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A Note from Ashley

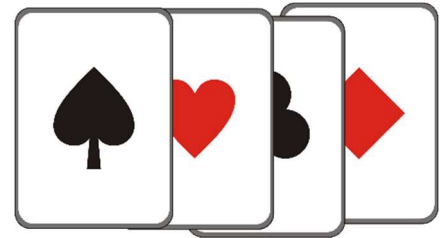
Happy February to my fellow Panhellenic sisters! I hope those of you who attended the Happy Hour at Melt on January 25 had a fantastic time - I know I did! It was wonderful to see so many Greek women gathered together. We had a great turnout, welcoming several new faces who have not attended CAPA events in the past. A very special Thank You to Jennifer Bufe, Kathy Imbler and Alison Borodkin for their help planning and executing the event.

We officially announced the CAPA luncheon at the Happy Hour, and I hope you will all be attending! It will be held on May 19, 2018 at the Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's in Broadview Heights. There will be social time to look at the Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction items from 10:30-11:30am and the luncheon will begin at 11:30am. We are very excited to welcome this year's guest speaker, Dr. Mary Ellen Weber, a Phi Mu Alumnae and a former NASA Astronaut. She will be telling her story about her experience as a Sorority Woman and how it led her to outer space. She is a nationally acclaimed speaker and we are thrilled to be welcoming her to this year's luncheon.

Also, March 5, 2018 is International Badge Day. Please try to remember to wear your badge that day whether you are working, running errands or having an event with your sisters. It is a great way to show your Greek Pride and hopefully illicit questions about your experiences as a sorority woman.

Our next CAPA meeting is on Tuesday, February 13 at noon in the Board Room on the 3rd Floor of the AAA Building in Independence. Remember, ALL are welcome - regardless of whether you are a delegate, alternate or an interested Greek woman :) I hope to see you there!

Ashley Wohlwend
President, CAPA



Calling All Card Sharks

Before Gift-Wrapping at Tower City, Dine-Outs, and Basket Auctions Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association had another long-standing fundraising tradition: Card Parties. From 1968 through 1995 a card party was held the morning of the Spring Luncheon from 9:30 am until noon with the formal luncheon starting at noon.

In the early years admission to the card party included a ticket to the Spring Luncheon. In 1968 the card party raised about \$750. In later years participants were charged \$19 for a table of four, separate from the luncheon. The amount raised varied from \$400 to \$1000. Tables could play in a Bridge tournament with a prize awarded to the winning team of players or they could elect to play card games of their choice as a table.

We can assume that declining interest in playing card games led to the elimination of card parties. However, the tradition of using card playing as a fundraiser continues as Tri-Delta continues its Bridge-o-Rama Card parties which began in 1965 and continue to raise substantial sums for Metro Health Medical Center.

Now the reason for all this card-playing nostalgia. While cleaning her basement former CAPA president Karen Erlenbach found some decks of the Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic monogrammed playing cards used at CAP card parties. These keepsakes will be available for sale at the February meeting. Single decks are \$5 and double packs are \$10. The double decks are all untouched and still wrapped in plastic. You can purchase your own piece of CAPA history from Treasurer Alison Borodkin during Social Time at our February meeting or send her an email to reserve your deck on a first come first served basis.

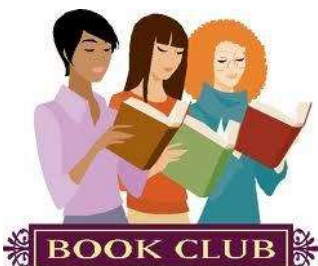
Winter Happy Hour

A fun time of Sisterhood and Socializing

A fun time was had by all the attendees at our Winter Happy Hour on January 25. Approximately 60 women attended representing 19 sororities and providing an excellent chance to make new friends and share ideas.

Since the event was at MELT the food was obviously excellent and included their famous grilled cheese, chicken tender BBQ sandwich, chips, fries and spinach-artichoke dip.

A raffle was held to benefit our endowment fund. Bottles of wine were won by Jill Koenig, Alpha Chi Omega, and Laurel Zurawick, Phi Mu. A gift card for MELT was won by Suzanne Fortuna, Alpha Gamma Delta, who was celebrating her birthday that day. An additional raffle for those who paid online through PayPal awarded a ticket to the Spring Luncheon to Gretchen Swasey, Kappa Delta.



Book Club News

Book clubs are open to all who are interested. You don't have to be a member of the alum group or even a sorority woman to attend, just looking for an interesting discussion.

Chi Omega Book Club will be meeting on Wed., February 7 from 1-2 pm at the Wilson Mills Road Panera. They will be discussing Planting Dandelions by Kyran Pittman.

Poseidon's Readers Book Club sponsored by Tri Delta will be meeting on March 4 at 2 pm at Stone Mad, 1306 W. 65th Street. They will be discussing Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance.

In April Poseidon's Readers will meet twice. April 8 at 2pm at Slyman's in Independence to discuss A Dark-Adapted Eye by Barbara Vine (Ruth Rendell). They will meet on April 29 at 2 pm at Tartine Bistro, 19110 Detroit Road, Rocky River to discuss Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café by Fannie Flagg.

Just the Ticket!

Time to plan for our Spring Luncheon Basket Auction

All profits from our Basket Auction will benefit the Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Endowment Fund (CAPEF), which provides our annual collegiate and alumnae scholarships.

Please send your basket themes to Ways & Means Chair Nori Weider at nwieder@yahoo.com by March 1.

Tickets and will be distributed at our March 13 CAPA meeting. Tickets are \$3 apiece or 4 tickets for \$10. Sell tickets at your alumnae meetings and to family and friends. Purchasers do not have to be present at luncheon to win a basket.

Presale ticket envelopes will be collected at the May 8 CAPA meeting and the tickets will be added to the bags at the luncheon.

News and Notes

Gamma Phi Beta-East alumnae group received the Diamond Circle and Founders Circle of Excellence Awards for 2016-2017.

Chi Omega-West has a busy calendar for 2018. Their list of activities is: Brite Winter Fest, Cleveland Film Festival, Salad Supper, Edgewater Live, Wade Oval Wednesday, Forest City Shuffleboard, and Cleveland History Exhibit at Western Reserve Historical Society.

NPC News

Facing Challenges, embracing opportunities...together

NPC Chair Carole J. Jones identified six trends arising from generational change that will provide new challenges to our organizations' ability to attract new members and retain volunteers.

● **Financial stress.** Tuition costs continue their steep rise. Students will need to borrow more for educational expenses as their parents are unable to fully pay the costs. As a result, financial obligations will remain an obstacle to sorority membership.

● **Diversity.** The racial and ethnic makeup of college students is rapidly changing. The good news is women continue to outnumber men in incoming freshman classes. The expected increase in students of color provides opportunities to broaden the appeal of sorority membership.

● **Technological acceleration.** Our expectations for and use of technology will continue to grow. Yet members of each generation view technology with different utility. NPC and our member organizations must recognize each generation's technological needs and

preferences and identify where we can use technology to our benefit.

● **The redefined family.** The definition of family continues to change, with more divorces, remarriages, single parenting and same-sex relationships. Families also are more mobile. These changing family dynamics will affect the behavior and needs of our members as well as impact our ability to attract and retain volunteers.

● **"Me" branding** Many Gen Z students have put personal brand building into overdrive. The expression of their personal identities is central to the world in which they live. They harness social media to build an online brand to help them get that first job or prove their potential worth to employers.

Still, this generation came of age during the Great Recession and have already faced life's setbacks. Many care about social causes, but they might express their passion differently. Rather than joining organizations, they often first turn to the digital world to promote change.

● **Changes in work/life balance.** Baby boomers are rethinking their "work, work, work" mentality as they grow older, while younger generations say "no way" to working 24/7. Knowledge workers want to work remotely, a trend enabled by technology. These changes impact what we ask of volunteers and challenge us to create meaningful, rewarding volunteer experiences.

2018 Calendar

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Delegate Meeting

AAA Building-3rd Floor Boardroom
5700 Brecksville Road, Independence
Social Time-11:30 a.m.

Business meeting-12 Noon

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Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Delegate Meeting

Parma-Snow Library
Social Time-5:30 p.m.
Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Delegate Meeting

Parma-Snow Library
Social Time-5:30 p.m.
Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19, 2018

CAPA Spring Luncheon
St. Michael's Woodside Event Center
Broadview Heights

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