

# KITE TALE

## Message from the President

“THINK THETA!” was a popular slogan when I was a Theta at the University of Texas in the late 70’s. I have been doing lots of thinking about Theta this summer! There is a collection of Theta stuff that goes with the job of being President, and one of the things I found was a cute KAΘ coffee mug. It has become my habit to start my day “thinking Theta” using that cheerful black and gold mug.

In late May, I traveled to Tulsa to attend an engagement shower for my precious new Theta daughter-in-law, Lindsay. On the plane, I read the Spring Edition of the Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine from cover to cover. There was a full page article about our Theta Charity Antiques Show with a beautiful picture of our 2014 TCAS Chair Lisa Schwartz, our 2014-2015 President Susan Martin, and the Bush twins. There was a touching article about a TCU Theta mom and her three Baylor Theta daughters and there was also an article by Theta Foundation President Mary Ellen Fitzsimonds, who said one of her proudest accomplishments was volunteering with our very own Dinah McClymonds to help get Foundation ready for a capital campaign. Wow!

While in Tulsa, I met many of Lindsay’s family and friends, and I was so proud to be introduced as a Theta. Lindsay and her mom were Thetas at OSU, and I found that Oklahoma is “Theta Country”! With so many Thetas in both our families, it was only natural that we would gather to serenade Lindsay at her July 18 wedding. What fun to join together with Thetas of all ages from many chapters to celebrate one of life’s most special occasions!

I hope you will join the Theta fun and fellowship this year with our Houston Alumnae Chapter. Mark your calendar with the events listed in this Kite Tale and watch for reminder emails. I hope to see you often this year. Theta is truly for a lifetime. Think Theta!

Loyally in Theta,

Melinda McConn Chernosky



### Welcome Back Meeting & Lunch

Wednesday, September 16

11:30 a.m.\*

At the home of Kelly Duenner  
3805 Meadow Lake Lane, 77027

Guest Speaker: Dr. Debra Chernosky, Dermatologist  
*“Looking Good At Every Age”*

\*Please note we are meeting at lunchtime.

Join the Theta fun and fellowship!  
See page 6 for **Special Interest Groups** and a list  
of **Meetings & Upcoming Events**.

### All Alumnae Fall Feast

Wednesday, October 28

6:30 p.m.

At the home of Christa Hash, 400 Longwoods Lane, 77024

Hostesses: Jackie Cathriner, Sarah Eilers, Dina Ormiston, Heather Tripodo and Christa Hash

Rsvp by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> by paying online at [www.houstonthetas.org](http://www.houstonthetas.org) or by sending your \$30 check to:

**Margaret Buescher**

5333 Longmont Drive, 77056

Make check payable to: Houston Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta

### Fall Coffee & KAΘ National Day of Service

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 a.m.

Christian Community Service Center  
3434 Branard Street, 77027

Guest Speaker: Michelle Shonbeck, Theta Sister and Executive Director

Please bring a donation of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper or diapers to the meeting to honor CCSC and Theta’s National Day of Service.



**Pansy Bouquets to:**

- ❖ 2015 Theta Antiques Show Chair **Lois Wright** and her hard-working committee for their preparations for “London’s Calling”.
- ❖ Treasurer **Margaret Buescher** for coordinating the dues mailing and for processing over 600 dues payments.
- ❖ Database Chair **Nancy Forester** for her ongoing invaluable service to our chapter which includes updating our database with membership changes and sending files to officers for reports and mailings.
- ❖ Yearbook Editors **Kathryn Adkins** and **Meredith Zenner** for getting our yearbook/directory ready to print.
- ❖ **Martha Jones** and **Virginia Purcell** for their wisdom and hard work in updating our Houston Alumnae Chapter By-laws this summer.
- ❖ Recruitment Chair **Emily Bolin** and the Recruitment Board for processing hundreds of References for Potential New Members and for all of the hard work that comes with Recruitment.
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary **Waverly Gage** for many notes of compassion and concern this summer.
- ❖ Outgoing Kite Tale Editor **Ruthie Waldrop** for two years of outstanding work.
- ❖ **Alice Helms** for calling our dues-paying Thetas with missing email addresses.
- ❖ **Laura Cale** for organizing all of the Involvement Forms into a spreadsheet.
- ❖ Retiring Nite Kites Chair **Cindy Balderach** for her many years of service.
- ❖ Young Alumnae Chair **Haden Gulsby** for agreeing to a second term and for the excellent job she has done leading our “35 and under” Thetas.
- ❖ Chapter Advisor **Susan Martin** for her wise counsel and for her patience with many questions.
- ❖ Each of **YOU** who is volunteering your time in a job, big or small, to make our chapter run so efficiently!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

To **Sarahbeth Pipkin** and her husband, Taylor, on the birth of their daughter, Lucy.



*May her life be filled with love!*



**SYMPATHY & PRAYERS**

To the family of **Anne Berry Patton** on her passing.

To the family of **Vivian Arnold O’Leary** on the death of her mother, **Grace Gordon Arnold**.

To the families of **Alice Arnold Helms** and **Susan Arnold Martin** on the death of their aunt, **Grace Gordon Arnold**.

To the family of **Beverly Bintliff Arnold** on the death of her sister-in-law, **Grace Gordon Arnold**.

To the families of **Sally Kerbow Brollier**, **Jill Kerbow Imhoff**, and **Amy Kerbow Sedano** on the death of their mother, Wanda Sue Kerbow.

To the family of **Janet Folks Lionberger** on the death of her mother, Norma Jean Neiden Folks.

To the family of **Liz Winfield Rigney** on the death of her mother-in-law, Nancy Rigney.

To the family of **Laura Howard Heyser** on the death of her father, Thomas Howard.



## ... AND, LONDON'S CALLING YOU!

Theta Charity Antiques Show (TCAS), our Houston Alumnae Chapter's philanthropic project, needs YOUR participation!

Since 1952, TCAS has given almost **\$6.7 million** to worthy beneficiaries. Money comes from three sources only:

1. Underwriting Supporters
2. Catalog Ad Sales/Commemorative Pages
3. Ticket Sales

"Our Show needs the participation of all Thetas. Please help us make 2015 the year that we can say ALL Houston Alumnae participated, ALL Thetas contributed to our community in the spirit and love of Theta. We are asking each Theta to buy and/or sell 6 tickets at \$15 each for a Theta ticket commitment of \$90."

- Lois Hamilton Wright, Show Chair

**THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW**

**Bayou City Event Center**  
9401 Knight Road, 77045

Preview Party Thursday, Nov 12

Show Dates Friday – Sunday, Nov 13- 15  
[www.ThetaCharityAntiquesShow.com](http://www.ThetaCharityAntiquesShow.com)

**Look for our special TCAS mailing with Show Information and detailed instructions on ticket sales!**

### TCAS Beneficiaries

Your generous contributions enable the 2015 Theta Charity Antiques Show to support our permanent beneficiaries: **Texas Children's Cancer Center, Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens, Child Advocates, and Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation** and our 2015 beneficiaries: **Bridges To Life, Christian Community Service Center-Martha's Way, Freedom Place, The Harris School, The HAY Center, L.I.F.E. Houston and Theater Under The Stars-The River Performing and Visual Arts Center.**

**Theta Tuesday on October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Shopping Party at Cheeky Vintage Boutique  
2134 Richmond Ave.  
10% of proceeds will go to TCAS

Check out London-look clothes for the Antiques Show!  
Light bites and wine; Complimentary Valet; Suggest you drive from the East on Richmond Ave. to park.

Contact **Jana Phillips** at [jmplphillips@comcast.net](mailto:jmplphillips@comcast.net) with questions and to let us know you'll be joining us!

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**Our Houston Alumnae Chapter is more than 600 strong...**

**If each Theta in our Alumnae Chapter bought the \$90 package of tickets, we would add \$54,000 to our show!**

**Theta Ticket Commitment**

- 1 Go to: [www.ThetaCharityAntiquesShow.com](http://www.ThetaCharityAntiquesShow.com)
- 2 From the Home Page click the tab: Event & Tickets
- 3 On the drop down menu, click on: Theta Alumnae Ticket
- 4 Use the password for Theta Alumnae only: TCAS2015 (case sensitive)

**THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW COUNTS ON YOUR SUPPORT!**

### Theta Charity Antiques Show Information

**Bobby Sue Smith Cohn Forum Speakers** (\$20 and General Admission Ticket Required)

Friday @ 10:30 a.m. Cynthia Brumback, *The Art of the Monogram*

Friday @ 2 p.m. Bettie Bearden Pardee, *Gilded Age Newport: The REAL inspiration for Downton Abbey*

Saturday @ 2 p.m. Rebecca Rabinow, Leonard A. Lauder Curator of Modern Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, *Andre Derain, London and the Thames, 1905-06* Ms. Rabinow will be introduced by Gary Tintertow, Director of the Houston Museum of Art

**Mary Frances Bowles Couper Speaker** (Premier Seating \$100; Regular Seating \$75) General Admission Ticket Required

Sunday @ 11 a.m. Robert Edsel, author of The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History

**Designers Walk: "How to incorporate antiques into your lifestyle"** (\$25 and General Admission Ticket Required)

Tour the Show with a Design Professional:



- Friday, Nov. 13 @ 12 noon with Lindsey Herod
- Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 10:00 with Jane Osborne
- Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 11:00 with Ben Johnston
- Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 12 noon with Bob Wakefield
- Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 1:00 with Courtney Tartt Elias
- Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 3:30 with William W. Stubbs



**Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation** announced that 252 collegian and alumnae women received \$631,125 in scholarship support for the 2015-2016 Academic Year. Congratulations to the recipients of the eight scholarships endowed with funds from our Antiques Show and congratulations to the recipients of scholarships endowed by individual Houston Thetas!

Betty Black Hatchett	Abby Tiedeman	U. of Oklahoma	\$2150
Dorothy Whitehurst Heard	Kathryn Hageman	TCU	\$3100
	Madeline Stone	Wake Forest	\$1000
Houston TCAS	Megan Lamb	Belmont U.	\$2550
Lucille Moore Garrett	Julie Murphy	TCU	\$2625
Marilyn Chesher Lynch	Ashley Jameson	Texas Tech	\$2275
Mary Frances Bowles Couper	Lillian Kirkpatrick	U. of Oklahoma	\$1025
	Grace Swart	Texas Tech	\$1000
Mary Margaret P. McDonald	Kirby Cornelius	U. of Texas	\$1200
Virginia Bryant Shilstone	Bethany Werner	UT-Dallas	\$2125
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Anne Sadler Budill	Natalie Deerr	Drake U.	\$1125
Dinah Hampton McClymonds	Kirby Cornelius	U. of Texas	\$1350
Judy Camp Sauer	Morgan Wilson	Texas A&M	\$1675
Monisa Cox Cline	Elizabeth Bach	Cornell	\$1025

The Jenny Adams Crain Scholarship (\$1000) was awarded to Allison Bolin, daughter and granddaughter of Houston Thetas **Emily Wynne Bolin** and **Dorothy Wynne**.

**The Houston Alumnae Chapter Grant** was awarded to two Thetas, Jamie Moses of the U. of Mississippi, who attended a Global Autism Program in Jakarta, Indonesia, and Alisa Suen of UC-Davis, who attended the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, to learn more about environmental impacts on women's health. **Visit [KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org](http://KappaAlphaThetaFoundation.org)**



**THETA FOUNDATION**

**GIVE TO LEAD, GIVE TO LEARN CAMPAIGN**

Theta Foundation is only \$1 Million away from our \$5 Million goal! These funds will create endowments for two vital programs for the future of Theta: a **needs-based scholarship program**, and the **Educational Leadership Consultant (ELC) Program**.

Our current merit based scholarship program, considered the best in the Greek community, does not meet the needs of Thetas who are truly struggling with their college expenses. Our ELCs are well- trained Theta graduates who travel to college campuses and ensure that each chapter continues to meet our high standards. With both programs, Theta will sustain our current level of excellence into the future.

We are proud to announce that a significant gift will be made by our Houston Alumnae Chapter to the *Give To Lead, Give To Learn Campaign* from the proceeds of the 2015 Theta Charity Antiques Show. We need individual Thetas to donate as well. We are asking all Thetas to participate in the campaign at a level that is comfortable for you.

Making a gift is easy, and can be done online, by mail, by stock transfer, or even in your estate. Please consider making a meaningful investment in the organization we love.

To learn more and to make a gift, visit [www.givetotheta.org](http://www.givetotheta.org) or contact Theta Foundation Trustee **Dinah McClymonds** at 832-242-3191 or [DinahMcC@aol.com](mailto:DinahMcC@aol.com)



**Lift a sister’s kite high into the sky by nominating her for...**

**Theta of the Year or a Twin Star award!**

Criteria for Theta of the Year: “a Theta recognized for her current contributions to KAΘ and to the community.”

Criteria for Twin Stars: “a Theta recognized for long-term service given any time, past or present.”

Nomination forms available at Theta meetings and online at [houstonthetas.org](http://houstonthetas.org) **Deadline: November 15, 2015**

Questions? Contact **Peggy Roe**, 2015-16 Theta of the Year Coordinator at 713-621-3808 or at [peggyroe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggyroe@sbcglobal.net)

Directories have been mailed to dues-paying members. Still haven’t paid your dues? Visit [www.houstonthetas.org](http://www.houstonthetas.org) to pay online with your credit card or PayPal or send your check to our treasurer:

**Margaret Buescher**  
5333 Longmont Drive, 77056

**Life Loyal? If so, deduct \$30!**

\$100 Theta Star Membership  
\$65 Active Membership  
\$40 Young Alum Membership (ages 22-35)

**Any Updates?**

Contact Information updates to **Nancy Forester** [nforester57@att.net](mailto:nforester57@att.net)

Kite Tale updates to **Socorro “Suzie” Jones** [socorrojones@icloud.com](mailto:socorrojones@icloud.com)

**2015-2016**

**Recruitment Board**

**Chair, Emily Wynne Bolin**  
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**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

<b>Bible Study</b>	Every Monday, 1:30-3:00 p.m. starting September 21, St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Contact <b>Suzy Heine</b> 713-858-0802 or at suzyq819@gmail.com
<b>Bridge</b>	Thursdays, September 24 and October 22 at The Forest Club 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for bridge and lunch. All bridge players are welcome. Contact <b>Jan Neuenschwander</b> 713-781-8899 or at Janeuen@aol.com for more information.
<b>WildKats Investment Club</b>	11:30 to 1:30 on the second Wednesday of the month from September through June. Contact <b>Patsy Holmes</b> (281-395-0343) or <b>Mary Helen Davenport</b> (713-523-9065) if you are interested. First meeting: September 9 <sup>th</sup> at the home of <b>Eleanor Lipscomb</b> .
<b>Maj Jongg</b>	Join us <b>every Monday afternoon</b> from 1:00 to 5:00. All levels of experience and we can also teach you how to play! Contact <b>Dinah McClymonds</b> 832-242-3191 or at DinahMcC@aol.com for more information.
<b>Theta Tuesdays</b>	Join fellow Thetas for your favorite beverage or bite to eat. Watch email on where to meet. Contact <b>Jana Phillips</b> 713-661-8311 or at jmlphillips@comcast.net

**MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS**Visit us at [www.houstonthetas.org](http://www.houstonthetas.org)

<b>September 9</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b> at the home of <b>Alice Helms</b> , 5616 Green Tree, 77056.
<b>September 15</b> <b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nite Kites</b> will meet at Dish Society 5740 San Felipe St., 77057 <b>Rsvp by Sept. 13<sup>th</sup></b> to Jana Phillips at jmlphillips@comcast.net
<b>September 16</b> <b>Wednesday</b> (*Please note we are meeting at lunchtime.) 11:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome Back Meeting &amp; Lunch</b> at the home of <b>Kelly Duenner</b> , 3805 Meadow Lake Lane, 77027 Guest Speaker: Dr. Debra Chernosky, Dermatologist <i>"Looking Good At Every Age"</i> .
<b>September 23</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>Young Alumnae "Welcome Back Happy Hour"</b> will meet at North Italia, 1700 Post Oak Blvd Ste. 190 Watch for your Evite.
<b>October 6</b> <b>Tuesday</b> 5:30–8:30 p.m.	<b>Theta Tuesday: Shopping Party at Cheeky Vintage Boutique</b> 2134 Richmond Avenue Questions? Please contact <b>Jana Phillips</b> at jmlphillips@comcast.net
<b>October 14</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Fall Coffee and Theta National Day of Service</b> at Christian Community Service Center, 3434 Branard St. Guest Speaker: <b>Michelle Shonbeck</b> , Executive Director (Remember your donations!)
<b>October 28</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>All Alumnae Fall Feast</b> at the home of <b>Christa Hash</b> , 400 Longwoods Lane, 77056 <b>Rsvp by Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup></b> (\$30) Pay online at <a href="http://www.houstonthetas.org">www.houstonthetas.org</a> or send a check to Margaret Buescher, 5333 Longmont Dr., 77056
<b>November 12</b> <b>Thursday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Theta Charity Antiques Show Preview Party</b> Bayou City Event Center 9401 Knight Road, 77045