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- * Pi Beta Phi
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A Note from Ashley

I bet many of you have had an experience of finding someone who shares your Greek Letters. Maybe it was on International Badge Day in March? Maybe in was through a general conversation with a friend? One of my favorite memories was of finding out, after I graduated from college, that I was sisters with one of the women I had worked with during my first job in high school. My first job was at our local library as a library assistant, shelving books and helping to check items out to patrons. Little did I know that any of the librarians I worked with were sorority women. As a result, it came as a huge surprise many years later when I discovered that not only was one of the librarians Greek, but she was in my sorority! I often wonder how many other people I know are members of Greek Organizations. I feel like every time I wear my letters or badge, I discover someone else who is Greek! Often. that realization with a friend is enough to encourage them to consider becoming involved in their organization's alumnae chapter. All because of showing pride in being Greek...

Another great way to share our Greek connections is through the Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon in May! It is a special occasion of recognizing our accomplishments and congratulating the extraordinary women who are selected as our scholarship recipients. If you have no registered for this year's luncheon on May 19, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. As an added incentive, if you register prior to April 15 (either online or by having your registration postmarked by then), you will receive a \$5 discount on your registration. I hope that you will all join me in May as we gather a one Greek family to celebrate who we are!

Ashley Wohlwend President, CAPA

Important Notes

Spring Luncheon Tickets
Early bird ticket sales (\$35) for the
Spring Luncheon conclude on April
15. After that the cost of the
luncheon will be \$40.



Time to Get Excited for CAPA's Annual Basket Auction

The Basket Auction will be held at our Spring Luncheon on May 19. Our delegates and their sisters are working very hard to put together some tempting baskets to bid on. You can purchase tickets in advance from your delegate or in person at the luncheon. Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. You need not be present at the luncheon to win a basket. Purchasers should write name, sorority, basket # and phone# on each ticket. Checks should be payable to CAP. All profits from the auction benefit our scholarship program.

Basket #1

Over the River and Through the
Woods to Grandma's House

Alpha Chi Omega & Delta Gamma-

East

Basket #2 Coffee Break Alpha Delta Pi & Phi Mu

Basket #3

How to be a Morning Person Alpha Epsilon Phi & Phi Sigma Sigma

> Basket #4 Lucky Lottery-Lucky You Alpha Xi Delta

Basket #5
Fashion Fun at Knuth's
Chi Omega-East & Kappa Kappa
Gamma

Basket #6 Gift Cards Chi Omega-West

Basket #7
Night Under the Stars
Delta Delta Delta & Kappa Alpha Theta

Basket # 8 **"Manga"-An Italian Delight** Kappa Delta Basket # 9
Wine is So Fine
Delta Zeta-East & West

Basket #10
Money Tree
Gamma Phi Beta-East & West

Basket #11
Extravagant Chocolate
Pi Beta Phi

Basket # 12 Ooh-La-La Theta Phi Alpha

Basket # 13
Evenings on the Town
Zeta Tau Alpha

Basket # 14 **Dining in the CLE**Sigma Sigma Sigma

Basket # 15 **How Sweet it is**Alpha Gamma Delta & Sigma Kappa



NPC History: "What are AES Sororities?

When the National Panhellenic Conference began organizing in the early part of the 20th century there was another organization that was also started to develop common standard for sororities. It was called the Association of Pedagogical Sororities and it focused on sororities who were primarily located on state campuses where women entering the educational field were predominant. Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Alpha established the organization on July 10, 1915. In 1917, Pi Kappa Sigma and Delta Sigma **Epsilon** joined the association, followed by Theta Sigma Upsilon in 1925, Alpha Sigma Tau in 1926. Pi Delta Theta joined in 1931 but merged with Delta Sigma Epsilon in

1940. At the third biennial conference, the name of the association was changed to the Association of Educational Sororities (AES). Later, the word "Educational" was changed to "Education".

The AES was a strong group of leaders that focused not only on educational (providing scholarships) and women-centric issues, but cooperated to support issues outside of the sorority world including defense projects during World War II. One of the projects started by the AES member groups resulted in what is today the world-renowned Leader Dogs for the Blind School in Rochester, Michigan.

After much work on the part of NPC and AES, on November 12, 1947, the six AES sororities were unanimously accepted as associate members of NPC. At the same time, five other sororities were also admitted. In December 1951, the six AES sororities became full members of NPC.

Since that time, three have merged with other NPC member groups leaving Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, and Sigma Sigma Sigma as the remaining former-AES members.

More Stories about Merged Sororities

Submitted by Pat Magee-Nemetz

In the March 2018 newsletter, material was requested about sororities that had later merged with others to become a current NPC sorority.

As such, the article stated Delta Sigma Epsilon was an AES (Association of Education Sororities) that joined NPC as an associate in 1947 and a full member in 1951. They merged with Delta Zeta in 1956. Delta Sigma Epsilon was founded at Miami University of Ohio in 1914. This opened my eyes and the following is my story to tell.

My mother joined Delta Sigma Epsilon (as a member of the Class of 1946) at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Her name, Janet Newswanger, appears in The Class of 1944 Templar yearbook as a member of "Kappa Kappa Chapter, 1922 North Park Avenue, Founded at Miami University in 1914, 31 Active Chapters." The yearbook, filled with photographs of uniformed soldiers and sailors with weapons, and a gunship, quotes on the sorority's spread of pages as follows:

"Delta Sigma Epsilon was very active in war service this year. They helped with the Bond Booth and did Red Cross work. One of the novel services was the renewal of their adoption of a Chinese refugee girl, Ying. However, their biggest contribution was the presentation of an ambulance to the war effort. The ambulance was a national project, and this autumn Temple's Kappa Kappa chapter was given the honor of presenting it."

There's more:

"The Delta Sigs were active socially, too. Homecoming weekend [sic] was extra special because their house, transfigured into "Temple's Butcher Shop," placed second in the house decoration contest. In the evening the usual Open House was held.

"The Pan-Hel Tea was under the chairmanship of Delta Sig this year. The tea was a great success, in more than one way – for Delta Sig was runner-up for the Scholarship Trophy."

Above the officers' names stands photo depicting two young women knitting and a third with a book, seated on a fringed couch at a table sporting a trophy of some kind. Each girl is wearing rather scuffed saddle shoes and short socks.

The sorority merged with Delta Zeta, and perhaps that connection resulted from both groups being headquartered in Miami, OH. I remember my mother, Janet, being proud of her membership and talked about living in the house during "blackouts" in Philly during the war.

Thanks for your interest, and yes, my mother saved everything, even her yearbook.

News and Notes

Join <u>Delta Delta Delta</u> Alumnae at their annual Mad for Metro Event on Friday, April 13 from 7pm-10 pm. The evening of cocktails, dancing and FUNdraising takes place at Vosh in Lakewood and benefits the MetroHealth System. Tickets are \$50

Phi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma held a "Monmouth Duo" Happy Hour on March 7. Both sororities were founded at Monmouth College.

Theta Phi Alpha Alums were recently involved in a service project donating board books for young readers to MetroHealth Pediatrics for the Reach out and Read Program.

The following sororities are looking forward to having conventions this summer:

<u>Chi Omega</u> will meet in Phoenix, AZ.

Alpha Gamma Delta will be gathering in San Antonio, TX.

Theta Phi Alpha will be getting together in Pittsburgh, PA in July.

National Panhellenic Conference News

NPC's 'Call for Critical Change'

NPC has issued a "Call for Critical Change," the reasons for which NPC Chairman Carole Jones recently explained to U.S. News & World Report: "The campus tragedies our fraternity and sorority communities have experienced in recent months reinforce that we have an obligation and duty to redouble our efforts on campus safety ... The sorority community can, and must, do its part to create safer campus cultures where students advocate for one another."

A first step in NPC's "Call for Critical Change" was to convene leading campus administrators, subject matter experts and national sorority leadership to develop a framework of recommendations. These leaders met Jan. 11 in

Indianapolis. The group discussed a number of topics, including the current climate of campuses across the U.S., what member organizations and colleges/universities are doing to help mitigate risk and the differences in actions on campuses toward fraternity/sorority communities not typically taken with other student organizations. The group also identified specific recommendations as a result of the discussions and next steps. Look for additional updates from NPC in the coming months.

NPC Position on Single Sex Organizations

"We will continue to be persistent by working to protect students' rights to freely associate with a single-sex organization and preserving the rights of single-sex student organizations—so women can continue to benefit from the sorority experience now and for years to come." This is an excerpt for NPC Chair Carole Jones' recent message on the NPC Website.

How you can get involved:

Use hashtag #HearHerHarvard to help support the women who are persistent in preserving their single-sex experience.

Stay informed on the latest legislation impacting sororities and single-sex organizations by following your member organization and NPC on social media.

When asked by your member organization, reach out to your congressional representatives about legislation designed to protect single-sex organizations at colleges and universities.

This Space could be Yours!

Share your News with the CAPA Newsletter by sending an email to acborodkin@hotmail.com

Anniversaries

Chi Omega April 5, 1895

Alpha Xi Delta April 17, 1893

Sigma Sigma Sigma April 20, 1898

> **Pi Beta Phi** April 28, 1867

Theta Phi Alpha Celebrated April 30



2018 Calendar

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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