



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 Vice President

Greetings from the Big Apple! I hope that this issue of the newsletter finds you all well, warm, and dry. In New York, we hit 80°F only once during the month of May! We are ready to see the sun.

At the time of printing, Jenell was enjoying a well-deserved vacation. So in her place, I would like to take a moment and thank all of our sisters who have contributed to this issue of the newsletter and all past issues. The overwhelming support has made the publication of a quarterly newsletter possible and enjoyable. I would also like to thank all of those who have volunteered to receive the newsletter by email, which helps to cut down on publication costs. Thank you!

We have many exciting social events coming up as well as National Convention in October. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Sigma Alpha. Be sure to check your newsletter and visit our website at <http://sigmaalphabuckeyealumni.20m.com/index.html>. Please join us in celebrating the lasting bonds of sisterhood!!

In sisterhood,

-Elizabeth Carleton Kline

Upcoming Events



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 at the COLUMBUS ZOO. Come visit with old and new friends at the zoo. We will meet inside the front entrance at 10 am. You can pack a lunch or buy one at the Congo Market. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. RSVP by June 24.

SATURDAY, JULY 19 at the COLUMBUS CREW. Game starts at 7:30pm. The Crew will be hosting Kansas City Wizards. The Crew play at the Ohio State fairgrounds. A great event for kids and adults. We will tailgate before the game. Cost of the game is \$15.00 a ticket. RSVP by July 11.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 at the GREAT AMERICAN BALL PARK home of the Cincinnati Reds. The Reds will be hosting the San Francisco at 1:15. Tickets are \$20.00 a person. RSVP by July 19.

In addition, we are planning a weekend getaway at Kelly's Island sometime in September and a tailgating party most likely in October. Watch your newsletter for further details!

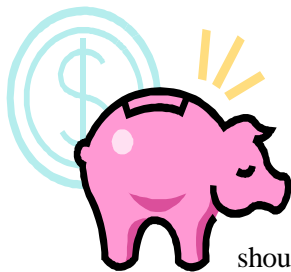
Please RSVP by calling Jennifer van der Lans at 740-881-5202 or by email at jenvdl@aol.com. Ideas for social events and other activities are needed!! If anyone has any ideas/suggestions, please email your thoughts to any of the Alumni Board Officers.



Dates To Remember



June 25, 2003- Columbus Zoo Outing
July 19, 2003- Columbus Crew Game
July 19, 2003- House Meeting
August 2, 2003- Cincinnati Reds Game
September 15, 2003- Alumni Board Meeting
September 2003- Weekend Getaway at Kelley's Island
October 23-25, 2003- National Convention in Chicago
October 2003- Football Tailgating Party



Treasurer's Corner

In order to be considered in good standing, annual alumni dues of \$25.00 should have been 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. Lifetime dues have been set at \$300 broken down over six years at \$50.00 per year. Please allow us to keep you informed on these matters by paying your annual dues, 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.

If you are interested in paying National Sigma Alpha Alumni Assoc. dues please contact Nationals directly. National dues are due September 30, 2003.

Congratulations to our three new Ohio Lifetime Members who have paid off their memberships: Shari Kennedy DVM, Jean Gladis Bergen, and Janay Thompson Davis.

A special thank you to Kelli Schoen and Tana Casey for contributing to the Pamela Blakeslee Scholarship Fund.

-Christy Black Montoya

Newsworthy Events and Achievements

Engagements

Becky Emmett and SSG Justin Miculunich

Justin is off serving our Country at this time. Please pray for his safe return.
Stephanie Neer and fiancé



Marriages

Jill Jackson and Doug Adelsberger- March 9, 2003

Heather Brown and Scott- May 17, 2003

Erin Murphy and fiancé – July 26, 2003

Expecting

Elizabeth Carleton Kline- August 2003

Births

Sharon Baxter- Taylor Nicole Baxter March 5, 2003

Becky and Jay Reed- Codee Emerson Reed April 5, 2003



Emeralds

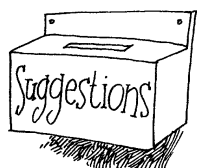
Congratulations to our new graduating seniors!
Jaime Bard, Kristi Henry, Jaime King, Sarah Nelson,
Sarah Poling, Darla Stacy, and Sara Wilson

Call for Volunteers!!

The Alumni Chapter has formed a house committee to investigate the options for purchasing a Sigma Alpha sorority house. If you would like to help find a permanent home for our sisters, please attend the next meeting on July 19th, 2003 from 10:30 to 12:00 in the Animal Science Building, Room 212. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle Mead at jtmead@ameritech.net or any of the board members.



Newsletters



Due to the ever-increasing cost of producing over 200 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. 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 or via snail mail to 123 Horsepound Road, Carmel, New York 10512. Submissions must be received by August 15, 2003 for the September edition.



Minutes from April 12, 2003 Alumni Meeting



The meeting was called to order by President Jenell Jensen. Members in attendance were: Christy Montoya, Jenny Van der Lans, Elizabeth Kline, Amanda (Isler) Street, Sarah Jane Duffy, Christina Howard, Janelle Mead and active chapter advisor Pat Rigby. Jenell gave a short President's Report. Christy gave the treasurer's report (see separate Treasurer's report). Treasurer's report was approved as read. Christy will send a reminder postcard to any alumni who are not paid members. FYI: Membership year is Founder's D ay to Founder's Day, regardless of date dues are paid within year.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the last business meeting at Founder's Day February 2, 2003 were posted in the March newsletter and they were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 12:

Checking Account Balance- \$3371.95

Operating Money within Checking \$1653.93

Scholarship Fund within Checking \$1718.02

House Fund CD (4-12-03) \$5544.05 (Maturity Date 4-17-2003)

Membership Count at present time (Alumni in good standing)

Ohio Lifetime Members paid in full: 24 Alumni

Ohio Lifetime memberships being paid on: 6 Alumni

Annual membership paid as of 12/31/2002: 38 Alumni

Total membership: 68 Alumni (about 36% of graduated)

Graduating Senior Members: 7

National Sigma Alpha Lifetime Members: 16 Alumni

Annual NSA Members: 5 Alumni

Welcome New Ohio Lifetime Members none at this time

2003 Annual Dues have been set for: \$25.00

\$15.00 for Association operating Fund

\$10.00 for Scholarship Fund

No House fund dues at this time

Dues are due May 1, 2003 to make newsletter cut off date!!!!

Pending April By-law Revision 2003 Lifetime Payments Are: \$300.00 in payments of at least \$50.00 each year for six years.

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Committee Reports

Spring-Summer-Fall Activities: Jenell will send an email to Carmen asking her to coordinate again a Spring "encouragement-support" activity for the active chapter near Spring exam week. Jenny reported that she has another Zoo day planned for Wed June 25. She is also considering either Sat July 19 or Sat July 26 for a Columbus Crew night this summer, an Aug Reds game,

Sept Kelley's Island getaway. In addition, Jenny and Sarah Jane will be planning the OSU homecoming BBQ at the house this fall. The homecoming game is on October 18th.

Newsletter-Elizabeth: Deadline for article submissions Fri May 23 for early June mailing (1st or 2nd week). Christina will assist Elizabeth in publishing the September newsletter.

Old Business

-Vote on proposed by-law change re: Ohio Lifetime dues to be set by the Board and reviewed as chapter needs required – passed

If a members starts on a rate, that rate will stay the same until the remainder of their balance.

-House Fund CD: The house fund will mature on April 17th. Our house fund CD is \$5544.05 and the Active Chapter's House CD is \$7300.00. It will continue in current vehicle another term as determined by Treasurer Christy Montoya.

-Rush flyer production: Alumni co-sponsorship, assistance, Sarah Jane will contact Cathy Hoile (2nd VP) and ask if they would like our assistance. The Alumni can assist the active chapter in making the flyer more professional and updating the information.

-Scholarship Fund Raiser: Holly Stacy and her business, Creative Memories would like to manufacture Sigma Alpha photo albums. The albums would be available to other chapters besides Ohio. For each album that is sold, a share of the proceeds will benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund. She will let us know when more information is available.

New Business

-There was discussion of the by-laws, and the following change to the 7-22-02 version was discussed **1-** Christy moved to accept the By-laws with the above mentioned changes. Motion was seconded, Jenell said no disapproval was sent back, and the motion passed by those in attendance.

-Flowers were sent to the families of Amy Pickering of the Active Chapter, and Alumni, Lisa Ode Fede.

-A gift certificate was sent to Linde Calhoun for her year of service to the board.

-National Convention will be held in Chicago from October 23-25.

-Here is a list of Active Chapter dates for Spring Quarter:

Promising Young Women - April 4, Regional Convention - April 11-13

April 21 7:00 Alumni visiting Chapter meeting, I-Week - May 26-31

Special Olympics - May 10, Relay For Life - May 10-11

Work at Jr. Horse show - May 15-18, Car Wash - May 22-23, Finals Week of June 9 ??

-The next meeting will be Monday night, September 15 at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and passed, meeting adjourned.

Sarah Jane moved to adjourn and Janelle Mead seconded.



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