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It is hard to believe that 2013 is here!

Members of the Denver Alumnae Chapter had a busy Fall. We made over 60 blankets for the children of CASA, we played bridge, got our handwriting analyzed, hiked, biked, met for lunch, supper, and cocktails, and some of us relaxed around a good book. We finished the year with our annual holiday party December 13th. Many thanks to Leigh Miller and her husband, Jim, for opening up their home for this fun and festive event. Outside of Founders Day, the Holiday party is one of our largest attended programs.

But our program year is not done! Founders day is just around the corner, we have a fabulous cooking demonstration in February, Bunco in March, our annual Hearts & Heels fundraiser and beauty and skin care tips in April. There is always something for everyone!

One of our objectives at the beginning of the year was to improve communication with all of you. Ashley Nelson and Alycia Maier-Turner have done a great job with our newsletters and regular e-mail updates, and even our Facebook membership has grown. There are 48 members of the [KAO – Denver Alumnae Chapter](#) Facebook page and 95 for our [KAO – Denver Alumnae Chapter – Young Alums!](#) Viewing our website and Facebook pages are a great way to stay in touch and find opportunities to get involved.

Let's keep up the good work for 2013. Our chapter thrives from all of your support and participation. Thanks to everyone for keeping Theta in your lives.

I look forward to seeing you at Founders Day and other activities throughout the year.

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Founders Day

January 26, 2013



Once a year Thetas everywhere pause to celebrate Founders Day. Over 1000 years ago, four young women who were enrolled in one of the first men's colleges to open its doors to women felt that rather than becoming "little sisters" or "mascots" of some of the fraternities, they should establish a "fraternity for women." We honor those four women at DePauw University who began Kappa Alpha Theta as the first Greek letter fraternity known among women.

Please join us Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Glenmoor Country Club at 9:00 a.m. A final count for the country club must be made by the week before. You may send your check for \$27.00 (made payable to Kappa Alpha Theta) to Martha Doughtie, 9095 Wild Iris Run, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. If you have any questions, please call 303-791-3543 or email martha9095@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

Collections will be taken to support the Friendship Fund which gives financial aid to Theta sisters in need, and for the Denver Area Panhellenic philanthropy called *Newborns in Need* which provides new baby items for babies born at the Denver Health hospital. (Note: donations of new baby items will also be collected at our Founders Day brunch. The hospital requests no bottles or formula.)

Volunteer for Theta

The Volunteer Recruitment Committee is always on the lookout for Thetas to connect with available opportunities. There are big, small, long-term, short-term, traditional and new positions. It is easy to volunteer! Interested Alumnae members can get a little more information and find the link to complete the online interest indicator or email Volunteer@KappaAlphaTheta.org.

Link for volunteering:

<https://www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/reconnectwiththeta/volunteeropportunities/index.cfm?from=AlumnaeHeaderLink>

Announcements

Date Change for Hearts & Heels – now April 11, 2013 Save the Date

Join the DAC for the fourth annual Hearts & Heels' fundraising event that will take place on Thursday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m. at Glenmoor Country Club. Proceeds support local CASA programs and raise money for the chapter's philanthropy fund. Wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres will be served. A silent auction and cash bar will be available. Spouses, dates, family and friends are welcome – the more the merrier! Cost is \$30 per person. Invitation to come.

Contacts: Allison Radcliffe – arad@allisonradcliffe.com or 303-400-0802 and Allison Klein – aklein@reachlocal.com or 303-478-5504.

**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL DIRECTORY LISTING.

Foundation Education, Leadership, & Service Grants

Thanks to a number of generous donors, The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation provides grants to individual collegian and alumnae Thetas and chapters to help them build the skills necessary to make a real, positive difference in their own lives and in the lives of others. Theta Foundation grants have funded programs on six of seven continents and are making a difference for sisters and the communities they impact around the world.

Theta Foundation awards three types of grants:

-**Education grants** are for non-degree programs that provide knowledge and skills for a particular purpose. Educational programs are of a specific nature or level which would enlighten, guide, train, or develop the individual, including, but not limited to, certification and job advancement opportunities.

-**Leadership grants** are for programs that advance personal development and leadership skills. Leadership programs provide tools to achieve new insights, build effective teams, or enhance society in a wider influence for good, including, but not limited to, conflict management, group dynamics, vision setting, goal or priority setting, and ethical decision making.

-**Service learning grants** are for programs focused on service that provide meaningful, tangible results and fulfill a need unique to a particular geographic area or population.

Individual Theta collegians and alumnae and collegiate and alumnae chapters are eligible to apply for Theta Foundation grants for non-degree educational and leadership opportunities. Applications are available year-round and grants are awarded on a quarterly schedule. The next application deadline is March 19, 2013 for programs beginning on or after May 1, 2013.

For more information please visit the foundation website at <http://www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org/receive/grants/>

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 dues 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 Jan. 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.

We will continue to use our chapter dues to provide local opportunities for alumnae engagement and enrichment. Our local dues have been \$25.00 for over twenty years. To assist members with the rise in the per capita fee, our regular local dues for 2013 will be reduced to \$19, making the total collected \$49.00. Our Twin Star rate for 2013 will be \$89.00. The additional revenue collected from our nearly 100 Twin Star members helps support local chapter initiatives and enables discounted dues for recent graduates and Theta alumnae new to the area.

Kappa Alpha Theta is committed to serving all of its members for a lifetime. Alumnae per capita fees help ensure that our members today and in the years to come are offered the very best alumnae membership experience.



Programs and Events

Friday, February 8, 2013

Cooking With Jil D

Back by popular demand! Chef Jil Doughtie will be wowing us with her culinary skill once more! Come expecting a demonstration of delicious and seasonal cuisine preparation and execution just in time for Valentine's Day. Grab a guest and join the fun at this highly anticipated event. All refreshments will be provided.

Host: Kimball Distributing
Where: 1400 W. Third Ave., Denver 80223
When: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$12 DAC members and guest (\$24/couple); \$15 non-members and guests (\$30/couple)

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Theta Bunco Night

Whether you have or have not played before, you are sure to enjoy playing this informal dice game! Prizes are to be won and fun is to be had. No Bunco playing experience required. The 2013 officers will be installed at the start of this event as well. Light refreshments will be served.

Host: Gail Karsian
Where: 7049 S. Fillmore Ct., Centennial 80122
When: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$8 DAC members; \$10 non-members

Special Interest Group News

High Country HILLKats

Come out for a wonderful Theta Sisterhood ski/ride day at awesome Keystone Ski Resort! We will meet at the River Run Gondola in the AM, take some runs and have lunch someplace/time on which we will decide.

*Vail Resorts season pass required, unless purchasing a day pass upon arrival.

*Please allow enough time for snowy driving conditions.

Host: Amanda Acker, HCHK Chair

Phone: 223-263-2111

When: Saturday, January 19, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Keystone Ski Resort

Book Club

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Book: *Midwives: A Novel* by Christopher A. Bohjalian

Host: Liz Petersen

224 Sherman St., Denver 80203

March Date TBD

Book: *The Ghost of Hannah Mendes* by Naomi Ragen

Host: TBD

April Date TBD

Book: *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert

Host: TBD

*Note that the date may change due to the Board meeting being the same evening.

To be added to the email list contact:

Lydia Troxler at lydiatroxler@comcast.net or 303-793-0040 (home) or 303-918-8845 (cell)

Meet Amy Copeland

By: Ashley Nelson

In the last year, University of Oklahoma graduate, Amy Copeland has accomplished quite a few milestones in her life. A year ago, Amy and her husband Heath welcomed their first child, daughter, and we hope a future Theta, Channing Copeland. While adjusting to life as a new Mom, Amy has also managed to earn a Fellowship Award from the Academy of General Dentistry for her professional achievements in the field of dentistry. This was a major accomplishment as there were only 2 who received the award in the entire state of Colorado. Aside from the love and support of her friends and family, Amy also sincerely thanks Kappa Alpha Theta for having provided her with scholarship money while she was in school and for sending her to Leader Shape, two experiences which she views as important steps in her life and career.

The Fellowship Award from the Academy of General Dentistry chose Amy for this award as a way to acknowledge the fact that she continues to provide the utmost care to her patients by making a point to remain current in her current field. Amy achieved this goal after having completed 500 hours of continuing dental education, passing a comprehensive exam, and fulfilling three years of continuous membership in the Academy of Dentistry.



“We are proud to honor Dr. Amy Copeland for her commitment to the profession,” says AGD President Jeffrey M. Cole, DDS, MBA, FAGD. “She has distinguished herself professionally among her peers and is a role model to both her fellow dentists and to the members of the community.”

Warm Hearts Warm Blankets



Lunch Bunch Christmas Lunch



Warm Hearts Warm Blankets

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this years' "Warm Hearts Warm Blankets" event. The gathering on October 17th produced a bounty of soft and colorful fringed blankets for the children of CASA just in time for the colder weather! Thank you to Caren Stahmer and Barb Ingalls for opening their homes for the event – and to all of those who distributed the blankets to CASA. And a special thank you to Amanda Acker for arranging a follow-on event for our ladies in the high country on November 7th!

We are pleased to announce an upcoming event to be hosted by Emily Conklin, the DAC VP of Service. Emily will be welcoming both Thetas and their children (ages 5+) into her home for "Theta Kids for CASA" to make even more of these wonderful blankets. Each child will be able to make two blankets – one to keep and one to share with CASA! The event will be held on January 13th from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at 422 Yosemite Way, Denver 80230. Contact Emily at 303-856-3570 or emilyconklin@hotmail.com for more information.

Pansy Bouquets

My sisters,

Your generosity in helping members of Beta Iota continues to enrich our sisterhood. You generously paid for a senior members dues this semester. Last week at the CU Greek awards ceremony, she was awarded Outstanding Senior member of the Greek community! Without your help this would not have been possible.

Thank you.

In her words:

"I feel as though all the heart and soul I have put into Beta Iota throughout my college experience has been leading up to this year. Between Grand Convention, the Denver Alumnae Chapter's support, and this award, I'm blessed to be a part of something so special and to be surrounded by such wonderful women."

Congratulations to Shirley Smith on having been named Citizen of the Arts for 2013!

We would like to thank you for your continued love and support for the arts in Colorado.

<http://blogs.denverpost.com/style/2012/10/12/member-smith-family-named-citizen-arts/>

The Denver Alumnae Chapter Would Like to Welcome First-Time Members:

New Members, 1/1/12 through 12/31/12			
First Name	Last Name	Chapter Name	School
Amber	Balken	Gamma Nu	North Dakota State
Kylie	Bohanan	Alpha Omicron	Oklahoma
Caitlin	Broznak	Beta Lambda	William & Mary
Lindsay	Carter	Zeta Theta	Cal Poly
Alice	Griffith	Gamma Omicron	New Mexico
Emma	Griffith	Beta Omega	Colorado College
Katie	Hillenbrand	Zeta Zeta	Colgate
Tedi	Hunt	Beta Iota	Colorado
Kath	Kort	Rho	Nebraska
Christine	Liptak	Beta Iota	Colorado
Cherie	Michaud	Eta Omicron	Eta Omicron
Barbara	Morris	Alpha	Depauw
Susan	Nelson	Beta Gamma	Colorado State
Kelly	Nole	Beta Gamma	Colorado State
Kate	Reilly	Beta Iota	Colorado
Brittany	Ross	Beta Sigma	SMU
Nina	Russell	Beta Iota	Colorado
Claire	Schlamp	Beta Xi	UCLA
Avery	Seretan	Eta Iota	San Diego
Abbey	Shea	Kappa	Kansas
Sharon	Tiraschi	Zeta Omega	Loyola Marymount
Heather	Whitney	Beta Pi	Michigan State

