together"**

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

Crowne Plaza South  
5300 Rockside Road, Independence  
44131

11:00 Social & 12:00 Lunch

☼Centrally located – right off 480 & 77!  
☼Free & Easy Parking (including lots of  
handicap spaces)

☼Early bird price remains \$35 ☼NEW:  
Collegiate price of \$30

The Zetas are really excited about hosting this year's event. They are planning some surprises, some special give-a-ways, a slightly different format which will make a fun, fast paced, entertaining and rewarding luncheon & a really good speaker. You will hear more specifics in the next 2 months...stay tuned! There will soon be a PayPal function on our CAPA website to order tickets...stay tuned for that as well!



## International Badge Day 2016 "Wear Your Letters on Your Heart"

International Badge Day will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016.

International Badge Day is also the start of National Ritual Celebration Week, sponsored by Phi Mu. 2016 will be the 6<sup>th</sup> year since this event was created. Its purpose is to:

- Encourage members to reflect on why fraternities/sororities have rituals
- Reflect on why fraternities and sororities were founded
- Explore what it means to live by one's ritual
- Learn how to celebrate being a part of an interfraternal community
- Discuss what being a member of an organization with a ritual means.

More information on how to program for this week can be found at [phimu.org](http://phimu.org).

## NPC News

Sigma Kappa's Donna Crain King was installed as the new chairman of the National Panhellenic Conference at the annual meeting in October of last year in Irving, Texas. She is an alumna of Epsilon Rho chapter, Eastern Washington University organization.

In an address at the NPC annual meeting, Donna outlined her platform, entitled "With Courage and Conviction," which will focus on leadership training and scholarship to strengthen character and bolster the confidence of sorority women. She also stressed the continuation of strong partnerships with fraternity counterparts and higher education. Her primary focus will be to share the stories of courage and conviction of sorority sisters from the past who are exemplary role models for young women of today. "So many courageous women from politics to journalism... from activism to aerospace... from medicine to the military... have been members of sororities," noted Donna. "And while their names and distinguished

achievements are recorded in history, many of our youngest members have never heard of them... We need to instill a sense of pride for who we are as sorority women, what we have accomplished in the past, and what we can do to help shape the future for young women to come." Donna went on to highlight the accomplishments of distinguished women in all 26 NPC member sororities, noting there are hundreds more, which, as part of her platform, will be captured in a database of notable sorority women.

Donna has served as a Sigma Kappa volunteer for 36 consecutive years, including 15 as Sigma Kappa's NPC delegate. She also served as an NPC area advisor coordinator and the NPC finance committee chairman.

Commenting on her new role, Donna said, "I cannot begin to tell you how proud and humbled I am to join the ranks of women who have preserved our freedom to form, expand and protect the sorority experience. That is the essence of the National Panhellenic Conference."

## News and Notes

**Sigma Delta Tau** has been invited to colonize at Kent State University starting this spring 2016! In addition, they will be celebrating their Centennial with Summer 2017 Centennial celebration in New York City

**Chi Omega-West** is excited about expanding our activities this spring to include more creative (glass work), educational (owls at the Nature Center), and service-oriented (Make-A-Wish volunteering) events. Sisterhood and social events are still important, but we want to include more of our Six Purposes.

**Gamma Phi Beta** Cleveland East Alumnae celebrated the chapter's 60th anniversary in September. The chapter members enjoyed a special dinner, ritual, and evening of sisterhood to commemorate this special event. The group is looking forward to sharing many more years together.

**Alpha Gamma Delta's** Alpha Iota Chapter at Baldwin Wallace University celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2015. A special dinner was held off campus on November 14th. Congratulations, Alpha Iota, on your longevity!

**Theta Phi Alpha** Alums are holding our 28th annual Bunco Party to raise funds for two memorial scholarships: The Stephenson Family Scholarship which provides assistance to students with special education needs and the Christine Clark Scholarship. Christine was killed by a drunk driver right before graduation. The scholarship is given to a student who is committed to helping put a stop to such tragedies and becomes a member of S.A.D.D.

The Bunco Party will be on March 19th at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, 15 N. Maple Street, Akron. Doors open at 6:30; games begin at 7:30. CAPA Delegate Jeanne Falanga will be happy to accept donated items for gift basket prizes.

### **Spring Philanthropy Event: Join us for an evening of service at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank**

Each volunteer will need to create a Volunteer Profile and RSVP to the event by registering with a unique "Event Registration Code". *Please note that volunteers who do not RSVP will not be able to sign-in when they arrive for their scheduled event.*

**Event Date/Time:** Mon, Apr 4, 2016  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Event Name:** Cleveland Panhellenic

**Event Description:** Volunteers are needed to help sort and repack nonperishable food that is later distributed to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters.

**Please remember to wear closed-toe/closed-heel shoes!**

**Event Meeting Location:** The Cleveland Foodbank, 15500 South Waterloo Rd Cleveland, OH 44110

#### **Please follow these instructions to register online for this event:**

1. Visit the Greater Cleveland Food Bank event registration page: <http://cerv.is/m?0136g9TDFsK>.
2. Click on the "Register" button at the bottom of the page.
3. Follow the on screen instructions to access the CERVIS registration system. If this is your first time using the CERVIS online registration system, you will be prompted to create a Volunteer Profile.
4. Once you have successfully signed into the system (or created a profile, if needed) you will automatically be registered for this event and receive a confirmation E-mail.

5. If you would like to register additional individuals for this event, please select their name from the list and enter the code below into the "Event Registration Code" field. Next, click the "Register for selected event" button to complete the additional registration.

**Event Registration Code:** 9TDFsK

Questions or concerns with registering, contact Alan Fratus, Volunteer Services Manager at (216) 738-2053

### **2016 NPC Manual of Information Now Available**

The updated version of the NPC Manual of Information has been uploaded to the NPC website ([npcwomen.org](http://npcwomen.org)). Share this information with your members who are involved as chapter advisors. Those who reference this information frequently are welcome to either download the file to a computer, save a copy to a flash drive or print out all 207 pages. The January 2016 version is the one that you should be using since it contains the updated information on legislation passed at the most recent NPC annual meeting.



### **2015-2016 Calendar**

All CAPA Delegate Meetings will be held at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, in the AAA Building at 5700 Brecksville Road, Independence

#### **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

Delegate Meeting  
Social Time-11:30 a.m.  
Business meeting-12 Noon

#### **Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

Delegate Meeting  
Social Time-11:30 a.m.  
Business meeting-12 Noon

#### **Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

Delegate Meeting  
Social Time-11:30 a.m.  
Business meeting-12 Noon

#### **Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

Delegate Meeting  
Social Time-11:30 a.m.  
Business meeting-12 Noon

#### **Saturday, May 4, 2016**

CAP Spring Luncheon  
Crowne Plaza, Independence

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