

# Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association

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# Lauren's Letter

Happy New Year delegates! With the end of one year and the beginning of another comes a time to reflect on what we've accomplished, and look ahead towards what is still to come.

This past fall we were able to raise \$\$\$ dollars through our Mixed Bags to benefit our organization. The delegates and their alumnae chapters did a great job spreading the word about this fundraiser. We officially raised more money than last year.

At the November meeting, we collected items for Next Step. We filled a van full of donations and collected additional gift-cards and money to benefit this organization. I am so proud to be associated with such philanthropic and kind-hearted women.

On the horizon in 2017, we have a lot of exciting events to look forward to. We have our Panhellenic Happy Hour coming up at the end of January. I encourage you to spread the word and bring a sister who hasn't yet had the chance to experience a Panhellenic event.

In February, we have the opportunity to volunteer together as a united sisterhood at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. I encourage you to spread the word and register today. By coming together to give back, we can maximize the impact on those in need around us.

When spring rolls around, look forward to the annual Scholarship Luncheon. The May date will bring collegiate and alumnae together to enjoy good food, fun, and conversation. Look for more exciting details to come.

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I hope you have had a great start to your new year and I wish you the best as 2017 continues. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Lauren

# Upcoming Events CAPA Happy Hour

Thursday, January 26
6-8 pm
Market Garden Brewery
1947 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street
Cost is \$10 and includes
appetizers.
Cash Bar
RSVP at tinyurl.com/zt6oguc

# Spring Philanthropy Project

Cleveland Foodbank Monday, February 27 6-8 pm Bring your sisters! Family and Friends are welcome, too!

## **Timeline for Basket Auction**

<u>Feb.9</u>-Sign up for basket partners. You can also email this info to Ways & Means Chair Alison Borodkin at <u>acborodkin@hotmail.com</u> March 1-Basket themes are due.

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March 9- Tickets go on sale and will be distributed at CAPA meeting.

May 11-Turn in presale Ticket envelopes.

May 20- Basket Auction at CAPA Spring Luncheon.



# Web Update

Check out our freshly updated website at <a href="www.clevelandpanhellenic.org">www.clevelandpanhellenic.org</a>. The site is now mobile friendly so you can catch up on CAPA news on your mobile phone or tablet. Send news and updates for our blog or calendar to jhanna @btohio.com.

Scholarship applications are now available on the website and must be postmarked by Feb. 28, 2017.

To share and find news instantly go to our Facebook group: Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association. The National Panhellenic Association also has some interesting Facebook groups: NPC Alumnae Panhellenics and National Panhellenic Conference.

## **Sorority Spotlight**

## Alpha Kappa Alpha - Celebrating 109<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day as local chapter celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's (AKA) International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, L.H.D., spoke at the City Club of Cleveland, on January 13, 2017, moderated by Margot James Copeland, Chair and CEO of the KeyBank Foundation.

The sorority was celebrating its 109<sup>th</sup> Founders Day. Founded on January 15, 1908, at Howard University, Washington, D.C., as the first African American sorority, Wilson emphasized Alpha Kappa Alpha's long-term dedication to philanthropy and service to the community.

She highlighted contributions of African American women to U.S. society via books and stories, citing as an example the popular film, HIDDEN FIGURES, in which all three main characters belonged to AKA. "There are stories, she added, that have not yet been told. We work as volunteers and can see where we and other women are making an impact."

"When we leave college, we embark upon a lifelong commitment," Wilson stated. "The day we go in [to AKA] we are told that after graduating, sorority members go into graduate chapters. We're told that we can make an impact that maybe our mothers and grandmothers didn't have a chance to do."

With more than 290,000 members and 1,005 local chapters, AKA states its mission as education and service to communities. Wherever conventions and anniversaries are held, Wilson said, service efforts are presented. At its convention in Atlanta, for example, a children's playground complete with equipment was installed as part of its AKA 1908 Playground Project.

Ms. Wilson noted that while in town, she would participate in Case Western Reserve University's Centennial Celebration of AKA. More than 300 members, including some attending the City Club venue, would gather to celebrate 100 years of service to Cleveland

Submitted by Pat Magee-Nemetz, Alpha Gamma Delta

To see photos and read more about the awesome women of Hidden Figures go to <a href="http://watchtheyard.com/akas/hidden-figures-alpha-kappa-alpha/">http://watchtheyard.com/akas/hidden-figures-alpha-kappa-alpha/</a>

## **College Panhellenic Corner**

NPC hosted the second annual College Panhellenic Academy for Panhellenic officers Jan. 22–23, 2016, in Indianapolis. Representatives from 73 College Panhellenics participated in the program. In its second year, attendance increased by 43 officers, and NPC provided a newly created track for communications/public relations officers.

All attendees received the opportunity to gain a better understanding of NPC Unanimous Agreements and governing documents, learn from the stories of sorority and fraternity alumni, hear the sorority story of the NPC chairman, network with peer officers and campuses, and learn more about NPC initiatives. The new track for communications/public relations officers worked through the strategic plan focus of educational support to achieve the goal of building a corps of brand ambassadors. The 37 women attending the new track learned:

- How best to perform the role of a College Panhellenic communications/public relations officer.
- NPC communications/public relations terminology.
- NPC policies and best practices related to the role of a College Panhellenic communications/ public relations officer.
- • What it means to be a brand ambassador.
- • How to share the NPC brand.

# **News and Notes**

Poseidon's Readers Book Club is sponsored by <u>Tri-Delta</u> and open to all panhellenic women and their girlfriends. Their next meeting will be on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, discussing: "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosney. Join them at Wild Ginger, 5092 Tiedeman Rd., Brooklyn 44144.

Welcome to the new <u>Sigma Delta Tau</u> Chapter at Kent State University. They begin their campus adventure with a founding group of almost 200 new members.

Sigma Sigma Sigma has adopted a new national philanthropy partner: The March of Dimes. March of Dimes is a nonprofit organization that works to improve the health of mothers and babies. It funds lifesaving research and programs to end premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality.

## **Anniversaries**

Alpha Sigma Tau
November 4, 1899
Sigma Kappa
November 9, 1874
Gamma Phi Beta
November 11, 1874
Delta Delta Delta
Thanksgiving Eve, 1888
Phi Sigma Sigma
November 26, 1913
Alpha Omicron Pi
January 2, 1897
Kappa Alpha Theta
January 27, 1870



# 2016-2017 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

## Thursday, February 9, 2017

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

#### Thursday, March 9, 2017

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

#### Thursday, April 13, 2017

Delegate Meeting Social Time-5:30 p.m. Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 11, 2017

Delegate Meeting Social Time-5:30 p.m. Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, 2017 CAPA Spring Luncheon

#### Stay in Touch With CAPA

Join our Facebook group: Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association

Nation Panhellenic Conference Website: NPCWomen.org