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Lisa's Letter

While we are still very much in the Winter months, we have certainly had our share of Spring-like days. I hope you begun to share the invitation to this year's Scholarship Luncheon! We have had a change in our keynote, and think you will be very excited with our announcement of Diane Downing, Chief Operating Officer of the Cleveland 2016 RNC Host Committee. Whatever your political affiliation, or opinion of the current state of candidates, we can all agree that it is quite an honor for Cleveland to be chosen as host city for this international stage.

Please remember the early bird deadline is April 1 and we look forward to collecting your reservations! Gretchen Swasey, Ways and Means Chair, introduced some additional fundraising opportunities and I look forward to our discussion and finding great ways to enhance the luncheon experience as well as the overall funds we will contribute to future scholarship winners.

And speaking of winners, the Scholarship deadline has just passed and we appreciate everyone's efforts to support Kelly Goshe, Scholarship Chair, and her committee as they move through the work of choosing this year's recipients. At the February meeting, we voted to award eight (8) scholarships this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our March meeting: March 8, 11:30 a.m. social, 12 Noon meeting.

Fraternally,
Lisa Paul Sierk
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CAPA President



International Badge Day

International Badge Day 2016
"Wear Your Letters on Your Heart"
March 7, 2016

Harper Lee Embodied Her Panhellenic Creed

Christine Barr
Paris Post Intelligencer, Texas

At first glance, the passing of Harper Lee might seem a strange place for me to start my annual National Panhellenic Badge Day (March 7) column — but stay with me.

I was teaching my eighth-graders **To Kill A Mockingbird** when I learned of her death. On the one hand, she was 89, and by all reports was not in good health, physically or mentally. On the other, it is hard to lose an artist whose work has meant so much. So, the NPC connection?

Harper Lee was a Chi Omega. She embodied what we hope all sorority members are — caring, compassionate women who use their gifts to better themselves, their communities and their world.

One reason I am so proud to wear my badge is I know it links me to generations of sorority women who have lived out their creeds.

I remember suffragettes Carrie Chapman Catt, a Pi Beta Phi; Alice Duer Miller, a Kappa Kappa Gamma; Frances Willard, an Alpha Phi; Jessie Wilson Sayre, a Gamma Phi Beta; and Mary Ritter Beard, a Kappa Alpha Theta, who fought for the right of all women to vote.

And Pearl S. Buck, a Kappa Delta, moved people with her writing and philanthropy; Delta Gamma Edith Abbott, who was then the highest ranking woman in the U.S. government, was head of the U.S. Children's Bureau (1921-1931).

I also remember the first female senator, Sigma Kappa Margaret Chase Smith; photography pioneer and Alpha Omicron Pi Margaret Bourke White;

American aviator and one of the first WASP pilots, Mildred Tuttle Axton, Alpha Delta Pi;

Dr. May Agness Hopkins, Zeta Tau Alpha, who was the only woman doctor to serve as a chief of a military zone in World War I; U.S. Secretary of the Treasury (1953-1961) and founder of Easter Seals Ivy Baker Priest, a Delta Zeta.

I think of former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, an Alpha Chi Omega; U.S. Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, an Alpha Epsilon Phi;

Trail-blazing astronauts Mary Ellen Weber, Phi Mu, Judith Resnick, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Margaret Rhea Seddon, Sigma Kappa, Jan Davis, Alpha Xi Delta, and Laurel Blair Salton Clark, a Gamma Phi Beta; Sigma Delta Tau and psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers; historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, a Delta Delta Delta; Ohio Sen. Patricia Clancy, a Theta Phi Alpha; environmentalist Gwen Frostic, an Alpha Sigma Tau; Founder of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Lee Ducat, a Delta Phi Epsilon; Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Rhodes Russell, a Sigma Sigma Sigma;

Canada's Minister of Revenue Kerry-Lynne Findlay, an Alpha Gamma Delta; and Dr. S. June Smith, Alpha Sigma Alpha sister and founder of the June Smith Center for Children with Disabilities.

Usually when significant alumnae are being discussed, the conversation centers on the hundreds of sorority women who have become famous in the arts. Their contributions are valued also, but too often we do not recognize those who serve in less glamorous but still vital roles.

While these women have achieved prominence, there are countless thousands of other sorority women who take the confidence and skills they acquired during their college days and use it, day in and day out, in order to be the living embodiments of their creeds, unknown except to a small community. They are, however, the best representation of the strength of sisterhood and the power of women united.

I hope every sorority woman will join me on March 7 and proudly wear her emblem of sisterhood. We have a goodly heritage, and much yet to do. I humbly thank all those who have gone before and paved the way for our sororities, and hope the torch will be taken up by our newest members so we may continue to shine for years to come.

In Memory

Nina Downend Williams, Alpha Gamma Delta, passed away on January 31 She was a 50-year member of Alpha Gamma Delta and holds the Arc of Epsilon Pi with Diamond. She dedicated many years of continuous service to Alpha Iota, the Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta, and the Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association, where she served as president for 1999-2000. Our deepest condolences go out to her husband Tom, "the Alpha Gam Man", her family, and her ΑΓΔ Sisters.

News and Notes

A group of Chi Omega Sisters attended Brite Winter on February 20th to embrace the winter rather than hide inside. Chi O sister Lauren Kotmel was Vice Chair for Brite Winter 2016 so it was a great way to support her involvement.

NPC News

Values Based Recruitment

Membership Recruitment has changed a lot since many of us were in college. Decorations, favors, skits and many other expensive trappings have been eliminated with NPC's values based approach to recruitment which was started in 1985. Colloquially called 'no-frills recruitment' this approach allows collegians and potential new members to focus on having conversations to get to know each other. Recruitment events are structured to teach about organizational values and give prospective members a true understanding of the commitment they are making.

Values based recruitment is advantageous for every chapter on campus because it ensures that new members are choosing the right chapter for them for the right reasons. To learn more about Values based recruitment you can read the attached PDF file called "Resolved to Educated"

NPC on Facebook

Take a quick look at the NPC Alumnae Panhellenics Facebook group and see that women like you are constantly posting news and updates about the work of Alumnae Panhellenics. Weekly posts from the group's members highlight community service work, communications to engage sorority women in various cities and special events to connect with collegiate women in all areas of the United States and Canada. There is even the opportunity to see positive stories about NPC member organizations and College Panhellenics.

March Anniversaries

Phi Mu
March 4, 1852

Delta Gamma
March 8, 1873

Delta Phi Epsilon
March 17, 1917

Sigma Delta Tau
March 25, 1917

Book Club News

Upcoming book clubs sponsored by Chi Omega. Everyone is welcome to join us at Starbucks in Rocky River! Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30pm: discussing All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30pm: discussing Alice in Wonderland



2015-2016 Calendar

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

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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NPC Website: npcwomen.org