



# SigmaAlphaAlumniNews

-Alpha Chapter, The Ohio State University

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“Promoting women in agriculture and strengthening the bonds of friendship among them”

## Message From the President

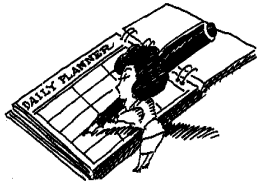
Spring is almost here, and the ground is poking through the mounds of snow here in Columbus. I hope you kept warm during the winter & you are gearing up for a great spring thaw and bloom!! Please take a minute to read through this newsletter as it includes updates from Founder's Day as well as the date/time for our next meeting.

On behalf of the Board, we thank all of the alumni that came out to the Founder's Day celebration and thank you for the ideas and suggestions you communicated to us there & encourage you to keep it up!

We appreciate the feedback & take your thoughts seriously as we exist to serve the membership as well as Alpha active chapter. I want to personally thank Elizabeth Carleton Kline for her effort with the alumni newsletter. Have a great day & we hope to hear from you soon!!

In sisterhood,

-Jenell (Payne) Jensen



## Upcoming Events

The Sigma Alpha Alumni General Board Meeting will take place during Regional Conference on April 12, 2003. The business meeting will start at 1:00 pm with a discussion on the purchase of a permanent Sigma Alpha home following at 2:00. The meeting will take place at the Ag Admin. Building on the OSU campus.

Sigma Alpha Regional Conference will be held in Columbus this year! All Alumni are invited to attend. The conference will kick off Friday night, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in the Ag Admin Auditorium with a light meal and ice cream social. Saturday morning activities include a visit to COSI at 9:00am, philanthropy project at 12:00 pm, National Board Representative address at 3:00 pm, Keynote Speaker at 3:45 pm, catered cookout at 5:00 pm, and OSU baseball game at 7:00 pm (OSU vs. Iowa). The conference ends with a hospitality brunch at 8:00 am on Sunday at the house.

Ideas for social events and other activities are needed!! If anyone has any ideas/suggestions, please email your thoughts to any of the Alumni Board Officers.



## Dates To Remember

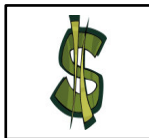


April 12, 2003- Sigma Alpha Alumni of Ohio General Board Meeting

April 11-13, 2003- Regional Conference

## Treasurer's Corner

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In order to be considered in good standing, annual alumni dues of \$25.00 must be paid by May 1, 2003. \$10.00 of your dues goes to pay for the Pamela Blakeslee Scholarship Fund for the ladies of Active chapter, \$15.00 goes to general maintenance of the alumni chapter to provide you with the production and distribution of this newsletter and other operating fees for social events of the Alumni Association. Please allow us to keep you informed on these matters by paying your annual dues of \$25.00 by May 1, 2003, to: Sigma Alpha Alumni of Ohio, C/o Christy Montoya-Black, 6469 Germantown Pike, Dayton, Ohio 45418. If you have any questions, please contact Christy at (937) 859-9815 or by e-mail at [CMBaskets@hotmail.com](mailto:CMBaskets@hotmail.com).

Checking- \$4064.36  
\$1536.34 is operating and \$2528.02 is scholarship  
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### **Membership Count at present time (Alumni in Good Standing)**

Ohio Lifetime Members paid in full- 24 Alumni  
Ohio Lifetime Membership being paid on- 3 Alumni  
Annual Membership- 31 Alumni

-Christy Black Montoya

## Newsworthy Events and Achievements

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### **Engagements**

Becky Emnett and SSG Justin Miculunich  
\*\*Justin is off serving our Country at this time. Please pray for his safe return\*\*  
Stephanie Neer and fiancé

### **Marriages**

Heather Brown and Scott- May 17, 2003  
Erin Murphy and fiancé – July 26, 2003

### **Expecting**

Becky Reed- May 2003  
Elizabeth Carleton Kline- August 2003

### **Births**

Wendy Funderburg- Dawson Jake Osbourne January 2003  
Heather Brown and Scott- William Douglas February 2003  
Rhonda Rowe Phillips and Craig- Paige Ann February 17, 2003

### **Emeralds**

Congratulations to our new and/or re-elected officers!  
Jenell Payne Jensen- President  
Christina Friedl Howard- Secretary  
Sarah Duffy- Member at Large  
Carmen Kenney- Member at Large and Webmaster

And big congratulations to the Outstanding Alumni of the Year- Christy Black Montoya  
And Pat Rigby- Honorary Member!!



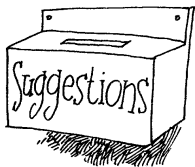


## Regional Conference T-Shirts\*\*

Hello Sigma Alpha Sisters! On behalf of Sigma Alpha and my company: Apparel Pro we have designed this t-shirt for the Sigma Alpha Regional Conference hosted by ours truly, the alpha chapter. If you would like a shirt, please place your order with me (Melissa\_Richardson@hotmail.com) and make payment to either me or the Active Chapter c/o Lindsay Stevenson. The cost is yet to be determined but should be no greater than \$15. If you will be unable to attend, just send me your address and I'll ship it out to you. All proceeds will go to the Active Chapter. Thank you for supporting Sigma Alpha!

In Sisterhood, Melissa (Ernst) Richardson

*\*\* Of note, at press time this was the most current information regarding the t-shirts. However, this may have changed!! Please contact Melissa Richardson for the most current information. \*\**



## Newsletters

Due to the ever-increasing cost of producing 191 newsletters each quarter, the Alumni Board has decided to cease sending newsletters to Alumni that have not paid their membership dues, with the exception of the Founder's Day edition. As such, the next installment of the newsletter will only be mailed to those members that are in good standing. In addition, if you would like to help us cut costs and receive the newsletter via email instead of hard copy, please email Elizabeth at [ekline@rcn.com](mailto:ekline@rcn.com). Beginning with this issue, the newsletter will also be available on our Website.

We are beginning to compile submissions for the next edition of our newsletter. Please send your ideas, notes, little diddies or pictures to Elizabeth Carleton Kline by email to [ekline@rcn.com](mailto:ekline@rcn.com) or via snail mail to 123 Horsepound Road, Carmel, New York 10512. Submissions must be received by May 21, 2003.



# Minutes from Founders Day 2003 Alumni Meeting



The meeting was called to order by President Jenell Jensen. There were many members present in addition to past and present advisors and members of the active chapter.

Secretary's Report - Christina Howard read the minutes of the Sept. 14, 2002 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Christy Montoya reported the balances to date on our accounts:

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Christy also asked that the 2003 dues be set at \$25, (\$20 in 2002) and proposed to re-instate the lifetime dues at \$300 with payments at \$50 for 6 years. In addition, Christy felt that we need to discuss what to do with the CD. She also reported that membership is 30% paid with 24 lifetime paid, 3 lifetimes are working on payments, and 31 annual. The Treasurer's report was approved as read and discussed.

Website- Carmen reported that she needs new items/photos to update site and that the next newsletter will be on it.

Active relations- Carmen also reported that the goody boxes and donations to care boxes to actives last year went over well.

Social Activities- Jenny reported on last year's activities -the summer zoo outing and fall tailgate party – and asked if anyone had any ideas for 2003.

Actives- Lindsay Stevenson reported on the upcoming activities on behalf of the actives. She said they are working on Promising Young Women and that they are hosting a regional meeting on April 11-13. Several members of the Purdue alumni are coming and they thought it would be nice for us to get together with them sometime that weekend. Also, she asked that as many as possible attend the National Convention which will be in Chicago this year.



Old Business- There was no old business to discuss.

New Business-

Approval of slate of officers with expiring terms were as follows:

President- Jenell Jensen self nominated. No objections.

Secretary- Christina Howard was nominated and accepted. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. Passed

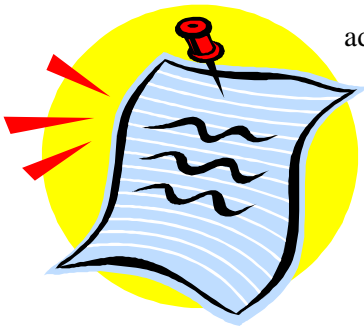
Member at Large/Webmaster- Carmen Kenney was nominated and accepted. Motion to close was seconded. Passed.

Member at Large vacancy- Sarah Duffy was nominated and accepted. Motion to close was seconded. Passed.

There was a motion to accept slate that was seconded and passed.

Christy reported that we need to discuss what to do with the House CD. There were several suggestions including letting it revolve again or move the money to another financial opportunity and to donate money to the active chapter to develop membership recruiting material. After

lengthy discussion on whether or not finding a house is feasible at this time, Becky Reed moved to roll over the CD or put it into another financial opportunity as the Treasurer sees fit. Seconded and passed.



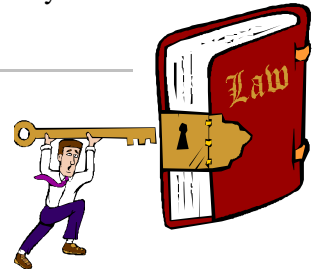
-Christy also reviewed the Chapter Purpose and Goals and asked for any additions:

1. Send out regular newsletters.
  2. Increase membership.
  3. Conduct an annual meeting and teleconferences/ Executive meetings
  4. Have more social interaction with each other
  5. Strengthen active and alumni relations
  6. Increase fundraising for scholarships
  7. Increase alumni involvement in active functions (inspiration week, etc)
  8. Fund activities for actives for finals weeks
  9. Resume looking for a permanent residence.
  10. Other ideas included adding active officer list to website to keep everyone informed of active chapter activities and how to get in touch with them.
- Sarah moved to have a meeting April 12 in conjunction with the regional convention and to set up a committee to have a regional alumni get-together. Seconded and passed.
  - Committee includes: Sarah , Javonne, Christina, Amanda, Becky Reed, Erin, Jenny
  - Sarah moved to adjourn. Seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Reed

## Proposed Bylaws Changes

Following on behalf of the Sigma Alpha Alumni of Ohio Board, is a change to the Alumni of Ohio Bylaws to be voted on for approval on or before April 12, 2003.



\*Article IX, Section 1 c currently reads: “Lifetime dues are set at \$200. Lifetime dues are payable \$50 per year unless they are paid in conjunction with National Lifetime Dues.” (Policy under review)

\*Proposed change: “The amount of Lifetime dues and payment schedule will be set by the Board and reviewed as needs of the chapter require.”

Members in good standing with the Sigma Alpha Alumni of Ohio have both the privilege and responsibility to review the Bylaws & provide any comments with suggested changes/updates to the Board via email to [jenelljensen@hotmail.com](mailto:jenelljensen@hotmail.com) or in writing to Jenell Jensen 1456 Ashland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212.

Please submit your vote of approval of the proposed bylaw change via email [jenelljensen@hotmail.com](mailto:jenelljensen@hotmail.com) or in writing to my home address by Saturday April 12, 2003 when the next Alumni chapter business meeting when will be conducted. A nonvote will be counted as a vote for approval per Article IV. Section 1, (b). Please feel free to contact me with any questions or request for additional info.

Thank you, Jenell Jensen