



## 2017– 2018 Officers

### President

Ashley Wohlwend  
Phi Mu  
aes10@albion.edu

### Secretary

Gretchen Swasey  
Kappa Delta  
gswasey@hotmail.com

### Treasurer

Alison Borodkin  
Alpha Epsilon Phi  
acborodkin@hotmail.com

## Member Groups

- \* Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Delta Pi
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Gamma Delta
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- \* Alpha Phi
- Alpha Sigma Tau
- \* Alpha Xi Delta
- \* Chi Omega
- \* Delta Delta Delta
- \* Delta Gamma
- Delta Phi Epsilon
- Delta Zeta
- \* Gamma Phi Beta
- \* Kappa Alpha Theta
- Kappa Delta
- \* Kappa Kappa Gamma
- \* Phi Mu
- Phi Sigma Sigma
- \* Pi Beta Phi
- Sigma Delta Tau
- \* Sigma Kappa
- Sigma Sigma Sigma
- Theta Phi Alpha
- Zeta Tau Alpha

\* Represented at first  
Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic  
Association Meeting on May 15, 1914

## Newsletter Editor

Alison Borodkin  
Alpha Epsilon Phi  
acborodkin@hotmail.com

[clevelandpanhel@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandpanhel@gmail.com)



## Kappa Delta Sorority Builds Women of Action

In support of Gretchen Swasey, Secretary of CAPA, and member of Kappa Delta Sorority, this month's newsletter feature represents the sorority's friendship, fame and philanthropy. Gretchen has also served as Scholarship Chair, Ways and Means Chair and Treasurer for CAPA. She graduated in 1994 from Indiana University.

Kappa Delta was founded on October 23, 1897 at the State Female Normal School (now Longwood University) in Farmville, Virginia. Its founders are Lenora Ashmore Blackiston, Sara Turner White, Mary Sommerville Sparks Hendrick, and Julia Gardiner Tyler Wilson, the granddaughter of U.S. President John Tyler.

In 1902, Kappa Delta's second chapter was established at the Chatham Episcopal Institute in Virginia. It was a short-lived chapter and was forced off campus in 1904 by the school's administration. Among the women initiated into the chapter during those two years was Georgia O'Keeffe. She enrolled at Chatham in 1903 and graduated in 1905. It was the Institute's principal and art instructor, Elizabeth May Wilson, who encouraged O'Keeffe's interest in art. O'Keeffe, a prolific artist, lived nearly a century and she was awarded a Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

O'Keeffe's legacy is preserved at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1998, the O'Keeffe Art and Leadership Program for Girls was established there, and it provides opportunities for young women ages 11-13. Each summer, the Kappa Delta Foundation funds two paid

internship opportunities working with the leadership program.

### Fast Facts:

- Kappa Delta Sorority has more than 250,000 members, 166 active collegiate chapters, and 200 alumnae chapters worldwide. With headquarters in Memphis, TN, its stated vision is: Kappa Delta Sorority is committed to providing opportunities and experiences that build confidence and inspire women to action.

- KD's national philanthropies are Girl Scouts of the USA and Prevent Child Abuse America; its colors are olive green and pearl white; jewels are diamond, emerald and pearl; and symbols are white rose, nautilus shell, dagger; and mascots, the teddy bear and katydid.



March is Women's History Month, which makes it the perfect time to wear our badges on our hearts for [International Badge Day, March 5](#). Our organizations' founders came together to support one another, and on March 5 we can thank them for leaving us this legacy of sorority. Plan to celebrate, wherever you are, by encouraging all sorority women to wear their badges and capture it on social media using #BadgeDay18.

**Join the Facebook event for International Badge Day!** There's never been a more important time to tell the story of sorority. NPC is making strides in promoting the sorority experience and advocating for all that sorority can offer to collegians and alumnae. We are doing this by making sure what we offer is valuable and available for generations to come.



## NPC Trivia: 12 Lost Sororities

International Badge Day is a fitting time to look at one of the most mysterious topics in sorority history-groups that have disappeared. At its largest membership in 1957, NPC had 32 members. It is good to know that in over a half century our numbers have remained relatively strong as there are now 26 NPC sororities. Curiosity led me to seek out the missing 6 NPC sororities, but I was surprised to find that there were more than 6 missing organizations. With internet research I was able to document 10 groups that were once part of the Panhellenic Circle of friendship but no longer exist. My original research was included in our May 2010 newsletter.

I recently found a website called Fraternity History and More which confirmed that in addition to the 10 groups previously documented there were another 2 associate NPC members that we need to remember.

All but one of these groups merged with another NPC sorority so they are still a part of us. Have you heard of any of these groups before?

**Alpha Delta Theta** joined NPC in 1926. Merged with Phi Mu in 1939. Hazel Falconer Benninghoven served as national president for both organizations.

**Beta Phi Alpha** joined NPC in 1923 and merged with Delta Zeta in 1941. BΦA's "Convention Lights" is still sung at the close of Delta Zeta conventions.

**Beta Sigma Omicron** joined NPC in 1933 and merged with Zeta Tau Alpha in 1964. Three chapters on campuses with Zetas became Alpha Phi. Their motto was "We live

to do Good" and their colors were ruby and pink.

**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. They were founded at Miami University of Ohio in 1914

**Iota Alpha Pi** was a Jewish sorority that joined NPC as an associate in 1953 and a full member in 1957. In 1971 they chose to disband rather than merge with another group, the only occasion where this has occurred. Alumnae continued to meet despite lack of a national organization and they have a Facebook page.

**Lambda Omega** became an associate member of NPC in 1930 and in 1933 merged with Theta Upsilon which merged with Delta Zeta in 1962.

**Phi Omega Pi** became an NPC member in 1933. They disbanded in 1946 with chapters being taken over by a variety of sororities. Delta Zeta absorbed the alumnae and remaining collegiate chapters.

**Pi Kappa Sigma** was an AES sorority that joined NPC in 1947 and merged with Sigma Kappa in 1959. It was the first education sorority established as a greek letter organization in 1897.

**Theta Upsilon** joined NPC in 1928 and merged with Delta Zeta in 1962. Their original ritual was based on Native American themes and their motto was "let there be light".

**Theta Sigma Upsilon** was an AES that joined NPC as an associate in 1947 and a full member in 1951. They merged with Alpha Gamma Delta in 1959. Their motto was "The Higher good" and their colors were silver and rose.

**Pi Sigma Gamma** was sponsored by NPC in 1930 but ended up affiliating with Beta Sigma Omicron.

**Sigma Phi Beta** became an associate member in 1928. In 1933 they merged with Phi Omega Pi.

## Important Notes

### Basket Auction Fundraiser

If you have not done so already, please send your basket themes to Nori Weider as soon as possible. Ticket envelopes will be passed out at the March 13 meeting. Ticket prices will \$3 each or 4 for \$10.

As you collect donations for your basket send Nori a list of key items as you acquire them. Photos are also a great promotional aid. We will post basket descriptions and pics on Facebook and our website. Your basket does not have to be assembled or even complete to send this info. The more that is known about baskets the more opportunity for advance ticket sales!

### 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.

### Spring Service Project

Our Spring Service Project will be assembling weekend snack bags for clients of OhioGuidestones. We will do this immediately after our May 8 at the Parma-Snow Library.

### March Meeting

Our next CAPA meeting is on Tuesday, March 13 at 12 pm 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:) We hope to see you there!

## Greater Cleveland Chapter of AGD hosts Valentine's Day Tea, Charity Event

The annual Valentine's Day Tea & Lunch at Baldwin Wallace University's

Alpha Iota chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta filled 50 bags of assorted necessities for Edna House, a women's recovery facility in Cleveland, OH, on Feb. 10, 2018. The items were delivered afterwards by the alumnae.

Nearly 50 collegiate women, and 10 alumnae joined in the festivities.

Jennifer Bufo, of CAPA, attended the fun event and as a guest speaker, promoted CAPA's 2018 Alumnae and Collegiate Scholarships.

The event is always a highlight of the GCAGD year, warming hearts and taste buds. Check the CAPA Website for photos of the event

## News and Notes

Cleveland-West **Zeta Tau Alpha** Alumnae Chapter will be hosting a fundraiser at The Little Birdie Wine Nest in Parma on March 24th. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online.

Link to Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/166110994012307/>

Link to purchase

tickets: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/zta-cleveland-west-alumnae-membership>

Congrats to the Panhellenics at **Baldwin Wallace, Kent State and the University of Akron** for their academic achievement of having an all-sorority grade point average above the all-women's GPA.

Join **Delta Delta Delta** 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

**Chi Omegas** from the Greater Cleveland area will celebrate Founders' Day with an Eleusinian Brunch at John Carroll University on April 14th at 11AM. All Chi Omega alumnae and collegians are

welcome to attend as we recognize our women's accomplishments. Scholarships, 50-year membership recognitions, graduating seniors, chapter pride, Make-A-Wish raffle and sisterhood will be shared. Our speaker, Carol Starre-Kmiecik, will portray "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" as we remember the Titanic 106 years later. Reservations: send payment of \$25 to Chi Omega Cleveland East, 8153 Cloveridge Road, Chagrin Falls OH 44022 before April 5th.

Here's link to the invitation: <http://event.pingg.com/CIEleusinia2018>

**Alpha Xi Delta** Cuyahoga West Shore alums and Cleveland East Side alums are planning our 125th anniversary celebration of the founding of Alpha Xi Delta on April 21st at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Independence. After lunch they will see a performance called "The Indomitable Ladies of 1893". The program will be presented by a group called Presidents' Wives, a group of eight women in period clothing who will help us understand the historical context and the contributions of women during the time when our sorority was founded. Alpha Xi Delta was founded on April 17, 1893 at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois.

## 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.

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.

## Anniversaries

**Phi Mu**

March 4, 1852

**Delta Gamma**

March 8, 1873

**Delta Phi Epsilon**

March 17, 1917

**Sigma Delta Tau**

March 25, 1917



## 2018 Calendar

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

Delegate Meeting  
AAA Building-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom  
5700 Brecksville Road,  
Independence  
*Social Time-11:30 a.m.*  
*Business meeting-12 Noon*

**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

## Stay in Touch With CAPA

Join our Facebook group:  
Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association