



Tulsa Area Alumnae Panhellenic

The Prospect-Fall 2014



2014 Women of the Year Honorees, April 4, 2014



Greetings from the President: Elaine Hanner

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as 2014-2015 TAAP President. I am honored to represent Kappa Kappa Gamma and lead the Tulsa Area Alumnae Panhellenic, a member of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), one of the nation's largest advocacy organizations for women. The local group includes outstanding women from 19 sororities. As delegates, these women embrace a statement of Panhellenic spirit. – **No matter the letter, we're all Greek together.** To begin our year, we have scheduled a fun event for all TAAP members. Toni Garner, Delta Zeta, has graciously offered her expertise at a flower arranging session, **"Wine and Roses"**. She will host the demonstration at her shop, Toni's Flowers and Gifts on **Thursday, September 25**. The event will begin at 6:30 and reservations are required! Refreshments will be served.

Our common goal of philanthropy contributes to our community. Money raised through our annual Poinsettia Sales and Women of the Year Luncheon provides collegiate and alumna scholarships and donations to the Tulsa Public Schools Eyeglass Fund. Children in need of corrective glasses benefit from this fund. Beautiful, florist-quality poinsettias will be ready this Christmas holiday to decorate your home or office. Please consider ordering from TAAP. A variety of plants are available and an order form is included in this newsletter. Share with your friends, family and co-workers and help make this year's sale successful. Order deadline is early November with delivery in early December, just in time for your holiday

Pamela Roegels Dose –
Alpha Chi Omega

Mary Jo McEntire Gandee
– Alpha Delta Pi

Jennifer Gallo Moore –
Alpha Gamma Delta

Colleen Ayres Griffin –
Alpha Phi

Cassie Woods – Alpha
Sigma Alpha

Cheryl Baiamonte West –
Alpha Xi Delta

Becky Dixon – Chi Omega

Nancy Ferguson Meyer –
Delta Delta Delta

Tracye Lynn Lain Stimson
– Delta Gamma

Pattie Hulsey – Delta Zeta

Vesta Simanton
VanTreas – Gamma Phi
Beta

Rita Moschovidis Burke –
Kappa Alpha Theta

Tracey Redmon Lyall –
Kappa Delta

Amy Freiberger – Kappa
Kappa Gamma

Anne Powell Brockman –
Phi Mu

Cindi Arnett Hemm – Pi
Beta Phi

Betty Armstrong Kelsey –
Sigma Sigma Sigma

Ann Maslanka – Zeta Tau
Alpha

gathering! Online ordering is available at
www.tulsapanhellenic.org.

The annual Women of the Year Luncheon and Silent Auction will be held this spring on Friday, April 10, 2015, at Tulsa Country Club. Once again we will host a luncheon honoring outstanding women members of our Greek organizations. Our theme is **"PANHELLENIC – INDIVIDUALLY UNIQUE, TOGETHER COMPLETE"**. Please plan to attend this lovely event and support these women and our fund raising efforts. The cost remains \$35 per person.

For potential new members of the collegiate Greek community, a Recruitment Information event will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2015, at Tulsa Historical Society. High school senior women and their parents are encouraged to attend this informational session to explain the recruitment process and answer questions. Please join your Panhellenic sisters in supporting TAAP by attending our Wine and Roses Fall Kickoff, Women of the Year Luncheon and Silent Auction and purchasing poinsettias. Through you, our Panhellenic community grows stronger.

Fraternally,

Elaine Hanner



2014 TAAP Delegates

Join the Conversation #IAmASororityWoman

Greek Reunion at TU Homecoming

Alumnae from The University of Tulsa and their spouses or guests are invited to TU All-Greek Reunion the weekend of October 17-18. Festivities kick-off Friday night for the official All-Greek reception at the Lorton Performance Center from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. before the Homecoming Bonfire and Pep Rally. Open houses are scheduled for Saturday before the football game at a time to be determined. Honorary chairs are Jean Mermoud Mrasek, Chi Omega alumna and Chairman of National Panhellenic Council and Hugh Robert, National Kappa Sigma President. Event chairs are Kristin Capatosta Akin from Kappa Kappa Gamma and Calvin Moniz from Kappa Alpha. For more information visit www.TUAlumni.com/Homecoming or contact Amy Freiberger at amy_freiberger@utulsa.edu or 918-631-3727.



2014-2015 TAAP Officers and Directors

PRESIDENT – Elaine Hanner, Kappa Kappa Gamma

VICE PRESIDENT – Yvonna Muselmann, Kappa Delta

TREASURER – Becky Hamby, Alpha Sigma Alpha

SECRETARY – Katherine Castleberry, Pi Beta Phi

PROCEDURE-To Be Announced

PUBLICITY – Stephanie Zuker, Alpha Delta Pi

RECRUITMENT – Renee Lanoue, Alpha Phi

WAYS & MEANS – Dawn Elmore, Zeta Tau Alpha

SCHOLARSHIP – Maggie Brown, Alpha Gamma Delta

TAAP Scholarship Winners

Tulsa Area Alumnae Panhellenic is proud to support academic excellence for the members of Greek NPC groups through annual scholarships presented to outstanding women.

Congratulations to the 2014 scholarship recipients!

Collegiate Scholarship Recipients:

Kaitlin Arnold, Alpha Delta Pi (OSU) - \$2000

Kelsey Thomas, Phi Mu (OSU) - \$1000

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Courtney Cass, Delta Delta Delta (TU) - \$2000

Alumna Scholarship Recipients:

Danielle Dubias, Alpha Delta Pi (OSU) - \$1000

Samantha Lancaster, Phi Mu (OSU) - \$1000



Terri Baker (right) accepts the "Clara Worden Award" for the Tulsa Alumnae Chapter at Gamma Phi Beta's International convention! The award is given to the alumnae chapter that demonstrates growth and improvement in all aspects of chapter life. The Tulsa chapter grew their membership 113%

Congratulations! We are excited to share that our Alumnae Panhellenic has been selected as a recipient of the National Panhellenic Conference Programming Excellence Award. This award recognizes the success of the Tulsa Alumnae Panhellenic in upholding the values of the Panhellenic Creed in its programming and activities.

The Alpha Xi's gathered in May at Cheryl West's house for a cook out. Cheryl's son is owner of the new cajun sandwich shop downtown - Lassalle's New Orleans Deli. Needless to say, we had a fabulous lunch!



From left on back row - Cheryl West, Paula Barnes
Front row - Johelen Wilson, Diane Knox, Jill Tenzythoff, and Sharon Miller.

Important dates to remember:

Thursday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.

"Wine and Roses", floral demonstration by Toni Garner (AZ) of Toni's Flowers and Gifts, 3549 S. Harvard. Reservations required!

Please RSVP to Yvonna Muselmann, ymuselmann@cox.net or 918 504-9139.

November 7 – Deadline for poinsettia orders

March 2, 2015 – TAAP Scholarship

Application Deadline. Applications available January 1, 2015

March 29, 2015 – Recruitment Information Event for high school seniors and their parents–Tulsa Historical Society

April 10, 2015 - Women of the Year

Luncheon – Tulsa Country Club - \$35 per person

TAAP Supports TPS Eyeglass Fund

Did you know that Tulsa area school children benefit from donations made to the Tulsa Public Schools Eyeglass Fund? Students in need of corrective glasses are referred by school personnel and receive these through the Eyeglass Fund. For many years TAAP has contributed to this very worthwhile service with profits from Poinsettia Sales and the Women of the Year event. Individual groups have also made donations to TAAP for this annual contribution, which this year was a combined total of \$2185. Please consider supporting this service as part of your group's philanthropy.



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Message from National Panhellenic Conference Chairman, Jean Mrasek

RITUAL: LEARN IT. LIVE IT. TEACH IT. EXPECT IT.

"Summertime provides time to reflect on many aspects of fraternal life, including ritual..."

Lessons taught in our rituals are intended to be applied in our daily routines. Symbolism has meaning to us and it should inspire us and remind us how we can live more fulfilling lives.

Sorority and fraternity membership has the potential to lift up the entire university community. The recent findings by Gallup give credence to the fact that "Sorority membership contributes to the well-being of college alumnae". We can talk about who we are and what we do, but our actions speak louder than words.

We need to live our ritual. We need to teach it, and we need to expect it from our members and fraternal friends. So let's do it.

Let's demonstrate what it means to be a Panhellenic woman by putting values into action – FOR GOOD.

Let's empower our members to make necessary changes in their organizations and insist on alignment with our fraternal values found in our rituals – FOR GOOD.

Let's extend our helping hand and build bridges with others – FOR GOOD

Take time to think about what ritual means to you and how you can use it to advance sorority, and talk about it".

Jean Mrasek

****Jean is a graduate of the University of Tulsa, where she was a member of the Chi Omega chapter****

