



The Theta Kite

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It was great to see so many faces at our Founders Day and Chapter Showcase in January. Many thanks to: Martha Doughtie, Leigh Miller, and their committee members for putting on such a fabulous event. Many women were heard saying this was the best Founders Day ever!

Spring is our big fundraising time. Our annual **Pansy & Plant Sale** is in full swing. New this year is the addition of gift cards, which are great to use as gifts or buy those specialty garden items not included in our live plant sale. Cards may be purchased in \$25.00 increments and may be used at Groundcovers Greenhouse, centrally located at 4301 E. Iliff Ave, Denver. The Denver Alumnae Chapter receives 25% of gift card sales. Proceeds benefit the programs and philanthropic efforts of the Denver Alumnae Chapter. Last year we raised over \$2,500 from this plant sale for our "Pansy Fund." The other big fundraiser is our **Hearts & Heels Event**, Thursday, April 11th held at Glenmoor Country Club. Please join us and bring a friend to learn about the incredible work CASA organizations provide to our community while bidding on exciting items in the silent auction.

Finally, as one of my last acts as President, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the following women who have agreed to serve as your leaders for the remainder of the year. The Executive Officers for the period of 4/1/13-12/31/13 are:

- President:** Martha Doughtie
- President Elect:** Jane Siekmeier
- Recording Secretary:** Anne van Leeuwen
- Vice President Communications:** Alycia Maier-Turner
- Vice President Finance:** Sarah Hittner
- Vice President Fraternity:** Heather Whitney
- Vice President Fundraising:** Linda Bartels
- Vice President Membership:** Leslie Franklin
- Vice President Programs:** Kathryn Koss
- Vice President Service:** Emily Conklin
- Vice President Special Interests:** Sue Giovanini
- Immediate Past President:** Elizabeth Metz

Loyally in Theta

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It is my privilege and honor to write my first message for The Theta Kite newsletter as president of the Denver Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta for the remainder of 2013. I am so grateful that many of the current board members are returning and I look forward to continuing to work with them, as well as with the skilled, competent and caring newcomers to the board who will bring fresh ideas as we plan for the coming months. Because we are members of one of the largest of Theta's alumnae chapters, there is great diversity in our membership and also in the number and variety of our programs and special interest groups. Nearly everyone should be able to find something they are interested in and at the same time find new opportunities for friendship and participation in worthwhile philanthropic and educational events. As a new chapter year begins, please review our activities and programs.

April 11th is the date for the **Hearts & Heels** fundraising event to lend our support for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) which recruits, trains and supports volunteer advocates for abused or neglected children. In May our **Pansies & Plants** program will raise funds for other Theta philanthropies. An order form is included in this mailing.

We take a summer break from most regular meetings, but fall and winter programs will be listed in the directory that will be sent to dues paying members in late summer. If your schedule allows participation in only a limited number of activities, please consider attending even just one meeting or serving on just one committee. We would love to meet you! If you have any questions or suggestions, please call or email me at (303) 791-3543 and martha9095@aol.com or any one of the executive board members listed in the directory and on the website.

Loyally,

Martha Doughtie
DAC President 2013



WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



April Program

What: DIY (Do It Yourself) Skincare
When: April 18, 2013 from 6:30-9:30pm
What: Did you know that your kitchen may contain the secret to beautiful and healthy skin? Join us for a night of fun as our own resident DIY expert, Linda Bartels, shares some tips and tricks to creating a spa experience in your own home. All supplies and refreshments will be served.

Host: Linda Bartels, 11389 E. Maplewood Ave, Englewood 80111. Cost \$8 DAC members; \$10 non-members. Please RSVP to Kathryn Koss by April 15th at kosskath@gmail.com

Save the Date for our Spring 2013 Service Project

Join your fellow DAC members, Thursday, May 16th, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, for a few hours of fun and community service as we return to Denver Health for another year.

More details will be available as we get closer to the date.

Denver Area Panhellenic (DAP) Award Luncheon

Join us in support of DAP President Jenny Hock for the annual Denver Area Panhellenic awards ceremony honoring alumnae and collegiate scholarship and achievement winners. This year's program is Saturday, April 27th at Pinehurst Country Club, 6255 W. Quincy Ave, Denver 80235. Cost is \$32.00. Please RSVP by April 11th, by sending a check made payable to **Kappa Alpha Theta** to Sarah Hittner, 5368 S. Havana Ct, Englewood 80111. Be sure to indicate your meal choice of Chicken Piccata or Pasta Primavera in the memo line. Contact Edie Bell at eabell5@msn.com or Leigh Plue at lwplue@aol.com for more information.



2013 Per Capita Fees

Since 1992, Kappa Alpha Theta has asked each alumna member to pay an annual per capita fee of \$15 to the Fraternity. Alumnae pay their per capita fees in one of three ways:

- Through their membership in a local alumnae chapter.
- Becoming a Life Loyal member. Life Loyal members are exempt from paying annual per capita fees to the Fraternity.
- Paying on line at www.kappaalphatheta.org

The per capita fees support general Fraternity operations, attendance at Grand Convention by a delegate from each alumnae chapter in good standing, alumnae chapter liability insurance on ongoing support for alumnae programming. In addition, the Fraternity has added a full-time staff position to focus exclusively on the needs of Theta alumnae, and has enhanced a number of programs and resources for alumnae chapters and members.

To continue to fund the growth of alumnae programming and chapter support, Grand Council has implemented an increase in the annual alumnae per capita fee to \$30 effective January 1, 2013. The Denver Alumnae Chapter will collect the per capita fee during our annual membership campaign and remit this fee to the Fraternity on your behalf.





2013 Pansy & Plant Sales for Thetas by Thetas

DAC's annual Pansy & Plant sale is in full swing!

The Denver Alumnae Chapter kicked off the 2013 Pansy & Plant sale at the annual Founders Day celebration. If you haven't already sent in your order, you can [order today!](#)

Choose from several options:

- Hanging Baskets
- Annuals - Full or Half flats of pansies, petunias or impatiens
- Individual Geranium pots
- Gift cards - *New this year!*

Give the Gift of Plants!

Gift cards are great to use as gifts -- or buy specialty garden items not included in our live plant sale. Cards may be purchased in \$25.00 increments and may be used at Groundcovers Greenhouse, centrally located at 4301 E. Iliff Ave, Denver.

The Denver Alumnae Chapter receives 25% of gift card sales. Proceeds benefit the programs and philanthropic efforts of the Denver Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Last year we raised over \$2,500 for our "Pansy "Fund."

Traditional Plant Sale

- Welby Gardens provides the outstanding plants for our traditional plant sale
- Two pick up locations - details on the [order form](#)
- Plant pick up dates are May 17th and May 18th
- **Orders must be received by April 30th**

For additional information contact Sue Evanoff at [303-916-1877](tel:303-916-1877)

Thank you for supporting this Theta fundraiser!

Pansies & Plants – A fundraiser for Theta by Thetas!

Proceeds benefit the programs and philanthropic efforts of the Denver Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Plant Pick Up on May 17 and May 18 - Order by April 30, 2013

Please read the order information below for updates to the 2013 Pansy & Plant Sale. There are some new items offered, including gift cards! We are also using a new greenhouse, Welby Gardens, featuring Hardy Boy plants. Finally, plant pick-up will be hosted by two different Thetas at their homes, see locations noted below. Thank you for your support of this Theta fundraiser!

Name:		Home Phone:	
Email:		Cell Phone:	

Gift Cards from Groundcovers Greenhouse 4301 E Iliff Av Denver, CO 80222

Theta receives 25% of gift card sales. Buy a card now, select your plants later in the summer!

You can even purchase a few to use as gifts – a great idea for Easter or Mother's Day!

Card Amount:	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	Total:
Quantity of Cards:				\$
Mailing Address:				

Hardy Boy Plants from Welby Gardens

Hanging Baskets:

Mixed Annual: (\$25) Shade _____ Sun _____
 Ivy Geranium: (\$25) Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Purple _____

Annuals: Full Flats (\$28) or Half Flats (\$14) Note: full flats contain 18-four packs

Pansy: Yellow/Black _____ Mixed _____
 Petunia: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Purple _____
 Impatiens: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Violet _____ Salmon _____

Individual Geranium Pots:

6" (1-gal) (\$10): Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Violet _____ Salmon _____
 12" (\$30): Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Violet _____ Salmon _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Pick Up Dates/Locations (circle one):

Friday, May 17 th 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. 2221 S. Fillmore Street Denver 80210	OR	Saturday, May 18 th 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 9533 E. Maplewood Circle Greenwood Village 80111
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Make checks payable to Kappa Alpha Theta.
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Questions? Call Sue 303-916-

Send with order form to: Sue Evanoff 11624 W. Applewood Knolls Dr, Lakewood, CO 80215

Pansy Bouquets

To **Leigh Miller** for helping coordinate the amazing Chapter Showcase held during our Founders Day celebration. Special kudos for getting both college chapters to exhibit and send representatives – it was so much fun learning about our **Beta Iota** and **Beta Omega** sisters!

To **Martha Doughtie** for orchestrating a lovely and lively Founders Day celebration, and to **Sue Giovanini** for being a captivating emcee. Thanks to everyone else who contributed to the festivities of the day.

To **Scottie Iverson** for once again arranging incredible Founders Day coverage for Theta in *The Villager* newspaper.

To DAC Woman of the Year **Karen Olson** and DAC Inspirational Theta **Leigh Plue** for being so exceptional in everything they do.

Pansy bouquets to all those who helped with Founders Day: Sue Giovanini, Collette McConnell, Cynthia Skari, Lil Owens, Jane Siekmeier, Karen Allen, Michelle Krecklow, Heather Whitney, Adrienne Babb, Sarah Hittner, Sue Evanoff, Allison Radcliffe, Allison Klein, Leigh Plue, Edie Bell, Caren Stahmer, Leslie Franklin, Leigh Miller and ESPECIALLY Elizabeth Metz. –*Martha Doughtie, Chairman 2013 Founders Day*

To **Jenny Hock** who has “retired” after serving for many years as Supper Club chair extraordinaire.

To treasurer **Sarah Hittner** who made it possible for members to pay dues at Founders Day via credit card.

Meet Ardie Boswell



Founders Day is always a special celebration of the rich Kappa Alpha Theta history and tradition. This year's was no exception. I'm not sure that anyone was prouder on January 26th than Ardie Boswell. Our new President, Martha Doughtie, wrote a lovely letter of invitation to Ardie's daughter, Katie, inviting her to celebrate her 25 year membership in Denver! Katie accepted the invitation and joined us from Indiana for the festivities. As our fraternity has a wonderful history, so does Ardie with Theta. Not only her daughter, Katie, a Theta, from Nevada, so was her mother, aunt and 2 cousins, all of whom attended the University of Michigan. Ardie laughed that her other daughter is a Kappa but has a 13 year old granddaughter that may well continue the Theta legacy one these days. Ardie's husband and son are GDI's but that's OK...the girls in the family provide enough Greek spirit!

Ardie and her husband moved to Denver in 1959. She was a junior high school teacher in Englewood and taught 8th grade English. She laughed when she shared with me that for the 12 months of 1959 her TOTAL salary was \$2800 and when she became pregnant she was asked to resign! Have times ever changed. She has 3 kids and 2 grandkids and is very involved in the community. Ardie has held pretty much every position in the DAC since her membership began in 1962 with the exception of Treasurer. She said we wouldn't want her messing with our money with a chuckle. She has been the DAC president as well as the State Chairman and on the Advocate for Kids Board. She has also been involved with Panhellenic, sharing some great advice with an idea that the new VP of Fund Raising, Linda Bartels, and I had. Her experience of over more than 50 years in the DAC is amazing.

I asked if Katie wears her grandmother's badge and was told, sadly, that her pin was stolen many years ago. Ardie chose one as close to her mother's as possible. Katie is continuing the search for a close replacement. What a treasure such a pin would be for the Boswell Thetas! What a treasure Ardie is to the DAC!

Loyally,

Leigh Miller



Membership: Time to Renew!

Each spring, you reaffirm your commitment to Theta by renewing your membership in the Denver Alumnae Chapter. That time is here – with the annual membership drive!

Watch your mail for your membership packet, and please return your paperwork and dues payment promptly. Our membership year begins April 1, and information received by May 1 will be included in the annual directory. Don't want to wait? Send your check to Leslie Franklin at 10143 E Aberdeen Ave, Englewood, CO 80111. Please include your phone numbers (home and mobile) and email address so we can make sure our database is current.

Dues levels for 2013:

- \$49 Regular (or \$19 for Life Loyal)
- \$89 Twin Star (or \$59 for Life Loyal)
- \$30 New to Area (moved to Denver within past year)
- \$19 Multiple Member (member of more than one alumnae chapter)
- \$0 Recent Grad (graduated within past year)

Where applicable, dues include \$30 national per capita fee, which is collected by DAC and paid to Theta HQ on your behalf.

In 2013, you can consider two membership opportunities:

1. Twin Star membership generates extra funds for DAC that enable us to extend complimentary membership to recent grads and discounted membership to Thetas experiencing financial hardship. Twin Star members receive special recognition, including a delightful pansy lapel pin and invitation to an exclusive Twin Star Tea.
2. Life Loyal membership enters you into an elite group of sisters nationwide who receive special benefits, including lifetime payment of the national per capita fee. Life Loyal members pay one-time dues of \$299 directly to the Fraternity; learn more at www.thetalifefoyal.org.

Do you know a local Theta who is not a member of our chapter? Invite her to join us! YOU can help others discover the benefits of membership, and strengthen our sisterhood too. Please share our info with her, or send her name to us at dacmembership@gmail.com

2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM
Denver Alumnae Chapter



RETURN FORM & PAYMENT BY APRIL 30, 2013
 MAIL TO: Leslie Franklin, 10143 E. Aberdeen Ave., Englewood CO 80111
INFORMATION RECEIVED BY MAY 1 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2013 DIRECTORY

STEP 1: ENTER PERSONAL INFORMATION : *Fill in all blanks*

<p>First name:</p> <p>Preferred Name:</p> <p>Maiden name:</p> <p>Last name:</p> <p>Spouse name:</p> <p>College chapter:</p> <p>College name:</p> <p>Degree/Major:</p> <p>Initiation year:</p> <p>Graduation year:</p>	<p>Street:</p> <p>City:</p> <p>State:</p> <p>Zip:</p> <p>Home phone:</p> <p>Work phone:</p> <p>Cell phone:</p> <p>Email: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>Employer:</p> <p>Occupation:</p>
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STEP 2: SELECT MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: *Check one for 2013*

REGULAR: Eligible for all benefits of membership

- \$49 Includes \$30 annual per capita fee

TWIN STAR: Provides extra funding that supports chapter initiatives and enables discounted dues for newcomers

- \$89 Includes \$30 annual per capita fee and invitation to special Twin Star event

*LIFE LOYAL: Elite membership level**

- \$19* Life Loyal Regular*
- \$59* Life Loyal Twin Star*

**Life Loyal Membership: For one-time payment of \$299 (paid online) your per capita fees are covered forever, plus you get extra benefits. Learn more/sign up at www.thetalifefoyal.org*

NEWCOMER: First opportunity for membership

- \$0 Recent Grad (graduated within past year; per capita fee and local dues paid by Denver chapter)
- \$30 New to Area (moved to Denver within past year; \$19 local dues paid by Denver chapter)

MULTIPLE: Member of more than one Theta alumnae chapter

- \$19 Denver + _____ (chapter name)

STEP 3: INDICATE INTERESTS: *Complete page 2*

Tell us how and where you want to be involved!

STEP 4: PAYMENT INFORMATION: *Make check payable to Kappa Alpha Theta*

- Check enclosed for \$ _____ (dues only)
- Check enclosed for \$ _____ **DUES + \$25 FOR AD IN 2013 DIRECTORY** (business card enclosed)

Cooking with Chef Jil!

On Friday, February 8th, members of our chapter and their invited guests gathered to enjoy the culinary skills and expertise of our chapter's very own Chef, Jil Doughtie. Once again, Jil wowed us with her culinary skills as she showed us how to prepare delicious and seasonal cuisine, complete with preparation and execution just in time for Valentine's Day. Thank you to Jil for agreeing to teach this wonderful event, and to everyone who was able to attend.



Chef Jil



