

From Xi to Xi: Alumnae Newsletter

Important Upcoming Events

March 28th
First day of
classes

April 18th
Etiquette Dinner
and Ritual

April 23rd
Spring Clean-up
10am-3pm

April 24th
Family and
Friends Brunch

April 29th thru
May 1st
Greek Weekend

May 9th thru 13th
Greek Week

May 14th
Rose Formal

May 16th
WANC Formal
Dinner

May 21st thru
22nd
Relay for Life

June 6th
Alumnae "Anti-
Stress Sundaes"

June 4th thru 10th
Finals Week

Nu Chapter
Spring Quarter 2005

Check out Nu chapter's website at:

<http://students.washington.edu/alphaxi/chapterwebsite/>

Alumnae Formal Dinner

On February 28, Nu chapter invited local alumnae to attend formal dinner and dessert at the chapter house. The event was certainly a success with around thirteen alumnae attending, who represented Alpha Xi Delta alumnae from throughout the country (Florida to California, Nebraska to Virginia). All alumnae also received house tours and an invitation to attend chapter that evening. Thank you very much to all who attended the event and we look forward to more formal dinners in the future that help us strengthen the sisterhood that exists between members of all ages from all chapters.



WANC Formal Dinner

*Are you a member of the
Nu Chapter Housing
Corporation (WANC)?*

If so, we would like to invite you to attend formal dinner at the chapter house on Monday, May 16 at 5:30pm.

Our WANC members help keep the house running efficiently and often their efforts are overlooked. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet you and thank you for all of your contributions to the vitality of our chapter! Those interested please RSVP to Erin Shields at ehs3@u.washington.edu.

Founder's Day 2005

Thank you to all who attended our delightful Founders Day celebration this year at the University Women's Club on Saturday, April 16! The location was beautiful, the brunch was fantastic, and, as always, the opportunity to come together as sisters was a treat. This year marks the 112th anniversary of our beloved organization which has helped over 132000 women to realize their potential. The celebration included a chance to learn more about our wonderful founders, presentations of the Order of the Rose and the Order of the Pearl, and also reflection on those who have entered Chapter Eternal this past year. Congratulations to the collegiates who were honored with awards, including Hailey Heinrich, Ashley Vian, Rachel Abalofia, Sara VanNortwick, and Barna De. Also, congratulations to our Alumna of the Year, Valdeen Jones (Nu '60). We hope to see everyone next year!



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Dear Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae,

With the start of a new year, comes the start of a new term for Nu Chapter's officers. As the newly elected President, I would like to introduce myself and make you aware of all that has been planned as well as our Chapter goals for the upcoming year. On January 25th the Chapter held a goal setting session in which we set three main goals. This year, we will be focusing on support, recruitment and academics. Additionally, the Corporation Board is working hard on the remodel project, expected completion 2007, just in time for our Centennial! We welcome you to come by and see the progress made. I also wanted to take this time to thank you, our Alumnae. It is your support, time and passion for the organization which help to keep Nu Chapter alive and striving toward a bright future.

Fraternally,

*Hailey Heinrich
Chapter President*

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Nu Members of Pledge Class '04

A big Xi welcome to newly initiated VALERIE YANDALL

And new members

DIOSA WARNER, GENEVA PARAS, BRITTANY COOPER

Relay for Life

For any and all alumnae interested we are getting ready for the Relay for Life!! Team Wonder Xi has three options for those of you that are interested:

1) Be a part of the team and participate in the Relay on May 21 and 22, 2005 at Husky Stadium. There is a \$10 entry fee, you will receive a t-shirt, and we would love your help with fundraising.

2) SNACKS--we will be very hungry walking at Husky Stadium all night, and we could always use energy! Anything you could contribute would be greatly appreciated.

3) Fundraising!! If you cannot make the actual event but would like to help out with the fundraising we would be grateful for your support. This can include, but is not limited to: -donations, -craft/bake sales, -Hope bracelets,

If you need any information on the fundraising issues and ideas, would like to be a part of the team, want to make a donation, bring food or whatever you can contact Michelle Rutherford, Chapter Life VP, at quicker2@u.washington.edu. We are excited to have the alums involved this year, and we know this will be a great event!

Anti-Stress Sundaes

On Monday, June 6 at 7pm, the Seattle Alumnae will be hosting an ice cream social for collegiates to relax during finals week.

If you have any interest in helping to prepare or attending the event, contact Elaine Jones at RetiredPenguin@aol.com.

100 Years for Nu Chapter is Coming Up!

Nu Chapter's centennial is in 2007, so the PR Council is putting together an event that will feature some brainstorming related to the centennial. We want this milestone to be an event to remember. What would you like to see happen? Look for more details soon!

Xi Profile Jan Lightner

Jan graduated from University of Nebraska, Rho Chapter, 1961 with a B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology and again in 1965 with a M.A. in Counseling Psychology. Most recently she has been a technical trainer, traveling around the world teaching businesspeople how to optimize their use of Microsoft Office products. Currently she is semi-retired and spends her time writing, she has one short story published to date, and she works with her husband on patent applications on alternative fuels. She has too many favorite Xi moments to just pick one, but here are a couple that stand out: her initiation, her daughter's initiation 30 years later at Rho Chapter, and being escorted to the podium by Dawn Dittman when she was selected as National Membership VP of Alpha Xi Delta. Another continuous favorite is a special time when she and 3 other sisters meet somewhere for a week of fun and, as her husband says, they "relive their misspent youth!" Right now her favorite quote is: "Have I read the Patriot Act? Just the original...Orwell called it '1984.'"

Alumnae Aunts

The Alumnae Aunt program will be returning to Nu Chapter in the months to come! In the interests of forging new friendships between Alpha Xi Deltas of all ages, the Public Relations Council is working with our new Alumnae Aunts coordinator, Terri Roush, to bring back a wonderful tradition. We will be matching up alumnae and collegiates based on interests, including but not limited to majors, community activities, hobbies, etc. A survey will be sent out for you to fill in your information and then our coordinator will help us to create matches. We hope that you will all participate, there is a lot of excitement within the chapter for Alumnae Aunts. Stay tuned for more details, including a big kick-off event for Alumnae Aunts and their Nu Nieces during Bid Week 2005! If you have any suggestions, please contact Terri Roush, Alumnae Aunts coordinator, at terriroush@hotmail.com.

Career Connections

This announcement applies to University of Washington alumnae only. The UW Alumni Association has created a fantastic resource for college students known as Career Connections. This is an opportunity for alumni to post career information about themselves and allow college students to contact them about their respective occupations. If you are interested in participating in this program, go to the U website and search under "Career Connections" or go to this address: <http://www.washington.edu/alumni/careers/careerconnections/>. We know that Alpha Xi Delta alumnae are out in the world making a difference and we know that you are all wonderful resources! There is even an option on the job search tool to find alumnae from certain Greek Houses, so be sure to note that you are an Alpha Xi Delta - there are already a number of amazing women from our house on there!

Greek Week

This year's Greek Week is being held from May 9th-May 13th. All the proceeds will be going to Kyle Charvat, who is a Theta Chi. He has a brain tumor and the experimental surgery that he needs costs about \$100,000. The Greek system has come together all year to help him and his family, and this is the big finale. Each house is paired with other houses in the Greek community and the team sponsors one event. The events range from relay races to swimming activities. Greek Week is a time for the whole greek community to come together for fun in the sun and socializing before heading our different ways for summer. It's a time for raising money and giving back to the greater community. Greek Week renews our pride in being apart from the rest and helps us remember what it is that we really stand for--having fun and doing something worthwhile at the same time.

Scholarship Winners

Congrats to our Maria Crossman, Cece Arkenbout, Michelle Rutherford, and Hillary Holman. They each won a scholarship from the alumnae. The funds are raised during pickle mix and the recipients are picked based on academic performance, activities with the university, service to chapter, and many other defining qualities. We are starting to plan the next Pickle Mix auction so we can give out even more scholarships next year, if you have any ideas please contact our president, Hailey Heinrich.

If you have any ideas for the newsletter you can contact the editor, Stacy Earl, at Stacye@u.washington.edu.

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To The Wonderful Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta