

KITE TALE

Message from the President

Our Houston Thetas started 2017 with a bang at **Founders Day** at The Junior League of Houston! We celebrated 11 honorees and had the privilege of honoring a remarkable 75 Year Theta and her two 50 Year Theta daughters! We also celebrated the 147th year of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta and the 97th year of our Houston Alumnae Chapter! In three short years, we will be celebrating huge milestones, so get ready! The 2017 Theta of the Year award was presented to a very deserving **Lois Hamilton Wright**. Lois has made a huge impact on our chapter and community! A special day was had by all!

Waverly Gage is the 2017 Chair of the new **Theta Design Weekend** (TDW), formerly known as the Theta Charity Antiques Show. She is bringing lots of enthusiasm to our new theme which will be all about design. Design will encompass fine art, antiques, lighting, textiles, vintage and mid century furniture and jewelry and be attractive to all ages. TDW will return downtown to the George R. Brown on November 30 - December 3. The dealers and our Thetas are excited about the direction and the location of our new Show.

Chapter Advisor **Melinda Chernosky** has done an amazing job chairing our Nominating and Philanthropic Committees! We are thrilled to present our **2017-2018 Slate of Officers** and recognize **Deborah Dunkum** as our President-Elect! In addition, the 2017 TDW Executive Board unanimously approved **Vicki Lovin** and **Jennifer Donovan O'Donnell** as Co-Chairs of the 2018 show.

Plan to attend our **Winter Coffee** on Wednesday, February 15th at 10 a.m. at **Janet Hobby's** lovely home! Janet and Melissa Grobmyer of MKG Art Management will discuss "The Art of Collecting". We are blessed by the kind and generous hospitality of many Thetas.

Our **Philanthropic Coffee** at **Phoebe Tudor's** beautiful home on Wednesday, March 8th at 10 a.m. is also a not to be missed event. Our hearts will be warmed as we hear the stories of the impact that our moneys raised from our Show will have on each of our Beneficiaries.

Incoming Recruitment Board Chair, **Christina O'Shell** will have a **Legacy Coffee** meeting at her home on March 9th at 9:30 a.m. Please spread the word! This is a new addition to our calendar.

Our **Theta Travelers** are touring the **Azalea Trail** on Friday, March 10th, and **Camp For All** on Wednesday, April 5th. Thetas may invite

non-Theta friends to these special events. Be sure to sign up online and look for more details in this Kite Tale.

Thank you for much Theta Love that has been extended to me since the passing of my dear dad. Y'all have blessed me beyond measure, and I'm so grateful for my Theta sisters! I look forward to seeing you at one of these upcoming events!

Loyally in Theta,

Cynthia Jones Lange



Winter Coffee & Meeting

Wednesday, February 15th

10:00 a.m.

At the home of **Janet Hobby**

3980 Del Monte, 77019

"The Art of Collecting"

Speakers: **Janet Hobby** and Melissa Grobmyer
MKG Art Management



Chairs: **Cheri Fossler, Janet Hobby, Louise Symmes**

Philanthropic Coffee

Celebrating our 2016 TCAS Beneficiaries

Wednesday, March 8th

10:00 a.m.

At the home of **Phoebe Tudor**

1405 South Boulevard, 77006

Chairs: **Anne Coskey, Giggy Thanheiser, Anne Thomson, Phoebe Tudor**

Legacy Coffee

Thursday, March 9th 9:30 a.m.

at the home of **Christina O'Shell**

2017-2018 Recruitment Board Chair

130 Radney Road, 77024

Mothers and grandmothers of graduating seniors are invited to meet with members of the Recruitment Board





Pansy Bouquets to:

- ❖ 2016 Theta Charity Antiques Show Co-Chairs **Nancy Bertin** and **Julie Harris** and all 250 volunteers for an amazing Show filled with “A Touch of Gold” and Theta love.
- ❖ **Elizabeth Galtney** and **Patricia Dewhurst** for hosting our beautiful Christmas Luncheon for our Theta alumnae, actives, legacies and their mothers.
- ❖ **Katherine Keenan** for hosting our festive Night Kites Christmas Dinner in her home.
- ❖ **Sarabeth Pipkin** for once again hosting the Young Alumnae Christmas Party and Gift Exchange in her home.
- ❖ **Alison Bell, Kelly Duenner and Janie Schubert** who chaired the 2017 Founders Day Luncheon.
- ❖ **Margaret Buescher** who hosted the Young Alumnae Founders Day in her home.
- ❖ **Lindsay Chernosky** who created the elegant invitations for the Christmas Luncheon and Founders Day and who is a constant source of help with anything pertaining to the computer.
- ❖ Chapter Advisor **Melinda Chernosky** who spent countless hours organizing and serving as Nominating Committee Chair and Philanthropic Committee Chair.
- ❖ **Waverly Gage**, Chair of the 2017 Show, for her enthusiasm and grand design ideas for the all new Theta Design Weekend.
- ❖ **Liz Rigney** who did an outstanding job chairing the Theta of the Year Committee.
- ❖ **Alice Helms** for hosting our first ever Theta/Pi Phi Games Night.
- ❖ **Jennifer O'Donnell** for hosting the February board meeting in her home and for taking minutes at all of our meetings.
- ❖ Caring Committee Chairs **Vicki Lange, Jennifer O'Donnell** and **Peggy Roe** and their Committee and Corresponding Secretary **Laura Heyser** for showing Theta love to many members in need.
- ❖ Recruitment Board Chair **Emily Bolin** for her help with Spring Recruitment.

CARING & CONCERN

In our thoughts...

in our prayers...

and in our hearts....

To **Ethel Dodge** on the death of her sister.
 To **Ann Nakfoor Snodgrass** on the death of her mother, Florence Jamal Nakfoor.
 To **Elizabeth Walsh** on the death of her father.
 To **Cynthia Lange** on the death of her father, Lawrence F. Jones.
 To **Annie Kansas, Carroll Patrizi, and Frances Arnoult** on the death of their mother, Carroll Nelson.
 To **Betsy Nelson** on the death of her mother-in-law.
 To **Anne Coskey** and **Martha Carnes** on the death of their mother, Catherine Zelsman.
 To **Julie Harris** and **Carolyn Cruse**, sisters who have been struggling with eye problems.
 To **Dinah McClymonds** who received a breast cancer diagnosis in December.
 To **Jennifer Elliott** who received a breast cancer diagnosis.
 To **Anne Wise Pullen** on the death of her husband of 57 years, Robert Wallace Pullen. Anne was President of our Chapter from 1970-1971 and TCAS Chair in 1986.



The Show was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of over 250 Theta volunteers and the extremely generous support of our underwriters, catalog advertisers and loyal Thetas who purchased their ticket package.

We exceeded our goals in all areas!

The 2017 Show is now under the very capable and creative leadership of **Waverly Gage**. We know you will join us as we turn our attention and efforts to making this year's Show our best ever!!!

The 2016 Theta Charity Antiques Show,
A Touch of Gold,
will give over \$265,000 to its nine
beneficiaries!

Join us for the Philanthropic Coffee
as we hand out checks to our deserving
beneficiaries.

2017 THETA DESIGN WEEKEND

THETA CHARITY ANTIQUES SHOW HAS A NEW CONCEPT AND A NEW NAME!

The show's focus on "design" encompasses everything from fine art and antiques to up and coming contemporary artists, bespoke home goods, lighting, vintage and mid-century furniture and jewelry.

DATES: NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 3, 2017

VENUE: GEORGE R. BROWN

THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE TO GET INVOLVED!

**New Concept
New Name
New Dates
New Location**

Here's how to get involved:

- **Volunteer**
- **Attend**
 - ✓ **The Show**
 - ✓ **The Preview Party**
 - ✓ **The New Young Collectors Party**
 - ✓ **A Speaker's Luncheon, or**
 - ✓ **The Sunday Mother-Daughter brunch!**



Theta Travelers: KATS on the Azalea Trail!

Friday, March 10th

10:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cost is \$50/person

Includes Trail Ticket, Transportation, Catered Lunch

- ❖ Park in lot near St. Luke's United Methodist Church at the corner of Edloe and Kipling (New Location!)
- ❖ Depart on bus promptly at 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ Tour four homes on the 2017 River Oaks Garden Club Azalea Trail
- ❖ Enjoy a catered lunch at the home of **Lisa O'Leary**, 3202 Ella Lee Lane, 77019

Pay online at www.houstonthetas.org or send check (\$50/person) payable to Houston Alumnae of KAT to Treasurer **Molly Marks**, 6020 Inwood Dr., 77057

Questions? Email **Maura McCarthy** at momcc2@comcast.net

Space is limited, but you may bring a non-Theta Friend. Sign up early!

Kite Tale information or pictures to share?
Contact Suzie Paz Jones at socorrojones@icloud.com or
832-316-4336

Kappa Alpha Theta, the first Greek-letter fraternity for women, is approaching its sesquicentennial in 2020!



Join Theta Travelers Wednesday, April 5th for a bus trip to CAMP FOR ALL!

Enjoy a beautiful spring day driving through the country alongside the Texas bluebonnets with your Theta sisters and friends. Destination is Camp For All, one of the Theta Charity Antiques Show long time beneficiaries. Come see Star Place and all the many additions since our last visit almost 10 years ago! We promise you will be so proud to be a Theta and a supporter of this unique, special and barrier free **CAMP FOR ALL**.

- Bring a friend! Theta OR Non-Theta!
- Breakfast on the way up and Theta Spirits coming home!
- **Delicious** boxed lunch provided by Funky Art Café of Brenham, Texas.
- Big bus...bathroom included ☺.
- Depart from Best Buy parking lot at I-10 and Bunker Hill at 8:30 a.m. and arrive back to Houston by 4:30 p.m.
- Cost per person: \$40.
- Please send your check to: Susan Martin, 5411 Tilbury Dr., 77056
- Your Travel Guides:
 - **Liz Rigney**, lirigney957@gmail.com, 713-805-1923
 - **Susan Martin**, susan@twmartin.com, 713-501-4606

Meet Our Newest Thetas! *Legacy

Baylor

Caroline Addison - Stratford
 Hanna Austin* – Lamar
 Molly Bridges – Stratford
 Noelle Flores* – Stratford
 Rachel Geddes – Second Baptist
 Jessica Shaulis – St. Thomas Episcopal School
 Gabrielle Simon* – Incarnate Word
 Darby Sorrels* – St. Agnes

SMU

Kaki Duenner* - Episcopal
 Hannah Jones* – St. John's

Tulane

Julia Tucci – St. Agnes

Vanderbilt

Grace Runnels – Episcopal

UVA

Alanna Flores* - Episcopal
 Maggie Lummis* - St. John's

W&L

Julia Moody* - St. John's

Spring
Recruitment!



Lois Hamilton Wright

2017 Theta of the Year

Thank you for making a transformational
 impact on our chapter.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Our Twin Star and Rookie of the Year
 recipients will be revealed soon!**

Houston Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Slate of Officers 2017-2018

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| President | Margaret McCullough Buescher |
| President-Elect | Deborah DeFord Dunkum |
| Vice President | Virginia Dunnam Lahourcade |
| Recording Secretary | Melissa Bruce Schnitzer |
| Corresponding Secretary | Anna Beth Hamilton Hill |
| Treasurer | Cynthia Ralphs Onstott |
| Treasurer-Elect | Rhonda Guest Barclay |
| Editor | Joanne Kelly Malinak |
| Panhellenic Delegate | Ashley Ann Wright |
| Young Alumnae Chair | Elizabeth Walsh |
| Chapter Advisor | Cynthia Jones Lange |
| Financial Advisor | Molly Wehner Marks |



Our Thetas had a blast at our first ever *Games Night*
 with our Pi Phi friends at **Alice Helms'** home. Based on
 the positive response, we'll continue this next year!



The Theta WildKats began meeting in December, 1997 with a mission to educate, fellowship, and be profitable. The Club is very fortunate to have our own Theta adviser, **Susan Heuer** of Merrill Lynch. The group meets in members' homes once a month from September until June to enjoy lunch and share information about various companies. After hearing reports, we make a decision about investing in a company. Our portfolio consists of shares in over 20 stocks.

But, that is not all we do! We also explore our community! A few of the places we have visited are the Federal Reserve Building, the Court House, and the new McGovern Centennial Gardens. We also keep informed by various guest speakers at our meetings.

At Christmas we have a festive lunch and a fun wine exchange. We welcome all Thetas to join our Club!



WildKats at their Holiday Luncheon
Photo by **KHVaugh**

You do not have to have any previous knowledge about stocks as the Club is a learning experience for everyone. If you have questions or would like to visit one of our meetings, you are welcome!

Theta WildKats Investment Club meets from 11:15 to 1:30 on the second Wednesday of the month from September through June. Contact **Connie Seger** (713-622-8079) or **Mary Helen Davenport** (713-523-9065) if you are interested.

Next meetings:

February 8th at the home of **Jan Neuenschwander**, 6 Woodsbrough, 77055

March 8th at the home of **Judy McEnany**, 3428 University Blvd., 77005



YA

Our Young Alumnae (aka YA) are making connections and having fun in H-Town!

Pictured on left: YA's happy hour with FIJI/Phi Gamma Delta

(l-r) Thetas: **Megan Rollow**, **Carrie Cornelius**, **Kirby Cornelius**, **Alina Marrone**, **Caroline Gulsby**, **Ashley Seals**, **Maggie Hegenbart**, **Elizabeth Walsh**

Follow us on our Facebook page:
Houston Young Alumnae of Kappa Alpha Theta

Theta Fun and Fellowship



Theta Travelers on the Kappa Holiday Pilgrimage Home Tour Photo by KHVaughn

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Founders Day 2017



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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| Bible Study | Every Monday, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Room R23B. Join us! Contact Suzy Heine 713-858-0802 or at suzyq819@gmail.com |
| Bridge | Theta Bridge will meet on Thursday, February 23, and Thursday, March 23, at The Forest Club, 11:00 to 3:00, for bridge and lunch. All bridge players are welcome. Please contact Jan Neuenschwander , 713-781-8899, or janeuen@aol.com |
| WildKats Investment Club | Meeting on Wednesday, February 8th at the home of Jan Neuenschwander , 6 Woodsborough, 77055 and on Wednesday, March 8 th at the home of Judy McNeny , 3428 University Blvd. 77005 |
| Maj Jongg | Join us Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Contact Dinah McClymonds 832-242-3191 or DinahMcC@aol.com for more information. |
| NITE KITES | Stay tuned in for upcoming events! |

MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTSwww.houstonthetas.org

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| Feb 8 Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Board Meeting at the home of Jennifer Donovan O'Donnell , 11111 Wickway Dr., 77024 |
| Feb 15 Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Winter Coffee & Meeting at the home of at the home of Janet Hobby , 3980 Del Monte, 77019 |
| Feb 21 Tuesday | 6:45 p.m. | Young Alumnae Soul Cycle , River Oaks 2549 Kirby Dr., 77019 |
| March 8 Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Philanthropic Coffee at the home of Phoebe Tudor , 1405 South Boulevard, 77006 |
| March 9 Thursday | 9:30 a.m. | Legacy Coffee at the home of Christina O'Shell , 130 Radney Road, 77024 |
| March 10 Friday | 10:30 a.m. | Theta Travelers: KATS on the Trail See details on page four of this Kite Tale issue. Sign up online at www.houstonthetas.org |
| April 1 Saturday | 11:30 a.m. | Young Alumnae Crawfish , The Boot, 1206 W. 20 th Street, 77008 |
| April 5 Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Theta Travelers: Camp For All See details on page four of this Kite Tale issue. Sign up online at www.houstonthetas.org |

Theta Fun and Fellowship at the 2016 TCAS After-The-Show Party