

# Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association

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## 2018-2019 **Officers**

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# A Note from Gretchen

Happy spring to all! April brings renewed energy and motivation to finish out the CAPA year stronger than ever. To celebrate our fantastic year, join us on Saturday, May 18 at scholarship luncheon 'Wild About So'ROAR'ities'. Let's gather to honor our panhellenic sisterhood, reunite with longtime friends, recognize our scholarship winners and raise money for CAPEF. Sign up by Monday, April 15 for the early-bird discount of \$35. Click this link to register and pay today: http://clevelandpanhellenic.org/

event/capa-scholarship-luncheon/

At the March 12 delegate meeting, we voted to make a change in the number of scholarships awarded this year. After taking a closer look at the December 2018 CAPEF balance of \$212,472, it was agreed among the delegates that the amount previously approved by vote in February for \$18,000 (8.47% of the fund) was too high to award this vear to maintain a sustainable fund. The delegates motioned and voted to change the number of scholarships from nine (9) or \$18,000 (8.47% of fund) down to six (6) or \$12,000 (5.64% of fund). (CAPEF's bylaws state that it is required to distribute at least 5% up to 10% of the funds annually.) A total of seven (7) \$2000 scholarships will be awarded this spring (including the additional scholarship sponsored by Kappa Delta Cle West Alumnae Chapter).

I appreciate each and every delegate's opinions and willingness to revisit our previous vote to ensure a lasting and sustainable scholarship fund. To assist us with future fund distributions and donation decisions, I have invited a CAPEF officer to the April 9 delegate meeting to give us an historical overview of the fund's annual balances, distributions and donations. I look forward to seeing all the beautiful raffle baskets and YOU at the May 18 scholarship luncheon celebration!

All the best,

Gretchen Swasey Kappa Delta CAPA President

#### Officer Installation Event

New this year, our May 7 delegate meeting will be an officer and committee chair transition meeting including the official officer installations. All officers and committee chairs should prepare a final committee or office summary to pass along with binder to new officer/chairman. All newly elected delegates for the 2019-2020 term are invited to attend the meeting to get to know CAPA and available committee opportunities for next year.

After installation we will be working on our Ohio Guidestone Snack Bag philanthropy project and then head to a social gathering at Zig's Pub & Grill located within Midtown plaza (1854 Snow Rd.). All sorority women are invited to attend the meeting & social.

### **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

#### **CAPA Leadership Opportunities**

We need your help to make our 2019-2020 program year the best ever. We are looking for a chair/co-chair for the scholarship committee. Awarding scholarships was one of the original goals of CAPA, with our first scholarship being awarded in 1915. They are one of our most meaningful and appreciated programs, but we need your help to ensure they continue. Please think about stepping up to lead this important effort and continuing a great tradition. Feel free to speak to President Gretchen Swasey or Secretary Alison Borodkin for more information.

Committee signups will continue at our April meeting. There is also an

opening for College Liaison Chair and spaces available on many committees.

# Sorority feature: Delta Delta Delta reaches out with many ways of friendship, service

CAPA members might recognize "Poseidon's Readers" from the well-publicized Tri Delta book club. Its name derives from the Tri Delta symbol, patron Greek divinity Poseidon, god of the sea. The reading group garners membership from Panhellenic and non-Greek members alike, fostering new friendships.

Last month, Poseidon's Readers discussed THE GREAT ALONE by Kristin Hannah, a New York Times bestselling author who also happens to be a Tri Delta. What fun! Yes, yours truly recently signed up and is enjoying the depth, knowledge and laughter of this friendly group.

The Delta Delta Delta (a.k.a. Tri Delta) sorority draws its purpose from the founding of the group on Thanksgiving Eve, 1888, at Boston University. There were already three organizations at the college, however, two friends got together and made the decision to create a new group "that would be kind to all and think more of the girl's inner self and character than of her personal appearance."

Strong words in Victorian USA, the two individuals who spoke them founded a bond of friendship, education and a network of support for women of many backgrounds, lasting more than 130 years.

Service

Today, with executive offices in Dallas, TX, Tri Delta boasts 141 collegiate chapters and 254 alumnae chapters, making it one of the largest sororities of the National Panhellenic Conference in North America. Nationally, the sorority sponsors Children's Cancer Research partnered with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Locally, Tri Delta feature programs to benefit health and welfare of the community. Northeast Ohio's local alumnae chapter sponsors its annual Mad for Metro event in March, the latest one being held March 29. Check out the book club, too! Dates and titles are listed in CAPA's newsletter.

Submitted by Pat Magee-Nemetz, Delegate, Alpha Gamma Delta Sources: tridelta.org; Wikipedia; local Tri Delta alumnae

# **News & Notes**

Join <u>Tri Delta's</u> Poseidon's Readers Book Club on April 7 at 2 pm to will discuss "The Swans of Fifth Avenue" by Melanie Benjamin at Stone Mad Pub, 1306 W. 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland. All are welcome.

Poseidon's Readers will meet on May 5 at 4 pm to discuss "I'll be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer." They will be meeting at Mellow Mushroom, 19333 Detroit Rd in Rocky River.

Chi Omega will celebrate Chi-O-hio on April 7 in Columbus.

Zeta Tau Alpha held Zeta Day on March 30 in Youngstown.

Please join the Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter on Friday, June 7th for an evening at Progressive Field - cheer on the Indians as they take on the NY Yankees. Game starts at 7:10 pm and cost is \$22. Contact Kathy Woolner at kpw@ woolner.com for questions or to purchase tickets.

Sigma Sigma – The Greater Cleveland Alumnae chapter celebrates its 100th anniversary and the founding of their sorority with luncheon celebration on Sunday, April 7 with special guest speaker, Ann DeCecco Rutkowski, National Treasurer.



# **Basket Ticket Auction** for Scholarships Fund

A highlight of our Spring Luncheon is the amazing gift baskets provided by our member sororities. Even if you can't make the luncheon you can still buy tickets and have the chance to own one of them. Tickets will be provided to delegates at the April meeting and are being sold for \$3 each or 4 for \$10. All proceeds from the ticket auction go to the Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Endowment Fund (CAPEF). This year's basket themes include:

Coffee Lover
The Beach
Kendra Scott Jewelry
Knuth Shopping Spree
Powder Room Perfect
Money Tree

" Have a Roarin Good Time" Around the World in Chocolate Spring Gardening Glamour Girl Movies

# You Don't Want to Miss "Wild about so ROAR ities"

CAPA's Spring Luncheon Saturday, May 18 10:30 AM Stillwater Pace at Cleveland MetroParks Zoo

We will have a Gift Basket Ticket
Auction and Bonus Silent Auction Items
Including a signed Francisco Lindor bat
from the Cleveland Indians, Day of Fly
Fishing and lunch for 2 at Rockwell
Springs Trout Club, Cleveland Indians
game tickets and, Playhouse Square
tickets.

### **2018-19 Calendar**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Delegate Meeting
Parma-Snow Library
Social Time-5:30 p.m.
Business meeting-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Delegate Meeting
Parma-Snow Library
Social Time-5:30 p.m.
Business meeting-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 18, 2019
CAPA Spring Luncheon

# Stillwater Conference Center 2019-20 Calendar

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Tuesday, September 10
Delegate Meeting
Parma-Snow Library
Social Time-5:30 p.m.
Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1

Delegate Meeting

Social Time-5:30 p.m.

Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12

Delegate Meeting

Social Time-5:30 p.m.
Business meeting-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 14

Delegate Meeting
Time/ Location TBA
Tuesday, February 11
Delegate Meeting

Time/ Location TBA Tuesday, March 10

Delegate Meeting Social Time-5:30 p.m.

Business meeting-6:00 p.m. **Tuesday, April 14** 

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

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