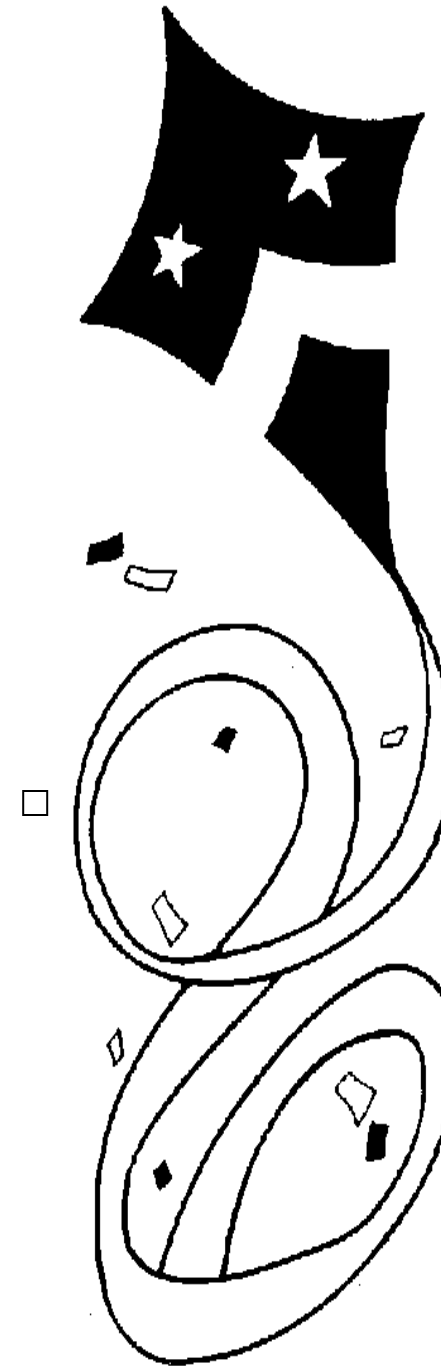


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The Newsletter of
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of Kappa Alpha
Theta
February 2009

Dear Austin Area Theta Alums,

Belated Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely holiday and that your year is off to a good start despite the tough economic news. This will be my last President's Letter since my 2-year term is over on February 28, 2009. I have had a lot of fun and have really enjoyed getting to know so many of you.

Thank you to everyone who attended Founders Day this year. It was, again, a great success thanks to our Programs Chairs, Allyson Hertel and Sarah Stotts.

It's that time of year again: **time to pay dues.** We appreciate all of our dues paying members who make such events as Founders Day possible. Please take a moment to fill out the attached dues sheet and mail in your dues. If you paid 2008 dues and your contact information has not changed since last year please indicate that on the dues sheet so you don't have to spend the time filling out the entire sheet when we already have your correct information on file.

I am excited to report that we have some new Board Members. **Cis Myers**, a long-time Austinite and alum of Syracuse University **will become our new President on March 1, 2009.** Cis is one of the most interesting and accomplished women I know and she has some terrific ideas for our group. So, buckle up and get ready for a great couple of years! Also, **Kate Kuhlmann**, a graduate of Texas Tech University has agreed to become **our new Newsletter Chair.** Thank you in advance to Cis and Kate for what I know will be significant contributions.

At Cis's request, I will be staying on the Board for awhile to help her transition into her new role. **For the time being I will be the Alumnae Communication Director** and will retain responsibility for administering the Alumnae website and for managing the dues sheets/dues intake process.

We hope that all dues paying members will be able to join us for the Theta, Kappa, Pi Phi alumnae party on February 26th at the Russell Collection Fine Art Gallery. If you have paid dues and did not receive an invitation please contact Allyson or Sarah and let them know.

We have two upcoming events for which we haven't finalized dates yet. One is our annual **Senior Happy Hour** which Martta Howard is planning. She will send out an email when the details are finalized. Last year nearly all of the graduating Alpha Theta Seniors joined some of the alums for cocktails in the spring. We felt it was a great way to congratulate them on their graduation and welcome them to our Alumnae Group. I hope you will attend if you are able. The second event isn't really our event, it's hosted by the Alpha Theta Chapter. **The Theta 5K** will be held sometime this spring once the University confirms a date with the chapter. The actives will send everyone an email with details once things are finalized.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support of our Alumnae Chapter, the Facilities Board, the Advisory Board, and the Alpha Theta House.

Loyally,

Liz Handlin

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Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Dues Sheet and Directory Listing 2009 - 2010

Welcome to the new year of Kappa Alpha Theta! We look forward to your active membership! Please support the Theta Alumnae projects and activities by returning your form and check as soon as possible.

Note: Our fiscal year runs from March 1 – Feb 28 so when you pay your dues in 2009, you will not owe dues again until March 2010.

Please complete the following information for our records and for the 2009 – 2010 alumnae directory which will be published no later than October 1, 2009.

Name _____
 Please print: First Maiden Married Husband's Name

Theta Chapter, School and Pledge Year _____

Mailing Address and Zip _____

Telephone (Work) _____ (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

Occupation/Employer _____

Employer or personal website (if you would like it listed) _____

I want to be more involved in Theta:

- _____ Alpha Theta House Corp
- _____ Programs Committee
- _____ Alumnae Chapter Officer Role
- _____ Call me!!! My skills might meet Theta needs!!!!
- _____ Alpha Theta Advisory Board
- _____ Alpha Theta Recruitment
- _____ Manage Alumnae Website
- _____ Directory Chair

We need your input! What types of meetings/events/service projects would you like to see?

Dues:	_____ Benefactor	\$ 100.00
	_____ Twin Star	\$ 65.00
	_____ Theta Angel	\$ 55.00
	_____ Regular	\$ 45.00
	_____ 2009 Graduate	FREE for the first year
	_____ Optional Donation to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation	\$ _____
	_____ Underwriting Donation	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

***** Make your check payable to **Kappa Alpha Theta Austin Alumnae** *****

Mail this form and your check to:

Liz Handlin
 Austin Theta Alumnae Group
 11113 Rio Vista Drive
 Austin, TX 78726

Calling All Theta Alumnae!
Theta Alumnae Group - Volunteer Opportunities 2009/2010
CHAIRPERSON POSITION OPENING

COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Programs Committee – These women will help the Programs Co-chairs plan and coordinate all aspects of our alum social and philanthropic functions. This is a really fun committee! Do you have great ideas for some new programs or special interest groups? If so, please join this committee. Your participation doesn't have to take up a lot of time but we could really use some good ideas from passionate women. We have noticed that some other Theta Alumnae chapters have groups that range from Bible Study, to knitting, to gardening so if you have an interest and you would like to build a group of others who share your passion let us know and join our committee! Contact Sarah Stiles at 512-739-7636 or Allyson Hertel 512-494-4349 for more information.

Alumnae Chapter Officer Meeting Schedule

<p>March 10, 2009 <i>Additional meetings to be scheduled at this meeting</i></p>	<p>What: Alumnae Officer Meetings Time: 7 - 8:30 pm Location: Waterloo Ice House Restaurant Address: 6203 N. Capital of Texas Hwy (Ph: 418-9700) Attendees: All Alumnae Officers and Program Chairs Contact: Cis Myers at 422-7635</p>
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Alumnae Newsletter Publication Schedule

***** If you feel like you don't want anymore paper in your life send an email to thetanewsletter@yahoo.com and you will receive your newsletter via email in PDF format. If you don't contact us, no changes will be made and you will still receive your newsletter via mail. *****

Newsletter	Deadline for article inclusion
April 2009	March 29, 2009
June 2009	May 29, 2009
August 2009	July 19, 2009
November 2009	October 29, 2009

Information Wanted...About Fellow Theta Alums!

Did you or a fellow Austin Area Theta Alum get a promotion at work? Publish a book? Have a baby? Get married? Have you received an award for civic contributions or professional accomplishments? If so, we want to know so we can pass along the good news in our newsletter! We all love to celebrate good news so please help us to do that by emailing me with whatever good news you hear about fellow Thetas! And don't be afraid to "tell on" yourself either! We want to hear all of the great stuff going on in your lives so we can pass it on and we can all celebrate together.

So, email me with the good stuff at kkuhlmann@hslawmail.com or thetanewsletter@yahoo.com and please indicate in the subject line that you are emailing with Theta Information.

Have You Seen Our Website?
The Austin Theta Alumnae Website
www.austinthetas.com

Please check the website frequently for information about events, fall recruitment, and alumni news. In the future you can expect to be able to submit dues sheets online, sign up for the online newsletter, and pay dues online.

2009 - 2010 Events Calendar

Theta, Kappa, Pi Phi Cocktail Party

February 26, 2009
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Russell Collection Fine Art Gallery, 1137 West 6th Street
RSVP no later than February 20th to Allyson Hertel 494-4349 or Sarah Stotts 739-7636

Dinner Group

This isn't a lifetime commitment, join us when you can or when we're in your neighborhood. Martta asks is that you RSVP by Wednesday before the dinner so she can get an idea of head count and make restaurant reservations as needed. She can be contacted at mahoward@vt.edu or 512-983-3353.

February 19th: Guerros, 1412 South Congress Ave.
March 19th: Mandola's, 4700 W Guadalupe St. #12

Theta 5K

Spring 2009 – Date and Time TBA (the University has not committed to a date yet so please keep an eye on the alumnae website – we will announce the date as soon as we know it.

Senior Happy Hour

Date and Location TBD – Martta Howard will send out an invitation.

Theta InCircle

Looking for a theta with whom you have lost touch? Looking to get connected with thetas in the Austin area that have your same interests? Then you need to register with Theta InCircle. Theta InCircle is an online service that Kappa Alpha Theta has started to help keep thetas connected. You can register for Theta InCircle by visiting <https://kappaalphatheta.affinitycircles.com>

DISCOUNT AT QUIK PRINT – BEE CAVE

Quick Print - Bee Cave has agreed to offer a 5% discount on printing to Kappa Alpha Theta Members. He will check your name against the directory to verify your membership. Dennis Scales, the store manager is your contact. The discount is valid for KAT business and/or a KAT's members personal or business printing. You can even e-mail your text and they will put it in a PDF for you to proof or you can e-mail your PDF. You are welcome to stop buy to discuss your project or visit with Dennis via e-mail beecave@qpaustin.com. He will provide an estimate prior to accepting your project

Contact Information: Dennis Scales, Store Manager
Quik Print - Bee Cave
2804 Bee Cave Rd. Austin, TX 78746

Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation

Did you know that our Foundation will celebrate its Fiftieth Birthday in 2010? Yes, that's right...our Foundation is about to pass a very important milestone. Just 48 years ago, a few intrepid Thetas were determined to create a Foundation that would support both the fraternity and its philanthropic efforts. And today, our Foundation is one of the most well endowed in the Greek system. Here's just one example of what our Foundation does:

Most of us think only of our Foundation as the source of scholarships for young Thetas who want to further their educations, but it also provides the funding for educational programs for the fraternity as a whole. One of the most important grants awarded by the Foundation is for the **ELC (Educational Leadership Consultants) Program**.

Think back to your college days and try to remember the young, recently graduated Theta who arrived on your campus to spend valuable time training the officers so they could lead the chapter efficiently. These outstanding young Thetas are still working today. They literally live in a suitcase, traveling across the country to consult with our college women, making sure that our chapters are strong, vital, and prosperous. Their enthusiasm for Theta is contagious, and their leadership skills are remarkable. These young Thetas are priceless to us, and they are incredible examples of Theta's values: highest scholarship and widest influence for good. Just think what our college chapters would do without our ELCs to guide them...and then remember that our Foundation provides 60% of the money needed to support them while they do their jobs. This is why unrestricted individual and chapter donations to the Foundation are so important...that money can be directed to the Fraternity Grant, which funds the ELC program.

In the next two years, I hope you will become more familiar with our Foundation and its mission. Our Foundation is literally the *foundation* of our fraternity, and marking its 50th birthday will be a grand celebration indeed.

Dinah McClymonds
Kappa Alpha Theta
Foundation Trustee

Announcements

Megan and Scott Haywood proudly welcomed their first child, a baby girl, named Elizabeth Claire Haywood on September 21, 2008.

