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After a cold and late spring, we have plunged right into a hot and sunny summer. While Colorado certainly is currently experiencing challenges such as the devastating fires, summer often brings a more relaxed schedule with visits to and from extended family, vacations, and accomplishing gardening and other projects at home. The second half of our 2013 Theta program year begins in September with a fun event which will feature an auction of treasures created by our Theta sisters. Proceeds will benefit the Denver scholarship fund. All Thetas and their guests are welcome and encouraged to attend!

If you know of a friend or the daughter of a friend going off to college and who might be considering joining a sorority, now is the time to write a reference letter for her. A college chapter which has received an introductory letter is able to give that potential member a special welcome. Forms can be found on the www.kappaalphatheta.org website, and are easy to fill out and send. You also may call me or Laurie Thompson, our DAC Recruitment Reference chairman, for further information.

I appreciate so much working with an outstanding group of Theta women who are serving on this year's executive board. Several of the Vice Presidents are either brand new or have served just one or two years. All have willing and enthusiastic sub-committee chairmen who work together to keep our Theta alumnae chapter on track to meet our social, educational and philanthropic goals. We would all love to see you at one of the interesting programs so carefully planned by Kathryn Koss, our VP for programs or at one of the many special interest groups coordinated by Vice President, Sue Giovanini.

Please call or e-mail me if you have any ideas you'd like to share for our organization. This newsletter reaches many Thetas who have not participated in some time and we would love to have a closer connection. My favorite Theta logo in recent years includes the words "Theta for a lifetime." Becoming a member of the alumnae chapter is a wonderful way to experience that!

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KENDY CUSICK- RINDONE AWARDED 2013 DENVER AREA PANHELLENIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR!

Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Rho/Nebraska, received the 2013 Woman of the Year honor at the Denver Area Panhellenic (DAP) Awards Luncheon, April 27th. This is the third year in a row a Theta has received this recognition., with Scottie Iverson, Alpha Tau/Cincinnati, receiving the award in 2011, and Kathleen Markey, Chi/Syracuse in 2012.

Kendy is a Denver native and pledged Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of Nebraska. Upon graduation, she returned home to Colorado to work in her family business in the manufacturing and construction industry. Despite being in a field dominated by men, Kendy found success, and is a very active leader in related industry associations, holding several elected positions for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Door & Hardware Institute and both the Denver and Pikes Peak Chapters of the Construction Specification Institute.

When not busy with work, Kendy spends her time with many community organizations. She has been an active member and leader of P.E.O. since 1991, serving as President, Vice President, and convention delegate. She's a member of the Junior League of Denver, with involvement in the Holiday Mart, and serving as a Treasurer and Director on the Junior League of Denver Foundation. Since 1985 she has also been very involved in Daughters of the Nile. In June of 2013, Kendy will begin a three year term as a Director of the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation, which maintains and raises funds to promote, support and maintain the philanthropic endeavors that enhance the medical care and treatment of the patients in the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

As if her career and community involvement were not enough, Kendy's true passion is for Kappa Alpha Theta. Kendy immediately joined the Denver Alumnae Chapter after graduating in 1985 and soon chaired the Theta Connection Program, an early networking effort to "connect" Thetas with other Thetas in their career field of interest. She served in many capacities on the board of the chapter from 1992 – 2007, including President. Kendy has held dual membership with the Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter, as well as serving as an advisor to the chapter at Colorado College. In 2007 she became an Alumnae District Officer, and in 2012 joined the Fraternity's Alumnae Committee where she now serves as an Alumnae District Director, providing leadership and support to 14 alumnae chapters in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and West Texas.

Kendy is a phenomenal woman who gives 110% to her career, her community, and fraternity.

Please join us in congratulating her as 2013 DAP Woman of the Year!



Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Kathleen Markey, Scottie Iverson

Photo Courtesy of *The Villager*



2013 FALL PROGRAMS

September 18, 2013

Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It

Host: Allison Radcliffe
Address: 5336 S. Ironton Way, Englewood, CO 80111
Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$3 DAC members and non-members

Show off your talents at our program, brought back by popular demand. This is how it works: You bring something you have made, baked, sewn, grown, photographed, written, painted, or anything else you have created! Use your imagination. A Theta “Auctioneer” will get your sisters and your guest to bid for your talents. Proceeds benefit our ETF. Join us even if you have not made something to bring to the auction. We need bidders, too! This event is GREAT FUN so please COME! Guests are welcome, so bring more than one.

October 16, 2013

Warm Hearts, Warm Blankets

Host: Barb Ingalls
Address: 5371 S Geneva Way, Englewood, CO 80111
Time: 11:00-2:00 pm

Host: Martha Doughtie
Address: 9095 Wild Iris Run, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE! However we will accept monetary donations for the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation earmarked for the National CASA grant.

Globally, Kappa Alpha Theta celebrates Linked Heart to Heart Day of Service on October 19 in honor of Bettie Locke Hamilton’s birthday.

Join fellow Theta alumnae as we spread the widest influence for good in honor of this day by making fringe-edge blankets for the children of CASA. – just in time for the winter months. These blankets are extremely easy to make so all ranges of skill are encouraged to participate. Together we can help make the lives of CASA children a little brighter, and a little warmer.

November 7, 2013

Women's Bean and Networking Project

Host: Women's Bean Project
Address: 3201 Curtis St, Denver, CO 80205
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE! However we will accept monetary donations for the Women's Bean Project.

The Women's Bean Project is headquartered in Denver and is opening the doors of their historic building for a wonderful evening of shopping and mingling. In addition to the variety of soups, breads, dip mixes and jewelry made on site, we are inviting any Thetas to showcase their businesses. A percentage of the profit of anything sold during this event will benefit the Bean Project. Of course their delicious bean soup and cornbread will be served. Please join us for a festive evening and learn about this very powerful organization that is helping women in our community as well as support your Theta sisters. This unique event will be a perfect way to begin the Holiday Shopping Season while helping women in our community. If you are interested in "Showcasing" your business, please contact Leigh Miller or Linda Bartels.

December 5, 2013

Holiday Party

Host: Linda Bartels
Address: 11389 E. Maplewood Ave, Englewood, CO 80111
Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Cost: TBD

Kick off the holiday season and join us for our annual DAC Theta party, one of our biggest events of the year! Wear your holiday finery and bring a guest or a spouse. In the giving spirit of the seasons feel free to bring a unwrapped toy or book to donate to the children of CASA.

All refreshments will be provided.



Membership News

While everything may look the same on the surface, there are a number of membership related changes this year. Your benefits don't change one bit, but here's a brief reminder of what's new and different:

1. 2013 is a short membership year that will end December 31. That's why your DAC local dues were prorated this year, totaling only \$19. After this transitional year, local dues will return to the historical rate of \$25.
2. The Fraternity increased the per capita fee for each member. DAC collects the per capita fee as part of your overall dues, and pays it to Fraternity Headquarters on your behalf. In 2013, this fee increased from \$15 to \$30.
3. Twin Star dues went up to \$89. Extra funds from Twin Star members help offset the cost of providing complimentary dues to recent grads and discounted dues to Thetas new in town. DAC is fortunate to have a growing number of new members who fall into these two categories, which can drain chapter funds if not replenished through the generosity of our Twin Star members.
4. Two new Special Interest Groups offer more ways to connect with Theta friends. North by Northwest offers neighborhood get-togethers for members in the north and northwest suburbs, and the new Bunco group lets you play this popular dice game more often. To join either group, contact Adrienne Babb at adriennebabb2@gmail.com

And one last change: Next year's annual membership campaign will take place earlier than usual, starting in September. Throughout the fall, you can renew your membership at programs or board meetings. In December you'll receive the membership mailing along with your Founders Day invitation. Your 2014 dues (\$55 Regular, \$89 Twin Star) will be due on or before Founders Day.

Share the Love!

Do you know a local Theta who is not a member of our chapter? Share your enthusiasm and invite her to join us! Your excitement and passion can help others discover the benefits of DAC membership, and strengthen our sisterhood too. Sometimes all it takes is a personal invitation to make someone feel wanted. To refer a potential new member, email dacmembership@gmail.com or call Leslie Franklin, VP Membership, at 303-725-1363.

Special Interest Group News

Sign Up for New Quarterly Bunco Group

Join us for a quarterly get together to play Bunco and socialize! No experience necessary, this is a quick-to-learn game of rolling dice. Great way to meet people and catch up with many friends as the game circulates players throughout the room. Light refreshments will be served and there will be fun prizes for the winners! Contact Lindsay Carter at lindsayncarter@gmail.com or 303-875-5211. \$8 DAC members/\$10 non-members.

Dinner Club News

The planning meeting for the 2013-14 Dinner Club (formerly Supper Club) Season will be held at Karen Olson's house,
8223 Fowler Ct.
Arvada, CO
on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Evite soon to follow.

THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE

THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE IS PUBLISHED IN APRIL, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR. IT IS INTENDED TO UPDATE, EDUCATE, AND ENTERTAIN READERS ABOUT THE FRATERNITY AND ITS COLLEGE AND ALUMNAE CHAPTERS AND TO SERVE AS AN ENDURING LINK BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY AND ITS MEMBERS. AN ONLINE VERSION OF THE MAGAZINE DEBUTED IN 2006 AND COMPRISES ALL THE FEATURES OF THE PRINTED VERSION. IT IS AVAILABLE TO EVERY THETA AT ANY TIME.

PRINTING AND MAILING THE MAGAZINE IS ONE OF THE FRATERNITY'S LARGEST EXPENSES, AND COLLEGIATE FEES HAVE BEEN FUNDING IT FOR MANY YEARS. TO ALLOW THE FRATERNITY TO USE ITS FINANCIAL RESOURCES MORE EFFICIENTLY AND BE A GOOD STEWARD OF MEMBER DUES, DISTRIBUTION FOR THE PRINTED VERSION HAS CHANGED. ALL FOUR YEARLY ISSUES OF THE PRINTED VERSION OF THE MAGAZINE WILL BE MAILED TO COLLEGE MEMBERS, THETA LIFE LOYAL MEMBERS, AND KAPPA ALPHA THETA ALUMNAE WHO PAY DUES THROUGH AN ALUMNAE CHAPTER OR CIRCLE OR DIRECTLY TO THE FRATERNITY. BEGINNING WITH THE SPRING 2013 EDITION, THETAS NOT IN ONE OF THESE GROUPS WILL ONLY RECEIVE ONE MAGAZINE PER YEAR. AS A DUES PAYING MEMBER OF THE DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ALL FOUR PRINTED ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINE .

Bridge Group News

To All Thetas and Their Bridge-Playing Friends! Come one, come all and join the longest running Theta fundraiser in the Denver Alum group's vaunted history. We welcome all skill levels. The entry fee for this year will be \$25.00 per player, a slight increase over previous years. Please contact me by phone at 303-322-7521 or at my NEW email address, FErinFitz@Reagan.com if you plan to play. This includes past players too, please.

In case any of you reading this did not hear, we lost Lynn Dexter this spring. She was a wonderful, lovely lady that we miss greatly. I wouldn't put it past her, however, to check in on our games and perhaps whisper tips in Mignon's ear. Mignon is probably the partner to have. Hurry and get in touch with me to take advantage of Mignon's availability or with any questions you may have. We will send out the teams, schedules, rules etc. in early August, so get on the list soon. Thank you and happy summer!



2013 Hearts & Heels a Success!

A great time was had by all who attended the 2013 Hearts & Heels event in April! Special thanks to all who helped make the event a success: Amanda Acker, Linda Bartels, Shannon Chandler, Martha Doughtie, Jil Doughtie, Kelli Edelen, Sarah Harrison, Sarah Hittner, Gail Karsian, Valerie Pennock, Jill Pedicord Peterson, Susan Secrest, and Cynthia Skari for all their help with the event. Also thanks to Caren and Al Stahmer for donating the wine served at the event, as well as the Wynkoop Brewery, Stub Hub and all of the companies, artists and individuals (many of them Thetas!) who donated items for the silent auction! Great things happen when Thetas work together!



Courtesy Report

It is with deepest sympathy and regret that we note the passing of the following members and loved ones of our chapter's members: Bev Nemiro, Gale Van Ort, Kendy Cusick-Rindone's mother, Elizabeth Brundson's mother Ann Smith, Gretchen Thiret, Cindy Tucker's father, Nancy Nelson Prymak's mother, Pamela Allen Osborne's mother Perkie Allen, Betty Friday, Michelle Krecklow's father, Linda Weber's mother, and Lynn Dexter

Congratulations to:

Shirley Shields for becoming "Citizen of the Arts 2013" given by the Fine Arts Foundation,

To Leigh Plue for becoming "Inspirational Theta,"

To Karen Olson for becoming "Theta Woman of the Year,"

Kendy Cusick-Rindone on being chosen for the "Panhellenic Woman of the Year,"

To Andrea Autobee-Trujillo on the birth of a daughter, Zoey; and to Lindsay Sell on the birth of a new bundle of joy.

Get well wishes to: M.G. Wake's husband Dick FX acetabulum, Anne Marie Cook, Kirky Neirheim on her new hip, and to Mabel Musgrave who is suffering from hip pain.

*Contact Gail Karsian, 303-771-4677 or Gailkar@aol.com
if you need a note written for a birth, marriage, someone is in the hospital sick,
someone has received a reward, or a death.

The Denver Alumnae Chapter is looking for a new CARING CHAIRWOMAN
who would call people to make food for a Theta in need from the list that we have.

If interested, please call Martha Doughtie at 303-791-3543 or email her at

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