Dear Denver Alumnae Chapter Members:

Thank you for your commitment to our chapter, and for your heartfelt dedication to our fraternity’s mission:

“Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, Kappa Alpha Theta exists to nurture each member throughout her college and alumna experience and to offer a lifelong opportunity for social, intellectual, and moral growth as she meets the higher and broader demands of a mature life.”

Social: Founders Day celebration, beer tasting party, Bunco party, chili cook-off and the Women’s Bean Project program, 14 special interest groups, including three Lunch Bunch groups, the Supper Club, Book Club, Hiking Group, and Nite Kites!

Intellectual: scholarships endowed by members like Kathleen Markey, Kendy Cusick Rindone, Shirley Smith, Lucinda Greene and the late Winnie Ingalls; our financial support of Foundation’s need-based and merit-based scholarships, and Special Interest Groups

Moral: Hearts & Heels fundraiser to support CASA and local philanthropies, Denver Health service project, the Pansies & Plants sale to support our Friendship Fund; loving care for our sisters with notes of congratulations and sympathy, delivering meals, providing career networking and support of new graduates in their post-college journey.

Kappa Alpha Theta membership is truly for a lifetime!

Loyally in Theta,
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Gamma Upsilon/Miami President,
Denver Alumnae Chapter jsiekmeier@comcast.net
(303) 850-9369
Denver Health Service Project

The Denver Health Service event for the “Newborns in Need” program was held on Thursday, May 15. During the event, we packed baby bags for infant boys and received a tour of the facility. We also provided a donation of diapers, bath supplies, and onesies. Laurel Ris, the Volunteer Director, was happy to see us for the third year in a row.

“The Kappa Alpha Theta Denver Alumnae Chapter (DAC) is proud to have participated in the Denver Health Newborns in Need (NIN) program on May 15,” said Michelle Krecklow.

The program supports expecting families who are struggling to make ends meet by collecting thousands of new baby items to fill “Warm Welcome” bags which are provided to each family. With over 3,200 babies delivered annually, there is a substantial need for this successful program. DAC participants were proud to participate by filling the Warm Welcome bags with diapers, wipes, bath items, books, blankets, etc., then were treated to a tour of the facility. Thank you to everyone for your participation in this worthwhile event!

[Denver Health provides care to over 26,000 patients a year. As the safety net hospital for Denver, Denver Health provides over $455 million in free care a year. We will be providing services as needed, but in the past it has included the Newborns in Need Program, serving food to people waiting in the ER waiting room, and putting together Healthy Habit packs.]

Kappa Alpha Theta – LEADING WOMEN

I love being a DAC member because...

“Keeping up with friends, meeting new Thetas and the opportunity to serve.”

Betty Dysart, Alpha Omega/Oklahoma

http://denver.kappaalphatheta.org/
Nearly 100 guests gathered at Glenmoor Country Club on April 17 to participate in the 5th Hearts & Heels fundraiser sponsored by the Denver Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Featuring door prize drawings, gifts, and over 60 silent auction items, the event raised approximately $6,000 for Theta philanthropies including chapter scholarships and support for Colorado CASA programs.

CASA staff members highlighted their work representing young children and teens in the foster care system, and the highlight of the evening came when 16-year-old “Sarah” and her CASA told their story. “I thought it was too late for Sarah,” the CASA said, but clearly his interventions and regular support helped change things. Sarah is now back in school, clean and sober, and looking forward to a better future than she imagined before being matched with her strict but caring volunteer mentor.

According to event co-chair Sarah Harrison, “CASA provides direct, personal support to kids in the foster care/protective services system who need help; assists kids who are troubled, abused, confused and lets kids know they are a priority for someone – their CASA is that someone. This personal service helps kids in the worst times of their life as the personal attention turns kids around and prevents them from going to the foster care system or criminal justice system.”


In Denver, there are almost 600 CASA volunteers who work to support the more than 2,700 children in the area who each year are physically, sexually or emotionally abused and neglected and end up without a home to call their own. On average, these youths spend more than two years in the child welfare system and can be moved as many as 15 times wreaking havoc with their education, friendships and sense of belonging. Often the most consistent adult presence in these children’s lives are trained CASA volunteers who are the child’s voice. The CASA volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the children are placed in a safe, permanent home.
Thank you to our Sponsors!

Hearts & Heels succeeds thanks to volunteers, participants, and sponsors. Please help us thank our generous sponsors and donors, listed below, by supporting their local businesses:

- Autawash Car Wash
- Bandimere Speedway
- Linda Bartels/Nerium products
- Jeanne Belli, RN
- Shera Eddy
- Fogo de Chao Churrascaria
- Leslie Franklin
- Barbee Futrell
- Glenmoor Country Club
- Sarah Harrison
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- JuicePlus/Leigh Miller
- Kappa Alpha Theta Downtown Lunch Bunch
- Allison Klein
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- The Pooch Mobile/Gladis N. Duarte
- The Summit Steakhouse
- Uinta Brewing-Bill Evenson
- Museum Wings Over the Rockies
- BodyWork Therapies
- The Center for Advanced Skincare
- The Comedy Works
- The Denver Firefighters Museum
- The Denver Museum of Nature & Science
- The Arvada Center

Photos courtesy of The Villager Newspaper, Scottie Taylor Iverson
Investing in Book Rooms

The Denver alumnae chapter received the Founders Award at Grand Convention in 2012 as outstanding alumnae chapter (an award not always given at Convention).

With the award came a grant for $2,000, which was to be used only for service or leadership training projects.

Of that $2,000, $600 was used to purchase fabric for the “Warm Hearts, Warm Blankets” event. A team of Theta volunteers made soft flannel blankets – no sewing required—that were given to CASA children.

$200 was used for a leadership training workshop conducted by Sheri DeCoste in February, 2014.

The remaining $1,400 was designated for two “book rooms” or sets of new books for the low income and not fully funded Commerce City where Kathryn Koss, last year’s VP Programs, was a teacher.

Kathryn ordered the books and distributed them in her school.

Kappa Alpha Theta
News, continued

Fund Raising Update:

Hearts & Heels may have just happened last month, but it's never too late to start thinking about fundraising for an organization as wonderful as CASA! If you are interested in helping out with fundraising, please contact Jenny Koch. The DAC Board is considering some different fundraising ideas, and would love new and creative input, or helping hands! Jenny Koch

jennifer.kaur.koch@gmail.com, 970-389-9223

The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine

*The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* is published in April, June, September and December. 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. Available to every Theta at any time, it comprises all the features of the printed version.

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 ([http://lifeloyal.kappaalphatheta.org/](http://lifeloyal.kappaalphatheta.org/)), and Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae who pay dues through an alumnae chapter or circle or directly to the Fraternity. Thetas who are 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.

About Pansies & Plants

Thank you to everyone who ordered plants and gift cards in support of our annual Pansies & Plant sale. This event raises funds for a special friendship fund. Over the years, we have been able to provide financial support to a Theta sisters who have lost a home in a fire, had to recover following a flood, and who is unable to pay her dues.
Letter of Reference for college recruitment

Do you know of a young woman headed to college who might be interested in joining a sorority?

If there is a Theta chapter at her college or university, now is the time to send that chapter a “conscientiously prepared letter of reference which can present a potential new member to the chapter and allow them to recruit her more effectively.”

A copy of the form can be found on page 45 of the latest Theta magazine or online at kappaalphatheta.org.

Letters of reference are no longer a requirement, but will guarantee that the potential new member will receive personal attention and generally at least a second invitation during formal recruitment.

If you have any questions, contact our Denver Alumnae chapter’s Recruitment Reference Board chairman Kelly Nole at Kelly.nole@gmail.com or call her at 704-907-6134.

For further information, join a webinar to learn more what potential new members can expect during recruitment and learn about national Panhellenic and Theta recruitment policies. Two webinars are scheduled: Sunday, June 8 and Sunday, July 13, both at 6:00 pm. Details about log in available on the Theta website.

Kappa Alpha Theta Graduate Scholarships

The Denver area Reading and Scoring committee for Theta Foundation has completed its work of reading and scoring applications for Kappa Alpha Theta graduate scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded in June.

If you are interested in learning more about giving back to Theta by reading and scoring Theta Foundation scholarship applications and/or joining the Denver Reading & Scoring committee next year, please contact Kathleen Markey:

kmmarkey@gmail.com, 303-601-2840

Thinking of You...

Passings:

It is with deepest sympathy and regret that we note the passing of Jim Dysart, Betty Dysart’s loving husband, and Mary Lock Davis Swayngim, who had two Theta daughters and two Theta grand daughters.

Births: Claire Schlamp welcomed a baby girl to her family

Get Well or Concerns:

Evelyn Walter had knee surgery and her daughter Anna had skull surgery

Kathleen Markey (neck and wrist problems)

Contact Gail Karsian - 303-771-4677 or Gailkar@aol.com if you need a note written for a birth, marriage, someone in the hospital or sick at home, surgery, a death, or someone who has received an award.
Give to Lead, Give to Learn Campaign

Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation has recently embarked on a milestone effort to support the future of our Fraternity, the Give to Lead, Give to Learn campaign. A $5 million endeavor, the campaign is the first of its kind and will establish endowments to provide critical funding for two of Theta’s most pressing needs.

The Educational Leadership Consultant (ELC) program represents the first of the campaign’s two funding priorities. This program is the lifeblood of our organization and provides superior leadership training to our college women. Recent college graduates have been providing critical support to each of our college chapters through the ELC program for more than 50 years, proving the success of this program. While this program is strong, its funding source is uncertain from year to year. The Give to Lead, Give to Learn campaign aims to create a $4 million endowment for this program to ensure that our chapters will always have strong, peer-level guidance.

Equally as important is the second of the two priorities of Give to Lead, Give to Learn: a new need-based scholarship program. While our robust merit-based program provides more than 250 scholarships annually, we cannot ignore the growing financial need of our members given the rising cost of higher education. Through a $1 million endowment established with this campaign, Theta Foundation will be able to provide scholarships to many college women who need help with paying tuition or other academic expenses for as long as there is a need. The Denver Alumnae Chapter has already made a gift of $1,000 to this very special program to support the educational aspirations of our college women.

Theta Foundation

Pansy Patch Week!

Theta celebrated a Pansy Patch bonanza the week of May 26! Theta Foundation promoted Pansy Patch like never before including outreach on Facebook and Twitter. You can still see updates, photos and posts to share.

Don’t forget to purchase your pansies for friends and sisters at http://www.pansypatch.org/. Pansy Patch provides an opportunity for everyone to share their thoughtfulness and love with the special Thetas in their lives, all while supporting the goals and dreams of Theta’s leading women.

Questions? Contact Theta Foundation’s Marketing Coordinator, Madisen Ray Petrosky.

For more information about the Give to Lead, Give to Learn campaign, please visit www.KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org or read Theta Foundation’s article in the Spring 2014 issue of The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine.

With specific questions about how you can be involved, please call Theta Foundation at 1-800-526-1870 or email givetoleadgivetolearn@kappaalphatheta.org.
Special Interest Groups

THETA LIFE OUTSIDE OF PROGRAMS

Do you like to eat, walk, read, or laugh? Well then, you have much in common with other Thetas! Join one, two, or all of our Special Interests Group and satisfy your interests while enjoying the company of great Theta ladies. Determine which groups suit your likes and needs. Then email your name and contact info to Sue Giovanini, Vice President of Special Interests, at katylotus@gmail.com. Sue will pass your name on to the chair of the group you wish to join and you are IN!! Each group’s chair communicates with their members by emails or evites.

If you are able to attend a certain gathering or event, great – you respond. If not, no problem whatsoever, just wait for the next activity. You will find activities, times, and locations to suit you. Best of all, you will always be warmly welcomed by your Theta sisters and find you are making some pretty awesome friends rather quickly.

Note: Special Interest Groups are exclusively for dues paying members, an extra “perk” for DAC membership!

Kites and Kids – We are thrilled to announce Kites and Kids has a new chair and will be active this summer. This group is for Thetas who have children 12 and under. It’s an opportunity to socialize, play and learn, while getting to know other DAC mothers.

Book Club – The group meets every month at a different host’s home. The books and discussions draw everyone in.

Bridge Club - The Bridge Club is set up in flights, but meets in foursomes each month for bridge and dessert. Games are informal and are scheduled at the convenience of all. The players take turns hosting.

Culture Club – This new group will satisfy your desire to partake of the cultural life of Denver: museums, theatre, symphony are just some of the many options.

Golf Club - For the athletic and non-athletic golfers alike. Members select the courses they want to play.

Hiking Club – They always come up with beautiful hikes or interesting walks that work for their members and the weather!! They communicate via email and are happy to welcome anyone who enjoys walking in the company of others.

NOTE: We are seeking a chair for Culture Club, contact Sue if this might be YOU!

For questions on Special Interest Groups, contact Sue Giovanini at katylotus@gmail.com or call 303-639-5339. We look forward to seeing you at one of our Special Interest Groups!

More on the next page...
Ladies Who Lunch -- Getting together at lunchtime is more popular than ever, and now you have three options around town. Take a break from your routine and check out a neighborhood hot spot with a Lunch Bunch group:

1) The Original Lunch Bunch: 1st Friday in Oct, Dec, Feb, and April
2) DTC Lunch Bunch (Denver Tech area): Schedule to be determined
3) Downtown Lunch Bunch: 1st Wed of every month

Nite Kites - While many young alums and recent grads appreciate the small size of this group, Thetas of all ages are welcome as the Nite Kites discover and experience all that Denver offers, usually after dark.

North by Northwest (aka NxNW) - Our newest Special Interest Group just launched a few months ago and these Thetas are discovering the many gems of living in the northern metro area.

Supper Club: For the adventuresome in dining in the Denver metro area. Once a month, Thetas gather at a restaurant of the group’s prior choosing. It is always a lesson in great food without the kitchen work.

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Theta Book Club
Tuesday, June 10
7:00 pm

Hostess: Shera Eddy
11333 W. San Juan Range Road
Littleton, CO 80127

Directions to Shera’s: From the South, head west on C470. Turn off at Ken Caryl and head east to Chatfield/Simms. Turn right on Chatfield then left on Cochetopa. Next quick right is San Juan Range Road. Go down to 11333 on your left, yellow house.

We will discuss Martha Ezzard’s book The Second Bud. Martha was a member of the Denver Alumnae when she and her husband lived in Denver. Shera has also arranged to have Martha ship some of her award winning wine for a wine tasting.

Hope you can come - Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Lydia Troxler
cell-303-918-8845
phone 303-793-0040

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Kites & Kids Event

We are happy to share these wonderful photos from the Kites & Kids event in Dec 2013, when a group of 12 -- and three generations! -- enjoyed High Tea at the Brown Palace Hotel in downtown Denver.
Membership Update
Leslie Franklin

VP Membership

The 2014 membership year is well underway, yet it’s not too late to renew your dues if you haven’t already. If your dues are still outstanding, don’t be surprised if you get a friendly reminder phone call from the Membership Committee... we want to make sure you don’t miss out on any Theta fun! To renew your dues ($55 Regular, $89 Twin Star) just send your check to Leslie Franklin (10143 E Aberdeen Ave, Englewood CO 80111) or pay online (login required).

Do you know a Theta who is not yet a part of our chapter? Please invite her to join us too! Bring her to a chapter program or Special Interest Group event, and let her know how much fun we have connecting with each other socially, through career networking events, and in service to Theta philanthropies. Sometimes all you have to do is ask!

Questions about membership?
Contact VP Membership, Leslie Franklin, at snowgumbo@gmail.com or 303-725-1363.

New Kites in the Denver Sky

New Member Welcome

Our chapter is growing! DAC welcomes the following new members in late 2013 and early 2014:

- Denise Dondero Bouley
  Beta Mu/Nevada

- Jill Roberts Byrne
  Delta Sigma/Ball State

- Michelle Cormier
  Epsilon Mu/Princeton

- Marcy Goetz-Than
  Beta Gamma/Colorado State

- Janet Rosengren Goodwin
  Beta Omega/Colorado College

- Cynthia Loper Koch
  Psi/Wisconsin

- Rachael Lenss*
  Beta Iota/Colorado

- Hollie Welch Lubchenco
  Kappa/Kansas

- Krista Paul Nash
  Tau/Northwestern

- Sarah Pool Phillips
  Delta Kappa/Louisiana State

- Lauren Whitney
  Delta Epsilon/Arizona State

*Recent Grad
Ah, the Riches!

Your dues dollars are hard at work — here in Denver, and also at Fraternity Headquarters in Indianapolis — providing a bounty of riches for you to enjoy as an alumna member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Here’s a list of all the benefits and perks you enjoy through your alumnae membership:

1. Discounted or free admission to all DAC programs
2. Ability to join up to 14 Special Interest Groups
3. Annual membership directory
4. Quarterly newsletters and other DAC chapter communications
5. Evites and reminders for all DAC events
6. Countless social and professional networking opportunities
7. Quarterly Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine, mailed right to your home and available online
8. Opportunity to develop leadership skills through elected office or committee work
9. Ability to help plan and execute special events like Founders Day
10. Community service projects, CASA fundraiser, and other ways to exercise the widest influence for good
11. Ability to share your opinions, present proposals, and vote on DAC chapter business
12. Automatic updates to your membership record, both in Denver and Indianapolis, when you change your address through DAC

Did you know?

A portion of your annual dues, called the per capita fee, is forwarded directly to Fraternity Headquarters each year; it’s collected by DAC and paid on your behalf as each membership year begins. That $30 per capita fee covers so many things:

- Member education programs like Theta for a Lifetime, GreekWise, and Reading Women
- Programs for personal and professional development like JobBound and Sisters Supporting Sisters
- Educational Leadership Consultant (ELC) traveling consultant program
- Leadership development and advisor training
- College and alumnae chapter support and guidance
- Annual events like Founders Day, Day of Service, and Theta Service Trip
- Fraternity extension (the colonization of new college chapters) and establishment of new alumnae chapters
- Fraternity Headquarters (mortgage, maintenance, and payroll)
- Production of the Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine
- Fraternity dues to National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)
- Grand Convention and so much more!

Note: Life Loyal members do NOT have to pay annual per capita fees because the cost of Life Loyal membership includes a lump-sum contribution to the Fraternity for infrastructure support.

Questions about membership? Contact VP Membership, Leslie Franklin, at snowgumbo@gmail.com or 303-725-1363.
When you were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta, you became a member for life... and that will never change. But a few years ago, the Fraternity introduced a new membership program you may have heard about, called Life Loyal.

**Life Loyal** is a membership option, similar to the DAC’s Twin Star membership, for women who wish to further support Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity financially. Revenue from Life Loyal memberships is used to fund an endowment of The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine, and also funds future educational and personal development programs for Theta’s collegiate and alumnae members.

The one-time cost of Life Loyal membership is $299—which can be paid by check or credit card, or in 12 budget-friendly monthly payments of $28. (If you’re a 50-year Theta or older, Life Loyal costs just $189.) Life Loyal membership can be purchased for yourself, for your daughter or granddaughter, or as a gift for any Theta friend or relative.

One of the most popular benefits of Life Loyal membership—and there are many!—is that you are no longer required to pay the annual Fraternity per capita fee of $30 (which DAC collects through your local dues payment and forwards to Fraternity Headquarters on your behalf). For that reason alone, the Life Loyal option can make sense for you economically: If you plan to be a dues-paying member for 10 years or more, Life Loyal will pay for itself over that time!

Nationwide, almost 3,300 Thetas have chosen to become Life Loyal. And right here in Denver, there are 44 Life Loyal members within DAC! Ask any of these sisters what prompted them to become Life Loyal, and see for yourself whether the option is right for you too.

Click here to [learn more about Life Loyal](#), or contact VP Membership Leslie Franklin at [DACMembership@gmail.com](mailto:DACMembership@gmail.com) or 303-725-1363. PLEASE NOTE: Even if you become Life Loyal, you must still pay local dues each year if you wish to remain an active member of the Denver Alumnae Chapter. In 2014, Life Loyal members paid $25 instead of $55 for Regular DAC membership, or $59 instead of $89 for Twin Star membership.
Member Spotlight

Member Profile on Lauri Nitz

Lauri Nitz attended school at the University of Nevada, Reno where she was a member of the Beta Mu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. She was a Spanish language and literature major with a minor in European history. It was Lauri’s hope to go into international business, as most of her electives were business classes. Unfortunately, Lauri did not learn until her junior year that she could not minor in business with a major in language.

Following graduation, Lauri has had a series of what she refers to as “interesting” careers. She briefly did marketing for a shopping mall developer, followed by an ad agency in Reno and then a PR firm in Tahoe. At 25, Lauri was the first female stockbroker in Nevada, working for two years for Dean Witter. She then followed her first husband’s career in insurance, managing their life/health insurance agency for ten years. For the next eight years, Lauri worked as the Director of Marketing for the Taubman Company’s (owners of Cherry Creek Mall) regional mall in Reno.

At this stage, Lauri decided to take time off to be home with her three small children she had with her second and current husband. The family moved from Reno to Grand Junction to get away from a growing crime and gang environment.

Once they got to Grand Junction, Lauri discovered that the city had poor educational choices and so she homeschooled her children for nine years until the family moved to Boise, ID, where they were able to place the children in a classical curriculum private school.

Lauri reentered the workforce in Boise, working as a marketing manage for a Merger & Acquisitions firm and as an asset/property manager and realtor primarily for executive homes in the Boise area. About this time, Lauri’s husband was transferred to Denver. Back in Colorado, Lauri began working for a property management firm but decided to join the team at Nordstrom and, about 18 months later, she was offered a better position by the manager of Brooks Brothers. After 22 months, the doors were closed in order to make way for Perry’s Steak House. The store closure was just the push Lauri needed to get back into a more business based profession. She recently accepted a position as an Independent Business Consultant with Small Business Growth Alliance.
Upon reflection, Lauri said that “if you live long enough, you should be able to fill a page with different and interesting experiences. I sometimes wondered why I was in a certain position, but down the road, that experience was always the vital link to the next opportunity.”

When asked what she considered to be her greatest life achievement to date, Lauri said that although she could say it was doubling square footage income and generating millions of dollars, it would actually be her three children whom she managed to raise to become successful adults. Lauri says that her wish for her children to grow up to be good people has come true. Lauri will be the first to admit that it was through all of their moves, that the family was provided with progressively greater opportunities. It was because of their move from Reno to Grand Junction that they were able to escape the crime. The home school education her children received allowed for the carefree environment of a small town along with the “field trips” to Boston, Williamsburg and Mount Rushmore. The family’s time spent in Boise allowed for a larger city and a formal school environment, and Denver has been the big city complete with social and cultural advantages.

Both of Lauri’s daughters followed in their grandmother’s (Lauri’s mother’s) footsteps by joining Delta Gamma Sorority as neither of their schools (Willamette University and the University of Denver) have Theta chapters. Lauri’s son is off to the University of San Diego and Lauri hopes to Greek Life as well.

During the school term, Lauri will find herself an empty nester, and she hopes to be able to enjoy more time reading historical novels, knitting, crocheting and gardening. As for her involvement with our alumnae chapter since moving to Denver, Lauri was asked to be the chapters Recording Secretary. Despite the steep learning curve, Lauri found the position to be a true joy as she was able to learn about various activities and it gave her the opportunity to work with those with whom she refers to as “such wonderful women.”

Kaleigh, Warren and Keegan

Warren
Membership, continued

Connect ◆ Share ◆ Mentor

Join the new DAC Career Center!

Add your name to the growing list of current, former, and aspiring Theta professionals and help ALL Denver Thetas achieve career success.

Whether you are job seeking, expanding your network, switching careers, or happily retired, Theta connections can help you advance personally and professionally!

When the Career Center is launched later this year, it will be in a secure area of the DAC website (login required). Your name will never be used for solicitations, only as a resource for other Thetas who value your expertise, talents, connections, and career savvy. And if you're a business owner, make sure your sisters know all about it!

How to Join

Email your name, up to 3 career fields, and other professional information to:
DACCAREERCENTER@GMAIL.COM
You can also mail your business card and check for $25, made payable to Kappa Alpha Theta, to:
Leslie Franklin, 10143 E. Aberdeen Ave., Englewood CO 80111

Advertise your business! Send business card and check for $25 to be a sponsor of the DAC Career Center

If you have not already paid your DAC membership dues, you can take care of your membership online, pay online.

Note: a login is required

Members! We invite you to get involved...

Interest Indicator

(next page):

If you did not have a chance to complete and share an Interest Indicator when you renewed your membership, please feel free to do so now. The form follows on the next page.
## 2014 Theta Interests

Send form to DACMembership@gmail.com or mail to Leslie Franklin at 10143 E. Aberdeen Ave., Englewood CO 80111

With Theta, you can be as active and involved as you want! Tell us about your Theta-related interests so we can help you connect with sisters, social events, and service opportunities to enhance your experience as an alumnae member.

### Special Interest Groups

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**Other:** [ ] I’d like to chair this group

### Committees

**Share your talents and gain new skills while you help plan and organize Theta activities**

- Caring
- Communications
- Founders Day
- Fundraising
- Hospitality
- Membership
- Nominating
- Philanthropy
- Programs
- Scholarship
- Service
- Wherever needed

### Leadership/Mentorship

**Work with other Thetas to facilitate the Fraternity’s advancement and welfare**

- Become a chapter leader
- Become a college chapter advisor
- Become a career/professional mentor
- Positions range from Executive Board officers to committee chairs
- Mentor college chapter officers and oversee chapter operations or facilities
- Help job-seeking Thetas network and explore career opportunities

### Programs

**Lend energy and elbow grease to ensure successful and meaningful chapter programming**

- Carpool to an event
- Be a behind-the-scenes helper
- Present/coordinate a program
- Host a Theta event in my home
- Provide a ride and/or companionship to/from Theta events
- Contribute food, beverages, supplies, or services for Theta events
- I have an interesting hobby/career/experience to share: ________________
- I have a spacious home/yard/office that can accommodate a group

### Recruitment

**Help the Fraternity and/or local college chapters recruit new members**

- Share information about and/or write letters of recommendation for college-bound women
- I have contacts or connections at the following metro area high schools:
  - My  [ ] Sister  [ ] Daughter  [ ] Granddaughter will be a legacy in 2014
  - Name: __________________________
  - High school: ____________________

### Service

**Demonstrate the widest influence for good by helping others overcome personal challenges/limitations**

- Provide meal(s) to assist a Theta
- Contact members without internet access
- Assist with party set-up, clean-up, and other behind-the-scenes needs
- Prepare/deliver a meal to a Theta in need (illness, surgery, new baby, etc.)
- Share chapter news, information, and program reminders via telephone
- Volunteer as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (requires training)
Our Theta Sisters Are Amazing

**Jan Goodwin** (Janet Rosengren Goodwin), Beta Omega/Colorado College ’58, was the manager of a financial services company. When she retired, she became a gem artist.

“My father was a geologist, and from an early age instilled in me an interest in gemstones. As a young adult, I collected quite a few nice specimens in the form of jewelry. Then, about twenty years ago, I began using semi-precious stones and beads and creating jewelry. This led to my current passion which is setting gemstones in silver. I have been doing this for about eight years, and work in copper and use gold accents as well in my pieces.

“I work independently in a small studio at home, but also with a group of other metal smiths and an instructor in a Lakewood studio. This Lakewood connection is what led to my being asked to exhibit several pieces of jewelry at the Lakewood Cultural Center.”

Jan donated a kite-shaped pendant to the Hearts & Heels auction in 2013. This year she donated a pair of earrings, “The earrings I made this year for Heart & Heels were of sterling silver which I blackened and lacquered and set with citrines (going for the Black and Gold look!”

Currently some of Jan’s work is on display at the Lakewood Cultural Center. If you would like to see more of her work, contact Jan directly.

**Jan Goodwin**, [janet.rosengren@gmail.com](mailto:janet.rosengren@gmail.com), (303) 695-6364
...to Marcy Goetz-Than who, as a brand new member, attended Hearts & Heels, donated a silent auction item, volunteered at check-out, and agreed to chair the Kites & Kids Special Interest Group -- all at her very first DAC event! Thanks for jumping in head-first and for giving Theta your all! --Leslie Franklin

...to Gail Karsian for always keeping Membership in the loop when you hear about member passings, surgeries, and other life milestones. We appreciate your communication and loyalty, and know everyone cherishes the touching notes of sympathy and encouragement you send. --Leslie Franklin

...to Joan Whittlesey for being the generous high bidder on our Hearts & Heels silent auction "free lunch" -- we can' wait to have lunch with you! -- Downtown Lunch Bunch

...to Kelli Edelen and Leigh Miller for always being so open to exploring Programs topics that are suggested by members, especially when they come out of the blue or require lots of follow-up research. We appreciate your ability to craft a diverse calendar of events that engages, educates, and entertains all at the same time! --Leslie Franklin

...To Sarah Harrison, Linda Bartels and their able assistants for the Hearts and Heels fund-raising event held in April. The funds raised are designated for local chapters of our fraternity philanthropy CASA. It was a beautifully organized and enjoyable social event which raised nearly $3,000 for CASA.

... To Martha Doughtie for attending the Denver Panhellenic Mother / Daughter informational tea, Sunday, May 4 as part of our DAC Recruitment Reference Board.

...to Cara Knott for being so enthusiastic about the recolonization of the Beta Gamma chapter at CSU. If there was a title awarded for "Miss Beta Gamma," you just might run away with the crown! Thanks for keeping DAC leadership in the loop as you learn more about Beta Gamma developments too. --Leslie Franklin

...to Kelli Edelen, Adrienne Babb, Antonette DeLauro Smith, and of course Val Lunka for developing a master calendar for officers to use in planning and publicizing DAC activities. It's been a massive undertaking but a worthwhile exercise, and you've laid important groundwork that will benefit our leaders far into the future!

...to Jenny Koch, who took one for the team and spent her birthday on a last-minute business trip to Albuquerque. Here's hoping next year you will be home and among friends to celebrate!
Pansy Bouquets, continued

...to Caren Stahmer who is always so willing to arrange a meal for yet another sister who needs a pick-me-up. Your energy and compassion are boundless! --Leslie Franklin

... to Nikki Gordon, the Cherry Creek High School PTCO 2013-2014 Volunteer of the Year! We are very proud of her for winning this impressive award, and we appreciate her commitment to serving our community. – Gail Karsien

...to Jacque Kitzelman, formerly Lil Owens’ sister in law, for receiving the "Cile Bach Award" from the Denver Art Museum for her volunteer work. – Gail Karsian

...this year’s Denver area Reading and Scoring committee for Theta Foundation committee: Shannon Chandler Gross, Adrienne Babb, Shan Burchenal, Jil Doughtie, Leslie Franklin, Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Stacy Hayes, Martha Doughtie, Andrea Autobee- Trujillo, Lesley Cross and Sarah Hittner

A Note About Programs

Note: There are no all-chapter programs scheduled until August. Stay tuned for information about wonderful upcoming events which will be sent in a special post card and via e-blast this summer.

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