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Αλφα Δελτα Πι

*Motto:*

"We Live for Each Other."

*Colors:*

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*Flower:*

Woodland Violet



*Mascot:*

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*"We Live for Each Other."*

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# THE BEGINNING

1851

Founded on May 15, 1851, Alpha Delta Pi is the oldest secret society for college women in the world. Established at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, the first college chartered to grant degrees to women in the world, the story of Alpha Delta Pi is a remarkable one. And, it all began as a young girl's dream.

Eugenia Tucker was just sixteen years old when she left her family home in Laurens County, Georgia, to enter Wesleyan College. Before the end of her first year she would establish the first sorority in the world. Later, she would reflect on her young reasons...

"This was a new world...she finds that many of her classmates think more of mischievous enjoyment than their lessons. And so, by and by, a sober thought enters her brain—could she influence her friends to join her in forming an association for improvement." — *Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald, Founder, on her inspiration for the founding of the Adelphean Society*

Eugenia approached her "dearest and most admired friends" with her dream. She described them as, "Octavia Andrew, daughter of the Bishop; Ella Pierce, daughter also of a Bishop; Bettie Williams of South Carolina; Sophronia Woodruff and Mary A. Evans, daughter of a useful and beloved pastor of Macon Mulberry Street Methodist Church for several years."

Eugenia and her friends picked May 15 as the day they would reveal their new society. *Loyally, Volume I*, Alpha Delta Pi's history as published in 1965, gives the following account from Eugenia's diary.

"On a spring morning in 1851, the soft hazy light of a May dawn cast shadows through the shutters. The six o'clock bell had just rung as Eugenia Tucker lighted her bedside candle. She glanced eagerly toward the windows.

Yes, the misty pink rays of the sunrise promised that May 15 would be a beautiful day.

"Eugenia dressed hurriedly. In her orderly, thoughtful fashion she had laid out her fresh clothing—three freshly starched petticoats and her favorite white muslin. She attached the lace bertha and her treasured cameo brooch, then combed her long jet-black hair. First, the center part, then the wide puffs over cheeks and ears—she must do it perfectly the first time. 'I must not be late,' she whispered to herself, and now she was ready. Gathering her school books and her Bible, she blew out the candle and hastened to the window for another reassuring look.

"Now it was lighter and the rosier rays were breaking over the red clay hills of Macon. How beautiful it was from this highest point in the little city. The red brick building rose splendidly on Vine Street, a street lined with broad sugarberry trees and in the green lawns Eugenia could see the Mimosa trees in bloom. Rose vines on the fence across the street were bursting with buds reminding her that she must search for violets later in the day—it was a bit late for them in this warm Georgia climate, but she felt sure she would find enough for a tiny nosegay.

"She left her room to tap on a door just down the hall. It was quickly opened by one of her best friends, Octavia Andrew, who gave her a brief hug before they crossed the long corridor and hurried up the steps to the second floor college chapel. The two girls quietly entered and took their seats just as the bell rang for prayers to begin.

"Eugenia's brown eyes quickly searched the pews to find the other four girls—yes, there they were—dear Sophronia Woodruff, Ella Pierce, Mary Evans and Elizabeth Williams, all in white. Bowing her head, she asked a special prayer for



*Eugenia Tucker,  
Founder*

guidance. In quiet meditation she repeated to herself the words, 'we live for each other.'

"After the half-hour bible service, the girls walked primly to the dining room for breakfast. At nine the first recitation bell sounded, again at eleven, at twelve for dinner, at two and four for more recitations and at five for evening prayers and dismissal. Today it seemed endless. The five o'clock bell was the long-awaited signal and the girls raced to Eugenia's room to get from their hiding place the beautiful blue ribbons. They had worked so hard to make them pretty. Octavia had done most of the lettering because everyone said she had the most beautiful handwriting of anyone at the school. A bar across the top showed the clasped hands of friendship. On one ribbon streamer was the name 'Adelphean' and on the other was the carefully chosen motto, 'We Live for Each Other.'

"Proudly fastening the ribbons to their dresses, the girls hurried to catch up with the other students who were leaving the building and starting toward their special 'paradise,' as the shaded nook of trees near the college was known. Two of the teachers accompanied the girls as they joined other students. What excitement as their classmates saw for the first time the beautiful badges. Everyone wanted to know all about them and the new secret society, but Eugenia and the other founders kept them mystified. They had pledged themselves never to reveal the password or other information about their wonderful new society. Only those who were chosen for admittance on the basis of scholarship, high principles of behavior, and true friendships would have that privilege.

"The six Adelpheans, flushed and elated at the stir they had caused, walked with what dignity they could muster through the little groups of wide-eyed classmates. Then they sought the longer walk to Rose Hill Cemetery, another favorite spot. When they reached the little brook they stopped to search for violets. Each girl wanted a few blossoms to press. This day would never be forgotten, thought Eugenia, and the violets would remain a fragrant reminder in their diaries.

"All too soon the late afternoon walk was ended and the girls returned to the college building for supper. After their supper together, the six Adelpheans said goodnight. Each exchanged the secret handclasp and whispered their motto again.

"Since it was a Thursday, they would not be summoned to the parlor for religious services. On the previous evening, after Wednesday prayers, they had one last conference with



Dr. Myers who had helped them write their constitution, and with another favorite professor, the Reverend O.L. Smith. It was Dr. Smith who had chosen the name 'Adelphean' for the Society, taking it from the Greek word, Adelpheos.

"The girls were required to study quietly in their rooms until the ten o'clock bell. Eugenia, an excellent student, hurried through her lessons for the next day, then took out her diary. As was her custom, she recorded the eventful day in her little book.

"Article I of our Constitution states that 'This Society shall be called Adelphean, and shall have for its object the mental, moral, social and domestic improvement of its members.'

"Here are the names of The Adelpheans.

Octavia Andrew	Mary Evans	Ella Pierce
Elizabeth Williams	Sophronia Woodruff	Eugenia Tucker

" 'Yes,' she continued, 'today truly has been a wonderful day to remember. For today, at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, the first college for women, we have founded the society which we have been planning for so long, The Adelphean Society.'

"As she wrote, the candle by her side burned with a steady glow."

*Wesleyan College, the first college chartered to grant degrees to women in the world, as it looked in 1851*



# Founders

## *Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald*

Eugenia Tucker was born January 29, 1834, in Laurens County, Georgia. The eldest child of Dr. Nathan Tucker and Anna Horn Tucker, she had three sisters and one brother.

Dr. Tucker, a native of Tucker's Town, Point Judith, Rhode Island, was a prominent physician and owned two large plantations. He studied at Yale University preparatory school, but instead of entering college when the time came, he ran away to sea as a ship's clerk. "In his years at sea he took part in an Irish rebellion, saw something of the Italian wars, and through his trips to Austria he became acquainted with Empress Eugenie of Austria and developed an intense admiration for her. Eugenia, his first daughter, was named for the Empress," according to the great-grand niece of Eugenia, Roberta Andrews Jester, Delta—University of Texas.

After returning from his adventures, he studied medicine at the Philadelphia School of Medicine, which was considered the best medical school in the country at the time. "He studied Georgia law, and passed the state bar examination in Macon, feeling that as he was the second largest land owner in his



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county, he should know the law of the land," according to Roberta's account in *Loyally, Volume I*. Eugenia's mother, a native of Georgia, was widely read and considered an authority on English history.

With such highly educated parents, Eugenia grew up in a cultured atmosphere that was rare for the day. The family home, Buena Vista, was a thirteen-room mansion with wood-paneled walls that were carefully waxed—some rooms were of apple wood, some cherry, while others proudly wore pine or oak. Buena Vista's library was lined with the classics and the best novels from England were mailed to the family on a standing order. The cupboards at the base of the wall shelves were filled with the best magazines, both American and English.

Annually, Dr. Tucker shipped

the magazines to Philadelphia to be bound.

"Linens in the home...were woven especially for Dr. Tucker in Ireland. The table silver was 'coin silver,' made in New York from coins shipped there especially for that purpose and were of two sizes, breakfast and dinner," according to Roberta.

"The family was Episcopalian, but there was no Episcopal



*The thirteen rooms of Eugenia's family home, Buena Vista, are paneled with waxed wood and are filled with classic books and bound volumes of the latest magazines. (c. 1850)*

church in the county. Therefore, feeling an obligation to the religious life of the neighborhood, which was Methodist, the Tuckers built a church for the traveling Methodist minister so that he would have a regular place to preach. The church was supported largely by the Tuckers," Roberta continues.

It was in this privileged atmosphere that Eugenia was educat-

ed by governesses from New England. "The last governess was such a rabid abolitionist and so mischievous in her talk with the servants that she was dismissed. She was caught smuggling weapons out to the slave quarters by Eugenia's brother," Roberta relates. Eugenia and her brother were then sent to an academy in Midway, near Milledgeville, Georgia. After Midway,

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Eugenia entered Wesleyan. She described her experience:

"This slight young girl was studious, and ambitious. Her father, a lover of books, had given his children governesses after the country schools had been tried, and now was to be asked to send her to college. She had seen little of the world as the country town was twelve miles distant, and the nearest railway fourteen miles.

"After grave consideration consent was given, and the big family carriage with the black horses, Hector and Paris, driven by Uncle Peter, the old coachman, took her to Oconee station for the train to Macon."

Eugenia did so well on her entrance exam that she was enrolled as a junior and by the end of that first year, she founded The Adelphean Society. Eugenia's three younger sisters, Georgia, Ella and Ophelia, also would attend Wesleyan and become

Adelpheans. Eugenia excelled at Wesleyan

and was graduated in 1852 with first honors.

In 1861, at the age of 27, Eugenia married Judge Arthur E. Cochran, a widower with one son, Emmet. After the couple's wedding trip, the family made their home in Macon. After the death of Judge Cochran



*Mother Fitzgerald (c. 1913)*

in 1865, Eugenia traveled in Europe with a party of friends and spent several winters in either Washington, D.C., or Atlanta with her sister, Ophelia Tucker Flournoy, who also was a widow. On two occasions, Eugenia and Ophelia leased a home on Avery Island, Louisiana. It was here that Eugenia contracted a fever which resulted in deafness in her later life.

Eugenia remained a widow for eight years before marrying Dr. Edmund Fitzgerald, also of Macon. Dr. Fitzgerald had a young daughter, Caroline "Carrie", who Eugenia raised and who would become an Adelphean in 1876. The Fitzgeralds attended the Episcopal church in Macon and it was there that Eugenia formed a close friendship with famed poet and singer Sidney Lanier and his family.

After Dr. Fitzgerald's death, Eugenia and Carrie went to Washington, D.C., where Carrie met and married Captain A.F.

Lucas, an Austrian by birth. A civil engineer, Captain Lucas made a fortune in the oil business, locating, among other finds, the famed Spindletop oil well in Beaumont, Texas. After Carrie's marriage, Eugenia lived with the couple for several years and enjoyed many trips abroad with them.

Around 1911, Ophelia made a trip to Washington, D.C., to

*Eugenia's gold thimble and its intricate case is displayed in the Alpha Delta Pi Archives.*

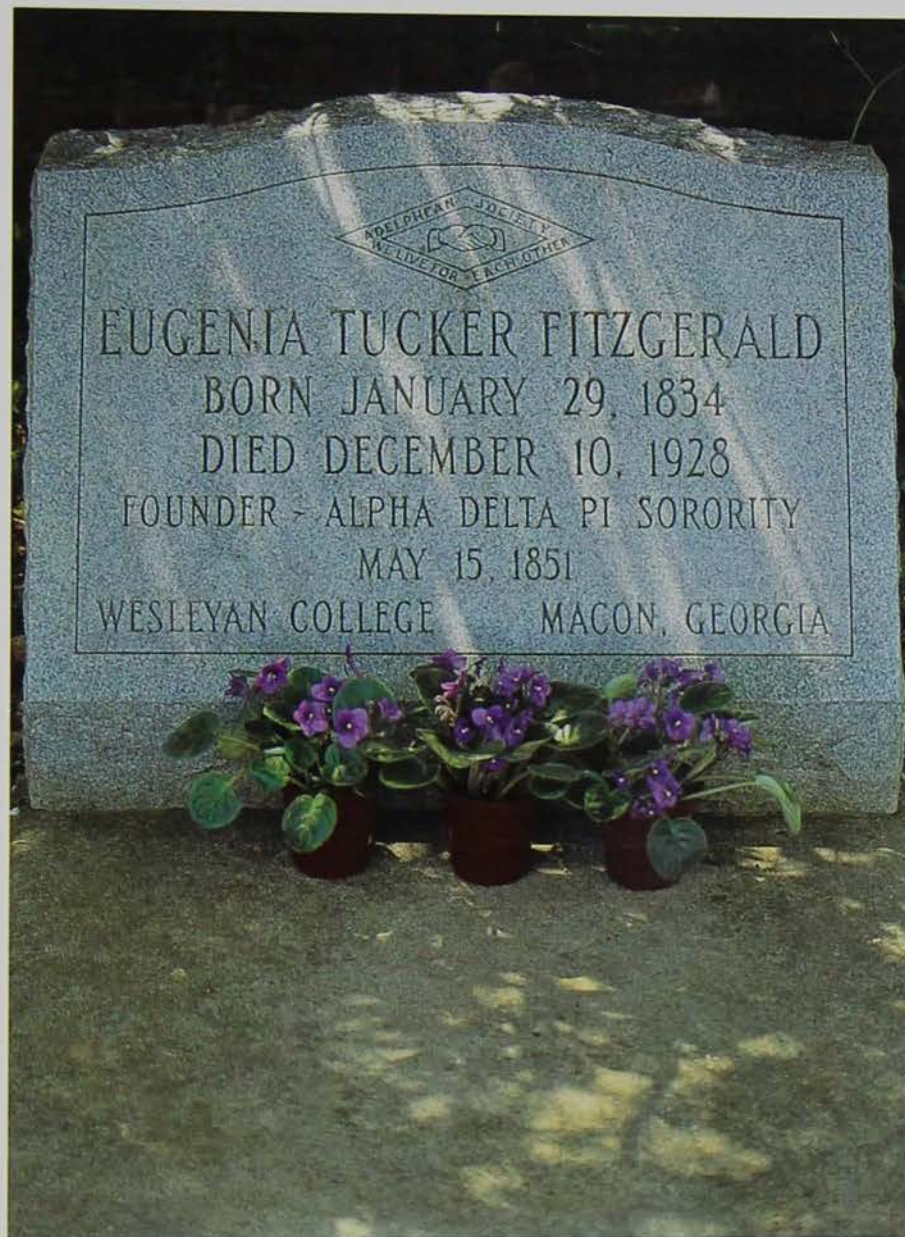


visit Eugenia and found her living in a boarding house where Carrie had left her with a companion, hired to care for her because of her age and increasing deafness. Ophelia was distressed to find that the companion had stripped Eugenia of all her silver and jewelry. Eugenia returned to Fort Worth, Texas, with her sister. She lived for several years with Ophelia's daughter, Roberta Flournoy Andrews, before moving in as a boarder at a Mrs. Hawthorne's home.

Eugenia remained active, mentally and physically. When well into her seventies, she was found doing calisthenics in her bedroom, she nonchalantly remarked, "one should never neglect arms and shoulders. They are so important with evening clothes."

She kept both a French and English Bible by her bedside and declared that it was "folly to lose a language for lack of use." She was an accomplished artist, painting in oils.

And, her love of reading and her fierce independence never faded. When she was very elderly, it was considered unsafe for her to cross the busy Fort Worth streets alone because of her progressing deafness, but she often disappeared only to be found happily spending time in the public library, shop-



*Eugenia lies at rest in the Fitzgerald family plot in Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, Georgia.*

ping, at a park or visiting St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Eugenia's interest in her beloved sorority was life-long. Our Archives are filled with many letters she received and letters she wrote to chapters, convention goers and officers. Many of the letters she received from members are addressed to "Mother Fitzgerald," as she became known to Alpha Delta Pi sisters in her later life.

Eugenia died suddenly in her sleep on December 10, 1928, just one month before her ninety-fifth birthday. She was the last surviving Founder. Funeral services were held on December 13 with floral tributes from Alpha Delta Pi chapters everywhere arriving in Fort Worth. A blanket of crimson roses with the letters "ADPi" in violets was sent by the National Council. Eugenia was buried in a mausoleum in Fort Worth, but shortly her body was taken back to Macon by her niece, Roberta Flournoy Andrews,

and laid to rest next to Dr. Fitzgerald in Rose Hill Cemetery.

"Remember that whatever I have done worth remembering, I know that the founding of our society is one of them. – Affectionately Mother Fitzgerald" in a 1909 letter that accompanied an autobiography she sent Alpha chapter.

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### *Ella Pierce Turner*

Ella Caroline Pierce was born on May 6, 1835, the oldest of five children of George Foster and Ann Waldron Pierce.

George Foster Pierce was a brilliant minister of the Methodist Church at the time of Ella's birth. He soon became a Bishop, then the first president of Wesleyan Female College and later president of Emory University.

Because he was a traveling minister when Ella was born, she spent some of her early years with her mother and siblings on the plantation of her great-grandfather, George Wells Foster, in Greene County, Georgia. It was a privileged atmosphere, and Ella enjoyed a happy childhood. Her father's writings, preserved in our Archives and at Wesleyan College, tell of his efforts to get home as often as his duties and horses would allow.

When Ella was five, her father became Wesleyan's first president and the family moved to Macon. They lived at the college for a while, but then moved to their own home in Vineville, just a mile or so from the college.

Dr. Pierce was only twenty-eight years old when he became



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president of Wesleyan, but he was well respected and a dynamic speaker. A Georgia statesman, Robert Toombs, described him as, "the most symmetrical man, the handsomest, the most gifted intellectually, and the purest in life of any man I have ever known."

At Wesleyan's first commencement in July 1840, Dr. Pierce addressed the first women graduates of the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women with these challenging words:

"The removal of scholastic restraints may grant you redemption from irksome duties and an introduction to the liberties of social life, but at the same time they give place to sterner demands and more onerous duties. Society has claims upon you, nor can you disregard them with infraction of moral right...The principles

which have been inculcated were not lessons designed merely to task your mental powers for successive days, but for wisdom in action—guides in practice—symmetry of character—means of usefulness...

"In my humble opinion, a grievous error has been incorpo-

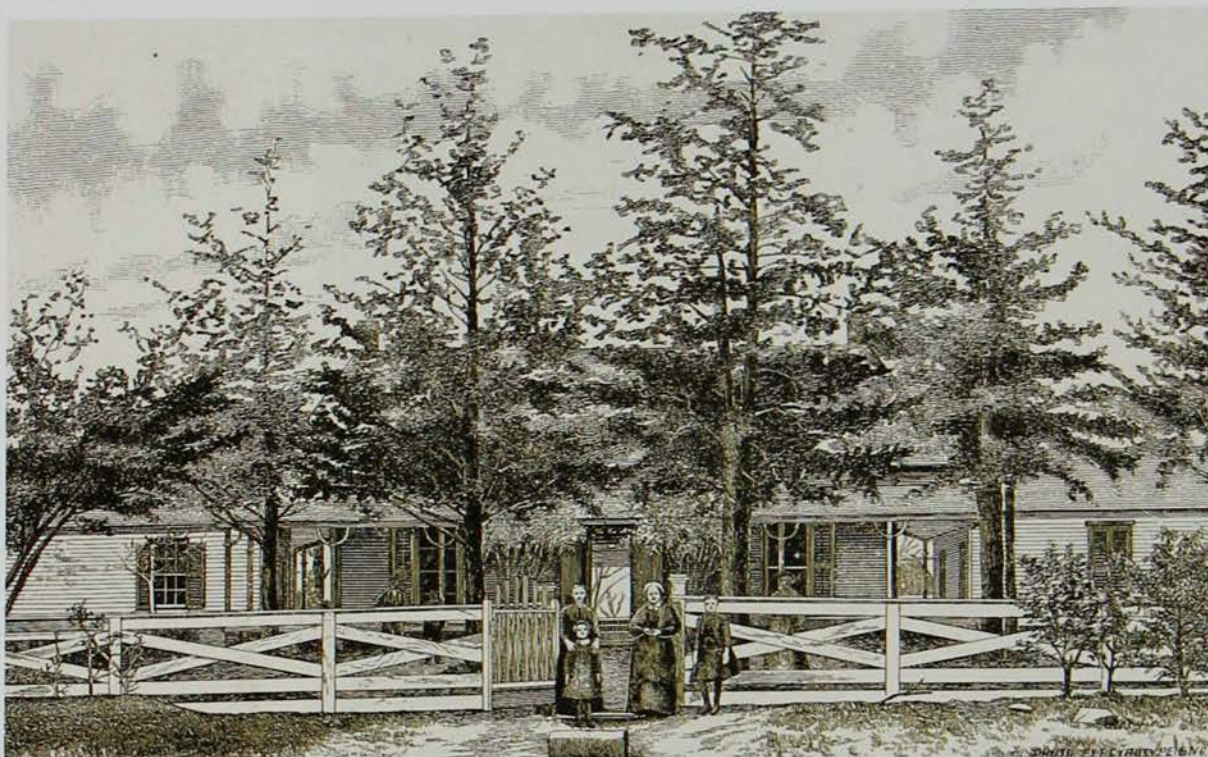




*In her happy life, Ella Pierce Turner would give birth to twelve children. She is pictured here with some of her many, beloved grandsons.*

rated into the organization of society... The elements of moral power and social purity have been injudiciously distributed... Woman's influence has been underrated as to its operations, and even when acknowledged has been appropriated to ends,

though worthy perhaps, yet far beneath the actual reach of her power...The sphere of woman is constantly enlarging as education fits her for loftier duties... Resolve to be estimated by your intellectual and moral worth."



*Ella's cherished family home "Sunshine" is built by her father, George Foster Pierce in the mid 1840s. He ensures that trees and bushes are trimmed so as not to obstruct the light through the windows. Ella and her husband, John Turner, would later purchase the property in 1870 and live out their lives there.*

Immediately after his compelling commencement address, Dr. Pierce resigned the presidency of Wesleyan to return to preaching; however, he remained in the position until the new term commenced in January 1841 to ensure a smooth transition.

In the mid-1840s, he purchased an old plantation, about four miles from Sparta, Georgia. He named the home "Sunshine" and allowed no bush or tree to block the sun from spilling into the home. It was here that Ella would spend the rest of her short childhood until she went to Wesleyan at the age of thirteen.

Ella's hunger for more education ran deep and the family ties to Wesleyan were strong. In addition to her father serving as the first president, Ella's grandfather, Dr. Lovick Pierce, served on the first interim committee of the Methodist church when establishment of the college was first considered in 1835. He also served on the Board of Trustees and was an ardent fundraiser for the college. So, when Ella expressed her desire to continue her education at Wesleyan, her wish was granted.

It was there that her dear friend, Eugenia Tucker asked her, to join her in establishing the Adelphean Society. Described as a "most charming young lady with seriousness of purpose and great determination," Ella was a devoted member.

After her graduation from Wesleyan in 1852, Ella returned to the home of her parents. In 1854 in Oxford, Georgia, she married John Turner, the son of Colonel Thomas Turner and Caroline Rivers Turner who had been friends of the Pierce family for many years.

Ella and John Turner made their home in Culverton, which was located in Hancock County, Georgia. In 1870, they purchased "Sunshine," Ella's childhood home from her father, George Foster Pierce.

John Turner was a farmer and between 1855 and 1878, Ella gave birth to twelve children. She lovingly recorded each birth, and the young deaths of two, in her large, leather-bound family Bible. The Bible was a wedding gift to Ella from her father and the cover is embossed with gold lettering commemorating the occasion. The Bible is now in the possession of her great-granddaughter, Grace Wilson Waters, Beta Nu—University of Georgia.

The first birth Ella recorded was that of Caroline Rivers Turner, born January 12, 1855. "Carrie," as she was known, would enter Wesleyan and become an Adelphean in 1872. Like her mother, Carrie would enjoy a life-long love of Alpha Delta Pi. Her son married Grace Troutman, also a member of Alpha chapter at Wesleyan College, who in 1911 would be elected to Alpha Delta Pi's Executive Council, now known as Grand Council. Their daughter, Grace Wilson Waters, was a charter member of Beta Nu chapter at the University of Georgia and continues her involvement with the sorority today.

When Alpha Delta Pi presented the impressive, marble fountain that flows today on the lawn of Wesleyan College on the occasion of the college's 100th anniversary in 1936, it was unveiled by Carrie and the two Graces. Carrie's original Adelphean badge remains in the family and, under Grace

Wilson Waters' care, was used to initiate countless descendants. A niece has continued the tradition since her death.

Grace remembered one occasion in particular when she had a phone call in the 1990s from a young woman, unknown to her, who explained that she was a descendant of Ella and asked if she could be initiated with this special badge. Grace agreed and the father of the young woman came to pick it up. A few weeks later, Grace's brother was questioning her wisdom in loaning it to someone unknown to her. She told him not to worry because it was loaned to an Alpha Delta Pi and she knew it would be returned. Shortly after that conversation, the young woman called asking when it would be convenient for her to return the badge. At the agreed upon hour, the young woman and her mother arrived with the badge. They also presented Grace with a beautifully hand-made wooden presentation box with an engraved plate. Now, the box, presented in love and respect, travels with Ella's first child's badge.

Because Ella's family is so large, there are many branches with ties to Alpha Delta Pi. Lovick Culverhouse, one of Ella's great-grandsons, was present at the Centennial Convention in Macon and made a special presentation to Grand President Maxine Blake. His mother, Eloise Davis Culverhouse, was initiated by Beta Sigma chapter at Mercer University on the occasion of Alpha Delta Pi's Centennial in 1951. In 1998, he presented Ella's lap desk to the sorority and it is displayed proudly in the Adelphean Room at the Cannonball House in Macon. The lap desk features a mother-of-pearl inlay depicting the Crystal Palace, which was constructed for the London World Exhibition in 1851, the year Ella helped found the Adelphean Society. The building was disassembled after the Exhibition so the desk is likely a souvenir of the Exhibition, according to former Alpha Delta Pi Archivist Karen Henzl.

"We are not certain how Ella acquired the lap desk, but it is fun to think that either she or a family member traveled to the London Exhibition in 1851," Karen said. "Ella didn't graduate until 1852, so she likely would have used this lap

desk during her senior year in college."

Ella's youngest son, Warren Joseph Turner who was born in 1878, also provided Alpha Delta Pi with another link to this Founder. Upon his marriage to Elizabeth Mallard in 1895, Ella presented him with her personal Bible that she had used since 1842. She had the Bible embossed to commemorate the occasion, just as her father had done for her forty-one years earlier. Warren Joseph's daughter, Elizabeth Warren Turner, who is Ella's granddaughter is still living today and passed the bible to her son, Warren Hunter Marrow. His wife, Roberta "Bobbie" Thompson Marrow is an alumna of Delta chapter at the University of Texas. The Bible is used today for many Alpha Delta Pi ceremonies, including the Jewel Degree ceremonies at Texas State Conventions.

Ella Pierce Turner did indeed lead a rich and useful life. She enjoyed a long life with her husband, John, whose funeral was held on September 3, 1900. Ella passed away on her seventy-second birthday, May 6, 1907. She is buried next to her husband in the Pierce family plot in Sparta Cemetery in Hancock County, Georgia. And, her many descendants, continue to honor her memory and live the motto she embraced and exemplified, "We Live for Each Other."



*Ella and  
John Turner*

## Founders

### *Sophronia Woodruff Dews*

Sophronia Farrington Woodruff was born January 6, 1835, in Augusta, Georgia, to Dr. Michael Woodruff and Abigail Patterson Woodruff. Both her parents were born in New Jersey, but were living in Georgia before the birth of Sophronia.

By 1840, the family was listed on the Muscogee County census where they were considered prominent citizens of Columbus, Georgia. Dr. Woodruff served three terms as a city alderman and two terms as a Muscogee County grand juror. He was the city physician in 1847 and the health officer in 1844 and 1851. He also served as president of the Muscogee Bible Society for four years.

During the 1840s, the Muscogee County records that document Dr. Woodruff's involvement also mention the leadership of Bishop James Osgood Andrew, father of Founder Octavia Andrew, and list Lovick Pierce, grandfather of Founder Ella Pierce, as the Presiding Elder of the Columbus District of the Methodist Conference. It is reason-



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able to assume, because of their prominent roles in Columbus at the same time, that all these men were at least acquainted, if not good friends.

Upon Dr. Woodruff's death in 1870, the board of the Muscogee Bible Society ran a "Tribute of Respect" in the *Weekly Columbus Enquirer*:

"...Dr. Woodruff was a Christian gentleman, gentle, kind, affectionate, illustrating the excellency of the Gospel of Christ and the beauty of holiness; always ready with a word of advice to the weak, and of comfort to the stricken. He moved in his circle a light, whose rays light up the way of life, and drew his associates in on the narrow path he trod. His gentle, forgiving spirit, like oil on the angry wave, quieted the turbulent, healed the differences, and made of his church a happy brotherhood. His abid-

ing faith in the goodness of God and the sufficiency of the atonement raised us all up from our low level of conformity to richer pastures, and enabled us to confidently contemplate

the fullness of the promise and glory of the reward, and the closing scenes of life vindicated the truth of the Bible he loved and desired so much to see in the hands of all. Therefore,

“Resolved, That in the death of Doctor Woodruff, this community has lost one of its best and purest citizens, and our Society a good and efficient officer, and we render our sympathies to the bereaved.”

Sophronia grew up with this beloved man as her father. She had many siblings, seven or eight, but as the records are sketchy, we are unable to determine if a Stephen W. Woodruff, born circa 1928 in New Jersey, was actually a brother. If he was a brother, Sophronia was the second child and oldest daughter of the known children. If he was not a brother, she was the eldest child. Three of her siblings died, not at birth, but before their second birthdays, and they are buried in the family plot in Linwood Cemetery in Columbus, Georgia.

Because of her privileged and religious background, it is not surprising that Sophronia traveled from Columbus to Macon, a journey of one hundred miles—a distance that was more remote then, than today—to attend Wesleyan Female College. There she formed such a strong friendship with Eugenia Tucker that she was invited by Eugenia to help her establish the first sorority in the world.

Along with the other Founders, Sophronia received her A.B. degree in 1852. The subject of her commencement composition was “Selfishness—the Axis on which the World Turns.” She would later receive an honorary degree from Wesleyan in 1863. After graduation in 1852, it is assumed that she returned to the home of her parents as she is listed as a resident of their household in the 1860 census records.



*The founders replace the blue and white ribbon badge with a diamond-shaped silver badge before their graduation in 1852. By 1853, the badge is fashioned in gold. Modifications have been made over the years, but the diamond shape with clasped hands remains the same. This badge which belonged to an Adelphean of 1856 is on display in The Adelphean Room at the Cannonball House in Macon.*

Sophronia married George M. Dews, in his hometown of Savannah, Georgia, on August 5, 1863. Their only child, Eugene W. Dews, was born on June 19, 1864 and died at the young age of sixteen on April 16, 1881. He is listed in 1870 census records as “Eugenie,” which must have been his nickname, perhaps for his mother’s dear friend, Eugenia Tucker. Those same census records list Sophronia’s occupation as “keeping house” and list her husband, George, as superintendent of the public schools in Columbus. Later records list him as a professor, although we do not know where he taught. He died in Forsyth, Georgia, on April 15, 1891, according to the Linwood Cemetery records in Columbus where he is buried.

After his death, Sophronia moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Alpha Delta Pi records give her last address there and state that she attended several Founders’ Day celebrations. Sophronia died on August 6, 1913 at the age of seventy-eight in Nashville, according to cemetery records. The same records indicate that her surviving relatives were “sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Woodruff, niece Miss Ruby Willingham, Miss Banks, of Chattanooga.” She is buried in the Woodruff-Willingham plot in the Linwood Cemetery along with her beloved son and husband.

## Founders

### *Octavia Andrew Rush*

Octavia Osgood Andrew was born November 28, 1835, to Bishop James Osgood Andrew, and his first wife, Ann Amelia MacFarlane. She was their fifth child and was given the nickname, "Little Occie" that she carried throughout her life.

After a few years in Covington, Georgia, the family moved to Oxford where Octavia spent most of her childhood. Bishop Andrew had been involved with Wesleyan College even before it was established, serving on the Methodist's interim committee in 1835 when the college was first considered and then as the ranking member of the original Board of Trustees. So, it seemed natural that Octavia would attend Wesleyan. She was just 13 years old when she made the journey. Later, she would describe it for her Alpha Delta Pi sisters.

"In 1848 when I left home for college there were not many railroads, but as I lived in Oxford, Georgia, we had the Georgia railroad to Atlanta and changed cars there for a road running from Atlanta to Macon. At the station in Macon a bus met us at the train and took us and our baggage to college.

"When the Adelphean Society was organized in 1851 the



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members had a new interest and an absorbing one. It was a small beginning but we felt it was a joy and a blessing to us in every way."

Octavia graduated in 1852 when she was sixteen years old and moved back to her family home in Oxford. John Wesley Rush, an Emory law student, often visited the family and "fell desperately in love with the youngest daughter, petite Octavia," according to *Rush Memoirs*, a book published by their descendants. After their engagement, but before their marriage on April 25, 1854, John Wesley Rush had decided to abandon the law and become a Methodist preacher. Their wedding ceremony was conducted by George Foster Pierce, father of Octavia's dear friend and co-founder Ella Pierce Turner.

John Wesley Rush and "Little Occie" had ten children. Charles Andrew Rush, one of their sons, recalled that as a child, the family moved nearly every year due to his father's church assignments, but that Octavia "maintained the order and continuity of family life." Around 1859, the family moved to Tuskegee where Reverend Rush was sent to take charge of the boarding department and teach at the



*Descendants of Octavia Andrew Rush, back row, third from right, and John Wesley Rush, tallest man in photo, continue to hold family reunions today.*

Alabama Conference Female College.

During the Civil War, Reverend Rush went to the defense of the South. He mustered a company of Tuskegee men and was captured at Island No. 10 in 1862 and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. From prison he wrote to Octavia:

"Now, my dear, I want you to be cheerful for my health is very good—except for a cold which I hope soon to be rid of—And the treatment we all receive is very courteous & kind. Indeed so clever are they that I am very much astonished. To be a prisoner of war is not such a very bad thing—were it not for

the absence of loved ones, and the difficulty of communication with them. We are in good houses, cook on stoves, have plenty of wood, water, and wholesome food. When you hear of barbarity, cruelty and the like, just say it is all false. I have not seen the least bit of it, and don't believe it is practiced anywhere.

"...My roommates are Lieuts Menefee & Sistrunk, with 10 other officers of the 1st Ala. Reg...I met a Cousin whom I had never before seen, Capt. Mooney of Ark. You see how strange are the fortunes of war, we are like brothers and enjoy ourselves as well as we can but are restive, of course, when we think of



On display in the Alpha Delta Pi Archives, Octavia's eyeglass holder is engraved with her maiden initials, OOA.

home. Everything I had was lost except the clothes on my body at one time, and I have not a cent of current money. If Ben can make arrangements to send me some I will be very much obliged. *Indeed I will.* We are all poor as church mice. ...We have prayer meeting and preaching. Religion is sweet every where and thank God, he has so made us that we can worship him even in prison.

"...Kiss the darling children for me, my heart aches with desire to see them & hear their sweet little voices, and see their innocent mirth in play. God bless you all. Affectly your husband, J.W. Rush. Write to Camp Chase, Ohio by Fr. Monroe. Put on a U.S. Stamp."

Later John Wesley Rush was transferred to Johnson's Island. He was exchanged and subsequently discharged from the army for a physical disability. At the close of the war, he was serving as Presiding Elder of the Selma District. His fifty odd years of service to the church included serving as a missionary to slaves, organizing three mission churches, being editor of the *Alabama Christian Advocate*, city pastorates and being a trustee for the Male College at Greensboro. "Of all his work, he remembered with pleasure his work as missionary to the slaves," according to *Rush Memoirs*.

Octavia and John Wesley enjoyed a long, happy marriage of fifty-one years before his death in 1905. "She certainly loved him devotedly, keeping her marriage vow, 'For better or for worse, in sickness and in health...'. From a material standpoint, there was more worse than better, but from a spiritual standpoint, the better became the best as the years wore on, and I never knew a more devoted couple," recalled their granddaughter, Annie Douglas Mitchell.

"Grandpa and Grandma were both good scholars and great readers. I can see Grandma now with a book in her lap while she did the churning. That was one job she never turned over

to anyone else and I guess it was because she wanted a few minutes in the day to read, and this was a time she could count on being left alone," Annie remembered.

The *Rush Memoirs* also report that Octavia "never lacked for a word to express what she had to say in the best possible English. She wrote beautifully, also, and it was a family joke that she could say more on a penny post card than any one else could put in a six page letter."

"Mother" Rush, as the Alpha Delta Pi sisters called her, lived until just three weeks before her eighty-second birthday. She remained involved with the sorority throughout her life. A notice in the March 1912 issue of *The Adelphean* from the Oxford Alumnae Club reads:

"We have felt especially honored in having 'Mother Rush' with us for a part of this winter. A visit from a really truly founder is something that every Alumnae Club cannot have, and we rejoiced in our good fortune."

A 1987 letter to the Archives from Octavia Holt Bass, a granddaughter of Octavia and a member of Mu chapter at the Women's College of Alabama, tells of the time around 1912 that a "man representing Baird's Manual came to Montgomery to see Grandma. She was living with us at the time. He wanted Grandma to go over the Ritual we were using at that time and swear it was like the original. ...Grandma met with him in our upstairs library—she was sitting in an easy chair. ...Grandma read it all over, to herself, of course, and assured the man she had helped in writing it, and it was exactly as she remembered it."

Octavia died on November 6, 1917, having written a letter to Alpha Delta Pi in May of that year, thanking the sorority for remembering her on Founders' Day. She is buried next to her beloved husband in Prattville, Alabama.

Our archives display her sterling silver eyeglass holder, engraved with her maiden initials, OOA. It was a gift to the Archives from two of her great-granddaughters, Mary Ann Rush Medler and Lettye Maye Rush Page, both Alpha Psi alumnae from the University of Southern California. They are just two of many of Octavia's descendants who are Alpha Delta Pi sisters.



## Founders

### *Mary Evans Glass*

Mary Evans was born on September 10, 1833 in Forsyth, Georgia, to Dr. James E. Evans and his wife, Parmelia Mays Evans. Dr. Evans was a Methodist minister, filling many of the largest pastorates in the South. And, he served on the Wesleyan Female College Board of Trustees for an amazing forty years, from 1842 to 1884, according to Wesleyan College Archives.

With her father's ties, there was no doubt that Mary would attend Wesleyan. In 1906, she remembered her college days when she addressed the first convention of Alpha Delta Pi.

"The carefree girls who dwelt happily together in room 15 were not unlike many who have followed in their wake. In the shelter of their home they had cherished alluring visions of treading 'a primrose path of dalliance gay,' which led merrily on to graduation day—and found instead, both toilsome tasks and duties stern. But life, withal, was brightened by many a joyous prank, and sweetened by the unbroken ties of



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The going-in and coming out of merry groups is in strange contrast to the funeral-like procession which (grimly guarded fore and aft—teacher to right of us—teacher to left of us) as a giddy diversion was daily marched to the cemetery or to

early friendships...

"When the rising bell sounded its dread alarm, drowsy eyes looking through frosted panes, literally saw stars in the daytime, and plunging into the icy air of a fireless room, girls shivered as they tried to coax a reluctant blaze from the unpromising sticks of poor, hard, wet wood, which had been religiously apportioned out by the faithful old major-domo of a well-stored box... To steal, to buy, to beg, to borrow kindling—all were regarded as equally honorable methods—just so we got it, that was the thing. The end justified the means...Twas an undreamed of luxury, a scarce commodity, but there were thoughtful mothers who never omitted it from the contents of a well-stored box.

"In the 'good old times' personal liberty was a thing much prated about, but little enjoyed.

some other sequestered spot, whither the foot of man has never been 'sot,' and where his vile presence defiled not.

"Where the Susannah Wesley Memorial now stands, was a skirt of woods known as Paradise, and 'neath these sheltering shades sweet confidences were whispered and many a solemn conclave held. There they met to build air castles, abuse the professors, compare notes, complain about the fare, tell fortunes, plan pranks and count the days till Christmas...

"In the junior class of '51 was Eugenia Tucker, a young woman who by reason of her many graces and gifts, was easily an acknowledged leader. Studious, thoughtful and ambitious, she saw the opening gateway for nobler development and higher culture than was provided in a regular college curriculum, and calling together girls of congenial tastes, social prestige and genuine literary merit, she organized what was then known as the Adelphean Society.

"It was a glad May time that marked the birth of an illustrious mother's eldest born—the fairest in face, the richest in promise—her noblest and her best.

"It was not all smooth sailing in those early days. Difficulties arose and trials beset, but the dominant spirit brooked no



*Dr. James E. Evans, the father of Mary Evans Glass, would serve on the Wesleyan Female College Board of Trustees for more than forty years and was the "closest friend" for fifty years to George Foster Pierce, father of Founder Ella Pierce Turner.*

obstacles. The faculty were our most able champions and wisest counselors. ...We were called an 'exclusive set' and then, as now, the 'nons' puzzled their brains with many a conjecture as to where the 'greasy pole' was concealed.

"The highest stand of scholarship was an open sesame to our ranks, and the basal principle was to find its loftiest expression in self-forgetful ministry of our motto—'We Live for Each Other'.

"...Faith was the field glass which spied out the land, Hope the architect who drew the plan, but Love shall crown the work.

"And so, my dear sisters, let us be true to our motto. It will sweeten the happy hopes of youth, enrich the deep ripe joys of maturer years, and when the Autumn winds shall sweep, and the brown leaves flutter across life's hurrying close, and

Winter snows fall thick and fast, —we will feel no fear, for 'there will be light in the evening time'."

Mary graduated from Wesleyan with distinction. In 1857, she married Sanford W. Glass, a lawyer, of "brilliant attainments," according to their only surviving child, Loula Evans Glass, who was born in 1858. They also had a son, James, who was born in 1859 and died in 1862.

During the Civil War, Mr. Glass "with a true patriot's spirit,

took up arms for the Confederacy. As an officer of high rank he was distinguished on the battle field and gave his life as a sacrifice for the cause he believed to be right," Loula wrote.

He died in a field hospital on July 5, 1863, from wounds sustained at Gettysburg. Upon his death, Mary and Loula made their home with Mary's parents. Her mother was an invalid for several years, so Mary became "the 'mistress of the manse' and right well and nobly lived up to the requirements of this 'no easy' position," Loula said.

Mary taught at a private school for several years and held fast to her beloved sorority. The Archives contain many letters she wrote to chapters—she signed most of them as "Mother Glass." In 1909, she wrote to *The Adelphean*:

"Often before I have looked into your fresh young faces pictured in the pages of *The Adelphean*; and like a fond mother, as each new name has been enrolled on the family register the last has seemed the fairest of face, the fullest of promise; and looking I have loved, and loving I have thrilled with pleasure and pride that I was an ancestress of so royal a line: that it was my privilege to be one of the charter members of an organization which was builded upon a foundation so sure and strong—even the principles of truth and right—its members bound together by a pledge which is daily finding faithful expression as they give themselves to its fulfillment in loyal, self-forgetful ministry to others."

At the age of seventy-five, still vigorous in mind and body, according to her daughter, Mary underwent an operation for cataracts, which not only failed to restore her sight but was followed by a year of intense suffering. "This testing time brought out the beauty of patience and the glory of perfect submission to the divine will," Loula wrote.

However, even after surgery, Mary continued to be active with Alpha chapter in Macon, where she made her home at 103 Academy Street, and to write to other chapters. On May 21, 1912, she wrote:

"Dear Girls—

The many sweet remembrances of 'my children' on

Founders' Day made it for me a joy indeed. As I read each loving greeting, memory was busy with the long ago. Sixty-one years since our organization is a weary stretch of time; & looking at the achievements of the Sorority today & its possibilities for the 'morrow, I count it no small honor to have been one of its founders. It has always stood for the highest ideals of womanhood & will always find its truest fulfillment in a self forgetful ministry to others. Truly in the days ago we wrought more nobly than we knew.

"Write to me every now and then and tell me of your plans. While the calendar says I have passed my seventy eighth milestone, I hope never to outgrow my interest in ADPhi girls. I try to make true in my life the saying of Oliver Wendell Holmes—'It is more cheerful & hopeful to be seventy years young than forty years old.'"

"This is my wish for you that every Alpha Delta Phi girl may live

'In that pure atmosphere where breath is prayer  
And coming forth, help, serve, bless everywhere,  
May children greet her with their joyous mirth,  
And aged ones, homesick for Heaven, find earth  
A sweeter place because she brought them cheer,  
And whispered spring time memories in their ear.'

With love and hoping to hear from you again

Sincerely yours, Mary Evans Glass"

Mother Glass died on February 28, 1914, and Alpha

chapter attended

the funeral as a

group "to

express, though

only in a small

degree, our love

and respect for her,

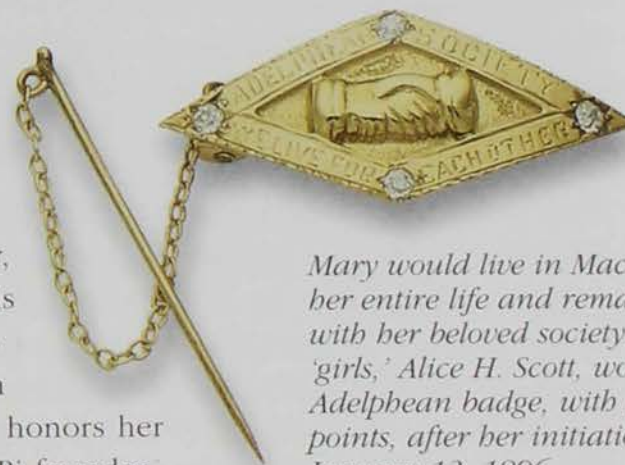
our founder." She is

buried in Riverside

Cemetery in Macon

and her headstone honors her

as an Alpha Delta Pi founder.



Mary would live in Macon almost her entire life and remain involved with her beloved society. One of her 'girls,' Alice H. Scott, wore this Adelphean badge, with diamond points, after her initiation on January 13, 1896.

## Founders

### *Elizabeth Williams Mitchell*

Elizabeth McCottrey Williams was born on October 6, 1832, in Marion County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Dr. Charles Williams and his first wife, Jane Margaret Craig. Dr. Williams was born September 20, 1807, near the present town of Bishopville, South Carolina. He received his medical degree from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky on March 10, 1831.

In 1832, the year Elizabeth was born, the Williams family moved from Marion County to the neighboring county of Darlington and located in Society Hill, according to *Doctors of Darlington County, 1760-1912*. The biographical sketch offered in this historical book, says that Dr. Williams "opened an office on the corner of the present Main Street and Pressly Avenue; he became a member of the Society Hill Library Society in 1834, having purchased the share of Henry Marshall. The late Mrs. F.E. Wilson wrote of Dr. Williams: 'a popular physician with a large and successful practice...he continued to be the leading physician until he moved to Georgetown...he was an ardent Methodist and by his influence a small Methodist Church was built'..."

In addition to Elizabeth, Dr. Williams and Jane Margaret had one other child; a son named Charles Alexander, who was four years



younger than Elizabeth. Around his first birthday and when Elizabeth was five years old, their mother died on January 6, 1838.

As a widower, Dr. Williams, continued his medical practice in Society Hill, and raised his children without his beloved wife for several years. When Elizabeth was twelve years old, her father married Mary E. Laval in her hometown of Georgetown on April 26, 1845. Dr. Williams and Elizabeth's stepmother had nine other children. In 1847, Dr. Williams moved his family to Georgetown and continued his medical practice there, according to *Doctors of Darlington County, 1760-1912*.

The family was devoted to the Georgetown Methodist Church. Elizabeth's father served as a steward and trustee. Today, there is a large three-paneled stained glass window in Duncan Memorial

Church that was prominently placed in his memory when the present church building was dedicated in 1901. The name of the church was changed at the time of the dedication to Duncan Memorial Church from Georgetown Methodist Church to honor the pastor at the time, Reverend Duncan.

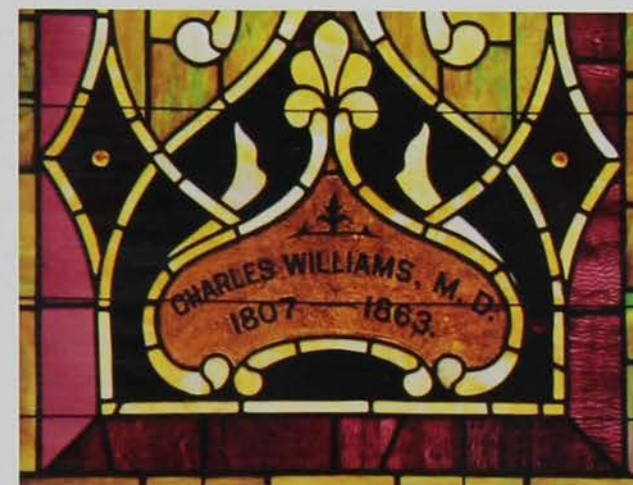
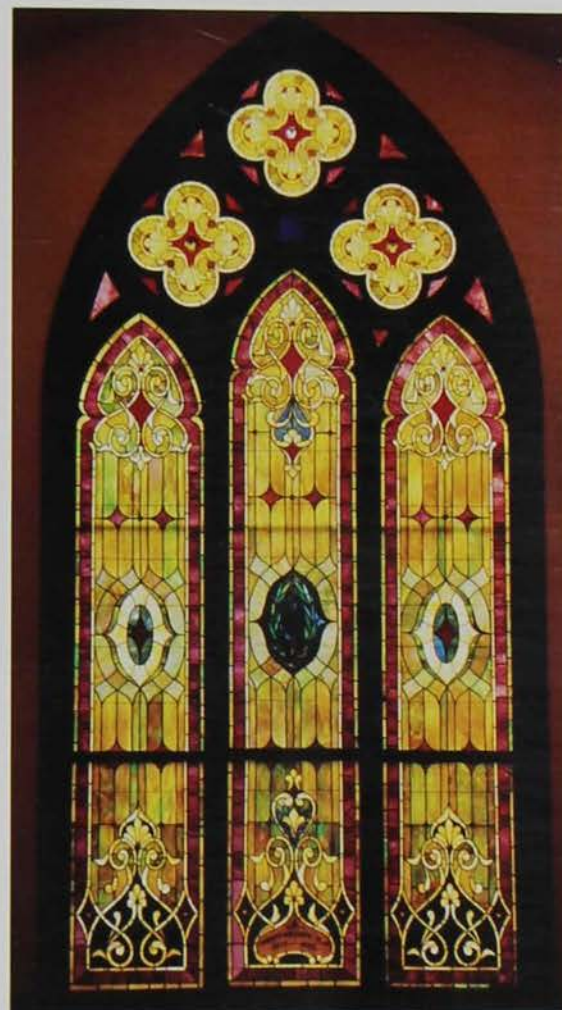
The family's association with the Methodist Church undoubtedly influenced Elizabeth's attendance at Wesleyan College. As a

steward and trustee of the Georgetown Methodist Church, Dr. Williams would have been familiar with Wesleyan since the Methodists were instrumental in founding the institution and had acquired the college in 1844. And, he certainly was acquainted with the fathers of other Alpha Delta Pi founders. Bishop James Osgood Andrew, the father of Founder Octavia Andrew and a member of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees, served as the head of the South Carolina Methodist Conference for several years and was the presiding elder of the conference held in Georgetown. Lovick Pierce, grandfather of Founder Ella Pierce, was appointed pastor of the Georgetown Methodist Church for a term. Ella's father, George Foster Pierce, and her grandfather, Lovick, both served in the South Carolina Methodist Conference.

Elizabeth was the only founder who was not a native of the state of Georgia. Her hometown was more than 450 miles from Macon. Perhaps she made the long journey with her childhood friend, Maria J. Easterling, also of Georgetown. Maria was one of the thirteen girls invited by "Bettie," as Elizabeth was known at Wesleyan, and the other founders to join The Adelphean Society within six weeks of its 1851 founding. Maria shared their Methodist roots. She was baptized at the Georgetown Methodist Church and her father also was a steward and trustee of the church. Later, Elizabeth's husband, the Reverend Thomas Mitchell, would preside at Maria's wedding.

After graduating from Wesleyan in 1852, Elizabeth returned home and is listed in the 1860 census records as residing in her father's household. In the early 1860s, Elizabeth married Thomas Mitchell, who was a Methodist minister. The exact date of their wedding is unknown as there are many gaps in records during the Civil War and the local newspapers were not published during much of that time.

Elizabeth and Thomas had five children, Charles William, born in 1863; Frances, born in 1866; Robert Hamilton, born in 1867; James, born in 1869 and Thomas, born in 1872.



*A large three-paneled stained glass window in Duncan Memorial Church in Georgetown, South Carolina, honors Elizabeth's father, Dr. Charles Williams.*

The missing records leave us with many questions about their lives, but Reverend Mitchell appears on the Georgetown Methodist Church rolls as pastor in 1855 and 1856 and again in 1865 and 1866.

During his second known term there, the church had almost two thousand black members, most of them slaves working on the rice plantations. Union troops blockaded the port early on during the Civil War and Confederate troops had completely abandoned the town in 1864 and moved on to Charleston. Federal troops allowed no groups to assemble and the church lay empty for months. On February 25, 1865, Union troops marched into Georgetown. The town council signed formal submission papers and slaves were freed the next day in Georgetown, and within two weeks on the surrounding plantations. Once slaves were freed, every black

member of the church left, except one, leaving Reverend Mitchell with about twenty percent of his previous church membership. The emancipated slaves who left organized the Bethel A.M.E. Church, locating just two blocks from the Georgetown Methodist Church.

The 1870 census records list Thomas as a schoolteacher and Elizabeth's occupation is noted as "keeping house." In 1881, Reverend Thomas Mitchell became a "local preacher," serving the Georgetown District, traveling from church to church along the rivers. At this time, Elizabeth had her name removed, by certificate, from the Georgetown Methodist Church and she was most likely attending church with her husband.

The Mitchell's had a plantation near Plantersville, South Carolina. It was here that tragedy struck. Elizabeth's oldest son, Charles, died at their Plantersville plantation on July 9, 1884, at the age of twenty-one. His obituary in the *Georgetown Enquirer* tells the story:

"On last Wednesday morning our citizens were shocked and startled by the intelligence that Mr. Charles W. Mitchell had died during the night. On the day previous he was regarded by the doctor as much better and hopes of his recovery were freely entertained. The remains of the deceased were brought down from Plantersville on Wednesday evening, reaching Georgetown after sunset. The beautiful and impressive burial service was read by Rev. B. Allston and amid the stillness of night, the body was laid in its last resting place at the Cemetery.

"Mr. Mitchell was a young man of great firmness and decision of character, of indomitable energy and of inflexible devotion to duty. His many sterling qualities of mind and heart had endeared him to a wide circle of friends. He was

quiet and unobtrusive in demeanor, but his manner bore the stamp of a native dignity and self respect which revealed the strength of his character. With a self-denial and persistence, which showed the true nobility of his nature, he applied himself to constant and unremitting work on his father's plantation. It was while overheated by his arduous exertions in the performance of these duties, that he took a bath in the cold waters of Black River, and contracted the illness of which he died. He was a brave, manly, high-toned Christian young man, a loving and devoted son and brother and a true and loyal friend. Peace to his ashes!"

Thirteen days after her son's death, Elizabeth died. Her obituary, printed in the same newspaper, on July 30, 1884 reads:

"Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, wife of the Rev. Thomas Mitchell, died at Plantersville last Tuesday night, the 22nd inst., of hemorrhagic fever, just two weeks after her son had breathed his last. Prostrated by grief at his death and exhausted by her ceaseless vigils at his bedside, her physical energies were too weak to cope with the fell destroyer. Her remains were brought to Georgetown on Wednesday and laid to rest beside those of her son. Mrs. Mitchell's pure, exalted and lovely Christian character was a living illustration of the truth as it is in Christ. She was a most affectionate and tender wife and mother, and in all the relations of life the nobility and spotlessness of her nature shone forth in exquisite beauty and clearness. Her death is a grievous affliction and the

bereaved family have the profoundest sympathy of our community in their sore trial."

The hemorrhagic fever that killed Elizabeth was also known then as "country fever" or "summer fever." It is known today as malaria. There is little doubt that malaria also took her



*Elizabeth Williams Mitchell is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Georgetown, South Carolina, next to three of her sons.*

beloved, eldest child rather than the “bath in the cold waters of Black River.” He was likely bitten by the infected mosquitoes that flourished along the river. The citizens at that time knew that the fevers were connected to the land near the rivers, but they did not know that mosquitoes were the source.

As the obituary stated, Elizabeth is buried next to her eldest son who preceded her in death. They are at rest, along with her father, in the Elmwood Cemetery in Georgetown. Her other three sons would also die young. Robert Hamilton died at twenty years of age in 1887. James was twenty-five when he passed away on February 19, 1895. They also are buried next to their mother. Elizabeth’s youngest son, Thomas, died at twenty-three years of age on November 28, 1895, and is buried in Humbert Cemetery, near Ridgeland.

Elizabeth’s daughter, Frances “Fannie” Mitchell married John Wilson Ferebee and they lived in Ridgeland. Fannie’s father and her youngest brother were living with them at the time of young Thomas’ death in 1895. Elizabeth’s husband, Thomas, buried his four sons and his wife before he died on February 23, 1902.

Fannie and John Ferebee had six known children. Three died young. Their first baby, a girl, died at sixteen months. Another son died ten days before his first birthday. A son, Edgar, died in 1906 at the age of twelve. Another son, Louis L. was born in May 1887. According to census records, he was living at home in 1910 at the age of twenty-two and was called “Leonard.” The same records show two daughters living at home, the twenty-year old Olive and nine-year old Eunice.

When this book was originally published as *Sisters* in 2001, no living descendants, nor a likeness of Elizabeth, had been found in spite of years of searching. We had established that Fannie lived a long life, dying in 1950 at eighty-four years of age and that she was buried in Ridgeland, along with several family members.

The “search for Elizabeth” continued and in 2008, then Archivist Karen Henzl Reece located a great granddaughter, Jane McTeer Brown, by calling random libraries in the area of South Carolina where Elizabeth last lived.

Jane is the granddaughter of Elizabeth’s only daughter, Frances “Fannie” Mitchell Ferebee and the daughter of Eunice. (See: “The Story of *More Sisters*” on page 314 for more information on the search.)

Jane and her husband, George Carroll Brown, III, have two children, George, IV, and Ann “Ferebee” Brown Ruffalo. Ferebee has one daughter, Jane Whaley Rogers, who was born in 1995.

Jane was aware that her great-grandmother attended Wesleyan, but the family had no idea that she was a founder of Alpha Delta Pi.

Jane remembers a portrait of Elizabeth that hung in her home as a child. “She was quite beautiful with long dark hair, parted in the middle and worn drawn up into a knot at the back of the neck,” she described. A fire destroyed the

home and the portrait; however, Karen obtained photographs and the portrait on page 24 was commissioned by the sorority.

In 2011, Elizabeth’s likeness took its proper place, alongside the other founders’ portraits in the Founders’ Gallery in Memorial Headquarters.



*Elizabeth’s father, Dr. Charles Williams, is a prominent physician and an ardent supporter of the Methodist Church. (c. 1860)*

# The Founders Connection

The fathers of Alpha Delta Pi's six founders all shared a strong Methodist connection that linked them to Wesleyan College and each other.

James Osgood Andrew, father of Octavia Andrew, and Dr. Lovick Pierce, grandfather of Ella Pierce, served on the Methodist's interim committee in 1835 when the college was first considered. James Andrew was a Methodist minister, later he became a Bishop and served as the ranking member of Wesleyan's original Board of Trustees.

Lovick Pierce also served on the Board of Trustees and as an agent of the college was an ardent fundraiser. His son and Ella's father, George Foster Pierce, was Wesleyan's first

president. After leaving Wesleyan, he returned to the ministry and became a Bishop in the Methodist Church.

*The Life and Times of George Foster Pierce* states that his closest friend for more than fifty years was Dr. James E. Evans, father of Mary Evans. Dr. Evans also was a Methodist minister, filling many of the largest pastorates in the South. And, he served on Wesleyan's Board of Trustees from 1842 to 1884, according to Wesleyan College Archives.

Bishop Andrew's assignments included serving as the head of the South Carolina Methodist Conference for several years and he was the presiding elder of the conference held in Georgetown, South Carolina. Lovick Pierce, grandfather of



*The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South meets in Nashville in May 1858. Among the many in attendance are one grandfather and three fathers of Adelphean Society Founders: Dr. James E. Evans, Bishop James Osgood Andrew, George Foster Pierce and Lovick Pierce.*





*Ella's grandfather Lovick Pierce, seated, and her father, George Foster Pierce, are acquainted with the fathers of all the other Founders through the Methodist Church.*

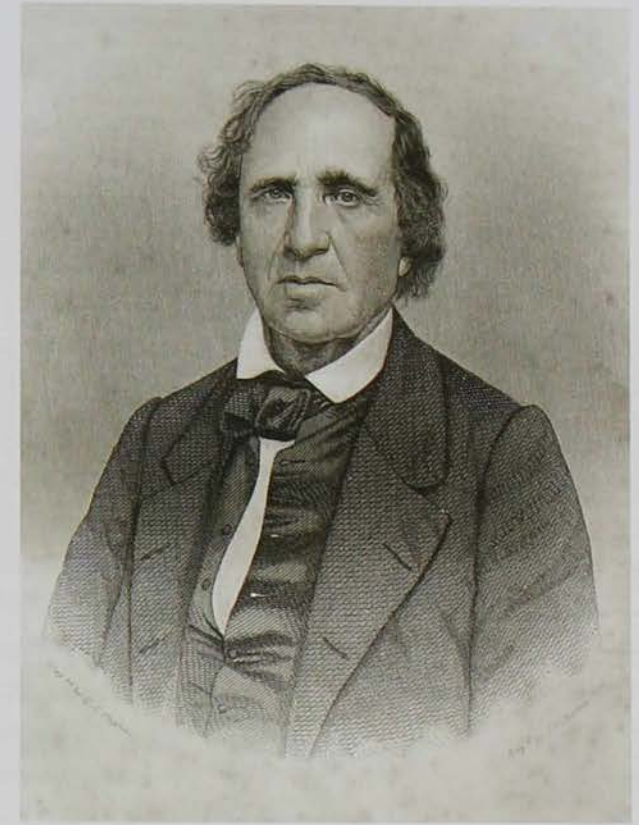
Founder Ella Pierce, was appointed pastor of the Georgetown church for a term. Ella's father, George Foster Pierce also served in the South Carolina Methodist Conference. It was here in Georgetown that these three men all got to know Dr. Charles Williams, father of Elizabeth Williams.

Dr. Williams was "an ardent Methodist and by his influ-

ence a small Methodist Church was built....," while he lived in Society Hill, South Carolina, according to *Doctors of Darlington County, 1760-1912*. When he moved his family to Georgetown, he served as a trustee and steward for the church and today there is a large three-paneled stained glass window in his memory in Duncan Memorial Church.

Dr. Michael Woodruff, father of Sophronia Woodruff, was a leader in the city of Columbus, Georgia, and the Methodist Church there. At this same time, Bishop Andrew was serving the Columbus District and Lovick Pierce was the presiding elder of the district.

Eugenia's father, Dr. Nathan Tucker, was an Episcopalian when he moved to Georgia, but there was no Episcopal Church in Laurens County. "Therefore, feeling an obligation to the religious life of the neighborhood, which was Methodist, the Tuckers built a church for the traveling Methodist minister so that he would have a regular place to preach. The church was supported largely by the Tuckers," according to his great, great, granddaughter Roberta Andrews. The formal name of the Methodist Conference at that time was actually the Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. James Osgood Andrew, Lovick Pierce and George Foster Pierce were all traveling ministers so it is reasonable to assume that they preached at the church built by Dr. Tucker.



*Octavia's father, James Osgood Andrew, is the ranking member of Wesleyan's original Board of Trustees.*

# Our Birthplace

The first college chartered to grant degrees to women in the world, Wesleyan College, was originally chartered by the Georgia legislature in 1836 as the Georgia Female College.

Momentum had begun for the college in June, 1835, when a large inter-denominational revival stirred the citizens of middle Georgia to action. Before this powerful event the citizens had been considering a female seminary to supplement the existing male academy. But during the revival, Elijah Sinclair, a highly regarded Methodist minister, seized the hour and proposed that instead of a seminary they should build a college for women that equaled the colleges for men.

A committee was formed that included Bishop James O. Andrew, father of future Alpha Delta Pi Founder Octavia Andrew, and Lovick Pierce, grandfather of Founder Ella Pierce. Diligent work began and by the morning of January 13, 1836, when the Georgia Conference meeting was held in Macon, the vote was unanimous to accept the Georgia Female College and the supporters had already started construction on the building.

However, when the project was announced in the January



*Wesleyan College as it looked after additions were made in the early 1880s*

21 issue of the *Georgia Messenger*, it was faced with strong opposition from many upright citizens simply because providing an education for women that was equal to men was unheard of at the time. "The idea that woman could compete with strong-minded man in the pursuit of knowledge had never until that late date taken possession of the public mind," recalled Wesleyan's first graduate, Catherine Brewer Benson in an 1888 speech.

While it was men who were the strongest supporters of the college, they found that many other men were formidable opponents. And, since men virtually controlled all the money of

the day, fundraising was difficult.

Lovick Pierce, grandfather of Founder Ella Pierce and an ardent supporter of the College, traveled endlessly to collect funds for the institution. One man who he approached, replied adamantly that "I've no money for any such subject. I would not have one of your graduates for a wife, for I could never build a pig pen without her criticizing it, and declaring it was not constructed according to mathematical proportions."



*George Foster Pierce, Wesleyan's first President was the father of Alpha Delta Pi Founder Ella Pierce Turner.*

Another rejected Lovick's appeal with this retort, "No, I will not give a dollar. All that a woman needs to know is how to read the New Testament, to spin and to weave clothing for her family."

The supporters were successful in spite of such objections and the college opened its doors to ninety young women on January 7, 1839.

However, opposition to educating women continued and even when the college was entering its fourth year, it still

was facing such prejudices that President William H. Ellison and Professor John Darby issued a circular to combat the opponents. It contained this question: "We ask for instance, will the study of conic sections and spherical trigonometry aid a woman in making a pudding, or in performing any other household duty, and if not, what is their use?" The answer was an eloquent vindication of a woman's right to an education and the students continued to enter and be educated.

However, the financial troubles were escalating with each term. The country was enjoying enormous prosperity in 1836 when the charter was granted, but by 1837 a great financial panic was rampant. In April of that year, a steamer returned from England with reports of heavy failures abroad resulting in a great tightening of the money market and a heavy decline in cotton prices.

Several financial remedies were attempted and the college was turned over to the Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1844. However, even the church support was not sufficient when the original contractor, Elam Alexander, called his mortgage. Friends of the College purchased his claim for \$10,000 and offered to sell it back to

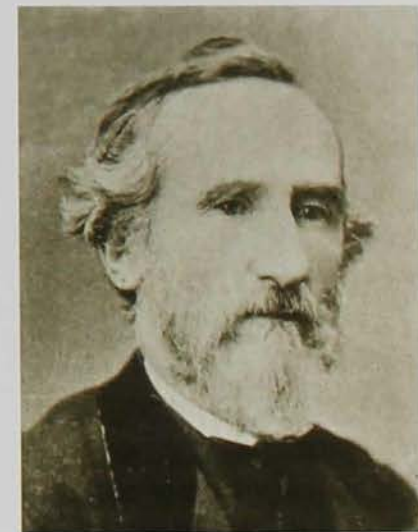
the College Trustees. When the Trustees failed to raise the money, James Everett gave the needed \$8,000 in exchange for four perpetual scholarships.

When the Methodist acquired the institution in 1844, the Georgia Female College became Wesleyan Female College, a name it carried proudly until 1919 when the word "Female" was dropped.

From its earliest days, Wesleyan's history has been intertwined with Alpha Delta Pi. Wesleyan's first president was George Foster Pierce, father of Founder Ella Pierce. His best friend, James E. Evans, was the father of Founder Mary Evans and served on the Board of Trustees for more than forty years. The ranking member of the original Board of Trustees was Bishop James Osgood Andrew, father of Founder Octavia Andrew, and Lovick Pierce, Ella's grandfather, was a long-time Trustee and continued to be an ardent supporter and fundraiser. Edward Myers, who helped the founders write the first Constitution, and Osborne Smith, who suggested the name "Adelphean" to Eugenia, would both later serve Wesleyan as presidents. William C. Bass, who served as president from 1874 to 1894 was father of Adelphean and prominent Macon alumna Minnie Bass Burden. Alice Culler Cobb, initiated in 1856, was a faculty member for 30 years. Our second National President, Newel Mason, also taught at Wesleyan as did many other wearers of the diamond, including Grand Council member Helen Glenn, Beta Sigma—Mercer. A long serving Wesleyan Archivist, Tena Roberts also is a Beta Sigma alumna.



*Edward Myers, who helped the founders write the first Constitution, would later serve as Wesleyan's President.*



*Osborne Smith, who suggested the name "Adelphean" to Eugenia, also later served Wesleyan as President.*

# The Adelphean Society Years

1851 ~ 1904

When I think of our small beginning (a few girls gathered in my bedroom) and of its growth and influence on so many young lives my heart is full of joy and pride. I have an abiding faith that you will remember our motto and be noble and unselfish women." –

*Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald,  
Founder, in a greeting sent  
to the 1915 Convention*

Indeed, the Adelphean Society flourished immediately after the May 15, 1851 founding. Before the end of that school year on July 1, the six founders were joined by 13 other members. The roll includes (\* denotes original founders): \*Eugenia Tucker, \*Octavia Andrew, Ann Burkhalter, Octavia Douglass, Maria J. Easterling, \*Mary Evans, May Everett, Mary Finn, Josephine Freeman, Oceana Goodall, Mary Harris, Anna L. Jeffers, Julia Jones, \*Ella Pierce, Sara Simms, Mary J. Snow, Mary M. Tucker, \*Elizabeth Williams and \*Sophronia Woodruff.

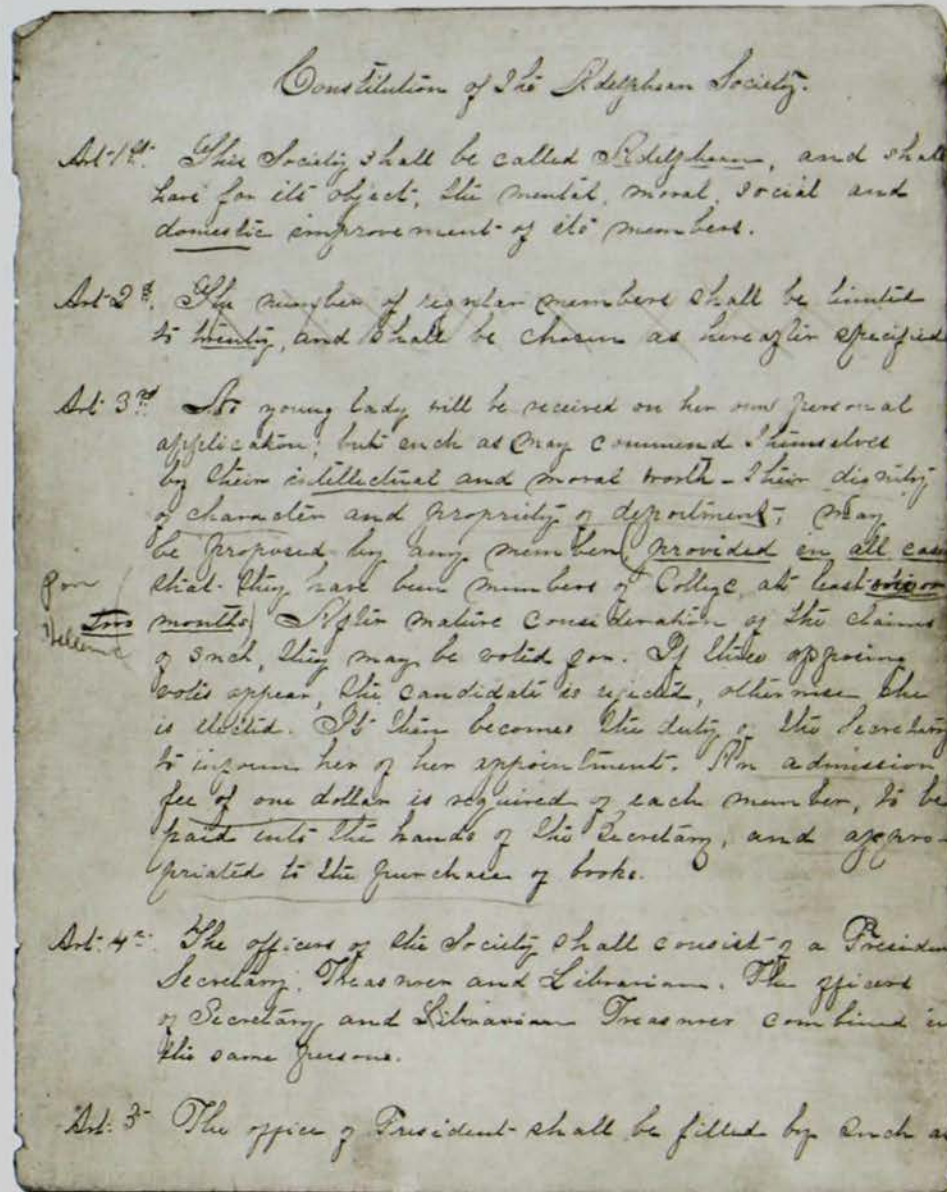
These nineteen sisters, who all became members in the first six weeks of the life of the Adelphean Society, were

sometimes listed as Founders. And, in other cases, some combination of these names were used as the six original founders. However, we possess excellent records that verify that our original founders were indeed Eugenia Tucker,

Octavia Andrew, Mary Evans, Ella Pierce, Elizabeth "Bettie" Williams and Sophronia Woodruff. They were simply quick to add to their new little band of sisters.

The rapid growth was fostered in large part because of the support of the faculty. Eugenia had planned wisely and gone to the president of Wesleyan, Dr. William H. Ellison and to Professor Edward H. Myers and Reverend Osborne L. Smith telling them of her wishes and intentions to form a Society. After grave consideration, her request was granted and Professor Myers helped the founders write their Constitution and Bylaws. The early record books contain copies of the first Constitution and

*Constitution of The  
Adelphean Society (c.1851)*



Bylaws, written in the formal, graceful script of the day.

“This Society shall be called Adelphean, and shall have for its object, the mental, moral, social and domestic improvement of its members.” – *Article I of Original Adelphean Society Constitution*

That very first Constitution also made provisions for disciplinary action. Article Fourteen states, “In case of alleged violation of the above obligation..., it shall be the duty of the President to appoint a committee of three to inquire into



the facts.” This procedure that so closely resembles the informal and formal hearings held today, 150 years later, is just one more example of how

wise our young Founders were.

In addition to the timeless Constitution, the Founders selected the native woodland violet as the official flower. They chose colors—azure blue for friendship and white for sincerity and truth. They embraced the motto Eugenia had selected, “We Live for Each Other,” and they selected the clasped hands



*The Adelphean Society (c. 1895)*

A  
 Catharine Duncan I pledge.  
 Georgia Tucker I pledge  
 Eliza R. Tucker I pledge  
 Ann S. Henderson I pledge.  
 Harriet H. Kearse I pledge  
 Fannie W. Dester I pledge  
 Eugenia A. Brown. she pledges.  
 Lea Chamber she has pledged.  
 Laura Hines I pledge,  
 Mollie Mathis I pledge.  
 Almira Bird she pledges,  
 Lou Kendall —

Pledge signatures  
 from a 1852-1855  
 record book

So, Alpha Delta Pi's diamond-shaped badge, with clasped hands, was born. By 1853, the badge was fashioned in gold. Modifications have been made over the years, but the diamond shape with clasped hands remains the same.

#### Minutes in Time

Surely some of Alpha Delta Pi's most treasured possessions are the simple, yet beautifully penned minutes from the Adelphean Society, including minutes from the very year of our founding. The December 18 minutes from 1851 chronicle the election.

"At the usual hour the Society met. The proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Secretary. A very pleasing and interesting original article on "A Day Spent on Lookout" was read by Miss Griffin. A selection was then read by Miss Linton...the term of office had expired

as a symbol of friendship.

The objects, like the open symbols, and the Ritual, known only to the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi, remain unchanged today. They are ours—gifts from the young Founders.

In 1852, just one year after the founding, the blue and white ribbon badge was replaced with a silver badge. The Philomathean Society, that would later become Phi Mu, had been established on January 4, 1852, and the two groups were both considering a standard badge so they consulted Dr. Smith for guidance. "Oh, make one a diamond and one a square," he replied.

according to the rules of the Society. It then became necessary to elect officers for the ensuing three months. The members proceeded first to elect a President. Miss Tucker, receiving the largest number of votes, was re-elected. Miss Freeman was elected Secretary and Miss Pierce, Librarian. The remainder of the evening passed pleasantly, the members employed in needlework and reading. Miss Linton was appointed to read an original article and Miss Floyd a selected one. The business of the evening being closed, the young ladies dispersed in their usual good order."

Our Archives also are filled with invaluable papers and letters to and from our Founders and early members. In none of their writings is it indicated that the Founders were aware of clubs, fraternities or any secret orders at other schools though several men's groups existed at the time of our founding in 1851.

What is clear is that even the early members believed that their Society would endure over time. The fall, 1852 minutes contain the following passage:

"We all feel that with the united efforts of each we may accomplish more than now has been attained."

On April 18, 1856, the secretary, Louisa



Ella Anderson Clark, Adelphean of 1860, is photographed in her wedding dress.



1856 Adelphean badge of  
 Marion Prescott Rose

"Loula" Kendall, was reading that entry and penned the following under those words:

"I know thee not, yet by these lines I find thou art my 'Sister,' you little thought then my eyes would ever glance over these pages. Perhaps years from now when the damp chill of death is on my brow, some warm hearted girl will peruse my writings, and maybe shed one silent tear to the memory of her who was ever faithful to her band."

The early minutes reveal that after the president's opening, the roll was called, a Bible passage read, followed by minutes of the previous meeting and business was conducted.

However, the early minutes detail very little of the business. The March 12, 1875 minutes state: "We will not harass our readers by giving all the Motions." Separate ledger books reveal the dues, fines and badge payments. The 1854 treasurer's book lists initiation fees of \$1 and badge payments of \$6.

The minutes concentrate primarily on the readings by members. At most meetings there were two readings. One was an "original" piece written by a member and another was a "selected" piece. The topics varied widely from the very serious to the very light. "Miss Georgia Tucker related an anecdote of a young lady who died of love and I sincerely hope none of us will be tempted to follow her example," appears in minutes of the 1850s. "Lively discussions of the passages followed the readings and then the members spent the remainder of the evening together doing needlework and reading."

It is apparent that the Adelpheans had fun. The minutes of April 6, 1855 hint of an amusing incident. "At first it appeared as if we were about to run off of the train of dignity, but with the aid of our former and well-skilled engineers we were able to get back on the proper track, and then the crooked smiles vanished. Afterward, the customary exercises proceeded."

Professors and the citizens of Macon were invited to regular Grand Meetings that included readings, recitations, instrumental pieces and solos. The Grand Meetings concluded with the "social feature" which included refreshments and receiving guests in the parlor.

<h1>Adelphean Chronicle</h1> <h2>EXCELSIOR</h2>		
Vol. I.	W. F. College, Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> 1858.	No. 1.
Directors: M. C. Dixon - S. E. Taylor - J. L. Winship.		
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Editorial -</i></p> <p>Again, at the opening of a new term, we greet our gentle sister - dear sister, bound to us by many ties of friendship - by the cherished memories of the past - by all that can endear Adelpheans to each other.</p> <p>Once more our modest "Chronicle" appears in our little circle - we trust to enlarge our range; to add its influence towards the improvement of our Society, both intellectually and morally, and to furnish to each member choice opportunities for mental exertion, which they would not otherwise</p>	<p>possess. May it be all which each one of us could desire.</p> <p>We feel most acutely the deep responsibility which rests upon us, as its directors, (and especially, perhaps, on account of the far greater ability of our antecedents, and the fact that under our feeble management, our paper may depreciate in interest and worth.</p> <p>Dear Sisters will you not make every exertion in your power to sustain us in our labors?</p> <p>Remember that the "Adelphean Chronicle" is the common object of our love and regards; that no individual</p>	

The Adelphean Chronicle of 1858

### Rules of the Day

The young women attending Wesleyan were closely chaperoned and given strict rules.

Loula Kendall, the Adelphean Society secretary of 1856, would later reminisce about her days at Wesleyan and her account details many of the rules of the day.

"We didn't have much freedom in those days... We were carefully watched. We could no more have young men come to see us than we could fly off to the moon. We couldn't even go to the front of the building during the day for fear some young man passing might see us and speak. And we were never allowed to walk on the front campus. When we went to town, which wasn't very often, a teacher had to go along as chaperon.

"At commencement time the restrictions were lightened and gentlemen could call if they had obtained permission properly. And they could send flowers. The flowers didn't come in boxes as they do today, but in great baskets that soon filled the chapel stage.

"Each graduate was required to read an essay at commencement exercises, and this took three days. (In later years all week)... In those days we had prayer meeting every Thursday night and class meeting



*One of the original nineteen members, Oceana Goodall Pollock, would later become president of the Montgomery Female College in Christianburg, Virginia.*

every Saturday.

"We never painted our faces when I went to college, but sometimes we did use a little powder. It was against the school rules for girls to sit with their legs crossed..."

Founder Octavia Andrew recalled her college days at Wesleyan...

"You ask for some record of college life at Wesleyan in the '50s..."

"In Macon the rules were rigid, or, at least would be so considered now. The bell rang at 6 and the girls were required to answer to roll call in the chapel at 6:30 or 7 for morning prayers. At 8 we had breakfast, the first bell ringing at 7:30. At 9 the bell rang for recitation, at 11 for recitation, at 12 for dinner, at 2 for recitation, at 4 for recitation, at 5 for evening prayers and dismissal.

"After the close of school for the day one or two of the teachers accompanied the girls on a long walk, sometimes in the country, most frequently to beautiful Rose Hill Cemetery on the bank of the river. Here we were permitted to gather

the wild flowers growing on the bank. After our return from walk we played games in the front yard, which were simple games of base and thirdman.





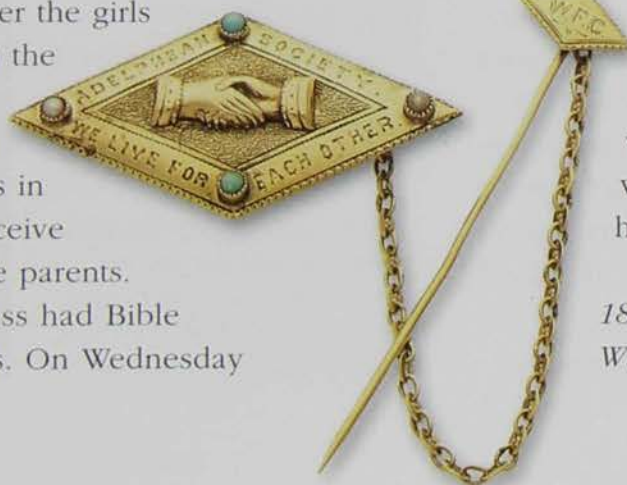
*Emma Davis Willingham, left, and Annie Trippe Rambo, proudly wear their Adelphean badges. (c.1879)*

going to church was the only opportunity most of the boarders had to see or hear anything 'downtown' the girls were generally glad to get away from the college for even that short time. The walk was rather a long one and in the summer time there was less zeal for church going. The college is on a high hill and the walk is rather fatiguing in the middle of a summer's day. About five in the summer the girls dressed for the evening and sat on the front steps to see the people who went riding by the college in their carriages and buggies. College girls in those days were not allowed to receive callers without permission from the parents.

"On Monday mornings every class had Bible study instead of regular recitations. On Wednesday

"In a short time the supper bell called us to the dining room, where we were glad to find supper awaiting us, and which was eaten with appetites sharpened by the long walk... At 7 p.m. the study bell rang and all repaired to their rooms to study until 10 when lights had to be put out, and the girls were in bed by 10:30.

"On Sunday we were required to go to church in the morning in the city, and the roll was called to be sure that no one was absent without an excuse. Sunday afternoon was spent in rooms reading, writing or talking. As



night we had religious services in the parlor which were often attended by visiting ministers. We had the usual Christmas holidays and other days set apart for observances. The Annual Concert during commencement was a grand affair and, I may say here, I have never heard these concerts excelled. In winter when we could not play out of doors we assembled in the parlor after supper and had games of all sorts suitable for the parlor. Do not say from what I have written that we felt like prisoners. We were a very happy family."

It was easy to keep the Wesleyan girls protected because for many years a wall surrounded the college. And, according to the writings of Anita McClendon, an Adelphean of 1887, the playground near the wall was a favorite spot. "Here the girls con-

gregate to swing, and as the swing is, of course, somewhat elevated, to peep over into the wide world that lies beyond our college precincts. There is one inconvenience here though, for whenever a gentleman passes, as the horrid, wicked creatures often do, every girl has to shut her eyes until he is out of sight. As for smiles, and

*1879 Adelphean badge of Annie Stubbs Massenburg White with Wesleyan Female College guard*



*Annie MacDonell, an Adelphean of the late 1870s, wears the traditional white graduation dress.*



*Minnie Bass, an Adelphean of 1871 and daughter of Wesleyan President William C. Bass, wears her Adelphean badge on her hair ribbon. She would later be married in the Adelphean Hall.*

bows, no such interchange was ever known to be made over our playground fence." Anita underlines the words "known" and "our" leaving the reader to their own interpretation of her meaning.

An Adelphean of 1878, Tochie Williams, gives a bolder account of the girls' battle with the wall.

According to her granddaughter, Margaret Balcom, "Tochie liked to recall her years at Wesleyan—how she and the other girls would sit on the stone wall and throw nuts at the Mercer University boys as they walked by. One of the boys once returned the kernel of a nut cut in

the shape of a basket, with a corsage, and signed it 'an unknown friend'." She never knew who he was, but would later marry Robert Walker MacDonell, the brother of her closest Adelphean sister, Annie MacDonell.

A Wesleyan yearbook reports that some girls simply overcame the wall by flirting from their upstairs windows. "One girl waved a sheet from her window at what she thought was a Mercer boy, and later found out that it was a faculty member. Another girl in the 1878 class who

had flaming red hair was protected by her classmates—they all tied their heads up in towels when they flirted from the windows so that she would not be identified



*1896 Adelphean badge of Eugenia Pace Bell*

by some passing faculty member."

It was not until 1898 that the wall around Wesleyan came down and the girls were allowed to walk on the front campus and even go to town with chaperones.

### A Haven During the Civil War

The Adelphean Society was not quite ten years old when the first of too many wars that would touch the sorority's history began. It was the night of January 21, 1861 when Georgia seceded from the Union. Seeing this as a cause to celebrate,

Wesleyan suspended the college rules and girls were allowed to ignore curfew and burn candles in their windows all night long. Every window in the building was illuminated. It was described by the Macon citizens as a beautiful sight and was long remembered as "Illumination Night."

Great masses of the people believed the Civil War would last no more than ninety days. It would, in fact, bring more than four long years of unequalled bloodshed as

*Sixteen year-old Annie Clifford Harrell wears her Adelphean badge in 1881. Her badge would later be lost for more than 15 years and then returned to her only son, W. H. Wilson.*





*The Adelphean Society, 1898-1899*

brothers fought brothers and friends battled friends.

The jubilation felt on Illumination Night was soon replaced with war's harsh reality. The college used every avenue to assist the students in their quest for an education, including taking in boarders whose homes had been destroyed in the war. The minutes of the Adelphean Society, as well as Wesleyan's faculty minutes contain few direct references to the War; however, the faculty's entries, in particular, leave no doubt of the poverty and devastation of the years.

"January, 1862: Resolved: that the young ladies who are in

need of books and cannot get the money to pay for them be required to make the fact known to the President, who shall give an order on the bookseller for such books.

December 8, 1862: Because it is unsafe to travel, we decided to give no Christmas vacation, but to give a week in April in lieu of Christmas.

September 1866: The application of Mr. (name withheld) to pay his bill in lard was granted. We will take 580 pounds of lard for Susie's tuition, French and board for next term.

September 1866: We agreed to give Miss (name withheld) her



Mary Vinson holds her diploma. (c.1897)

tuition free until she could pay us from her own earnings.”

During the war, the Adelphean officers copied all Adelphean records and placed one set with the Macon alumnae. Although they did not explain their reasons for making the extra set, it seems apparent that they were concerned the records might be lost during the war.

Parents were desperate to keep their daughters in school, because many believed the small college was the safest place for them. In December 1862, Sallie Love was sent home to her father’s Mississippi cotton plantation when Berryman College in Hernando, Mississippi, was closed after Union troops invaded. The State Female College at Memphis also was closed.

Her father, Dr. W.K. Love, took action. “I am determined,” he said, “that my girl shall have an education, for that is something no one can take away from her. Come on, Sis, I am going to take you far behind the Federal Lines to

Wesleyan College in Georgia.”

*Loyally, Volume I*, gives this account of their trip:

“They left at midnight, the roads being unsafe for travel by daylight, traveling by carriage to Senatobia, where they were barely in time to board the last train South before the line was discontinued. Dr. Love chartered a boxcar equipped with beds, a stove and boxes of provisions, and carried two of his slaves with him. He bade the little group keep within the car throughout the journey to avoid contagion from the smallpox which

was raging in the country. The journey took them some days, and they arrived at Wesleyan on Christmas Eve night where they found that the other students were having a Christmas tree, no one having been allowed to go home for the holidays. Dr. Love slipped out quietly and left his daughter, who returned to her home for the first time nearly two years later.”

The poverty didn’t end with the war. Though Wesleyan never failed to produce a graduating class, the class of 1867 produced only nine girls who wore dresses “of plain cotton, by faculty order ‘unruffled and untrimmed’.” Two of these nine graduates, who also were Adelpheans, would become well known. Laura Haygood was founder of the McTyiere School for Girls in Shanghai, China, and Julia Sims became the first president of the Tennessee Equal Suffrage League.

### Growth and Competition

Before the Civil War, the Adelphean Society and the Philomathean Society were the only two sororities, as we know them today, to exist. The Philomatheans were founded on January 4, 1852 and would later become Phi Mu. One of their founders, Mary Ann Dupont, and Eugenia were roommates at Wesleyan and “were at once close companions and active rivals,” according to Phi Mu records. “They championed their own Societies in attaining the highest honors and the best girls for membership, at the

*Adelphean Society Secretary of 1856 Loula Kendall Rogers would remain active with the sorority throughout her long life.*



same time preserving a friendship that transcended the naturally competitive nature of the Societies.”

The two societies enjoyed the same friendly rivalry as their founders. Loula Kendall, the Adelphean secretary in 1856, later remembered, “I shall never forget one of the times I met the Philomatheans in battle. The teachers were giving a public examination, and the members of one society were to meet the members of the other... We all longed so terribly to bring credit to our Society. The teacher wrote on the board ‘Determine the height of the Luna Mountains.’ I began solving it right away and soon had the correct answer, but my Philomathean opponent took one look at the question and gave up. Afterwards she worried so over her defeat she almost became ill.”

This rivalry also was carried beyond the classroom. Annie Hopkins Faves recalled that when they were rushing Nannaline Jordon in 1879, that Nannaline was such a “big fish” that they “were afraid to even let the Philomatheans look at her. That was a busy year with us; so many splendid new girls came in, and we had to watch out continually lest some of our chosen ones should be captured by the enemy.”

Fraternities, which were established on several campuses, were flourishing again after the Civil War, and sororities soon followed. I. C. Sorosis, which would later become Pi Beta Phi, was founded at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, in 1867—sixteen years after the Adelphean Society. Kappa Alpha Theta was organized at Indiana Asbury, now DePauw University, in 1870. Alpha Phi was established at Syracuse University in 1872 and other sororities soon followed.

Meanwhile at Wesleyan, the Adelpheans and Philomatheans were enjoying more freedoms and growing larger with the passing years. These changes were faithfully recorded in *The Chronicle* of the Adelphean Society that was first produced in 1857. In the 1870s, this prediction regarding women’s role in the future appeared in *The Coming Girl*:

“She will vote, will be of some use to the world, will cook her own food, will earn her own living, and will not die an



*The Wesleyan College 1902 baseball team includes Adelpheans and Philomatheans (note the badges). Adelpheans include: Rose Griffin, top row, far right; Gladys Tilley, second row, second from left; Tommie Louise Turner, second row, far right and Lucy Lester, front row, far right.*

old maid... will spell correctly, will understand English, before she effects French, will preside with equal grace at the piano and the washboard, will darn her own stockings, will walk five miles a day, if need be, to keep her cheeks aglow, will



*Tennis is popular by the turn-of-the century. (c.1900)*

not confound grace of movement with silly affectation, and will not regard the end of her being to have a beau.”

By the 1870s, the rules were becoming less rigid and the Wesleyan girls were allowed supervised visits from the Mercer University boys if written permission had been obtained from home.

By the 1890s, the Adelpheans had committee meetings with the Phi Delta Theta members at Mercer.

By the end of the century, sixteen sororities had been founded on other campuses and the Adelpheans had first considered expansion to other schools. The March 25, 1899 minutes report that Mrs. Blount had made a request for a copy of the Adelphean Constitution to send to a school in Alabama. The request was discussed and denied, but this may have been the first move toward expansion.

As the new century dawned, as recorded in the November 1899 minutes, the Adelpheans were asked to edit Wesleyan's first annual. It was a tremendous honor and they tackled the project with determination and pride. They lived up to the task and the “handsome little book, bound of course in blue and white, was called *The Adelphean*.” The annual features priceless photos of Wesleyan activities, including the various clubs and sports teams, such as basketball, baseball and tennis.

Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald, twice widowed, remained in touch by visit and letters. In an 1896 visit, she offered these thoughts on the century and her beloved society:



*1897 Adelphean badge of Martha Adams Bigham with inscription from her father*



*The Adelphian Society, 1902*

"This has been called the woman's century! Surely in no age of the world has she made such progress in many departments of knowledge and of labor. Employment in the professions, and in many branches of industry hitherto closed to her, has given a wide field for doing good, and for adding enlightenment to the world's darkest places...

"Girls, let each one determine that she will do something to make the world better and brighter. The field is broad. There is room and work for all. Cultivate kindly feelings to your neighbor. Emulate each other in good works. Remember our beautiful motto and the words of our Saviour, 'These things I command you, that ye love one another'."

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# Nationalization & Early Growth

1904 ~ 1917

How did it come about that an old and exclusive organization such as The Adelphean Society suddenly chose to expand—to admit into its membership girls from all parts of the country? Such a decision is usually made under stress of some sort and in this case it was made to avert what seemed to be the first peril that had threatened the society.”

— Jessica North MacDonald in the 1928 History of Alpha Delta Pi

Adelphean Society minutes show that an alumna, “Mrs. Blount,” had approached The Adelphean Society about expansion before the turn of the century.

The March 25, 1899 minutes report that she had requested a copy of the constitution to send to “a school in Alabama” and that the request was denied.

Yet, by 1904, the sentiments had changed and the Adelphean Society voted to “go national.” In the *History of Alpha Delta Pi*, Jessica reports that

the peril that was threatening the society was members of other national sororities who were attending Wesleyan:

“Chi Omega, which had been nationalized for some years, decided to enter Wesleyan College. There were a number of Chi Omegas attendant at Wesleyan and they knew the quality of girls in the two older societies, so they recommended that the new group be organized

if possible from members of the Philomathean and Adelphean. Of course, such a procedure would have broken up forever the strong loyalty of the two groups. Perhaps the ‘plot’ would

have succeeded had Chi

Omega not chosen as one of their prospective members a girl who was at that time president of the Adelphean Society



*The Adelphean Society in 1904, the year they voted to “go national”*



and a daughter of Wesleyan's former president."

The Adelphean Society president who served in 1903, and until March 1904, was Helen Roberts, daughter of William J. Roberts who served as Wesleyan's president from 1898 to 1903. That part of the story is certainly plausible, but Chi Omega actually never established a chapter at Wesleyan.

In *Loyally, Volume I*, Alpha Delta Pi's History that was published in 1965, author Virginia Lee Nelson reports that "several stories, some of them conflicting, have been handed down to us. It is known that there was much discussion, pro and con, on the decision" to go national.

"There was at least one all-night meeting when the vote turned on the phrase of one of the members who said, 'True heroism consists in holding out a moment longer.' No one seems to be entirely certain whether it was Chi Omega or Delta Delta Delta which had made the overtures—perhaps both. Philomathean members, too, were being 'rushed' by the Greek-letter girls then enrolled at Wesleyan."

Delta Delta Delta did establish a chapter at Wesleyan, but not until several years after The Adelphean Society made the decision to become a national organization. And, while Alpha Delta Phi was still in its infancy as a national organization, one chapter proposed

that the sorority merge with Delta Delta Delta.

Perhaps there were Chi Omegas or Tri Deltas or members of other national sororities at Wesleyan who wanted to establish a group and approached Adelpheans.

Regardless of their reasons, the Adelpheans did make the decision to "go national" and the Superior Court of Bibb County issued the incorporation papers in a document dated the "1st day of August, 1904."

Item "1" of the incorporation document in our Archives lists the names of the members of the society at that time. Of those listed, several would serve prominent roles in our history, including Jewel Davis, Dessa Hays, Blanche Chapman and Gladys Tilley. Jewel, who had chaired the effort to obtain the incorporation papers, would later serve as National President and compose the secret whistle. Dessa would live at Memorial Headquarters when it was established in Atlanta and serve as hostess. Blanche would serve as Associate Editor on the first *Adelphean* magazine staff; Gladys would serve as *Adelphean* Editor, Inspector and as National Vice President. Elizabeth Moseley, who would become the first National President and design the Coat-of-Arms, was a pledge at the time.

Within a few months of obtaining incorporation papers, and before other chapters



*Still a college girl, Elizabeth Moseley is elected the first President of the Supreme Executive Council in 1906. She would lead the Council again from 1909 until 1913.*



Silver coin case of first National President Elizabeth Moseley Coles

were added, the Adelpheans decided to change their name, which was derived from the Greek word, Adelpchos, to the Greek letters, Alpha Delta Phi.

The February 12, 1905 minutes report that "a movement was made that the outer name of the society be Alpha Delta Phi instead of Adelphean, and this was unanimously carried." The change had obviously been discussed earlier and planned for

because the same minutes report that, "The original Alpha Delta Phi song by Chapman, Felder, Moseley and Branham quartet was greatly applauded."

The Adelpheans started using their new name immediately and on July 19, 1905, they petitioned the Bibb County Superior Court to amend their incorporation papers to insert "after its name where ever it occurs in said charter, as a symbol for said name, the following Greek letters: Alpha Delta Phi." The court granted the petition on December 6, 1905.

### Early Expansion

In the fall of 1904, even before they voted to change their name, the Adelpheans were already considering various campuses for expansion. The minutes of November 7, 1904 report that: "It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to write to Agnes Scott in regard to establishing a chapter there." The December 5 minutes state: "We discussed establishing a chapter at Converse."

The minutes of the next meeting offer this simple sentence: "A report was made from the committee appointed to write to Agnes Scott." However, a chapter was never established at Agnes Scott and the minutes give no clues as to what the report contained.

The minutes of January 9, 1905 state: "Establishing a chapter in other schools was discussed and we were told that several letters have been written to this effect." Similar passages appear in successive minutes. The January 16 minutes mention

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*Union Springs Ala*

*Come to once we need you*  
*Badly in danger of losing*  
*what we want come as*  
*they want*

*Newell Mason. Alpha Delta Phi*

Telegram sent in 1907 to National President Elizabeth Moseley from Newell Mason, who would become the second National President.

a letter from "a girl in Texas in regard to establishing a chapter..." This is the first mention of a location where a chapter was actually established. Our fourth chapter, Delta, was established at the University of Texas in 1906.

The February 12 minutes again mention a letter, this one from Miss Johnson, in regard to "establishing a chapter of The Adelphean Society in Texas." That report was made at the same meeting that the Adelpheans voted to change their name to Alpha Delta Phi.

So, it was with the new name of Alpha Delta Phi, that the sisters set out to expand to other campuses. Harriotte Winchester, a member of Alpha chapter, suggested that Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, "might house a chapter," according to Jessica's 1928 history. Two members of Alpha chapter, Lillian Moore and Lillian Solomon, were sent to establish the chapter and it was installed on March 25, 1905, less than eight months after the



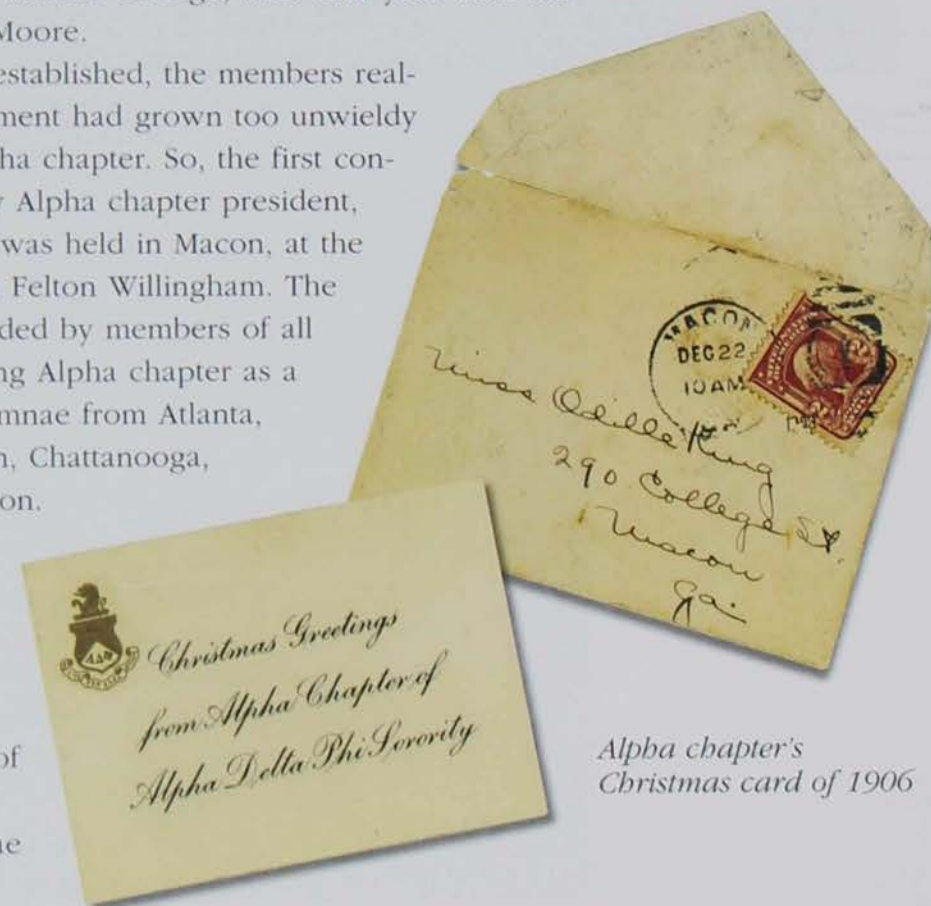
*Gladys Tilley, who would later serve on Grand Council, in her graduation dress in 1904*

Adelpheans had obtained their incorporation papers.

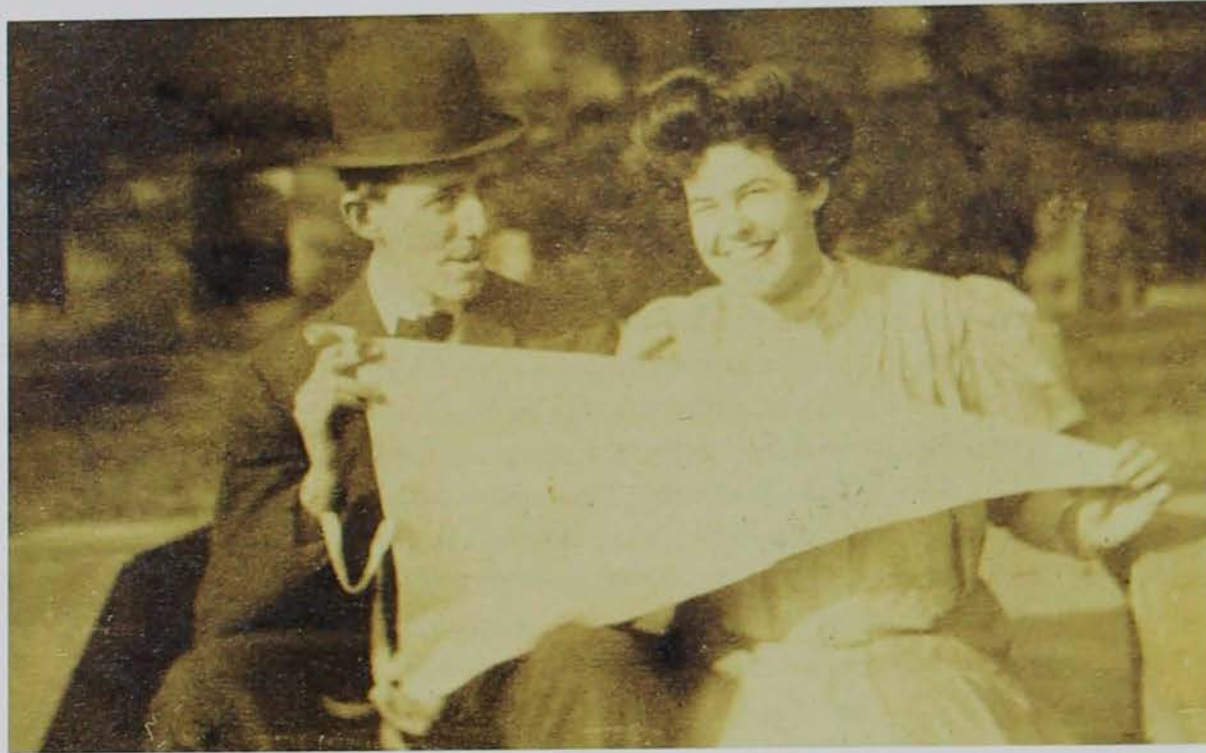
The third chapter, Gamma at Mary Baldwin Seminary, was added one year later in the spring of 1906. That same year, Jewel Davis entered the University of Texas as a graduate student and, from the beginning, planned to establish the fourth chapter there. However, while she was organizing the chapter at Texas, she was approached by another national sorority and asked to join them instead. She turned them down and single-handedly installed Delta chapter on June 7, 1906. Delta became the first chapter established at a class "A" university. Jewel also established the fifth chapter, Epsilon at Sophie Newcomb College, later that year with the assistance of Lillian Moore.

With five chapters established, the members realized that the management had grown too unwieldy to be handled by Alpha chapter. So, the first convention was called by Alpha chapter president, Elizabeth Moseley. It was held in Macon, at the home of alumna Eula Felton Willingham. The convention was attended by members of all five chapters, including Alpha chapter as a whole, as well as alumnae from Atlanta, Waynesboro, Quitman, Chattanooga, Birmingham and Macon.

Elizabeth presided and, while still a college girl, was elected the first National President. The other members of this first National Council were alumnae of Alpha chapter.



*Alpha chapter's Christmas card of 1906*



*The first initiate of Epsilon chapter at Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans, Leda Hincks celebrates the chapter's installation with Edward Ansley, a Phi Delta Theta who designed the cover of the first issue of The Adelphean magazine. (c. 1906)*

### **Birth of a Magazine**

In addition to electing a National Council to oversee the sorority's affairs, the convention body decided to publish a magazine to meet the needs of the growing sorority. The name for the magazine, *The Adelphean of Alpha Delta Pi*, was suggested by Odille King Dasher. She told of her inspiration:

"The Adelphean Society meant so much to my mother, Stella Odille Hunt King, that naturally I was imbued with some of her love and loyalty. Changing the name to Alpha Delta Phi...did not shake her devotion to all of 'our girls' and all of our activities. Nevertheless, she and I and many other sisters were reluctant to give up or subordinate our original name. When we decided we should have a publication to keep in touch with sister chapters and to conform to



*Alpha Delta Phi hat pins (c. 1907)*

the custom of other sororities and fraternities, I suggested and urged that the magazine be called *The Adelphean* to perpetuate the name we loved. The name, therefore, was the first contribution that I made to the launching of the proposed publication."

The editor-in-chief for the first issue was Tatum Pope. Odille and Blanche Chapman were associate editors, while Lillian Solomon and Eula Felton Willingham were the business managers. Odille later recounted their early challenges:

"Tatum and Blanche had some experience with school papers, but no one seemed to know how to begin or what to publish. At last it was decided to let the report of the first national convention form the principal subject matter, together with some facts concerning the history of Alpha Delta Phi and a letter from each of the new chapters.

"After much delay for subscriptions, advertisements, chapter letters, and other manuscripts, the first number of *The*

*Adelphian* was issued, published by J.W. Burke Co. in Macon. It was dated March 1907 but did not actually reach subscribers until June.

"The cover was designed by Ed Ansley of New Orleans, a Phi Delta Theta friend of Alpha Delta Phi whose interest had been aroused by Elizabeth Moseley...

"At this time there was no systematic way of financing the magazine, and we had to depend mainly on subscriptions and a few ads...When the first number was published (March 1907) we had money in the Exchange Bank in Macon to pay for it but not enough to run us for the first year. That summer the Exchange Bank failed and we were in debt before the first number was paid for.

"During the summer of 1907, many members of *The Adelphian* staff resigned and a new one appointed," according to Odille. "Newel Mason did not hold an office on the staff, but she willingly gave her services. Since most of the staff members lived away from Macon, Newel and I took upon ourselves the responsibility of editing the magazine and, with the help of Beta chapter, succeeded in bringing out the second number in December 1907. In this number an exchange department was added, written by Newel, and we received more advertisements.

"When the second national convention met in New Orleans, the staff again was changed. All agreed that Alpha chapter should not have all the honor or all of the work, so the following were elected: editor-in-chief, Odille King (Alpha); associate editor, Claudia Brahm (Delta); business managers, Nelleen Miller (Beta) and Louise Gayle (Zeta); exchange editor, Anna T. Hunter (Alabama). The editor-in-chief was made an ex-officio member of the Executive Council.

"I still felt most incompetent, but Newel Mason was an inspiration and invaluable help. She and I spent hours in planning, writing and correcting proofs. Her keen sense of humor also helped to keep the frail bark afloat. If it had not been for Newel at this crucial time, I believe the rest of us might have abandoned ship!"



*Newel Mason, second National President (c. 1907)*

*Grace Troutman, a granddaughter of Founder Ella Pierce Turner, would later serve on the 1911-1913 Executive Council. (c. 1906)*

The early issues of the magazine are priceless as they carefully recorded volumes of information about the chapters, early conventions, and our Founders, including the autobiography of Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald. Virginia Lee Nelson, who served as Historian and *Adelphean* Editor before authoring *Loyally*, Volumes I and II wrote about the early issues of the magazine in Volume I:

“One cannot read those first Adelpheans and fail to be impressed with the warmth emanating from the chapter letters, installation stories, reminiscences of Wesleyan. The feeling, literally, is that of a happy, close-knit family. The chapter letters, all starting “Dear Sisters” and ending “Yours in Alpha Delt,” are like letters sent home for the whole family to share.”

#### Trouble Brews Again

The 1907 Convention was scheduled for December in New Orleans and one “errant” chapter was proposing that Alpha Delta Phi merge with Delta Delta Delta. The situation became graver when Elizabeth Moseley, the National President, announced that she would not attend the convention because she planned to marry her long-time beau, William Cruse Coles, the day before convention was to open. She wrote to her friend Newel Mason asking her to preside at the convention for her:

“There will come a time to you, my dear, when *Someone* will come before Alpha Delta Phi in your thoughts—yes, even before your mother; and when that times comes, you will understand.”

Newel sent a telegram back, pleading for Elizabeth to come to the convention, but the wedding was planned and Elizabeth could not attend. Still a collegian, Newel presided and was elected President of the Supreme Executive Council at the second convention.



*Alpha Delta Phi badge of Idaewe Harlan Jackson with gold loop for wearing as a necklace (c. 1906)*





She and Odille King led the fight to stop the merger. The delegates elected Jewel Davis to serve as secretary and as she had no typewriter, she took the minutes in longhand, afterward making longhand copies for every chapter and officer.

#### **Crossing the Line**

The sisters were quickly and successfully installing chapters on campuses across the country. In 1907, chapters were

*The graduating class of Wesleyan College in 1907 includes these Alpha chapter members: (from left) Nannaline King; Blanche Chapman; Elizabeth Moseley, who was serving as the first National President at the time and Sara Branbam.*

installed at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and at the University of Alabama. The next chapter, Theta at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin, would be the first

chapter installed “north of the Mason-Dixon Line.” National Inspector Lillian Moore was scheduled to install the chapter, but the installation was postponed three times; once because of “a great cyclone that swept over the South” destroying bridges and tracks and preventing travel; once a “constitutional question of great moment interrupted all her plans, and finally, when the date had been set for the third time the Inspector, Sister Lillian Moore, was called home to her mother’s house...,” according to National President Newel Mason. Newel would finally make the trip to install the chapter on June 10, 1908. She traveled unchaperoned on this, her first trip outside the south. She would record her experience for *The Adelphean*:

“... In some ways it was an exceedingly perilous journey, for ashamed as she is to admit it, it was actually the first big journey this Grand President had ever undertaken, unaccompanied, and she felt very much as if it had not been such a long time since the days of nurses and chaperones. Then too, it was like going into a strange land, for if anyone does not believe that he can discover variety in America and Americans, let him take a trip from Georgia to Wisconsin, and he will change his opinion.

“It was two o’clock—before day of Monday morning—just long enough after midnight to appease a strict conscience, which did not permit travel on Sunday, when a big brother assigned a sleepy-eyed but happy sister to the care of a friend, who was going as far as Birmingham on the same train... A



*Odille King Dasher suggests the name for the magazine, The Adelphean, and serves as an editor for many years. (c. 1907)*

late breakfast was scarcely over before Birmingham ‘hove in sight’ and my friend left me... Of two days and nights upon the road, unprotected alike from the stares of cynical and worldly-wise travelers upon her unsophisticated face, and from the cold disdain of a Pullman car waiter, who knew that she never had traveled alone, whether she tipped him too little or too much. Fortunately a “through sleeper” would land her safely in Chicago without the vexation of changing cars anywhere. And there in that great city was a brother who would not fail to meet her and take her to a relative’s for lunch, and thence back to the depot to put her on the train for Appleton.

“... After all, we reached Appleton, the train slowed, and looking through the window, I saw waiting under the electric light a big automobile, with two girls standing up in it and looking over the back at the train. Somehow I felt as if these were my girls that I had come to see.

“As I stepped from the train I heard a pleasant-voiced gentleman asking, ‘Is this the young lady from the South?’ And then I ‘spoke up’ for I knew that no other young lady from the South was on that train at that time of night. Then the two girls I had seen in the automobile came up and introduced themselves as Ina B. Miller, with whom I had corresponded about the proposed chapter, and Doris K. Edwards, another charter member.

“To speak of the fast friendships I formed in those two days, of the discussions we had as to the differences between





*Some of the attendees to the 1907 Convention in Georgetown, Texas*

Northern and Southern girls, or of the barn dances that we had privately, on the sidewalks and porch in front of Mr. Peabody's house, would seem irrelevant to the subject of installing a new chapter. All of that is 'another story'."

#### NPC Membership

After Newel's trip to Wisconsin, expansion lagged as the officers turned their attention to gaining membership in the Inter-Sorority Conference that is now known as National Panhellenic Conference. The Inter-Sorority Conference had



*Members of Theta chapter at Laurence College in Appleton, Wisconsin (c. 1911)*

denied Alpha Delta Phi's petition because both Beta and Gamma chapters were not on class "A" campuses, according to Newel's correspondence. Many class "A" campuses were, in turn, denying Alpha Delta Phi's petitions to gain admittance to the campuses because the sorority was not a member of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

Newel turned her attention to the matter and was determined to rectify the situation. First, she was careful to ensure that the sorority would only expand to "A" campuses. She wrote to the newly renamed National Panhellenic Conference inquiring if Judson College was considered an "A" campus.

The reply she received from the secretary, Edith Stoner, innocently provided Newel with the weapon she needed to win the battle. Mrs. Stoner wrote:

"All I know concerning the eligibility of sororities with Judson College on the chapter roll, is that the National Panhellenic Conference has accepted one sorority which has a chapter in that college, and I see no reason for denying the same privilege to another sorority. I am sure that there could be no objection to your entering there... There is no way of telling just what colleges are 'A' rank, as there is no

'official' list prepared."

Newel responded with a perfectly sound argument. She pointed out that since there was no official list, nor specifications to determine just what an "A" campus was, that the conference could hardly take the position that we had chapters on campuses that weren't ranked "A." She won the battle and Alpha Delta Phi was admitted in 1909.

Admittance to NPC was just one of Newel's many accomplishments as National President. However, during her presidency, she resigned for a time. She wrote to Jewel Davis on January 6, 1908, informing her that: "Louise Culbertson will have charge almost entirely for a few weeks until my exams.

Louise, who was serving as National Vice President, presided at the 1909 Convention held in Georgetown, Texas. However, the records are unclear of just how long she served since Newel was serving at least some of the time between her 1908 letter to Jewel and the 1909 Convention.

Jewel did not attend the Georgetown Convention as she had married and had a new baby son, Davis, who would later attend several conventions with his mother. Elizabeth Moseley Coles was elected to her second term as National President at



*Alpha Delta Phi silver bowl (c. 1908)*

the convention. Elizabeth would appoint Jewel to serve as Treasurer in 1910, upon the resignation of Rosa Longmire Williams, and she put Jewel in charge of expansion. At the 1911 Convention, Elizabeth was once again elected President and Jewel was elected Vice President.

Expansion was flourishing once

again under their capable leadership and with the membership in NPC. In 1910 alone, four chapters were installed: Kappa at Judson College, Lambda at Brenau College, Mu at the Women's College of Alabama and Nu at Randolph-Macon.

After Nu was installed, the next chapter was given the Greek-letter name of Omicron. This chapter, at what is now Duke University, was installed in 1911 and should have been assigned the letter "Xi." However, the busy Executive Council simply forgot that, in the Greek alphabet, "Xi" rather than "O" follows "N." Hence, in 1914, when the oversight was realized, the next chapter installed, at Ohio University, was given the name Xi.

#### A Change of Name

It would be the installation of the seventeenth chapter, Sigma at the University of Illinois, that would fire up a controversy and once again precipitate a painful change.

It was March 28, 1912, when Sigma was installed by Inspector Gladys Tilley and Abigail Davis of Nu chapter. At

the University of Illinois and on twenty-four other campuses in the United States and Canada, a fraternity existed by the name of Alpha Delta Phi. In a letter dated July 15, 1912, the secretary of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, Carl R. Ganter, appealed to the sorority to change names.

"The use of the same name by the two chapters is embarrassing to both. It is reported that your Society contemplates entering Cornell University...and various other institutions where our Fraternity is represented.

"I think you will agree with me that the use by two societies of the same name is and cannot fail to continue to be embarrassing to both. It seems as if in some way this embarrassment should be avoided by an amicable adjustment and I beg to invite your attention to the matter with that end in view. It is manifest that our Fraternity cannot permit the use of its name by any other organization where such can be avoided."

At the next convention, which was held in Chicago in 1913, the matter was considered and the name was voluntarily changed from Alpha Delta Phi to Alpha Delta Pi. Jewel Davis

*A future member of Grand Council, Abigail Davis, at left, enjoys the 1910 Pennsylvania Christmas with sisters.*





*Lambda members at Brenau College celebrate their sisterhood in 1912.*

Scarborough, who was elected National President, at the convention explained it to the chapters in a letter:

"I suppose all of our members know of the trouble we have had with the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, and of the subsequent hampering of our extension. The convention realized that the time had come for a final adjustment, as the opposition would surely grow as the sorority extended, and its influence became more widely known. Furthermore, we did not care to have one of our own daughters, our Sigma Chapter, humiliated and harassed when we could prevent it. The Alpha Delta Phi fraternity had no legal right to restrain us from the use of the symbols, Alpha, Delta, Phi, but after due deliberation, and many earnest appeals from various members the name was

voluntarily changed to Alpha Delta Pi. After all it is the spirit of 'Adelphian' the 'live for each other' feeling that binds us together, and not a mere name. I am sure that nothing else could have illustrated so beautifully the principles of our sorority as this vital question of a name. Absolute harmony and good will prevailed throughout the entire discussion, though of course the opinions were various."

Some clues to the details of the discussions are revealed in letters and other documents in our Archives that were written by the second National President Newel Mason. In one document dated February 1953 that was written in response to a request to detail the highlights of her presidency, Newel listed one of her accomplishments as: "Attending the fourth National Convention at Chicago...and quashing the moves—by my vote as Past Grand President—to merge our identity... — to join Tri Delta



*Delegates to  
the 1911  
Convention  
in Atlanta*

(Delta Delta Delta sorority), since we had unwittingly adopted the same initials—Alpha Delta Phi—as those used by a northern national fraternity, and this fraternity strenuously objected.

“Instead of this motion for the second time to join a larger and more well-established sorority—thus losing our preeminence in the sorority—and women’s club—world as the world’s oldest secret organization for women—I moved that we make a

slight change in our initials—from A.D.Phi to A.D.Pi!”

The matter was obviously considered gravely. The National Council had researched the matter and determined “that we had a perfect legal right to continue the use of ‘Alpha Delta Phi,’” Jewel wrote in a letter dated August 24, 1915 to W.R. Baird, publisher of *Baird’s Manual*. She expanded upon the name change, first discussing the change from The Adelphean



Hope Hallet Lang  
is elected  
Adelphean Editor  
at the 1913  
Convention.

Society to Alpha Delta Pi:

"It was rather unfortunate that in changing our name we selected Alpha Delta Phi, but it is not at all surprising. We were anxious to select a name as near like Adelphean as possible, and since we had never heard of the national Alpha Delta Phi fraternity in the South, we chose Alpha Delta Phi for our name. (Alpha Delta Phi fraternity is really a sectional fraternity and not a National one, having chapters mainly in the East.) They don't even publish a magazine, so naturally they couldn't expect anyone not a student of the fraternity system and those personally connected with the fraternity to know of them and their fame. If they had

only written to us at the time we adopted the name, there would have been no trouble. However, they didn't do this, but waited nearly ten years, until we had placed chapters from Massachusetts to Washington, to issue a protest... At our 1913 Convention in Chicago, we voluntarily changed our name..."

On April 11, 1914, the Superior Court of Bibb County granted the official petition to change the name to Alpha Delta Pi.

When the name was changed, the motto was rewritten in Greek to accommodate the name change by Reverend L.C. Morehouse, father of Frances Morehouse, Sigma—Illinois, who

was serving as Exchange Editor of *The Adelphean* at the time. In 1927, she wrote to Jessica North MacDonald who was writing Alpha Delta Pi's first history book at the time. The book includes the letter from Frances:

"When we voted to change the name at the 1913 Convention, Jewel said to me, 'We shall have to change our motto now, and who can do it for us? Do you know Greek?' I told her that I had studied it a little bit but was an indifferent scholar, but that my father was a very good Greek scholar and that if she wished, I would ask him to do it for us. She asked me to do this, and at home (we were then living in Toulon, Illinois) that summer, after convention, Father and I worked it out, or rather he made it to conform to requirements as closely as possible. He tried at first to rewrite the motto so as to retain the original meaning but found that impossible, as the inconsiderate Greeks had failed to include in their language a word with the proper meaning beginning with *pi*. So the new motto was made with the proper initials, and later the changes in ritual, which refer to the meaning of the motto, were put in. Father's name, if you want to use it, was Rev. L.C. Morehouse; he was, I suppose, the only man who had ever known our present motto, although I suspect some man who performed a similar service for the girls earlier, knew that one. Or was it by a member? You probably know all that. I only want to assure myself that a credit which belongs to my father is not given to me in history."

Jessica footnoted the reference to the first motto's translation to Greek with the fact that a member did indeed translate the first secret motto. She was Claudia Brahm Little, a charter member of Delta chapter at the University of Texas.

In addition to the name change, the 1913 Convention delegates took several other important steps. A standardization committee was appointed; the chapters were first divided into Provinces, with Province Presidents; high school fraternities were legislated against; past National Presidents were given a convention vote; the office of Alumnae Secretary was created; an active campaign for life subscriptions to *The Adelphean* was begun; a directory was approved and a recognition pin adopted.



*Pi chapter alumnae of Iowa State University (c. 1914)*

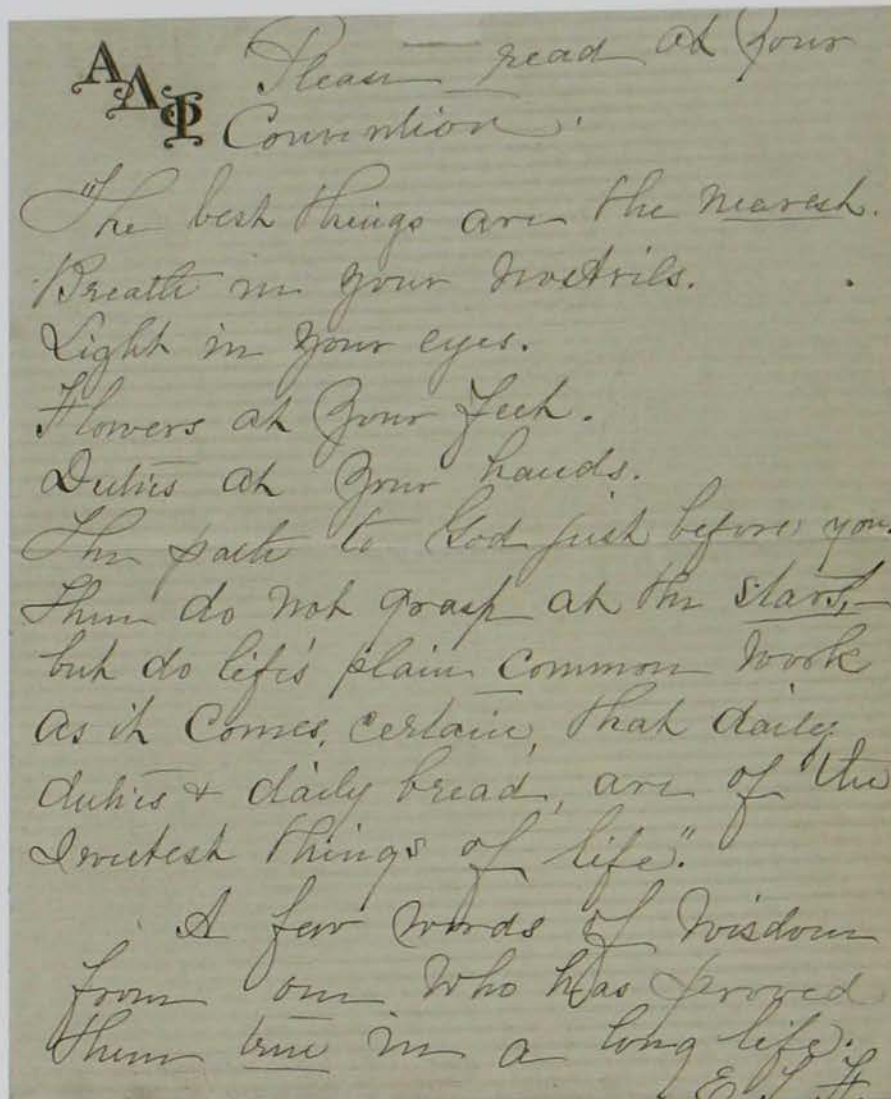
The ever-capable Jewel was elected National President at the convention and her Council included several other strong leaders. Ethel Thayer, as Secretary-Treasurer, did much to put the finances of the sorority on a strong financial basis. Hope Hallet Lang was elected *Adelphean* Editor, which was a Council position at the time, and made "radical" changes to the magazine which took on a "broader note and joined in Panhellenic discussion with an added literary trend." Abigail Davis was one of the "best-loved Inspectors ever chosen," according to *Loyally, Volume I*.

Abigail and Jewel led the sorority west and by the 1915 Convention in Berkeley, chapters were installed at both

Washington State University and the University of California at Berkeley.

Irene Patchett Smith served as convention manager for the convention even though she was only able to attend one afternoon because she had a one-month old baby. However, so successful was her convention planning that she was elected Secretary even in her absence.

The convention was held at the same time as the San Francisco Exposition and Irene's efficient planning "provided hospitality, talented speakers, a trip to the Exposition and a week's lodging with meals for \$15." The low price was explained by Irene in *The Adelphean*:



1913 greetings  
from Founder  
Eugenia Tucker  
Fitzgerald to the  
Convention  
delegates

"As many of the sorority conventions are to be held here at that time, it occurred to a member of Delta Gamma that the best way to provide housing and food and entertainment for our visitors, would be a cooperative system by which all the convening sororities are working together. There are six—Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Delta Pi—whose conventions will be held consecutively from the last week in June till the first week in August. All six houses are to be turned over to each successively, to be used as dormitories

for the members of that particular sorority."

The convention delegates voted to add the Province Presidents and an Alumnae Secretary to the National Council and the traditional officers of the Council were designated as members of a National Executive Committee. They also decided to create a Memorial Scholarship Fund and to reinstate *The Chronicle*. They adopted regulation "report blanks" for the chapters and officers. The Jewel Degree was adopted for alumnae. It was written by Mary Thayer Ashman and, of course, named in honor of Jewel Davis Scarborough. They also voted to create a Central Office "in charge of the Treasurer," although because of a lack of funds, this feat would not be accomplished until 1925.

Messages of greetings were received from the two living Founders, Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald and Octavia Andrew Rush. Eugenia's message included this poem, which she often included in her correspondence that we have in the Archives:

*The best things are the nearest—  
Breath in your nostrils,  
Light in your eyes,  
Flowers at your feet,  
Duties at your hands,  
The path to God just before you,  
Then, do not, grasp at the stars,  
But do life's plain common work as it comes,  
Certain that daily duties and daily bread,  
Are the sweetest things of life.*

Jewel was elected to her second term as National President, and under her capable leadership, the work, as approved by the convention delegates, got underway. It was during this exciting period that the sorority received the devastating news that Wesleyan College was closing the sororities on campus. A change in faculty in 1914 led to the decision, according to records in our Archives. Jewel wrote of the news to Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald in 1916 and received this reply from the eighty two year-old founder:





"My dear Jewel—

"Have just received your letter and beg that you will at once write me what has caused this shocking action against our beloved Society. Not a word has reached me from Wesleyan and I have not written them lately, as I have been ill and found the heat almost unbearable.

"Be assured I will do all in my power to appeal for justice. Give me the name of President and Faculty—I will make a personal appeal and write to alumnae... Write at once for I'm paralyzed almost with grief and indignation,

Loyally yours,  
E. T. Fitzgerald"

The many efforts of the National Council, alumnae and even Mother Fitzgerald failed to change the ruling and the last members of Alpha chapter graduated in 1916. At the

*The 1915 Convention is held in conjunction with the San Francisco Exposition. The young man in the front row is Davis Scarborough. His mother, Jewel, the National President, is to his left.*

time of their closing, many of their furnishings were sent to Lambda chapter at Brenau College.

#### **Jewel Battles Mr. Baird**

Jewel also was fighting another battle—something she was good at. She was waging a war of words and wit with W.R. Baird, publisher of *Baird's Manual*, the prestigious "encyclopedia" on Greek organizations. Mr. Baird refused to recognize 1851 as Alpha Delta Pi's founding date, listing 1904, the year the Adelpheans applied for incorporation papers. On August 24, 1915, Jewel wrote a long, informative letter



*Jewel Davis  
Scarborough,  
National President,  
1913-1917*

documenting the founding date and other facts. Mr. Baird wrote back on September 30:

"Yours of the 24th, relating to Alpha Delta Pi and making suggestions and corrections for the new edition of my manual, was received...

"I regret to say that I do not agree with the pretensions of your society to be the oldest woman's society in the United

States, as of course it is not. The organization as it exists at present properly dates from 1904, and I have so stated it.

"Of course I can thoroughly understand the irritation of immature girls when their claims strenuously put forward in a campaign for members and based upon this pretension are not agreed to by myself, but the facts seem to be against your contention."

Mr. Baird would soon receive another letter from the determined Jewel. On October 7, 1915, she wrote:

"As to whether or not our sorority is the oldest secret organization for women in the world is a matter about which there can be no difference of opinion, as it is not a matter of opinion, but purely a question of fact. I have neither asked nor expected you to publish anything concerning our sorority except facts, but in this connection it is not only your moral duty, but your legal obligation to publish the true facts concerning our sorority. We fully expect you to discharge this duty in the proper sense of the term, and we will hold you strictly accountable for any infraction. We do not propose to tolerate the publication of a misrepresentation concerning our sorority. I do not care about your opinion as to the existence of our sorority from 1851, but we expect and demand of you to publish the facts concerning the same...

"We will not only 'threaten you with a material loss in the sale of your manual' if you fail to publish the truth about us, but we want you to understand now that we expect to hold you to a strict legal accountability for any misrepresentation of the truth concerning our sorority. After having the facts brought to your attention, if you should persist in failing to publish the truth concerning us, we could only regard the matter as a deliberate libel prompted by a malicious heart to do us injury.

"I wish you would please advise me whether or not you expect to publish the truth concerning our sorority. If you do not intend to publish the truth, we shall institute an injunction proceeding against you to prohibit the circulation of such libelous matter concerning us."

Mr. Baird's responses were getting timelier and on

October 13, he wrote back:

"...When I was first furnished with information about your society it was stated to be a literary one and if there is any information on this point that you can give me I would be glad to have it."

In her response, dated October 19, Jewel wrote:

"As heretofore advised you, our sorority was never at any time a literary society, or anything approaching that... We would not furnish you with any of our secret work, but as heretofore advised, we had a secret password, a knock, a grip, sign of recognition and secret initiation... Two of our members who were the original founders of our sorority are now living, Mrs. E. T. Fitzgerald, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Octavia Rush, Mobile, Ala., both of whom have verified all the statements heretofore made, and that are here now made, and if you would like for me to furnish you with an affidavit from each of these women please advise me, and I will forward same to you at once."

The trail of letters ends there. However, we do know that Mr. Baird personally traveled from New York to visit Octavia in her granddaughter's Montgomery, Alabama, home. Octavia confirmed the facts that Jewel had been outlining for Mr. Baird. The next edition of *Baird's Manual* recognized Alpha Delta Pi as the oldest sorority.

At the Centennial Convention in 1951, Jewel spoke to the delegates and reminisced about her involvement with the sorority:

"I must say that the years from 1904 to 1917 were the hard-



Gold bangle bracelet of Jewel Davis Scarborough (c. 1905)



Sisters of Alpha Alpha chapter at the University of Colorado (c. 1916)

est, and we owe an undying debt of gratitude to those members who were responsible for our nationalization. The Adelpheans of the early days had few problems, but the group of young girls at Wesleyan in 1904, who planned to enter the field of national sororities, faced a monumental task. Had I been older, perhaps I would never have proposed securing a charter for Alpha Delta Pi, and competing with nationals throughout the United States, for I would have known the seriousness of the undertaking, and might not have had the courage to undertake it. Our greatest asset was our alumnae, who were scattered all over the country, and still loyal to the sorority." — Jewel Davis Scarborough in her 1951 speech at the Centennial Convention

# World War I & Depression Years

1917 ~ 1938

The American woman of today not only is making bullets of lead and steel as did her patriotic ancestors, she is making bullets which have even more telling effects. All cannot serve in the munitions plants or implement factories, but the woman who saves a loaf of bread is as certainly making war bullets as the workers in the factories. But the American women do not stop their war relief work with the work in the munitions plants and organized thrift, they are putting every ounce of their surplus energy into the two great movements upon whose success the war depends—the Red Cross and the YMCA Moral Uplift work among the soldiers,” wrote *Adelphean* Editor Anne Manon Walker in the October 1917 issue.

Indeed, the sorority and the world were in the midst of World War I when the 1917 Convention was held at the Grand View Hotel in Waupaca Lakes, Wisconsin, and it just happened to be National Red Cross Week. Retiring National

President Jewel Davis Scarborough addressed the war in her keynote address:

“Our country, which we are all anxious to serve, needs us! Let us decide how we can best serve, and put forth our best efforts to that end. There are many, many opportunities for real service—the Red Cross, conservation of foods, economy in every way...Will you come to the rescue?”

In the same speech, Jewel, who had chosen to retire from the National Council at the young age of thirty, but would remain actively involved throughout her life, addressed her retirement from the National Council:

“Since this is my last opportunity to address you as Alpha Delta Pi’s President, I must tell you of the joy I have felt in serving you. My years spent in Alpha Delta Pi work have meant much to me and it is with a feeling of sadness that I am surrendering my office. I have seen Alpha Delta Pi grow

1917 Convention delegates at Waupaca Lakes, Wisconsin



from a local sorority at Wesleyan College to a strong, flourishing national. We are only now beginning to realize our power and influence, and I trust that we shall use it for the good of humanity.

"We appreciate more and more as the years pass the real beauty of fraternity life, and realize that it is the pervading spirit of loyalty, fidelity and service that enriches our lives with the passing years. In the words of the Phi Chi editor, let me urge you to 'Keep in the midst of life. Do not isolate yourself. Be among men, and among things, and among troubles, and amongst difficulties and obstacles. You remember Goethe's words: "Talent develops itself in solitude; character in the stream of life".' "

After Jewel's inspiring speech, the delegates elected the first National President who was not from Alpha chapter at Wesleyan College. A Psi alumna from the University of California, Irene Patchett Smith was chosen as the new National President. Irene was completing her term as National Secretary and had been manager for the very successful 1915 Convention in Berkeley.

The council had several new members. And, then within a few months of the convention, several other changes were made. Secretary Augusta Bond Smith had twins and resigned. Verona Hull was appointed to replace her. Fannie



*Irene Patchett Smith, National President, 1917-1921*

her young death at age twenty-six in 1916. The fund is known today as the Abigail Davis Emergency Grant Fund.

#### **Sisters Take Action**

With the war raging, convention delegates voted to adopt the Armenian and Syrian War Relief as a national service project. Alpha Delta Pi, as an organization, also was supporting both the Red Cross and YMCA with their war relief efforts. Every member was encouraged to be a member of the Red Cross and every

Kilgo resigned her position as Province President, which was a council position at the time, and future National President Irma Tapp replaced her. In addition to Irma, another new Province President, Mabelle Fuller, who would later serve as National President was appointed. *Adelphean* Editor Anne Manon Walker became ill and was replaced by the sister who would capably publish our first history in 1928, Jessica North MacDonald.

"Through all these fluctuations, Irene kept the helm level and managed the large and unwieldy National Council with efficiency," a later Historian, Virginia Lee Nelson, would write.

The convention body voted to establish the Abigail Davis Student Loan Fund in memory of the beloved Inspector who served from 1913 until



Jeanette Barrows, who died on active duty during World War I, is one of two members honored as war heroes by their alma maters. (c. 1916)

chapter was responsible for the support of a war orphan.

"One of the most hopeful things in the chapter letters I received is the loyal support almost all of our chapters and individual members are giving to the Red Cross... I was filled with pride and pleasure over the work they are doing," Irene wrote in her 1918 President's Report.

Iota's chapter reporter, Beth Walton, wrote to *The Adelphean* in 1918 of the Florida State chapter's involvement:

"Girls are wearing their old clothes, denying themselves the pleasure of attending the 'movies' and some are even taking the place of the maids in the YWCA tearoom in order to raise their pledges—because you know that is the spirit in which the YWCA asks for money."

Alumnae associations were involved as groups, and individual sisters were

undertaking brave, new tasks. Dorothy Smith, a Psi alumna of the University of California, was admitted to the Nurses' Training School of Johns Hopkins Hospital, which was considered the best in the country. Her work during the war "started with dressing chickens in the kitchen, and mounting by steps of progress to rubbing stout women's backs, on to punching the arms of patients in the clinic with the hypodermic needle. She is now privileged to minister, in the wards of the hospital by night or day, to the needs of a great variety of sick or injured bodies and souls—work that she finds full of interest and of the joy of service which is the keynote to human happiness,"

*Jessica North MacDonald, author of The History of Alpha Delta Pi (c. 1928)*

according to a letter that her father wrote to *The Adelphean*.

The National Panhellenic Conference voted at their 1917 meeting to "go on record that they were willing to investigate all opportunities and needs of war work and aid the government in the present crisis." All member sororities of NPC were involved as American women stepped out of traditional roles at a remarkable pace. The January 1918 issue of *The Adelphean* reprinted an article from *The Lamp of Delta Zeta*



that quoted statistics from the *Philadelphia Evening Telegram*:

"Who's minding the babies in Great Britain? Who is sewing on the buttons, making the beds, hanging out the wash, and dusting off the piano top? We ask because 438,000 women have gone into manufacturing plants since the war came. And 308,000 have been absorbed by stores, offices, and the like. Steam and electric railways have taken another 64,000.

"Apart from those in domestic service, 5,000,000 women are now helping to make the wheels of industry hum in Great Britain. More than a million and a quarter men have been directly replaced by women since 1914."

Before the war ended on November 11, 1918, Alpha Delta Pi would lose at least two sisters in service to the Great War. Both were nurses on active duty, and both are the only women known to us to be honored by their alma maters as war heroes. An alumna of Sigma chapter, Gladys Kilpatrick is listed on one of the 100 pillars at the University of Illinois' Memorial Stadium. Jeanette Barrows, Alpha Theta, is remembered on the University of Washington's entrance pillars and on Memorial Lane.

It would be another two years before all American women won the right vote.

World War I rocked the world and took its toll in every facet of life. Ida Shaw Martin, a member of Delta Delta Delta and an NPC leader wrote to Irene in 1919:

"The sorority system is facing the greatest crisis in history. The war, which has brought about a general upheaval of long-established customs, has affected seriously the sorority situation. Not only have a number of college faculties legislated against the continuation of sororities in their institution, and not only are other faculties contemplating similar action, but both undergraduates and alumnae of the sororities themselves are questioning the worth of their own organizations."

Alpha Delta Pi had lost five chapters, including the mother chapter, to faculty opposition. The National Council elected in 1917 had as priorities many of the same issues as the objecting administrators. And, in a roundabout way, they

had been assisted by a controversial decision made by the delegates to the 1917 Convention where the delegates, after "arguments pro and con," had voted to halt expansion until the next convention. "The older members missed the intimate association of earlier days and felt that the sorority was too large for close cooperation," according to records in our Archives.

Jewel spoke on the subject in her 1917 keynote address:

"We care not for quantity but quality, and we have tried to impress this idea upon our chapters from the very beginning. It is not our ambition to have the largest sorority in the country, but the best."

The new National Council set about precipitating "a different sort of growth, an inner broadening and standardization of the chapters... The two years would be used for 'readjustment.' Inspection of all the chapters was thorough and more frequent than before, since the Inspector was not so busy installing new groups," according to *Loyally, Volume I*.

Irene also put a strong emphasis on scholarship during her four years in office. "You all know my hobby is scholarship. Why? It is because you are essentially in college to learn. If you are not, you do not belong either in your university or in Alpha Delta Pi," she wrote to the chapters.



*Mabelle Fuller Sperry, National President, 1921-1927*

## A New Era

It was in this atmosphere that the sorority prepared for the 1919 convention at Natural Bridge, Virginia. Shortly after their arrival, the delegates were required to take an examination that had been approved at the 1913 convention in Chicago. *The Adelphean* referred to it as a "brief" exam; however, one must question its brevity when you consider that it covered the sorority's "constitution, bylaws, convention rulings, history, ritual and NPC."

Irene was again elected President at the convention and many of the other council members were experienced as well. Mary Kelly Shearer was appointed Business Manager for *The Adelphean*, which was in such bad financial shape that it



Mary Kelly Shearer would establish the first Central Office in her home in 1925.

was in peril of being discontinued. Mary's appointment "proved to be one of the best bits of work ever done at a convention. Mary possessed a financial sense that amounts to genius, and from the moment of her appointment the fortunes of the magazine and of the sorority were on the upgrade," according to later Historian Virginia Lee Nelson.

Rosa Longmire Williams was appointed Historian, which was a council position at the time. Rosa collected and preserved many invaluable papers and documents that made future histories possible.

The delegates voted to change the national service project to Child Welfare. A compulsory life subscription for *The Adelphean* was approved by the delegates.

And, the Council would wisely use only the first payment of each ini-

tiate for financing the current issue. "The succeeding three payments were kept secure by investing only in government bonds. The interest from these bonds was added to the annual budget, so *The Adelphean* issues gradually became larger, more interesting and with more pictures," Mary would later explain.

A featured speaker at the convention was "Dr. Smith" who was president of Washington and Lee University. He spoke of the "new era" brought by the war:

"Woman has for centuries been what man has made her. Now for the first time in history she is becoming what she has made herself. She is learning that her

place in the world is at man's side, not leaning against him, but lifting with him... Education has accomplished this and it is the educated woman who is to hold the place of honor in the new era which is to come... Toward this end woman must educate herself in order to be a positive voice in the affairs of the world."

During 1919, NPC also had an important year. The delegates adopted the Standards of Ethical Conduct at their October



Visiting Alpha Chi chapter at UCLA are: (from left) Executive Secretary Eleanor Abrott Harris, National President Minnie Allen Hubbard and Province President Lucile Neelley. (c. 1935)



meeting and City Panhellenics were "spreading most widely and successfully." In addition to Irene, who was serving as NPC Delegate, Alpha Delta Pi was represented at the meeting by Inspector Irma Tapp, Secretary Verona Hull, Province President Willie Igou and Exchange Editor Julia Rodman.

Alpha Delta Pi had been a member of NPC for only twelve years when Irene addressed our involvement in her 1921 keynote address at the convention held in Estes Park, Colorado:

"In my last NPC report, I was proud to state to the other delegates present that all Alpha Delta Pi chapters had abided by all college and Panhellenic rules, and that we had a reputation for playing fair and for saying nothing against other organizations. One cannot over-estimate the importance of such a reputation, and the importance of living up to it."

Irene also spoke of the other accomplishments of her four years as National President:

"A history has been completed with the exception of the chapters... Seven new chapters have been installed, raising our total chapter membership to thirty-three... There has been published a new song book... We have had a new but very inadequate directory... We have written and embodied in our chapter book an induction ceremony, whereby patronesses may be made to feel more a part of Alpha Delta Pi... A patroness pin has been designed... A prayer for the Memorial Service has been written... Our Jewel Degree has



**Sisterhood**

To see the glad light in the eyes of a friend,  
 To feel the warm pressure of hand upon hand,  
 To know that her friendship is linked unto yours  
 By the e'er tightening tie of a well beloved band;  
 To know that her thoughts and your own are entwined  
 Till the shreds of the one in the other are lost  
 To do your own share of Love's labor divine  
 And to give not a thought of the cost.

To place your joint offering by mutual desire  
 At the firm planted feet of some goddess divine,  
 And to feel, side by side, the mysterious thrill  
 As you offer true homage at dim mystic shrine,  
 To know your ideals and ambitions are shared,  
 And that others will greet you wherever you go.  
 Are the glories of sisterhood given us here,  
 A fragment of Heaven God lends us below.

*Poem appearing in October 1917 issue of The Adelphean*

been improved... We have adopted a national altruistic endeavor... Through the hard work of Mabelle Fuller a splendid *Alpha Delta Pi Manual* has been compiled, printed and distributed to the officers and chapters... One of the best things that has been accomplished has been the compulsory life subscription to *The Adelphean*.

"In concluding let me say that I feel very certain that Alpha Delta Pi has a very good and assured future, but she must not rest upon her past laurels. Neither a person nor an organization can stand still. You must either go forward or backward."

The "hard-working" Mabelle Fuller that Irene praised was elected to lead the National Council at the 1921 convention that was held at the famous Stanley Hotel in Estes Park,

*Delegates enjoy the "floating convention" of 1927 aboard the S.S. Trinity on the St. Lawrence River.*



Irma Tapp, National President, 1927-1933

Colorado. Rates were five dollars per day and "closer acquaintance with nature was made through hikes, drives and rides. Some even ascended to the top of the continental divide and felt that they were on top of the world..." Mabelle wrote.

During the business sessions, the leaders tried in vain to get the size of the National Council, that included the Province Presidents, reduced but the motion failed and the body remained as large and unwieldy as it had since 1917. Actually the position of Business Manager of *The Adelphean* was added to the Council, but the financial expertise and wisdom of Mary Kelly Shearer was much needed.

Mabelle encouraged thorough inspection of the colle-

giate chapters. "The more frequent, the better, has been my slogan," she said. "Fortunately conditions have been such and our national officers so situated that we could and have been able to carry on during the past two years an efficient inspection plan," she wrote in her 1923 officer's report.

During the 1921-1923 biennium, the sorority accomplished many goals. Mabelle outlined them in her report:

"We have done our part toward the building of the New York City Panhellenic House... a province convention, the first in our history was held by Delta province... three chapters have been installed... revised constitutions were printed and sent out..."

During her first term as President, Mabelle also collected "by the aid of Nettie Barnwell and Jewel Davis Scarborough" a complete set of *The Adelphean* magazines that she had bound at Nettie's New Orleans business, "At the Sign of the Glue Pot." This act, by the forward-thinking Mabelle, has been invaluable to our Archives and the authors of our published histories.

In early 1923, Mabelle married Marcus E. Sperry in Houston where she had been teaching school. She did not attend the 1923 Convention in Marblehead, Massachusetts, and National Vice President Emily Langham presided. Mabelle was reelected to serve a second term as President and Emily returned to the Vice Presidency.

No explanation for her absence is given in her report that was read at the convention. However, she did give birth to her only child, Edith, on November 21, 1923 so perhaps her pregnancy kept her home. When their daughter was only six weeks old, Mr. Sperry died suddenly. This new mother and our National President was widowed after having been married only one year.

Virtually nothing about these events in Mabelle's private life was printed in an Alpha Delta Pi publication. And, *The Adelphean* contained very little information about the 1923 Convention—only a list of delegates and two paragraphs by Editor Jessica North MacDonald. Jessica's account certainly reveals a more relaxed schedule than today's delegates experience:

"The Rockmere Hotel resembled nothing so much as a college dormitory, full of busy, happy, chattering girls... It is safe to say that many new friendships were formed that week that will last a lifetime. There were several days of fun before the convention settled down to hard work. Yes, convention delegates really work, my dears. They meet from eight-thirty in the morning till noon and then again till five in the afternoon with only an hour off for lunch at noon. They sit on hard chairs and maintain a respectful silence while other delegates set forth their views, rising only when they have something to contribute. Sometimes the weather is exceptionally warm, and sometimes they have been up late



the night before and would love to sleep late. But they don't. So if any of you feel that your delegate's expenses were not fully earned, put the thought from you."

During the convention the Province Presidents were removed from the National Council, finally returning it to a workable size. With the removal of the Province Presidents, several committees were appointed to take up the work. The separate office of National Panhellenic Delegate was created, relieving the President from the burden of serving in both roles. Irma Tapp who had been serving as Inspector filled the office.

Delegates were presented with formal plans for the New York City Panhellenic House that would eventually be located in Beekman Towers. The plan called for "a place where

*Iota members get a new chapter house at Florida State during the Great Depression. (c. 1933)*

Greek letter women located there (New York City) may live; there is a possibility for the location of central offices... a place perhaps where conventions may be held," according to Mabelle's report. The delegates approved the plan and after the convention, "National, chapters, some alumnae associations, and some individuals responded nobly to the appeal and we were the first (NPC group) to announce our position in the matter," Mabelle would later write.

The convention delegates adopted the National Song that was composed by Fredricka Kershaw of Upsilon chapter at



*Alpha Delta Pi Nursery School plaque at the University of Chicago where the sorority maintains a fellowship (c. 1929)*

Washington State. Later in the summer, Jessica would write the words that are still cherished today. The convention body also allotted \$1,000 per year for inspection visits, permitting visits to every chapter during the 1923-1925 biennium. With aggressive inspection, expansion was rapid and five chapters were installed during the period.

In early 1925, Province President Gracie May McNeil visited Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald, and the

ninety-one year old Founder wrote a note that is printed in the April 1925 issue of *The Adelphean*:

"Greetings to Alpha Delta Pi:

"The happiness of meeting an officer of our beloved sorority was quite unexpected. Surely it is enough to warm my heart that 'my girls' always seem so pleased to make my acquaintance and the knowledge that so many have shared the privileges of Alpha Delta Pi, is a reward for all I've tried to do. Mother Fitzgerald."

The 1925 convention once again found sisters traveling west. The setting was the breath-taking Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington. "None of us who were there will ever forget the glorious days on 'top of the world,' the efficient handling of the meetings, the mountain climbs, the thrilling descents on 'tin pants' down steep slopes of snow, the horse-back rides up difficult trails or the beautiful and incredible view of peak on peak that one might enjoy from the observation ledge at Alta Vista," Jessica wrote.

The delegates returned Mabelle to the office of National

President for her third term along with several other talented sisters. The beloved Dorothy Shaw was named to National Council as Historian-Registrar. Irma took on the combined office of Vice President and Alumnae Secretary, as well as the separate office of NPC delegate. Jessica remained as Editor and Rosabel Brown was named Inspector. Mary Kelly Shearer, who had been on Council as Business Manager, was named the first Executive Secretary, also a Council position. The new position was created because the sorority was finally in a financial position to realize the long-held dream of establishing a Central Office.

Mary set the office up in her home. She would later write this account:

"Blissfully unaware of the magnitude of the task, Mary K. Shearer returned to her home at 611 Ash Avenue, Ames, Iowa, to rearrange the living conditions of her family—a husband and two small children. Since her house was a large one, the attic, basement and sleeping porch became storerooms for chapter supplies, permanent files, and all the old records of the sorority. A large bedroom became an office and a housekeeper became a member of the family. Fortunately a home economics graduate who had majored in child development and foods agreed to become the housekeeper. A most efficient secretary-typist was employed from the start...

"The first purchases were all second hand—two desks, two chairs, two files, two typewriters and what seemed like the original mimeograph machine."

When Mary left convention, she brought with her all the chapter books that had to be replaced with fresh mimeographed pages. "Since the inexperienced Executive Secretary was a two-fingered typist, it would have been impossible without the help of the National Editor, Jessica North MacDonald, who cut the stencils for every page."

In addition to setting up a more efficient system for membership records, Mary soon tackled the task of setting up a uniform bookkeeping system for chapter treasurers. It was at this time that Council implemented a yearly audit of each



*Mabel Ruth Bandy Anbeuser, a former assistant Adelphean Editor, is active with the St. Louis City Club. (c. 1932)*

chapter by an auditor they appointed.

“With the business side of the sorority looking more solid than ever, the sisters celebrated the sorority’s seventy-fifth anniversary in 1926 by presenting a marble bench to our birthplace, Wesleyan College. The bench, which today still marks this proud occasion, displays the Coat-of-Arms and names of many early members who were initiated before the end of the

school year in the year of our founding, 1851.

During the biennium, the sisters also were successful in significantly increasing the Memorial Fund, which was used for the Child Welfare national altruistic project, and to meet the pledges made for the New York City Panhellenic House. Expansion also was moving at a rapid clip with six chapters installed between 1925 and 1927.

#### “All Aboard”

The 1927 convention found members boarding the S.S. Trinity, a steamboat, for a floating convention on the St. Lawrence River. Delegates boarded in Niagara Falls, then docked in both Montreal and Quebec City which they toured in “antiquated two-wheeled carriages.” They cruised through “the Thousand Islands in a balmy, clover-laden breeze, singing Alpha Delta Pi songs.” So it seemed appropriate that while cruising on this river which, at some points, is divided in half by Canada and the United States, Mabelle first suggested international expansion—an idea that she said was presented to her by Alpha Theta chapter at the University of Washington. That dream would be realized during the biennium when Beta Zeta chapter was installed at the University of Toronto in 1929.

The sorority was redistricted into eight provinces with presidents and vice presidents for each. The presidents would supervise chapters while the vice presidents were in charge of alumnae.

The experienced Irma Tapp was elected the National President while Esther Cox Rider, who was serving as Convention Manager, was named Vice President. Kathleen Sutton Rowe was named Inspector to replace Rosabelle Brown Quillian who had recently married and was appointed a Province President. Mary retained her position of Executive Secretary and the offices of Editor and Historian were combined—the talented Jessica filled the weighty position. Dorothy Shaw, who had been serving as Historian-Registrar, became a Province President along with Minnie Allen Hubbard



*Pittsburgh City Club and Alpha Iota chapter at the University of Pittsburgh celebrate Founders' Day in 1934.*

who would, four years later, become the National President.

The convention delegates voted to make the Nursery School program the beneficiary of the growing Memorial Endowment Fund. In 1928, the University of Chicago was designated for the first location for the Day Nursery and the interest from the fund was used for a fellowship in nursery training.

When the National Panhellenic Conference convened in Boston in 1928, it was Alpha Delta Pi's turn to assume the chairmanship as dictated by NPC's rotation system.

National President Irma Tapp who took many years of experience "around the Congress table" with her into this role would speak about it in her report to delegates at the next convention:

"This constant contact and friendliness with national officers of other fraternities, many of whom have attended even

longer than I, has been a rich experience and afforded many valuable suggestions for our own organization. As chairman, particularly, notice and details of all unpleasant local Panhellenic disputes have reached my desk. Had you transgressed the law I would have been truly embarrassed, but not more lenient than with other offenders. However, it has been a source of pride to hear no complaints against my own chapters anywhere. I urge you to bear this in mind. Play fair with your fellow Greeks and be known for your straight-forwardness and good fellowship."

NPC and Irma celebrated when the New York City Panhellenic House was formally opened on October 1, 1928. More than eight hundred attended the festivities.

Also in 1928, *The History of Alpha Delta Pi* was published. The talented Jessica North MacDonald had authored it and would update it again in 1931. Jessica, who was a published poet and novelist, also had a critically acclaimed book of poetry, *The Long Leash*, published the same year. She was

described by her fellow Chicagoan and future *Adelphean* Editor, Nadine Newbill, in the January 1929 *Adelphean*:

"But what is she like? The girl at the next desk asked me when I told her I knew the author of *The Long Leash*. 'Like?' The question startled me. She wasn't precisely like anything else in the world I could think of at that moment.

"Do you know the sound that a handful of coins make when dropped on the floor? They ring true. She is like that. Did you ever see gray smoke threading from a chimney, and wonder at it a little? She is like that too. I never could quite decide the color of her eyes, but I know they are warmly sympathetic. And there is a sort of jauntiness to the 'windy city' cut of her coppery hair. She seems as colorful and alive as State and Madison at noon. If you have ever paused in the Loop and followed the bordering walls to the skyline while crowds pushed by you, and the traffic roared on, and you have felt a peace, then you will sense the feeling I mean."

The same issue of the magazine that carried Nadine's tribute to Jessica announced with a simple headline: "Mother Fitzgerald Is Dead." Eugenia, the last surviving founder, died December 10, 1928. She would have been ninety-five years old on January 28.

"With the passing of Mother Fitzgerald, Alpha Delta Pi has lost the last of her founders, but the organization of which she was the inspiration will continue to grow in strength and usefulness to college women and will lovingly cherish her memory throughout the future of its existence," her tribute reads.

Delegates traveled to Blowing Rock, North Carolina, for the 1929 convention. Irma was reelected President and Minnie Allen Hubbard became Vice President when Esther Cox Rider moved into the position of Inspector. Mary Kelly Shearer, "who it seems impossible to replace," was unanimously elected to continue as Executive Secretary. Jean James, who had been serving as Acting Editor since 1927 while Jessica worked on the history, was elected Editor. She would write about the convention in her typical whimsical style:

"Stunt night at convention proved a riot, if the slang may be

pardoned. Many groups and individuals presented acts, all of which were well received by the onlookers. The assembled group was weak with laughter after it was all over, and those who have attended many conventions were agreed that it was 'The greatest stunt night of them all'."

*Diamond Points*, the convention newspaper, was distributed every afternoon and alumnae round table discussions were "well attended" and "proved a medium for the exchange of ideas by alumnae from every section."

In 1930 a revised *Pledge Manual* was published and sent to each pledge with a copy of the *History of Alpha Delta Pi*. A new booklet, "Rules and Regulations for Chapter Officers" was prepared by the Executive Secretary. In 1931, a new songbook was published and sent to every collegiate member.

Five chapters were installed during the biennium, including two more in Canada: Beta Theta at the University of Manitoba and Beta Kappa at the University of British Columbia. Beta Iota's installation at Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina was held simultaneously with Beta Kappa's. "Thus the two extremes of the continent were united to Alpha Delta Pi on the same day," according to *Loyally, Volume I*.



*Dorothy Shaw serves as a beloved sorority leader before her untimely death in 1938.*



*National Council meets at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel in Edgewater, Mississippi, prior to the 1935 NPC meeting. Standing from left: Adelphean Editor Jean James and Executive Secretary Eleanor Abrott Harris. Seated: National President Minnie Allen Hubbard and Vice President Evelyn Hix.*

### The Great Depression

With three Canadian chapters, it seemed appropriate to journey across the border for the 1931 convention. The hotel, Chateau Lake Louise, in Alberta was rimmed by a "blaze of orange and yellow poppies" and a "ring of pines" shimmering off the lake. Dorothy Shaw served as Convention Manager and the convention "was beautifully

carried out in every detail."

Minnie Allen Hubbard was unanimously elected National President. Evelyn Hix, who was elected Vice President, was the only new member of the entire National Council. The experience would prove very valuable as the officers faced the height of the Great Depression.

The sorority officers traveled on limited budgets, guiding and encouraging collegiate members and alumnae. Financial structures were checked carefully and, as further protection during the Depression, Eleanor Abrott Harris was appointed to supervise all sorority building plans.

Amazingly, new chapter houses were being opened while chapters and colleges alike were struggling. Eta chapter at the University of Alabama and Psi at the University of California both moved into new homes during this time while ground was broken for the Beta Gamma chapter house at the University of Utah.

Expansion continued, as well, with new chapters installed at Montana State, the University of Georgia and the University of Montana.

The Constitution and Bylaws were to be revised at the 1933 convention scheduled for Swampscott, Massachusetts. In preparation, Mary Kelly Shearer studied every copy of convention reports from 1906 and compiled a list of all rulings. "Many rulings contradicted previous and long forgotten ones," she explained. The National Council traveled to Atlanta for a special meeting to work on the matter. "This meeting coincided with the famous 'Bank Holiday' when checks were unacceptable," Mary wrote. As Executive Secretary, Mary "had a difficult time financing the Council members' return trips home and also pay the hotel bills."

As National President, Minnie issued this statement in response to the crisis:

"With the national emergency which brought about the closing of the country's banks, it became evident that the expenses of convention, added to the other costs of college life, were not warranted this year, even though the condi-



tions might show some hoped-for improvement by June. We are happy that Alpha Delta Pi has passed through these difficult economic conditions successfully. Our purpose is that our national organization continues to be in a position to give our chapters the greatest possible assistance in meeting such problems as may arise."

With convention canceled and travel curtailed, the National Council devised the Field Counselor program, which would later evolve into the Traveling Chapter Consultant program of today. That first year, in 1933, they appointed three: Lois Swabel and Betty Ward, both of Psi chapter at the University of California, and Helen Shea of Alpha Gamma at the University of Missouri. Lois spent the year working with the new Beta Mu chapter at Montana State. Betty worked with Alpha Mu at the University of Wisconsin and Helen worked with Beta Xi at the University of Montana. Lois, who served as a Field Counselor for three years, spent the next two years traveling to different chapters.

"Since it was the height of the Depression, I was primarily implementing the new standardized bookkeeping system at all the chapters I visited," she said. "The Council did a good job of planning and managing the business affairs. We came through the Depression better than any other sororities that I know of."

Indeed, Alpha Delta Pi did come through the Depression remarkably well because of the sorority's sound financial footing before the stock market crash in 1929.

The plan put in place in 1925 that required a yearly audit of each chapter by a national auditor was given part of the credit by Mary Kelly Shearer:

"This wise plan of the National Council was no doubt the reason none of the Alpha Delta Pi chapters suffered the loss of any chapter house during the Depression... Another ruling at that time, limiting any chapter to borrow no more than \$400 without the consent of the National Council may also have helped keep all our chapters solvent... This record was impressive to the other national fraternities and sorori-

ties," Mary wrote.

The setting aside and investment of *Adelphian* life subscriptions kept the magazine afloat and even flourishing. The January 1931 issue was a "fat 180 pages."

Actually seven chapters were closed during the Depression years: Alpha Epsilon at the University of Nebraska, Alpha Mu at Wisconsin, Alpha Omicron at Oklahoma State, Alpha Sigma at Ohio Wesleyan, Alpha Tau at Syracuse, Alpha Phi at Butler and Beta Mu at Montana State. All but three, at Wisconsin, Butler and Montana State, would be reopened.

In 1934, the delegates made the trip to Swampscott for convention.

Jean James gave this account in *The Adelphian*:

"By trains, buses and automobiles, came the Alpha Delta Pi's. Shortly after the arrival of the special train at noon, the hotel took on the atmosphere of a 'homecoming' as the girls greeted each other and the members of National Council, who had arrived several days beforehand for Council meeting.

A naval destroyer was anchored off shore and the Council had made arrangements for everyone to tour the ship and



*Descendants of Founder Ella Pierce Turner unveil the Memorial Fountain that the sorority presented to our birthplace, Wesleyan College, for the college's Centennial in 1936. From left: Ella's oldest daughter Carrie Turner Wilson, Alpha—Wesleyan; Ella's granddaughter Grace Troutman Wilson, Alpha, and Ella's great-granddaughter Grace Wilson Waters, a charter member of Beta Nu at the University of Georgia.*

"take tea" with the Lieutenant Commander.

"... Alpha Delta Pi's hastened down to the shore, hoping to be the first ones to go over to the destroyer. But everyone couldn't be first! So it was that many cooled their heels for almost an hour before they got a chance to embark on the adventure across the water. Dinghies (they're row-boats to you, probably) took the girls from shore line to a half way point where they were met by motor launches from the destroyer. All afternoon long, the little dinghies plied back and forth..."

A costume ball was held and taking first prize for the most original costume was future Grand President Maxine Blake, Irene Scow and Gwen Cramer. Maxine and Irene were a walking book while Gwen was the bookmark. Naval officers in dress uniform from the destroyer attended the ball.

Minnie was reelected President. Also reelected were Vice President Evelyn Hix and Editor Jean James. The beloved and efficient Mary Kelly Shearer retired and Eleanor Abrott Harris was elected Executive Secretary.

When Mary retired, she left us with these inspirational words:

"Not long ago I read of a famous man's reply when asked to what he attributed his success. His simple answer was, 'I had a friend.' I, too, have worked with many friends and what success has been mine was due to the loyal friendships, cooperation, and work of the national and province officers, actives, and alumnae members who shared with me



*Enjoying Southern California's 1936 Founders' Day are: (from left) Irene Mohler, Fleeta Hodge and Rowe Rader.*

the desire to have Alpha Delta Pi become the publicly acknowledged leader of all sororities..."

Following convention, the Central Office was moved from Mary's house in Ames to the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley, California, under the capable direction of Eleanor Abrott Harris.

Our birthplace, Wesleyan College, celebrated its Centennial in 1936. To honor the occasion, Alpha Delta Pi presented a marble Memorial Fountain that today remains a focal point on campus. The risers on the steps carry names of founding members, the Coat-of-Arms, founding date and our motto.

Descendants of Founder Ella Pierce Turner unveiled the fountain and the ceremony was attended by the loyal Macon alumnae and others from around the country.

For the 1936 convention, sisters gathered at the Del Monte Hotel on the Monterey Peninsula in California. The new constitution,

which had been so carefully considered, was approved. The delegates voted to change the name of the National Council to Grand Council, "the change being made to recognize the international feature of the sorority..."

The terminology for alumnae organizations was changed with all being designated as alumnae associations, replacing the former terminology of city clubs and alumnae chapters. The delegates considered several philanthropies, but voted to continue with the Nursery School program, expanding the fellowships to students at any school rather than just at the

University of Chicago and the University of Texas.

Minnie was returned to the presidency while Olive Cameron Murch was elected to the new office of Grand First Vice President. Evelyn Hix was named Grand Second Vice President to work with alumnae. Eleanor Abrott Harris was named Grand Secretary-Treasurer, a change in title from the previous Executive Secretary designation. Future Grand President Caralee Strock Stanard became editor of *The Adelphean*.

Following the convention, alumnae advisors were established for all chapters. "Several chapters have been using this method for some time and it had been a source of great strength to them," Minnie explained. "Chapters, both large and small, need wise guidance to keep them uniformly good through the years. No chapter can always be sure of strong leadership in its officers every year.

Consequently, an Executive Council composed of alumnae advisors and chapter officers assures sounder plans for chapters."

NPC Delegate Irma Tapp could not attend the 1937 NPC meeting so Minnie stepped in for her. Eleanor presented a session on Social Security and Taxes. She showed the form she and Lucile Neelley had designed for chapter use. No other group had such a "blank" and Eleanor's was "mimeographed for the entire Congress and received warm praise from the most



*The 'new era' after World War I found women in new careers. An alumna of Psi chapter at the University of California and a member of the Chicago City Club, Adelaide Tichenor, third from left, works for United Air Lines. The Panhellenic-minded crew includes members of two other sororities: (from left) Sadie Erickson, Kappa Delta, and Agnes Hurt, Phi Mu. (c. 1935)*

important and well-informed members there," Minnie reported.

In 1937, Evelyn Hix resigned her office and a well-respected Province President and Future Grand President Maxine Blake was appointed to fill the office of Grand Second Vice President.

Delegates to the 1938 convention would once again travel across the border, this time to the Seigniory Club in Montebello, Quebec. Minnie declined renomination and was appointed to serve as NPC Delegate. *Adelphean* Editor Caralee Strock Stanard was elected Grand President. Minnie presented her with a diamond badge, which had been given to her by Ethel Thayer who wanted it to be designated as the 'President's Badge.'

Maxine was elected Grand First Vice President and her work would switch from the alumnae area to the chapters. Eleanor was reelected Secretary-Treasurer while Dorothy Warthen Candler was named Second Vice-President. Evelyn Hix was appointed Historian.

In her last report as Grand President, Minnie told the convention delegates:

"The time has come to pass this work on. I do so with pride in what has been accomplished, with courage for what the future holds, with faith in our organization and its officers... I have seen our sorority across the continent as one of the finest—it is your work and mine to keep it so."

# Conflicting Times

1938 ~ 1948

“And now that a new chapter of history is beginning and new pages must be written in the annals of Alpha Delta Pi, what shall we write? How shall we carry on the traditions that have gained in beauty and vibrance through eighty-seven years?” – *Caralee Strock Stanard in a 1938 Adelphean article written just after she was elected Grand President*

During her ten years as Grand President, Caralee would write volumes upon the pages of history. A professional journalist, Caralee had never served on Grand Council before being elected Grand President; however, she had served two years as *Adelphean* Editor, and, as President, she would write often and well for the magazine.

Just after taking office in 1938, she described “sorority life at most colleges and universities where Alpha Delta Pi has chapters” as “serene and happy.”

In an article for the December issue, Caralee wrote:

“1938 has been kind to Alpha Delta Pi... High standards—scholastically, socially and spiritually—are being demanded of those who wear the Golden Lion so that broken pledges should be difficult to find. Scholarship records in our active chapters are improving. Panhellenic spirit has gained new ground.

“Alumnae circles, too, have gone forward in 1938. We are extremely proud of our many alumnae associations scattered from coast to coast. Few women’s fraternities with larger totals of membership have more alumnae groups. Not only in numbers do our associations excel... They have brought the sorority into the cultural and philanthropic life of their respective cities through their broad programs coordinating sorority needs with those of modern society. Our alumnae during 1938 also have taken a commendable interest in our chapters, serving in various advisory capacities and lending a guiding hand when needed.”

Life was good for the sorority as collegians gathered for the

1939 province meetings from California to New York. The sessions covered a host of topics, including rush and model initiations. The newly formed Mother’s Clubs were assisting and entertaining chapters everywhere. On their various campuses, the collegians were enjoying socials, all-university sings and homecoming activities, while becoming members of Mortar Board and other honoraries. Radio was king and members would huddle around to hear their favorite programs together. Movies were becoming more sophisticated and studios were looking for starlets.

When Chi chapter’s Catherine Guthrie left Wittenberg College, she went to Chicago, then soon to Hollywood for a radio career. When she appeared on the Kraft Music Hall show, with the stage-name of Florence George, she sang before Bing Crosby, and “in the course of events,” met and married Everett Crosby, Bing’s brother. She soon landed a contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios and made several movies while continuing her sorority involvement and writing articles for *The Adelphean*.

Psi’s Jeanne Hetherington, who had transferred from the University of California at Berkeley to Oregon State to colonize Alpha Omega chapter, was enjoying the same success in the movies with her screen name of Jean Heather.

Bebe Anderson got her start on “an Alpha Delta Pi float in a football parade when a local newspaper photographer made a picture of her.” She left Kappa chapter at Howard College and landed roles, with the stage name of Mary Anderson, in “Gone with the Wind” and “The Women.” It was the “golden age” of Hollywood and Alpha Delta Pi was living high.

Things were about to change. “Hitler’s armies had stormed into Belgium, Holland and France early in the summer of 1940 and now England was bearing the brunt of the furious

*Caralee Strock Stanard*



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new year just dawning?  
What it will bring to the  
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What it may bring to our  
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be certain.”





Active with Chi chapter at Wittenberg, Catherine Guthrie Crosby, starred in movies with the stage name of Florence George. (c. 1939)

assault. London suffered its most severe raid of the war on December 30—our Canadian sisters with ties so closely linked with the besieged little island were already mobilized for war,” Virginia Lee Nelson wrote in *Loyally, Volume I*.

Caralee would take to her typewriter:

“During this year we in the United States have been permitted to live in peace and security although our Canadian

sisters have not shared this same good fortune. As the year closes I wonder whether all of us in Alpha Delta Pi haven't given the serious thought to service to a distressed humanity that these critical times demand. I hope we have done our part, for 1940 has been a good year for our fraternity as well as to most of us as individuals.

“What of the new year just dawning? What it will bring to the world we do not know. What it may bring to our own land we cannot be certain. Our sister land to the North has suffered the effects of the war so that even without conflict within the United States, the tragedy is very near to us. The way in which our Canadian chapters have been doing their utmost to serve the cause of liberty is not only an inspiration but a challenge to the rest of us.

“It seems to me that this is the year every active chapter and every alumnae group of Alpha Delta Pi should set aside for unselfish service. It is a year to make good deeds our first order of business. Thus, we will prove that we stand today on those principles of faith set down by our founders in 1851. Let us make our ninetieth anniversary year one which will go down in Alpha Delta Pi history as the Year of Service.”

#### Answering the Call

The March 1941 issue of *The Adelphean* announces a donation of \$500 from the sorority to the Canadian Red Cross, as well as a new “Thumbs Up” campaign to aid Britain. “It will be a campaign of money and of service. Between now and June 22, it is planned to raise \$1,500 to purchase a mobile kitchen unit to provide food to British war sufferers in the stricken areas, and to begin an intensive campaign of service to help provide clothing for innocent victims of war. All contributions must be in before Convention meets at The Homestead, June 27-July 1.”

The sisters answered the call and raised the money. NPC Delegate Minnie Allen Hubbard personally presented a check to Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador to the United States, just after the close of convention on July 3, and the



*Leaving the California province meeting held at the Alpha Chi house at UCLA are: (from left) Barbara Schmidt, Lela McConnell, Martha Johnston, Jewell Quinan, Province President Betty Scott, Jane Yager, Doris Clegg and Lorraine Kerton.*

money would actually be used to maintain an ambulance in the war-torn fields of England.

Although the United States had yet to enter the war, it was much on the mind of the delegates who took the "special Pullmans" to The Homestead for the 1941 convention. Caralee

addressed the grave situation in her keynote speech:

"Life is already much different in the Alpha Delta Pi chapters and Alpha Delta Pi homes across the border in Canada. There are girls in this convention from our sister chapters to the North who can tell us what it means to have brothers and sweethearts leave for the battlefield. They know what it means to read the casualty lists with that terrible dread of finding on them the name of a loved one. They know what it means to see more and more men leaving the colleges and universities to offer their lives that freedom may live.

"Our Canadian girls have learned the meaning of sacrifice and service and we are proud of their record. As we face this future of uncertainty let us remember our past. Let us consider what we have gained out of our years to guide us now. Forget not that just a few years after that pioneer band of Southern girls in the peace and quiet of Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia founded the first secret society for college women, the society which became Alpha Delta Pi, their own fair land knew the terror created by an invading army...

"There have been other periods of crises in our country during the years of Alpha Delta Pi but out of each period of stress we have emerged stronger than before and in each one the response of our sorority has been similar. Many of us remember the first World War and the part our members played in service and sacrifice...

"Perhaps to those of us who remember the heartaches of those World War days, the future holds greater alarm than it does to you of the active chapters of today. Your burden may not be as heavy as was that of those older sisters, and it may be many times greater, but if you let the ideals on which Alpha Delta Pi was founded be your guide and live up to our traditions, you will not fail."

The convention delegates unanimously reelected Caralee and the rest of Grand Council, except for Dorothy "Dot" Warthen Candler who had asked to be relieved of her duties. Dot was moving her new baby boy and young



*"We Serve" pin (c.1942)*

daughter from Atlanta to Florida where her husband was serving in the Air Corps. Virginia Bishop Browder was elected to replace the well-loved Dot.

This Ninetieth Anniversary Convention in 1941 was the first in three years. The forward-thinking Grand Council had moved conventions to "odd years" in order that the Centennial Convention would be held in 1951, on the true one-hundredth anniversary, rather than in 1950.

Caralee introduced the impressive processional where "every member present was dressed in white with a blue satin riband across her chest which was emblazoned with the open motto of the fraternity, 'We Live for Each Other'." The processional simulated the one taken by our Founders in 1851 when they announced to Wesleyan College that they had formed the first secret society for women in the world. Known today as the 'Adelphian Processional,' members have proudly processed in white, with blue ribands, at every convention since.

An alumna of Alpha chapter at Wesleyan, Dr. Sara Branham, who held seven academic degrees, including a Ph.D. and a medical degree, addressed the sisters on the subject of "Our Wesleyan Heritage." Our first National President, Elizabeth Moseley Coles was in attendance with her daughter, Jane Coles Devlin, who had been initiated at Lambda chapter at Brenau College. Elizabeth gave a "delightful talk on early days of the fraternity." The convention featured a Service Day and "benefit bridge" raised money for the "Thumbs Up" campaign.

The delegates voted to appoint a committee to "list the defense potentialities" of the sorority and recommended a fraternity defense program. They also voted to continue the service program for "War Relief." A plan, which was suggested by Sara Branham, to restore the Adelphian Room at Wesleyan College also was approved.

#### Mobilizing for Service

On December 6, 1941, Beta Psi chapter was installed at the University of Kentucky. Caralee presided and was assisted by three other council members: Maxine Blake, Virginia



*Heading for the 1941 convention at The Homestead are: Sara Branham, Jane Coles Devlin and her mother, Former National President Elizabeth Moseley Coles.*

Bishop Browder and Eleanor Abrott Harris.

The council and the new initiates were in the midst of celebration activities when the Japanese dropped their bombs on Pearl Harbor. "Quickly, they mobilized for action, the 'Thumbs





*An Alpha Theta trio from the University of Washington enjoys convention in 1941 at The Homestead: (from left) Grand First Vice President Maxine Blake, Patricia Shaw and Lambda Province President Virginia Friese Jacobsen.*

Up' campaign became, 'We Serve for VICTORY,' and the goals were doubled—both for money and service," Virginia Lee Nelson, who was a new province president at the time, would later write in *Loyally, Volume I*.

Caralee issued one of her rousing statements:  
"With the United States and Canada fighting side by side in a death struggle for their very existence, the fraternity

women of both countries have a vital place in this defense of freedom.

"By tradition and training we are equipped to wield a tremendous influence and to serve in a powerful manner. If the rituals which we repeat and the symbols which we display are reflected in our deeds and conduct, then mighty weapons are at our disposal...

"Not all of us will be using these weapons on the same firing line. Some of us are delegated to the campus where education and its cultural allies need every assistance that can be contributed. Some of us are assigned to the community

where problems of nutrition, social planning, child welfare and recreation require the services of women with equipment such as ours. Most of us will not serve in a spectacular way but heroism often goes unsung...

"Faith, Courage, Character—these three are ours to use and the most important is Character, without whose strength we can make no contribution toward victory."

The contributions of the sorority and individual members were indeed many and impressive during World War II. Betty Bissell Jones was appointed War Relief Chairman. The sisters adopted, as their newest project, the purchase of supplies for the Red Cross Kit bags. With supplies in hand, they began filling the bags.

Betty would write about the sisters' efforts in *The Adelphean*:

"When 'Johnny Doughboy' goes marching off to war, he will undoubtedly be grateful for an extra puff on a cigarette, a deck of playing cards to wile away many a lonesome

who lived through the bombing of Pearl Harbor, wrote the following to *The Adelphean*:

"Those of us who have missed many a tea, dinner or party, during the last year attending classes in first aid, motor mechanics, etc., were the ones that were called upon to serve, not four, six or eight hours a day, but sixteen, eighteen and twenty hours a day during December.

"We live under Martial Law, have gas rationed to 10 gallons a month, total blackouts nightly, and at times have had meatless and butterless weeks, but we are not downhearted or blue. Hawaii is still a wonderful place to live and work. Of

course, they have put barbwire on our beaches, dug gun emplacements and bomb shelters in our yards, but the latter scars are rapidly being covered by grass, vegetables or flowers. No one can change the color of the waters that surround us or keep our shower trees from coming into bloom or take the rainbows from our sky!"

When Grand Council met in St. Louis to plan a war emergency program, the officers spent time filling the Red Cross Kits that sisters had financed.

Because travel was limited, Grand Council redistricted the provinces so there would be fewer chapters and alumnae groups in each one. They

appointed Betty Bissell Jones to serve as a Traveling Secretary who would "be permitted railroad transportation even though other officers might be restricted." The chapters and alumnae associations were polled on the feasibility of holding a 1943 convention. The decision was overwhelm-



Grand Council members take a break from their 1942 war-time meeting in St. Louis to fill Red Cross bags. From left: Grand First Vice President Maxine Blake, Grand President Caralee Strock Stanard, Grand Secretary-Treasurer Eleanor Abbott Harris and Grand Second Vice President Virginia Bishop Browder.

evening, or even for needles and thread...all of which are supplied in a Red Cross Kit furnished each soldier at his port of embarkation."

The "We Serve" campaign mobilized the members as never before. Jamie Cameron, an Alpha Eta sister from Kansas State,



*Micky Tuttle Axton, center, is one of the first US Army Air Force women engineering test pilots. (c. 1942)*

ing—there would be no convention during the war.

However, some bright spots did come during the war years. The Adelphian Room at Wesleyan was dedicated on April 25, 1942. The committee who had worked to realize the dream included Sara Branham, Octavia Burden Stewart,

Annie Gantt Anderson, Alice Burden Domingos, Claire Johnson Walker and Annie Kimbrough Small.

Caralee unveiled a plaque bearing the names of the nineteen Adelpheans who were initiated before the end of the school year of our founding, 1851. In her closing remarks,

*Sisters gather in Naples, Italy, during the war. From left: WAC Beryl M. Davis, American Red Cross Worker Jerry Wilke, WAC Helen Crowell and WAC Mae S. Treat. (c. 1944)*



she expressed "Pride in the Past and Faith in the Future," a phrase that would be used fifty-nine years later as the theme for the sorority's 150th Anniversary.

Beta Omega chapter was installed on October 24, 1942, at what would become Auburn University. Gamma Alpha was

installed on Founders' Day in 1943 at the University of Connecticut and Gamma Beta opened on January 20, 1945 at Northwestern University.

Province workshops were utilized to train chapter officers and in 1944, the sorority held a war-time Officers Workshop that "was all the name implied. Characterized by the frank and mutual helpfulness of open discussions, problems brought about by war-time conditions dissolved in large measure before a barrage of practical ideas which will bear fruit during the coming year," *The Adelphean* reported.

But mainly, the sisters were caught up in war-related activities. In Chattanooga, a "large group" of Beta Beta members were trained as draftsmen; Alpha Etas from Kansas State traveled to entertain troops at Fort Riley; every Beta Psi member at Kentucky gave blood; twenty members of Psi at the University of California at Berkeley enrolled in nurses' aide courses; Beta Upsilon in Chapel Hill at the University of North Carolina were babysitting for Naval wives who were in turn volunteering their time to the war effort, and most chapters devoted at least one afternoon a week to selling war bonds and stamps.

Beta Zeta alumnae of the University of Toronto made toys for the burgeoning number of day nurseries needed to care for the babies of young mothers who left their homes every morning to fight the good fight. Seattle alumnae often took



*Hollywood starlet Jean Heather judges a "Most Handsome Serviceman" contest for Phi chapter at Hanover College. (c. 1945)*

over the YWCA service center. San Francisco members took over the U.S.O. for one day a month. San Antonio sisters furnished a day room for soldiers at Fort Sam Houston. San Diego alumnae and Eta members at the University of Alabama both made "jeep blankets." The Detroit alumnae started a program to "cut down discarded shirts of members' husbands into pinafores and little boy's shirts for refugee children."

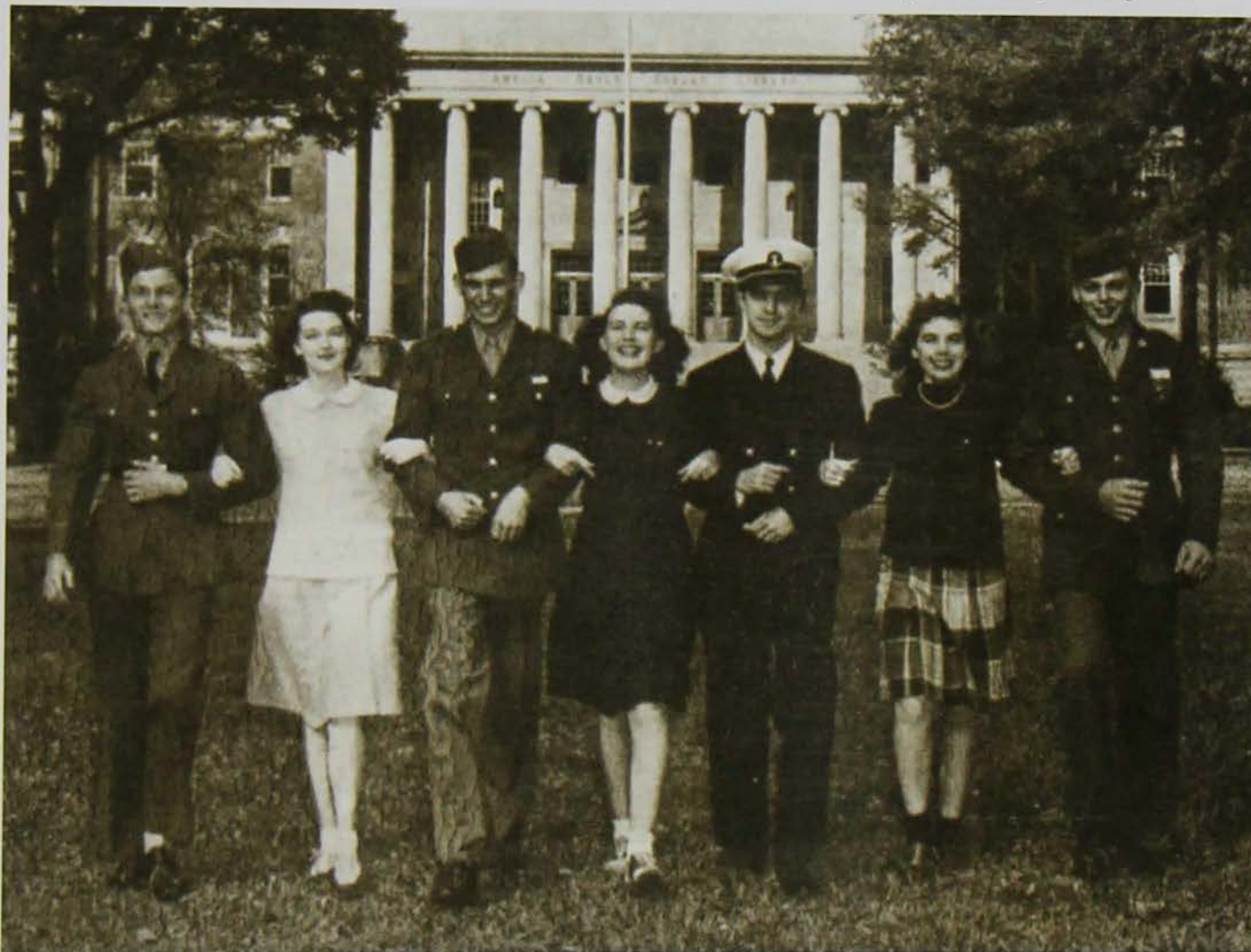
Future Grand Council member Helen Glenn was stationed in England with the WACs; former Traveling Secretary Lois Swabel became a WAVE and because of her sorority experience, was used to recruit officers; Lieutenant Jean Andrews served as a dietician in New Guinea and was married to Lieutenant Dan Macer in a bamboo hut while there; Lois Purdy taught other women to fly as an instructor in the Corpus Christi Naval Air Training Center and six sisters from six different chapters trained for the WAVES together in Northhampton, Massachusetts.

WAVE Barbara Thane was the first Californian, and one of the first nineteen women in the country, to be sworn into the newly formed women's division of the Marine Corps. WAVE Laurine Weaver was trained as a radio operator; Margaret Richert served as dietician at a base hospital in Australia; Harriet Elliott became Director of the Women's Section of the United States

War Bond Savings Staff. Former Grand Council member Gladys Tilley Chambers was chairman of the Jefferson Barracks Camp and Hospital Council in St. Louis. Caralee served on her committee.

In Naples, three WACs joined another sister who was a Red Cross worker for a reunion. Sergeant Laura Atkins served on General MacArthur's staff in the Philippines; Olive Carlson trained SPARs; Virginia Hale Crawford and her husband were interned as prisoners of war for three years in the Philippines, and WASP Mildred "Micky" Tuttle Axton flew for the Army's Air Force, ferrying planes and flying repaired ones.

"We had to make sure the damaged and repaired planes



*Arm-in-arm with the R.O.T.C. cadets at the University of Alabama are Eta members: (from left) Frances Bryant, Willyne Powell and Shirley Robson. (c. 1944)*



*Future Grand Council member, Helen Burkhart Prebn (top left) is pictured with Omega sisters at Louisiana State before leaving as a delegate to the 1946 convention in Estes Park.*

were safe. The men weren't able to fly them until we said 'okay.' In 1944 there were 50 training bases with WASPs doing all the flight testing," Micky said.

"There were also some dangerous duties, like towing targets. There were 39 WASPs killed during the life of the program. The WASPs were not an officially recognized part of the armed services. It was just like being in the Army, just without the benefits. When one of our members was killed, we took up money for the burial," Micky said.

Emily Rae, a young alumna of Phi chapter at Hanover College, went to England as a "recreational worker" for the Red Cross. On August 10, 1943, she wrote to *The Adelphean*: "Dear Girls:

"...My day begins about 8:30 and ends between midnight and 2 A.M. We are supposed to have a day and a half off a week, but I've only had it a couple of times. There's just too much to do! ...Running the club is our secondary job—the first thing is morale. I often think you need a special gift to do this job, because they really hand you some tough ones. The people at home could really do a lot more than they are just by writing letters. When you really boil the thing down, most of the troubles which come to us seem to stem from homesickness and worry...

"...I've had quite a bit of time in London. While the mess has been cleared away, the result of the blitz takes your breath. It's worse than any pictures, and you can't imagine the extent of it until you see it. I take off my hat to these people for standing up under it. When I was in London when we first arrived, there were several air raids, but I slept through most of them. I couldn't be bothered to remember it wasn't a practice alarm... It's a rugged life but I love it."

Much love,  
Emily"

Emily was killed in a plane crash on the Isle of Man on April 14, 1945, just a few weeks before she was to enjoy a visit home. She is the only sister known to us to have perished during the war.

## War's End

When the war in Europe ended on May 9, 1945, there were two-hundred and forty Alpha Delta Pi sisters known to be "enlisted" in military service. When Japan surrendered on August 14, the war years were over at last.

The December issue of *The Adelphean* carried this notice:

"In Celebration of the Ninety-fifth Anniversary of its Founding—and in Recognition of the End of Hostilities Between Nations, Alpha Delta Pi will hold its First National Convention since 1941, July 1 to July 7, 1946, Hotel Stanley, in beautiful Estes Park—the heart of our American Rockies."

The convention's theme, "Alpha Delta Pi Looks Ahead," was descriptive of the enthusiastic sisters who gathered. Carlae was elected to another term as Grand President and Eleanor Abrott Harris continued as Secretary-Treasurer. Maxine Blake moved into the role of NPC Delegate to replace the retiring Minnie Allen Hubbard. Janet Strong Shipman was elected Grand First Vice President to replace Maxine, and Helen Newton Murray was named Second Vice President to replace Virginia Bishop Browder, who also retired. The Historian position was removed from council, yet retained the title "Grand." Former WAC Helen Glenn, who had served in Europe, was appointed to fill the position.

With the war over, expansion once more was rapid. Alpha Tau was reinstalled at Syracuse in 1946 and Gamma Gamma claimed its place on Florida Southern's campus. In 1947, chapters were installed at the University of Miami, University of Oklahoma, Memphis State, Mount Union College and Purdue. Before the 1948 convention, chapters were added at the University of Florida, as well as West Virginia Wesleyan and at the University of Rhode Island.

After ten long years at the helm, Caralee retired as Grand President at the 1948 convention. She gave a stirring keynote in which she proposed "The Creed of Alpha Delta Pi." She made some slight adjustments after the close of the Convention and left us with the words that we cherish today.

Caralee ended her speech with these instructions:



## The Creed of

# Alpha Delta Pi

**I BELIEVE** in Alpha Delta Pi. **I BELIEVE** that my sorority is more than a ritual or a symbol; that it is a way of life. **I BELIEVE** that the principles established by our founders in 1851 are enduring attributes, exemplifying the highest ideals of Christian womanhood. **I BELIEVE** that our motto, "We Live for Each Other", expresses the true spirit of fraternity; and that by living this motto my life will be enriched by true friendships and by unselfish service to mankind. **I BELIEVE** that the privilege of membership in Alpha Delta Pi brings the responsibility to do my best in whatever I undertake, always remembering that leadership requires confidence tempered with humility and courage blended with tolerance. **I BELIEVE** that I must strive to become a well-balanced person by following the dictates of the four points symbolized by our diamond-shaped badge: first, strengthening my own character and personality; second, watching my attitudes toward my fellow-beings; third, recognizing the value of high educational standards; and fourth, developing faith and loyalty. **I BELIEVE** that these four guide-posts, guarded by the stars and friendly hands clasped in the Adelphean bonds of fellowship, will lead me to achieve a rich and useful life.

*Caralee Stroh Starnard*

*Sincerely,  
Caralee Stroh Starnard*

"A creed is a way of life. Alpha Delta Pi's creed is yours and mine, building our footsteps as we go through sunshine and storm; teaching us that if only we have it so, everyone will have her long fair summer day of sun. 'Our sky is gleaming blue and white. Silvered canopy by day, with stars by night'."

# Rapid Growth Years

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here is only one way to the future...through the past and through the present...to us the happy task of directing footsteps firmly into the future.” – *Maxine Blake, Grand President in her 1951 Centennial Convention speech*

Delegates to the 1948 convention at the Essex and Sussex Hotel in Spring Lake, New Jersey were called upon to elect a new Grand President as Caralee Strock Stanard, who had served for ten years, had fulfilled her call as President. They chose Maxine Blake who had served as a national officer since 1929. Maxine would serve as Grand President until 1977, “directing footsteps firmly into the future” for twenty-nine years.

The beloved Eleanor Abrott Harris also was stepping down from the position of Grand Secretary-Treasurer after ten years. Grand Historian Helen Glenn was elected to succeed her. The sorority would not lose the services of either Caralee, who was appointed NPC delegate, or Eleanor who was named to the new post of chairman of a National Finance Committee.

## “Kansas City, Here We Come”

After convention one of the first orders of business was to select a more central location for Central Office. After investigating several locations, Kansas City was selected. The new Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Glenn, and June Parham from Lambda chapter at Brenau, traveled to California to work with Eleanor for a few weeks to learn procedures before the actual move was made during the Christmas holidays.

“Everything was shipped to Kansas City by van, and it got snowbound in the mountains along the way,” Helen recalls. “Then, when they were unloading the van in the dark, one of the drawers, containing the membership cards with ‘the Smiths’ in it, fell into the snow! We had to search through the snow to get all the cards and make sure we didn’t lose anyone.”

With the new office in place, Helen and June were soon busy with new publications and membership records. Chapters, for the first time, were required to appoint Registrars to maintain their membership files with the assistance of the office staff. There also was more correspondence as the sorority, along with colleges and universities were experiencing tremendous growth.

In 1950, the Dorothy Shaw Award was established to honor the memory of long-time officer Dorothy Pierpont Shaw. A single recipient, Mildred McDowell of Alpha Pi chapter at George Washington University, was selected. She was awarded a \$150 scholarship. Mildred McDowell Mathias, or “Millie” as she is often called, would go on to enjoy a successful career while continuing her sorority involvement.

When announcing the award, Grand President Maxine Blake said the purpose of the award, which is still given today, was “To honor those undergraduates who contribute outstanding leadership to their chapters and to their campuses. Scholastic achievement, character development, leadership both within the chapter and on campus are the major factors in determining the award.”

## Centennial Celebration

Officers traveled to Kenora, Manitoba for a workshop at the Devil’s Gap Inn in the summer of 1950. Annie Gantt Anderson, the Centennial Convention Chairman, would attend along with Grand Council, Province Presidents and many other officers. The main topic of discussion was the Centennial Convention scheduled for the next year.

The 1948 convention delegates had voted to wait three years before holding another convention so the Centennial Convention could be held in 1951, the true one-hundredth





*P*rovince

President Beatrice "Bea"  
Crewdson and Grand  
President Maxine Blake relax  
during the officers' workshop  
in Devil's Gap, Kenora,  
Manitoba in 1950.



anniversary of our founding. However, the convention was in peril as the world feared another world war was brewing in Asia. Even while meeting at Devil's Gap, the officers were unsure if there would be a Centennial Convention. Maxine addressed the situation in her 1951 president's report:

"When the present Grand Council took office in 1948, it fortunately could not foresee the nearness of international strife which would bring our nation to the brink of another world war. They could not foresee with certainty a turbulent national economy in which dollar-devaluation would continue to plunge. They could not foresee a new college generation which would be deprived of personal security in its lives and which would need the ideals and principles of fraternity as never before.

"Although the Centennial Celebration has been something toward which Alpha Delta Pi has looked for years, few definite plans could be made for it until January of this year because of the imminence of world war. The threat of travel restriction, food and gasoline rationing, conscription for industry are but a few of the things that held definite plans in abeyance. In six short months, your officers locally and



*Greeting guests at the tea held during the Centennial Convention are: (from left) Dollie Blount Lamar, Virginia Lee Nelson and Alice Burden Domingos.*

nationally have toiled endlessly to make this meeting possible for you... Some National Panhellenic groups have called off their conventions completely this summer."

Maxine also addressed the housing situation:

"Almost before it could get its breath, this Grand Council found itself overwhelmed with chapter building problems. Material restrictions during World War II, too high prices immediately following, served to hold building and major repairs at a standstill. In 1948, however, as the nation moved into what it hoped would be a new era of prosperity, college chapters found themselves in dire need of new and enlarged quarters. War-swollen memberships had worn out property rapidly; larger chapters needed more space. With what had once been \$50,000 houses now costing \$150,000, Grand Council and the National Director of Housing were non-plussed! It was nothing for a chapter to write or wire, 'Please send \$50,000 tomorrow. We need a new house!'

"In the meantime, college administrations on some campuses forced the building issue by demanding that fraternity groups participate in college-sponsored building programs. In these instances, often with the college putting up a fraction of the funds, there was

no alternative but to build or relinquish the chapter."

With housing such a critical issue, the Centennial Convention delegates voted to make the Director of Chapter Finance and Housing a Grand Council position. Ettamae Branson Reed, who had so capably been serving in that position, joined council along with Ruth Pretty Palmer who was elected to assume the role of Grand Second Vice President because of the retirement of Helen Newton



*Seven of the nine women who had served as National President attended the Centennial Convention. From left: Maxine Blake, Caralee Strock Stanard, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Jewel Davis Scarborough, Newel Mason and Elizabeth Moseley Coles. Irma Tapp was present, but is not pictured.*

Murray. The other members remained the same.

No one attending the Centennial Convention would have suspected that the whole affair was planned and pulled off in only six months. Held at our birthplace, Wesleyan College, the Macon Committee, which was led by Annie Gantt Anderson, or "Miss Annie" as she was known, had planned a gala welcome that included the personal presentations of symbolic gifts from representatives of many men's fraternities. Over seven hundred delegates and visitors, more than twice the number of the previous conventions, gathered. The campus couldn't accommodate everyone, so "hotels were full and private homes were bursting with 'house parties' of collegians and alumnae."

A Centennial Choir, comprised of collegians who arrived early to practice, entertained throughout the week. The choir was directed by Dr. T. Smith McCorkle, husband of Grand Council member, Lilita, and Dean of the School of Fine Arts at Texas Christian University. An Alpha Kappa

member of the choir from the University of Tennessee, Maryann Friend, would later serve as 150th Anniversary Convention Program Chair and in countless other ways as Maryann Friend Gillespie.

Grand Council had commissioned Glascock Reynolds, a noted Atlanta artist, to paint an oil portrait, from an old daguerreotype of Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald. It was unveiled by Eugenia's nieces. Descendants of Founder Octavia Andrew Rush presented a portrait that would be hung in the Adelphean Room at Wesleyan along with Eugenia's and one of Founder Ella Pierce Turner, that had been painted by a grandson, John Rush Holt, and had been hanging in the room for some time.

Another highlight came with the unveiling of a "huge map, which lighted to show the chapters throughout the United States and Canada." The map was a gift from, and made by, Harry Glenn, Helen's father. The map still hangs today in Executive Office.



*The first Alumna of the Year Award is presented in 1951 to Olive Merry Kercher.*

A Centennial Cavalcade, written by Nadine Newbill Jenner, reviewed our history "with the benefit of excellent staging and lighting."

June Parham directed the "highly successful Gift Mart," the first one to be held. Of the funds raised, five thousand dollars was used to purchase rare books and art objects as the sorority's centennial gift to Wesleyan College. The balance was earmarked for a permanent Memorial Headquarters which convention delegates had approved.

The Alumna of the Year award was introduced with Olive Merry Kercher, Alpha Lambda—University of Oregon, named as the first recipient. Six collegians were selected to receive the Dorothy Shaw

Leadership Award and they served

as convention pages. The winners were presented as a "queen and her court," with top winner, Harriet Quillian of Omicron chapter at Duke University, crowned Centennial Queen.

Two "special centennial fellowships" of one thousand dollars each were awarded in memory of Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald. The recipients were Doris Gardner, Beta Eta—University of Michigan, and Elizabeth June Uelsmann, Nu—Randolph-Macon.

A tea was held at the home of Dollie Blount Lamar, a loyal Macon alumna. Alice Burden Domingos and Virginia Lee Nelson, *Adelphlean* Editor, welcomed guests at the door. An Adelphlean style show, staged by Province President Mary Currier Allen, was another highlight.

The final banquet, which was chaired by Province President Martha Emma Watson Anderson, featured a "huge, gorgeously decorated birthday cake with the fat white

candle signifying our first century."

Seven Presidents attended: Elizabeth Moseley Coles, Newel Mason, Jewel Davis Scarborough, Irma Tapp, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Caralee Strock Stanard and Maxine Blake.

Maxine addressed the past and the future in her keynote speech: "In the words of the Adelphleans, 'We Live for Each Other.' And today we add, for Alpha Delta Pi, ever mindful that fraternity is a privilege to be protected, to be shared, to be loved. Ours has been a golden past, rich and purposeful. We live in a challenging present, but we build firmly. The future is on the horizon...a sun rising in its glory."

### Accelerated Growth

After the Centennial Convention, expansion was rapid and the building program was accelerated, under Ettamae's capable direction, to meet the needs of growing chapters and campuses. In 1951, a large addition was made to the Alpha Chi chapter house at UCLA, doubling the capacity. In 1952 alone, new houses were opened at Florida State, Northwestern, Bowling Green State and at the University of California at Santa Barbara. In 1953, houses were completed at Purdue and the University of Minnesota. And, the building would continue throughout the decade.

As NPC delegate, Caralee Strock Stanard attended the 1951 NPC meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia and the conference accepted eleven national sororities to membership. The addition of the groups brought the number of member groups to thirty-one. Helen Glenn was elected secretary of the Executive Secretaries organization of NPC. She would become president at the 1953 meeting.

Mother's Clubs, under the direction of Lucille Terrell Walters, were growing in numbers and accomplishments. By 1952, there were fifty-one Mother's Clubs and they had a new National Directory. State Days were gathering great momentum with eleven held in 1952.

The 1953 Convention was held at the Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta. Dorothy Lundgren Lee, Alpha Theta—

University of Washington, was named convention manager, a post she would hold until 1979.

"At that time, we had 85 chapters, and everyone sent a display of some sort for the convention," Dorothy recalls. "Each display was sent to my house in Seattle, and I had to make arrangements to ship all the stuff up to Canada and get it through customs. We had a close friend who was a mortician, and I asked him if he could help me. He brought me three big coffin crates to pack up all the displays. He brought them in a hearse and backed them down the driveway to our garage under the house. It caused quite a stir in my neighborhood; the neighbors kind of wondered what was going on," she said. When all the boxes were packed, the hearse came back to the Lee house and picked them up to be shipped to Canada.

At the convention in Banff, delegates voted to rescind legislation, passed in 1951, that limited the terms of Grand Council members, and there were no changes made in the council. They also voted to pledge \$5,000 to The National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, the cause that had been adopted as the national service project in 1951.

Neva Jane Langley, Gamma Gamma—Florida Southern, was reigning as Miss America and in attendance at the convention. "Neva Jane charmed everyone with her account of her very active year as Miss America of 1953 and then thrilled her listeners with her piano interpretation of Khatchaturian's 'Tocatto'..." wrote new *Adelphian* Editor Martha Emma Watson Anderson.

Following the Banff convention, the offices of Regional Directors were created to assist Grand Second Vice President Ruth Pretty Palmer with alumnae work. Seven women were appointed.

### The Dream Is Realized

Alpha Delta Pi was about to realize another long-held dream in 1954. *The Adelphian* announced the purchase of "a stately old home in Atlanta to become our Memorial Headquarters.



*Neva Jane Langley,  
Miss America 1953*

Located on a three-acre wooded corner in the Druid Hills section of the city, the house is of deep-red brick with six stately white Corinthian columns."

Extensive remodeling was done and Grand Secretary-Treasurer Helen Glenn moved the office, for the second time, to its current location at 1386 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Northeast. Grand Historian Eunice Lewis set about establishing a permanent Archives Room. A loyal member of Alpha chapter, Dessa Hays Asher, moved in as the permanent hostess.

Former Grand Council member, "Dot" Warthen Candler, who had helped locate the home, served as Dedication Chairman. Official dedication took place on March 26, 1955, with six



Taking a break from their busy jobs at the 1953 convention in Banff are: (from left) Grand Secretary-Treasurer Helen Glenn, Grand President Maxine Blake and Convention Manager Dorothy Lundgren Lee.

Grand Presidents in attendance: Elizabeth Moseley Coles, Newel Mason, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Caralee Strock Stanard and, of course, Maxine, who offered these words:

"Brick, mortar, fine woods and beautiful fabrics are the outward evidence of fine workmanship by skilled hands. But foresight and devoted planning are the inner marks of the loyalty and love of our Sisterhood that have brought these material beauties together and made this memorial possible."

#### Growth Under Pressure

While Alpha Delta Pi was enjoying many occasions to celebrate, the world was feeling the threat of atomic war. From elementary schools to college campuses, students were watching

films that taught them to 'duck and roll' in the event of a bomb explosion. Fallout shelters were being placed in communities across the country and even being built into new homes.

Grand Council had many important records copied and sent for safe-keeping to the Morrison, Oklahoma, bank that was owned by Ettamae Branson Reed and her husband. They also sent copies to the Ames, Iowa, Trust and Savings Bank where they knew they would be secured by the bank's officers, the father-in-law and husband of a well-respected national officer, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford.

In 1955, sisters traveled to the northeast for convention at Wentworth-By-The-Sea in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Ettamae had decided to retire and Inez Backman Carr was elected to replace her. The other council members all returned to their posts. Four new standing committees were added: Beatrice "Bea" Crewdson was named director of Chapter Programs; Mary Currier Allen chaired the Chapter Activities and Honors area; Janice Greenleys was named director of Public Relations and Martha Emma Watson Anderson resigned her position as *Adelphean* Editor to become Music Chairman. Jeanne Posillico Hansen was named editor and the well-loved Eunice Lewis was re-appointed Grand Historian.

The Diamond Circle Ceremony, which today honors fifty-year members, was conducted for the first time and the recipients then had to be members for at least forty years.

According to *Loyally, Volume I*, "The hit of the Old Timers' banquet was the hilarious moment when Mary Esther Van Akin and Dorothy Lee came riding in on their Bicycle-Built-For-Two." Two years later, the pair reunited for Act II of their bicycle ride at the 1957 convention held in Nassau, and they would do it again at the 1975 convention which was back in Banff.

Housing and growth was still much on the minds of the convention delegates. Maxine addressed it in her keynote:

"Once again our college world is changing and fraternity must adapt to it without abrogating principle or ideal. Colleges and universities are entering upon one of the biggest boom-times in their history, when registrations will



*Memorial  
Headquarters in  
Atlanta opens in  
1955. From left:  
Staff Members  
Gladys Young  
and Mary Russell.*

reach unprecedented totals. If we are to remain an influential and valuable part of the academic system, we must be prepared to serve a proportionately greater section of student enrollment. This will mean an increased number of chapters. It will mean larger chapters. And you, as fraternity leaders, must be better trained, more efficient, wiser in your

human relationships, to cope with this."

In 1956, Delta chapter at the University of Texas became the first chapter to celebrate a fiftieth birthday. Three charter members were in attendance: Jewel Davis Scarborough, former National President; Claudia Brahm Little, who had translated the secret motto to Greek and Irene Petway Mayne.



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### A Trip to the Tropics

The 1957 convention took delegates out of North America—the first time for any fraternity or sorority—when the meeting was called at the Emerald Beach Hotel in Nassau, British West Indies.

The participants enjoyed island activities that included a treasure hunt and a barbecue on the beach. Grand Council and other officers were guests at the Governor's Palace in Nassau. Maxine remembers the visit well:

"L.G. Balfour, of the fraternity jewelry fame, and his wife owned a home in Nassau...and knew all the celebrities there. As a result...we received an invitation to have morning coffee with the wife of the Governor of the Bahamas! We were immediately schooled on protocol and advised that

we must be ready 'on the dot' when the official limousines called for us... Vastly impressed, we selected our prettiest frocks, donned hats and white gloves...

"The long, sleek limousines carried us through the gates and deposited us at the entrance where we were ushered into an imposing, paneled Reception Hall... Presently, a somewhat flurried little woman in a non-descript cotton morning frock appeared with apologies that she had been detained in the kitchen by a frosting that wouldn't set on a cake she had baked! The Governor's wife. And, there we stood in our Sunday best, expecting maybe a tiara at least!

"It was obvious from the start that the Governor's wife, who really turned out to be quite charming, hadn't the faintest idea what a sorority was and had possibly expected a pack of Girl Guides or some such. Tea, with store-bought cookies and the cake with the icing that wouldn't set, was served on one of the wide verandas where there was a grateful breeze. We kept

telling ourselves that this is where the Duke and Duchess of Windsor had lived in their World War II exile."

During the exciting convention, several new council members came on board to replace retiring officers. Catherine Leslie Iten was elected Grand Second Vice President, Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin was named Grand First Vice President and Eunice Lewis was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Eunice, who as a province president flew her own plane to some chapter visits, and had served as Grand Historian, would not be expected to run Executive Office as had been the practice previously. A new position, Executive Office Director, was created to handle the growing functions of the office. Carol Dorton, Beta Psi—University of Kentucky, was hired following the 1957 Convention.

Greeks were feeling more pressure from college administrations to open membership records and reveal other facts that had always been considered private. To address the issue, all members of Grand Council attended the 1957 NPC meeting. The delegates issued a "Declaration for Freedom," which included these words:

"...We are voluntary associations. We are dedicated to the preservation of freedom of citizens to choose their associates, which is a freedom characteristic of civilized cultures, a freedom protected by the Constitution of the United States and sustained by the courts of our country since the time of our founding."

In 1958, the sorority was saddened at the news that Former Grand President Minnie Allen Hubbard had passed away on June 8. She was the first president to be lost. At Grand Council's November meeting, they voted to establish Hubbard Memorial Gardens, in her memory, on the grounds of Memorial Headquarters.

Kate Iten resigned from council in 1958 for health reasons, and the enthusiastic Mary Currier Allen was appointed to replace her.

The 1959 convention found sisters traveling once again to Canada. The convention was held at the exquisite Chateau



Frontenac in Quebec City. Grand Council had learned that Queen Elizabeth II would be visiting at the same time and they wrote to her asking her to be a guest at convention.

"There was a state dinner for her the night before our convention opened," recalls Convention Manager Dorothy Lundgren Lee. "Grand Council and I got to see her close up—just about 5 feet away—as she arrived at the hotel. While she did not accept our invitation to attend, the Queen instructed the hotel to leave the fabulous table decorations from the State Dinner for our convention," Dorothy explained.

With the Queen's roses in place, the convention got underway. Eunice Lewis declined to be nominated for re-election and Virginia Neal Blue was elected Grand Secretary-Treasurer. The other officers remained the same until after convention when Caralee resigned as NPC Delegate and Helen Glenn was appointed to replace her.

Expansion both in number of chapters, as well as building and remodeling chapter houses continued at a rapid pace. "Our quarterly took on the appearance of an architectural or home decorating magazine," remembers Virginia Lee Nelson.

Alumnae associations were flourishing under the guidance of Mary Currier Allen. Twelve associations were chartered in 1959 alone. By 1960, there were 284 alumnae associations.

In February 1960, the sorority celebrated when the efficient and beloved Executive Office Director, Carol Dorton, was married to William T. Asher, the son of Memorial Headquarters hostess, Dessa Hays Asher. The two, of course, had met through Alpha Delta Pi.



#### A Dog's Life

The 1961 convention took members to Pasadena, California. Joan Sutton Knox, who was the western Field Counselor, served as Program Chairman. Maxine would later recall an amusing incident:

"It so happened that the Knox household could cope with Joan moving into the Huntington, for the necessary pre-convention week preparations and the convention itself, by depositing two young sons with friends or relatives, but this left their most cherished possession high and dry. It was a mongrel dog adopted years before from the City Pound, his ancestors in such profusion and confusion as to leave him truly a Heinz 57-variety. Nevertheless he carried himself with an undeniable jauntiness and 'joie-de-vivre' that danced in

*Grand Council and other officers visit the wife of the Governor of Nassau, center, in 1957.*



*In 1957, Mary Estber Hedley Van Akin and Dorothy Lundgren Lee make their second appearance at a Grand Convention on a tandem bike.*

his shoe-button eyes and enabled him to swagger down the best of sidewalks and garden paths of which the fashionable Huntington abounded.

"The Huntington was sufficiently elite to attract quite a large in-resident clientele particularly for the winter, but many oldsters lingered on full time. And, these elders were to be seen daily walking their pets and visiting with each other along the way.

"Knox-dog was no exception and at intervals had to be walked by whatever officers were available. This particular

evening, Helen Glenn volunteered for the job. Helen was known for her ready wit which carried her through any and all situations and, in addition, was a dog fancier herself.

"Knox-dog was, of course, collared on a blue suede leash in deference to his Alpha Delta Pi 'connections.' In the early shadows of the warm June evening, Helen began walking the dog and before long, passed a portly gentleman walking a brace of diamond-collared poodles. He started to pass, then with some hesitation as he pulled in the poodles, turned around and, with a British accent, offered a cheery 'Good Evening.' Helen courteously returned the greeting, at the same time pulling in on Knox-dog, who was all set for close inspection of the poodles. 'An astonishing dog,' commented the Britisher with a puzzled expression. 'What breed is he? I've not seen one like him before.' Without a flicker, Helen quickly replied. 'Oh sir, as a matter of fact he's few of a kind. He's quite valuable. You see, he is an Adelphean Hound, quite a distinct breed.' And as she took off quickly, the Gentleman muttered, 'I'll have to look him up in the catalog. Extraordinary, by Jove, an Adelphean Hound!'"

With 'Knox-dog' in attendance, the convention got underway. Hawaiian muumuis and beach hats were distributed to all registrants to wear at the Hawaiian luau. Delegates also enjoyed a fiesta dinner and a trip to Disneyland during the week. A new tradition that started as an idea of Grand Second Vice President Mary Currier Allen was begun. All national officers who had served one term were presented with a silver charm bracelet and charm. A charm has been given each convention year since and at Leadership Conferences since 1964.

The voting delegates approved a resolution that required each initiate to pay her alumnae life membership fee during the calendar or school year that she was initiated. They also added another vice president to Grand Council, providing for two vice presidents to work with collegiate chapters with the titles of Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters. The Grand Second Vice President's title became Grand Vice President of Alumnae. Joan Sutton Knox joined Council as a

Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters. Katherine "Kitty" Bolt Wilson was elected Grand Vice President of Alumnae.

The Regional Alumnae Directors, who had been appointed by Grand Council, would become elected officers, with the alumnae associations and State Membership Chairmen in each region casting votes.

At the close of convention, a large group of sisters took a 12-day "Hawaiian Houseparty" post-convention trip.

### Heightening Pressure

After convention, the quick-witted Helen was named Dean of Women at Mercer and resigned her NPC post. Virginia Friese Jacobsen, who had been named Alumna of the Year at convention, and was a former province president and Field Counselor, was appointed in her place. They both attended NPC that November in Chandler, Arizona.

Administrators at many colleges and universities were heightening the pressure on Greek organizations to reveal membership records and procedures. When the 1961-62 school year began, Alpha Delta Pi, along with the other four NPC groups at Lake Forest College decided not to reopen the chapters there.

Maxine issued one of her concise statements:

"This action was taken with regret, but it was felt unfair that any students again should be expected to fulfill their academic responsibilities in an atmosphere as highly disturbed as that which prevailed upon this campus last year. The four other Nationals on campus, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Phi, also withdrew.

"Alpha Delta Pi believes in the right of its alumnae to participate in the normal functioning of the Sorority following their graduation. Ours is a lifetime membership and interest. We further believe in those Freedoms guaranteed us as citizens of the United States of America as set forth in the Bill of Rights amending the Constitution. These are principles upon which withdrawal from Lake Forest was predicated."

In 1962, six regional leadership conferences were held



*Officers of the Birmingham Charity League represent the sorority. From left: Jane Ellington Brown, Eta—University of Alabama, Virginia Lowry Cobb and Joyce Griffin Robertson, both Kappa—Samford.*

under the direction of the Grand Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapters, Mary Esther and Joan. In addition to chapter operations, discussions centered on the philosophies "which are apparent in the college world today."



*Joan Sutton Knox, 1961 Convention Program Chairman, boards the bus to Disneyland with other convention delegates.*

Sad news had reached the sorority that Old Wesleyan was to be destroyed to make room for a new Macon Post Office. In their fall meeting in 1962, Council voted to recreate the Adelphean Room in the Cannonball House Museum in Macon.

For the 1963 convention, more than four hundred sisters gathered at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Planned as a "workshop-type" meeting, there were many informative sessions and panel discussions with Panhellenic spirit

and fraternity values being two of the hot topics of the week.

Maxine was elected to her eighth term as Grand President. Mary Esther and Joan Knox returned to their posts and Virginia Jacobsen was appointed to serve as NPC delegate again. New council members included Grand Vice President of Alumnae Fay Kennedy Cannon, Grand Treasurer Betty Braun Pitzer and Grand Secretary Isabel Bandy Jochems.

The friction with college administrations was also the topic of discussion at the NPC meeting later in 1963. The delegates issued another statement:

"...be it further resolved, that NPC deplors present day trends toward the removal of regulations relating to student living, believing the current trends toward laxity, permits, encourages, and contributes to the lowering of these standards. Be it further resolved: that, on a campus without adequate regulations relating to student living, the NPC chapters, by mutual agreement, establish for their groups a set of rules relating to residences and social conduct of their members."

In 1964, the sorority held its first national Leadership Conference at Culver Military Academy in Indiana. Two hundred and eighty leaders came from all over the United States and Canada. Officers arrived a day ahead of the collegians for training.

Topics covered during the three-day meeting included standards, scholarship, rushing techniques and chapter operations. But, the relaxed atmosphere of Culver provided the perfect spots for a picnic on the lawn, a boat trip on the lake and an informal songfest in the lodge.

While the officers were taking a proactive approach to the anti-Greek sentiment on many campuses, the situation continued to worsen. Grand Council consulted attorneys and participated in many private meetings with other Greek organizations to formulate unified plans to battle the opposition.

Maxine had described the situation very well in the keynote she gave at the 1963 convention:

"Today, the American college fraternity system is fighting for its life, and for the same principles of freedom and



*Many delegates to the 1961 convention travel to Hawaii after convention for a 12-day Houseparty.*

democracy that marked fraternity's birth in the stirring year so prophetic to America—1776.

"In the lean years of higher education in America, the American college fraternity system provided a social life and helped house decade after decade of students in a manner which the colleges could not afford to do. 'Book learning' was supplemented and enriched by friendships that were

sealed by ritualistic ties, elevated by Christian principles, and forged to last a lifetime. The young men and women who emerged from these Greek Letter groups were dedicated to service, schooled in leadership and personal standards that the colleges were glad to have.

"Fraternity prospered through those years and left its nostalgic mark upon the ivy-clad campus. But now in a suspect world that cannot solve its own problems, fraternity has become the 'whipping boy' to break down the very freedoms and ideals it has sought to preserve."

# Turbulent Times

1965 ~ 1976

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ime is the history of man's soul tried in anguish. As time has moved relentlessly the past two years, the American College Fraternity system has cried in anguish not once but many times." – *Maxine Blake in her 1965 keynote address*

Greeks were struggling with painful changes as Alpha Delta Pi's gathered for the 1965 convention at the Doral Beach Hotel on Miami Beach, Florida.

Enrollment numbers were going up, but not as rapidly as the cost of obtaining a college education. More students than ever before were working while in college to help pay for their education. And, the number of "commuters" was rising as more lived at home to save on expenses. Others were attending junior or community colleges and waiting until their

sophomore or junior year to attend the real college of their choice. More students simply didn't have the time or money for Greek life. The changing society had presented a different type of student.

Maxine addressed the changes in her speech:

"Today's pledge is adult, mature, anxious to make her college experience meaningful. She is intelligent, purposeful, sophisticated and has put away childish things. She has interests beyond the campus, in all peoples, all nations of the world. She has little time to waste as she meets tight class schedules and study hours."

Maxine suggested that the sorority should "throw out all present concepts of pledge training and start over" to meet the needs of the changing world.

The pressure from college administrators was escalating as they demanded that the fraternity world should open membership to the masses and reveal records that had always been considered private.

Maxine addressed the situation:

"Crises in the fraternity world have been unending. All of California, the University of Colorado, Hunter College, Colby College, the Big Ten, Michigan have all been focal points or targets at one time or another since last convention. Out of all of this has emerged a clearer picture, however, in which fraternity is seeking to adjust itself and at the same time preserve its basic rights and



*Polly Skaalure Robertson, Chairman of Collegiate Activities and Honors, presents a Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award to a future Grand President, Beth Gentry, at the 1965 convention.*

ideals. Not an easy task.”

The convention delegates set down to the tasks at hand and started making plans for the future. They heard the report of the Reorganization Committee, which was chaired by House Corporation Chairman and former Grand Council member Ettamae Branson Reed, and included Lois Poulson Staker, Virginia Lee Nelson and Polly Skaalure Robertson. The committee, which had polled the membership by questionnaire, recommended the number one need was to provide more education for chapter advisors. A plan was put in place to bring “key” advisors to the 1966 Leadership Conference.

The committee’s second recommendation was that “more meaningful material be put in all publications.” Revamping *The Chronicle* and writing a new pledge manual were identified as priorities.

A plan also was put in place to raise the funds needed to put more Traveling Collegiate Secretaries in the field in response to the committee’s recommendation that more assistance was needed in chapter supervision.

Delegates were told that the Adelphean Foundation, which



*Sisters visit the seaquarium during the 1965 convention in Miami. From left: Grand President Maxine Blake, Convention Manager Dorothy Lundgren Lee, Program Chairman Maxine Sowards Balli, Province President Elizabeth Bethune McDonald and Executive Office Director Carol Dorton Asher.*

arranged to have her come and be initiated. And, everyone had managed to keep it a secret.

#### Gift of a Lifetime

The true highlight of the convention was the presentation of *Loyally*, the new two-volume set of the history of the sorority. Authored by Grand Historian Virginia Lee Nelson, it

had been set up in 1964, had awarded its first five fellowships in 1965.

The delegates elected Lois Poulson Staker to fill the office of Grand Vice President of Alumnae. Mary Currier Allen, who had previously served as Grand Second Vice President, was elected as a Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters. The other members of council remained the same.

While facing hot issues in business meetings and educational sessions, the delegates still found time to enjoy the beach, take a boat trip to the seaquarium and enjoy the entertaining skits of the week.

Maxine was surprised by the arrival of her mother, Eliza Tatro Blake. Grand Council and the ever-capable Convention Manager Dorothy Lee had

truly was a gift to every generation of Alpha Delta Pi.

Maxine praised Virginia's work:

"A dream of many years standing has come true with the publication of a new Alpha Delta Pi History—two volumes, one on the national history, the second volume devoted to the chapters. No history has been published since 1931, so the task was monumental. The person who deserves the greatest thanks for a job of devotion is Virginia Nelson, our Historian. We know of no one else who would have done this tremendous work just for the love of it, as Virginia has done."

When NPC convened in Williamsburg, Virginia, in October, the theme was "Concern with Change." NPC Delegate Virginia Friese Jacobsen wrote that "Points stressed included the impact of increased enrollment, the need for sororities to maintain adequate but not overcrowded housing, the problems encountered when social and moral values change, the increase in deferred rush, and the deep involvement of many of today's students in socio-political aspects of campus and community."

The conference was told that the number of City Panhellenics was increasing as alumnae mobilized to come to the aid of their groups while they were under fire.

The sorority was well represented at the meeting and Executive Director Carol Dorton Asher was serving as vice-president of the NPC Central Office Directors association.

#### One for Our Side

The Greek world won one battle in the war with college administrators when the Higher Education Act was passed and



*Attending the 1965 NPC meeting are: (from left) NPC Delegate Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Adelphean Editor Caralee Strock Stanard, Alternate Delegate Ruth Pretty Palmer, Grand President Maxine Blake and Executive Office Director Carol Dorton Asher.*

became law on November 8, 1965. It read, in part:

"Nothing contained in this Act or any other Act shall be construed to authorize any department, agency, officer, or employee of the United States to exercise any direction, supervision, or control over the membership practices or internal operations of any fraternal organization, fraternity, sorority...at an institution of higher education which is financed exclusively by funds derived from private sources and whose facilities are now owned by such an institution."

The 1966 Leadership Conference returned to the Culver





Military Academy where topics centered on membership selection and pledge training for the changing student population.

Students had changed. The Vietnam War was raging and students were becoming more politically active. Collegians and alumnae seemed to answer by getting even more involved in community service. *The Adelphean*, under Editor Caralee Strock Stanard, was overflowing with reports of support for the Crippled Children's Society and other organizations. Several chapters "adopted" war orphans. The Guide for Brides fundraiser was popular in many cities. In Chattanooga alone more than five hundred attended the event sponsored by Beta Beta chapter and the local alumnae.

Individual members were pulling in honors for their achievements. From members of honorary societies to reign-

*The Grand Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapters, Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin and Mary Currier Allen, lead the picnic line at Leadership Conference on the grounds of Culver Military Academy in 1966.*

ing as campus queens and serving as presidents of organizations, the leadership was showing across the United States and Canada.

The sorority was continuing to expand as well. In 1967, Epsilon Mu was installed at Northern Iowa, Epsilon Nu at Ashland and Epsilon Lambda at the University of South Florida. Epsilon Xi was colonized at Northern Arizona and invitations to colonize at the University of Maine and at Murray State were accepted.

Chapter houses were being enlarged and remodeled to accommodate growing chapters. During the 1965-1967 bien-



*Delegates enjoy the picnic at the 1970 Leadership Conference.*

nium, Omega chapter moved into a new house at Louisiana State while Alpha Epsilon got new quarters at Nebraska. Additions were made to five chapter houses and six others were on the drawing board.

#### A Time to Lead

The successes gave the delegates to the 1967 convention reason to celebrate at The Bayshore Inn in Vancouver, British Columbia. Maxine officially opened the convention with these words:

“To serve Alpha Delta Pi is to love her...to love her is to honor and live her ideals...to live her ideals is to carry forth the mandates of all fraternity.”

The sisters obviously did love Alpha Delta Pi, each other, and the time they had at convention. Their laughs could be heard around the city on Play Day when they cruised up and down Howe Sound on the Malibu Princess. Many also donned tartan-plaid kilts or scarves to dance with the professional group of Scottish performers who entertained one evening.

Delegates eagerly dipped into their pocketbooks to purchase bricks to finance the lovely wall that still stands today

around Hubbard Memorial Gardens on the grounds of Memorial Headquarters.

In the business sessions, State Membership Chairmen would cast votes for the first time. They, along with the rest of the delegates, cast them unanimously for the incumbent members of Grand Council.

Discussions focused on the changing times. Maxine addressed it well in her president's report:

“We would only be ostriches with our heads in the sand if we did not acknowledge that the patterns of higher education have changed. The constant problems before us as Alpha Delta Pi grand officers these past two years have been, first, how to retain a properly selective organization in caliber of membership and which will also retain the historic alumnae-collegiate relationships... The second matter of great concern



*A Beefeater-attired doorman welcomes Laurie McEachern, standing, and Carol Rose, both Beta Kappa—British Columbia, to the Bayshore Inn in Vancouver, site of the 1967 convention.*



*The 1971-72 Traveling Collegiate Secretaries are: (from left) Diane House, Delta Delta—Arkansas; Mary Baird, Delta Upsilon—UT at Martin; Pamela Burke, Epsilon Iota—Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Linda Liljegren, Delta Epsilon—Morningside and Ann Parker, Epsilon Sigma—Maine.*

has been how to retain our standards of Christian morality and ideals in a world that has opened the door to chaos through defiance of social conventions."

A featured speaker, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, president of the University of Puget Sound, also made an appeal to the collegiate delegates to develop to their full potential for leadership through their membership in Alpha Delta Pi. He said:

"Greek organizations represent a type of leadership on campus that you will not find anywhere else. Go back to your campus and make the fraternity and sorority system work. This is a time for greatness; a time for leadership."

And lead they did. The fall rush of 1967 was a good one as chapters attracted outstanding young women who wanted an environment in which to become leaders.

At the NPC meeting in November, Virginia Friese Jacobsen



*The 1969 convention in Scottsdale runs smoothly with efficient sisters at the helm. From left: Convention Manager Dorothy Lundgren Lee, Program Chairman Peggy Britt Henrickson, Office Manager Maryann Friend Gillespie and Executive Office Director Mary Pat Kasun.*

cast a vote, along with delegates of the other member groups, expressing "disapproval of women's auxiliaries to men's fraternities." The conference also recommended that Greek celebrations should be limited to "a single weekend with emphasis on the constructive, inspirational aspects of fraternity life."

The National Panhellenic Editors' Conference presented "a handsome brochure titled, 'Operation Brass Tacks,'" according to *Adelphian* Editor Caralee Strock Stanard. The editors



*Delegates to the 1970 Leadership Conference form an "Up with Greeks" picket line.*

organization, which actually is older than NPC, had originated the Brass Tacks program in 1963 to "broaden the informational scope of the college sorority magazine through the publication of articles on topics of mutual concern and timely interest to their readership."

Culver Military Academy welcomed sisters for the third Leadership Conference in 1968. They would return there on non-convention summers for another decade with the last trip to Culver being in 1978.

Shortly after the 1968 Leadership Conference, Executive Office Director Carol Dorton Asher became ill and "was ordered by her doctor to take a leave of absence. Maryann

Friend Gillespie agreed to come in and direct the office," according to Maxine. Maryann, an alumna of Alpha Kappa at the University of Tennessee, was named Office Manager and in early 1969, Mary Pat Kasun, Alpha Upsilon—West Virginia, joined the staff as Director.

The sisters continued their role as Panhellenic leaders, attending countless meetings relating to fraternal organizations and hosting a supper party at Memorial Headquarters for "some eighty Deans and their Panhellenic assistants" during the National Deans and Women Counselors' Convention in Atlanta.

It was during these late years of the 1960s that "it became fashionable in NPC for delegates and national presidents attending those meetings to wear jeweled badges larger than their official ones," Maxine recalls. At this time the President's Badge, which had originally been given by Ethel Thayer to Minnie Allen Hubbard in 1931 when she became National President, was modified to include a second row of diamonds. Large badges of white gold, set with aquamarines, were designed for the other members of Grand Council.

The 1969 convention brought sisters together at the Mountain Shadows resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. "Workshops were the backbone of this convention," Maxine recalls.

An alumna of Alpha Theta at the University of Washington and a Seattle police officer, Noreen Salvino Skagen presented a drug awareness session in response to the escalating drug problem on campuses. Two Province Presidents were selected to meet with Grand Council once a year during the biennium. Elizabeth Bethune McDonald, Iota—Florida State, and Ann Johnston Perkins, Beta Beta—Chattanooga, were selected as the first representatives.

Lucille Barksdale Renner joined Grand Council as a Vice President of Collegiate Chapters to replace Mary Currier Allen who was retiring for the second time.

When NPC convened later that fall, it was time, according to the rotation system, for Alpha Delta Pi to join the Executive Committee. Virginia Friese Jacobsen became



*Members of the newly installed Zeta Beta chapter at North Carolina State gather at Raleigh's historic train station. (c. 1971)*

Treasurer of NPC in 1969. Well-known in the Greek world, she also was serving as President of a private conference made up of fraternities and sororities that were addressing the tough issues facing Greeks.

Greeks were indeed under fire from college administrations,

the press and even the Internal Revenue Service. In late 1970, Grand Council was informed by its attorney, John Candler, that "the Adelphean Foundation, as all foundations will have to be dissolved as they are 'under the gun'."

The 1970 Leadership Conference mirrored the times as colle-



*Caught in Vietnam with her husband during the TET Offensive, Ann Caddell Crawford, Kappa—Samford, works as a freelance journalist during the war. (c. 1968)*

gians staged a “counter protest,” walking in a picket line with signs promoting Greeks. It was the “Age of Aquarius” and a zodiac theme was used for the get-acquainted luncheon.

Director of Collegiate Activities and Honors Polly Skaalure Robertson introduced the Diamond Four-Point Award and thirty-four chapters took home the award that remains so coveted today.

Director of Pledge Education Virginia “Ginny” Rosenberg Stafford led an extensive Pledge Education Forum. Under Ginny’s leadership the pledge

education program was being “drastically remodeled, banishing the Mickey Mouse,” according to Maxine.

The *Adelphbean* magazine, which was reaching record size under the editorship of Caralee Strock Stanard, reported the conference news in a one hundred and twenty-eight page issue.

**Changes for the Future**

The 120th Anniversary Convention took delegates once again to the islands in 1971. This time it was to the King’s Inn Country Club in Freeport on Grand Bahama Island. The delegates elected Virginia Rosenberg Stafford to serve as Grand Secretary. The other council members returned to their posts.

More than 500 delegates and guests attended the meeting

that was a combination of gala celebrations and serious roundtables, reflecting the turbulent times.

Changes were being made in all areas of sorority operations. “Alpha Delta Pi Joins the Age of the Computer,” reads a headline in the Winter 1972 issue of *The Adelphbean*. Grand Council had contracted with a St. Louis firm to automate all membership records. “A single reel of magnetic tape measuring one-half inch wide, 2,400 feet long, and ten inches in diameter stores all the historical information for each member,” the article explains. The days of index card files spilling into the snow were gone.

The sorority’s auditing procedures changed also as Virginia Anderson, who had monthly audited chapter treasurer records for sixteen years, resigned for health reasons. The duties were turned over to the accounting firm who had been performing the annual audits.

More changes were necessary when the Federal Trade Commission came out with “crippling tax edicts which applied to fraternity jewelry trade” during the biennium, forcing the Badge Service to be taken over by the sorority. Gib Robertson, whose wife, Jeanette Arrick Robertson had served as a national officer, agreed to set up and handle the jewelry trade.

With the role of women changing, it was becoming more difficult to find national officers. Maxine addressed the situation in her 1973 convention report:

“Due to conditions throughout the nation, we face the same problems as any other volunteer society: the younger alumnae are busy raising their families or are in teaching positions so that they are not free to travel...the older alumnae have husbands retiring at earlier ages and they wish to be free to vacation and travel. The “in-between” age alumna is often back in the job market, holding down a position so as to help pay for her children’s college education. And so it goes.”

With the American soldiers home from Vietnam, the turmoil of the country was lessening. Maxine spoke of it at the convention:

“The past two years have been both gratifying and disturb-

ing as relentless change has continued to mark the role of higher education in our colleges and universities. All fraternity has been forced to make some adaptations while still valiantly holding to traditional rights of voluntary, free societies. Alpha Delta Pi came through the crucible of the 'riot and mob-scene years' amazingly well, but as we had predicted, those chapters that failed to keep up their membership at a safe level, found the going increasingly hazardous and a few reached the point of suspension."

The convention, which was held at The Stouffer's Inn in Atlanta, brought delegates back to the state of the sorority's birthplace. The sisters toured Memorial Headquarters and enjoyed a free afternoon where some shopped and others took in Atlanta attractions, such as Stone Mountain.

Spirits were high and sisterhood was running rampant. However, no one would anticipate the excitement, when at the closing banquet, costumed trumpeters processed into the banquet hall to the delight of the convention body to introduce the first recipients of the Golden Lion Hall of Fame Awards. "This award, which is the highest honor that a chapter can receive, recognizes only those chapters that meet the highest standards and are considered Alpha Delta Pi's 'First and Finest' on their respective campuses." Three chapters received the coveted award in its inaugural year: Iota at Florida State University, Chi at Wittenberg University and Beta Omega at Auburn.

After convention many sisters took special buses to Macon for a pilgrimage arranged by Grand Historian Martha Emma Watson Anderson.

#### Title IX

It was a busy and challenging time for the National Panhellenic Conference when Virginia Jacobsen became chairman in 1973. The Human Rights Committee had initiated "a document involving discrimination" and the right to remain a single-sex organization was being challenged.

Congress passed Title IX legislation and HEW issued subse-



quent proposed Guidelines, which could have, by interpretation, compelled women's and men's fraternities to initiate members of the opposite sex.

Virginia "marshaled fraternity forces, which together with NIC and other groups led to the passage of a bill exempting social sororities and social fraternities and certain other youth organizations from the impact of Title IX and its Guidelines," Maxine wrote when Virginia retired from Grand Council in 1981. President Ford signed the bill into law on December 31, 1974. Mrs. Jacobsen and a small group of educators were guests of the President at the White House on January 14, 1975 where she was assured that "NPC had won its point."

"Virginia later called this 'one of the most painstaking

*First Lieutenant Elaine Niggemann, Gamma Rho—Arizona State, works twelve-hour days as a nurse near Saigon during the Vietnam War. She later became a medical doctor and spoke at a Memorial Day ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial (c. 1971)*



Virginia Friese Jacobsen, standing at left, serves as NPC Chairman during the 1973-1975 biennium. Her officers are to her left: Myra Foxworthy, Alpha Gamma Delta; Gwen McKeeman, Delta Zeta and Adelle Williamson, Phi Mu.

efforts' of her life," remembers fellow Grand Council member Virginia Rosenberg Stafford. "She was truly the right person at the right time. Virginia's single-minded dedication to preserving single-sex private organizations was stewardship at its best," Ginny said. "Her fairness, integrity and diligence attracted support from sororities, fraternities, NPC, NIC and other Greek alliances. Nearly 10,000 letters were written in support of the bill signed by President Ford."

### Back to Banff

The 1975 convention found American sisters preparing to start a year long Bicentennial Celebration as they traveled to Canada for the meeting in Alberta at the Banff Springs Hotel, the same site used by the sisters of 1953. Dorothy Lundgren Lee who had started her long run as Convention Manager at the first Banff convention would oversee this one as well, along with Maryann Friend Gillespie who had become Executive Office Director in 1974 and Program Chairman Joanne Holm Unruh, Beta Theta—University of Manitoba.

The Canadian Rockies formed the majestic backdrop as delegates processed across the wide verandas and into the opening session to the sounds of the Scottish bagpipe.

The dining room staff was totally unprepared for the relentless requests for "iced" tea rather than their traditional "hot" version. On the final day, they sang "Tea for Two" while hoisting pitchers of iced tea to the delighted audience.

No one in attendance could ever forget Stunt Night, which under the direction of Nancy Lawrence Sheppard and Peggy Britt Henrickson had become almost a professional production. *Adelphian* Editor Caralee Strock Stanard served as emcee, a role she also had filled in Atlanta in 1973. Both years she pretended to lose her script, declaring that it was "Gone with the Wind" and kept the audience rolling with her off-the-cuff comments. Caralee's performance was almost equaled in 1975 by that of Roy Baysinger, husband of Province President Mary Lee Newton Baysinger. In Roy's sketch, he answered a phone call from 'Miss Blake' and immediately straightens his tie and hides his beer.

During the business sessions, a third Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters was added and Virginia Rosenberg Stafford was elected to serve along with Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin and Lucille Barksdale Renner. Helen Burkhart Prehn was elected Grand Secretary and Mary Bull Mason became Grand Vice President of Alumnae.

Featured speaker at the convention was U.S. Treasurer Francine Irving Neff, Alpha Nu—New Mexico. Each attendee



was presented with a laminated one-dollar bill, autographed by Francine who also was named Alumna of the Year.

The convention was a more optimistic one than in the recent past. Maxine addressed it in her speech:

"We are emerging from the disturbing years of the '60s, moulding a new type society for which one of the watchwords must become "morality," in public office and private lives. This is the peg from which previous nations have slipped to mediocrity and it could happen again.

"In spite of steeply rising costs to obtain a college education, interest in becoming a fraternity member is once again encouragingly strong. The callous derision of the '60s has faded into the background as two things—security and economics—have brought students back to campus tenancy. Dormitories have had waiting lists for rooms, for the most part sorority and fraternity houses are operating at capacity. Rush statistics show an uptrend in pledging, newer campuses report increasing interest in securing charters for more chapters."

### The Sisters Celebrate

The sorority was approaching a milestone birthday, and a 125th Anniversary Fund was established to raise scholarship money. Long-time Province President Eleanor Crockett Camp



*As U.S. Treasurer, Francine Irving Neff, Alpha Nu—New Mexico, signs one-dollar bills for all attendees at the 1975 convention where she is a speaker.*

was appointed chairman. The anniversary coincided with the American Bicentennial and a committee was appointed to manage that celebration. Anne Coles Gray, granddaughter of the first National President Elizabeth Moseley Coles, was appointed chairman after initial organizational work was done by Province President Lynn Staver Neira.

Both the 125th Anniversary and the American Bicentennial were celebrated at the 1976 Leadership Conference, held again at Culver Military Academy. Maxine addressed both in her speech:

"As the Adelpheans of yesteryear found courage and inspiration in the white and azure blue of their historic ribands, let us rededicate ourselves in this 125th year to the heritage they have left us as the first and best. Remember always...

...That Hands clasped in the friendship of Alpha Delta Pi Sisterhood are forever.

...That the Diamond Badge worn over our hearts is a sacred symbol of all that is good and beautiful for which to strive in this life.

...And the stars are never too far above for us to reach.

"Yes, color me red, white and blue in this Bicentennial Year, but especially White and Blue."

*A second row of diamonds is added to the President's Badge in the late 1960s. It is worn with the gavel as a badge or without as a necklace.*



# A New Era

1977 ~ 1983

“A sorority is more than a symbol, a name, a group of people socially oriented, held by regulations and rules. It is a *Sisterhood* of trust, and fidelity, met at the same altar for exchange of vows of lasting loyalty and friendship.

“It is not wood and stone, brick and mortar, but human beings who cannot live by bread alone, but who have souls to be nurtured by inspiration and ideals, that they may reach always far up beyond...where fingertips touch a silvery star. That is your charge, your destiny as an Alpha Delta Pi.

“If I could have taught you these things and nothing else in the years I have served, the years would have been worthwhile.” – *Maxine Blake in her last keynote speech as Grand President*

A twenty-nine year era ended at the 126th Anniversary Convention when Maxine retired from Grand Council in 1977. She had weathered many storms at the helm of our ship of sisterhood. She was presented a diamond badge, replicating the President's Badge that she had worn for so long, and named Grand President Emeritus. She attended every convention until 1999.

*Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford and Chris Ebsen Lortz announce the creation of the Lortz Legacy Grants at the 1979 convention.*



Virginia “Ginny” Rosenberg Stafford, who had served six years on Grand Council, was elected to the office of Grand President. Mary Currier Allen, who had retired twice from council, was called back into service to replace Ginny as a Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters. The other officers were unchanged.

The setting for the 1977 convention was The Breakers in West Palm Beach, Florida. Situated on a private mile-long beach on the Atlantic Ocean, the majestic hotel provided

ample opportunities for recreational activities in any spare time that the busy delegates could claim.

Under the direction of Chris Ebsen Lortz, The Old Timers Dinner was “a riot of fun,” according to *Adelphian* Editor Caralee Strock Stanard. Chris, along with the assisting Province Presidents Lyn Staver Niera and Jane Fiedler Madio, conducted a game show-style television contest where contestants competed for “Granny” awards and the winners were crowned with old-fashioned bonnets. Maxine won the final award and was serenaded by a barber shop quartet made up of attending husbands.

The Breakers' Beach Club was the setting for a buffet dinner and a style show featuring old-

fashioned swim suits with many of the husbands serving as models.

Collegians were presented with an updated Chapter Book. New manuals "of great worth," for treasurers and House Corporations were written by Kathryn "Kay" Kaufman Burnett, Chairman of Corporations and Chapter Finance. Maxine had authored the new Housemother's Manual.

A Constitutional Study Committee, that had been appointed in 1975 and was chaired by Geri Craig Knight, presented an "exhaustive" report and the constitution was amended to limit the terms of Grand Council members, with the exception of NPC Delegate and Grand Treasurer. The changes also "cleaned-up" some of the conflicting information appearing in the document as a result of previous changes.

With a revised constitution and a new Grand President, the convention ended with delegates returning home to get to work on the matters at hand.

The new Grand Council convened in September at Memorial Headquarters and was delighted by the news that Regional Alumnae Supervisor Betty Lee Picard had made a gift of one thousand dollars to purchase an IBM Selectric II Correcting Typewriter.

The council also approved the purchase of an offset printing press for Executive Office. The eighteen year-old mimeograph machine, for which parts were no longer available, was put to



*Beverly Morrow, second from left, and future Traveling Collegiate Secretary Robbie Gring, far right, hold a needlepoint tapestry that Beverly designed and alumnae made for Eta chapter at the University of Alabama. (c. 1978)*

rest. With the printing of manuals brought in house, the press would pay for itself within the first two years of operation.

The updated Pledge Book was designated as the first priority and Executive Office Director Maryann Friend Gillespie set out to hire a printer to run the newly acquired press. Maryann also lined up her daughter, Debbie Gillespie Macon, to do the typesetting. A young alumna of Alpha Kappa chapter at the University of Tennessee, the "very pregnant" Debbie arrived at

Maryann's house with the typesetting equipment that she owned as a freelance graphic artist.

Maryann would recall the first printed piece from the Executive Office Print Shop:

"Debbie had edema and her feet were very swollen, but we set up the equipment on my kitchen table and she starting setting the type while I fed her 'Cokes,' and ran errands to get



*Affectionately known as the "White Tornado," Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin meets with Suzanne Blaug, Beta Upsilon president at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While there, Mary Esther was named "ADPi of the Week." (c. 1979)*

anything she needed for the project while still trying to hire a printer.

"Debbie finished the typesetting, but there was no printer to be found."

The employee in the office who had commanded the trusty mimeograph machine was the backup press-operator, but she simply couldn't master the large press even with training from the manufacturer. Another loyal employee, Susan Singer, who answered the office's phone lines and kept the chapter records, announced that she could learn to "run that press."

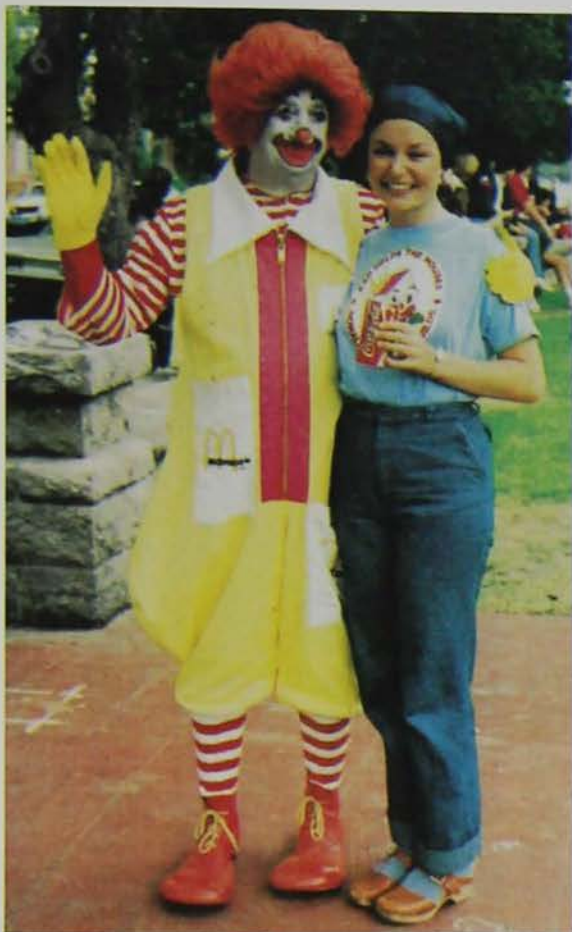
The determined Susan and Maryann went to the basement to tackle the press, and according to Maryann, "Susan printed that first pledge book." Susan became an alumna initiate of Zeta Omicron at Georgia Tech. And, the "very pregnant" Debbie gave birth to a daughter on December 2. Debbie, and her husband, Bryan, named the baby Audra and she would, some eighteen years later, be initiated into Beta Nu chapter at the University of Georgia.

### Challenge for the Eighties

At the 1977 NPC meeting, Chairman Gwen Moss McKeeman, Delta Zeta, reported that for the fourth consecutive year, women's fraternities showed an upward trend in membership with gains of over nine percent in each biennium. While the number of Greeks was on the rise, universities were cutting



*Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford dons a cowboy hat for the Western Welcome Cookout at the 1980 Leadership Conference in Ft. Collins.*



*The Ronald McDonald Houses are selected as the national philanthropy in 1979.*

with her committee members, Barbara Kinter Kunkel and Linda Welch, to inspire chapters to recruit the highest caliber of members. The committee then proceeded to schedule individual conferences with chapters to discuss the issues at hand.

Undoubtedly, with the forward-thinking Ginny as Grand President, the sorority was looking ahead as indicated by the conference theme, "Challenge for the Eighties: It Began as the First—Keep it the Finest."

To finance the challenge, Grand Council introduced the Sustaining Alumnae Appeal Program in the fall of 1978 with former Grand Council member Joan Sutton Knox summoned

back on the personnel to supervise them.

To address the challenges, the 1978 Leadership Conference, held at Culver Military Academy for the final time, included an intensive "back to basics" training program for all Province Presidents.

The basics were stressed for collegians as well, with emphasis on pledge education and membership selection. The chairman of Pledge Education and future Grand President Beth Gentry Mannle took to the podium to lead an inspiring pledge education workshop.

The Membership Selection Committee was actually the first Standing Committee to include more than a chairman. Eleanor Stevens walked to the stage

into service once again. Her title would become Chairman of Alumnae Achievement and the very first year, more than five thousand alumnae responded generously.

To address liability issues, the first master Insurance Program became effective on September 1, 1978.

New chapters were being added with four installed during the 1977-79 biennium. The young chapters were on the prestigious campuses of Georgia Tech, the University of San Diego, Vanderbilt and the College of Charleston. Plus, a colony was established at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Amid all the changes, Memorial Headquarters was being remodeled to provide better use of space and additional services. The Carriage House that sits behind headquarters was being enclosed to accommodate the offset press that the determined Susan had conquered.

A pressman had been secured. He and the press cranked



*At the 1981 NPC meeting in Denver, Maryann Friend Gillespie completes her term as President of the NPC Central Office Executives association. From left: Adelphean Editor Linda Welch, Maryann and Alternate Delegate Penny Dykstra Shoemaker.*

out a new Pledge Director Vice President's Manual, the Alumnae Handbook and a new Advisor's Handbook.

The pledge program was revamped once again and the modular pledge books were introduced as concrete tools for the collegiate sisters.

Ginny addressed the sorority's philosophy in her 1979 keynote speech:

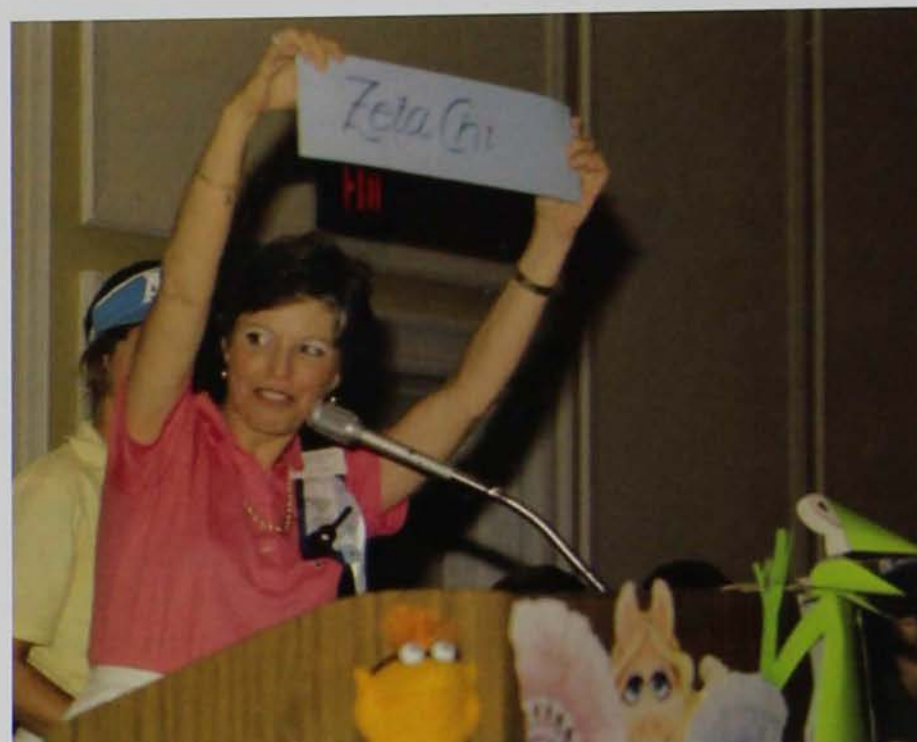
"Alpha Delta Pi is committed to positive pledge programming. This includes an unbending policy which forbids hazing in all forms."

### Quest for Excellence

The 1979 convention brought the sisters to the Radisson South Hotel in Minneapolis where several changes were made in Grand Council because of retiring council members. Janet Landers Morelock was elected to serve as a Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters while Joan Perry Boatright stepped in as Grand Vice President of Alumnae. Jane Fiedler Madio became Grand Treasurer and Mary Lee Newton Baysinger took over the duties of Grand Secretary.

Throughout convention, "Time out at Ten" was reserved for leisure in the Garden Court around the pool. Various officers were in charge of activities each evening. One night found collegians participating in the Alpha Delta Pi Olympics. Another evening the Traveling Collegiate Secretaries performed a skit, and then Old Timers were asked to relate some of their humorous experiences.

The tales were plentiful because former Executive Secretary Mary Kelly Shearer had planned a special Old Timer's Reunion. When Albert Jenner first heard news of the proposed reunion he told his wife, a former *Adelphian* Editor, Nadine Newbill Jenner, that he wanted to pay for a suite where the sisters could gather at any time. Mary hung a sign on the suite's door that said, "Come on in and see who's left," and the sisters settled down to some serious fun. The reunion brought back many long-serving alumnae, including the beloved Jessica North MacDonald, who still



*Collegiate Activities Committee member Charlotte Wilson Barrett helps announce eighty-six winners of the coveted Diamond Four-Point Awards at the 1981 convention.*

sported her red hair even though it had been sixty years since she and Mary had first met at the 1919 convention in Natural Bridge, Virginia.

Another long-time national officer, Chris Ebsen Lortz, had decided to retire as chairman of the Lion's Share Educational Grants and she wanted to make a generous donation to the sorority to be used to bring more collegians to future conventions and conferences. The gift would result in the Lortz Legacy Grants that are still made today. When Ginny called her to the podium, Chris explained:

"We had a conference in our family a year ago Christmas, George, our three sons and I. I told them about my dream and George said, 'Make big plans, not small plans. Make it good.' And the boys all agreed... I was blessed with having been left some money by that Dad of mine to do what I wished with. What I most wanted was to help Alpha Delta

Pi, the first sorority to stay the best.

"I took out an annuity with ADPi as my beneficiary upon my death. Then I began to think, 'I've got a lot of living yet to do—George and I just took some disco lessons—and why shouldn't ADPi be getting the benefit now while I'm still around.' So, Ginny Stafford, I am handing to you a certificate of \$15,000... And so from me to ADPi with Lion's Love and Loyalty on one of the happiest nights of my life."

Chris, who was inducted into the Diamond Circle as a fifty-year member at the convention, certainly did have 'a lot of living yet to do.' She was active until her death in 2008.

Another highlight of the convention came when a formal portrait of Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake was unveiled. The portrait, which was commissioned by Grand Council, hangs today in Memorial Headquarters.

Ginny addressed the "Challenge for the Eighties" in her keynote speech:

"As Alpha Delta Pi enters a new decade, all of us need to be aware of factors which may affect sorority. While college enrollment is growing...the New York Times predicts that college enrollment will peak in 1983 at around fourteen million students, and will then fall off indefinitely. The prediction is based upon a declining birth rate, and an energy crisis and inflation which may make it more difficult for students and their parents to afford a college education..."

"The state of our chapters is encouraging, and several chapters have made tremendous progress in rebuilding in membership or programs, or both..."

"The entire fraternity world was affected when a male pledge at Louisiana State University died last January... Some of you may remember that the accident occurred as members of the fraternity walked a group of nineteen pledges across the highway. The pledges were blindfolded, but were being led by other members of the fraternity. A car collided with the group of students, injuring six. One died..."

"Every chapter on the active chapter role is represented in this convention, and this is directed to you, and for the

record: Alpha Delta Pi does not permit hazing in any form.

"...One last concern for organizations like ours dependent upon volunteers to serve as chapter advisors, corporation officers, and alumnae and national officers is what has come to be discussed as the 'vanishing volunteer.' Many service organizations report that this is hindering their program, and it is suggested that women's rights plus a return of women to the work force, has meant fewer and fewer volunteers to serve. Alpha Delta Pi has been fortunate in securing remarkably dedicated alumnae to serve in all these capacities. Among our most effective officers are some who work full time, but still manage their time to include hours for serving Alpha Delta Pi.

"Alpha Delta Pi is a vital, growing sorority, and our future requires much careful planning, a large dedication from each one of us. A spirit of optimism will also help..."

"Each of us shares a heritage which should provide guidelines for meeting the 'Challenge of the Eighties.' We should be



*Magazine Chairman Carolyn Clay Biggin, left, and her long-time friend Sally Blackburn Dozier look over receipts from magazine sales that return profits to the chapters and benefit the Resident Counselor program. (c. 1981)*



*The 100,000th initiate Mimi Mackebbe, far left, works with Alpha Kappa sisters at the University of Tennessee and Knoxville alumnae to support the Ronald McDonald Houses. (c. 1983)*

strong enough to meet the Commitment to the Future, because 'We Live for Each Other, and For Alpha Delta Pi'."

The delegates left convention to go back to work with Ginny's challenging words on their minds.

That fall Badge Service was moved into Executive Office where the two-year remodeling and refurbishing project was still underway.

As National Service Project Chairman, Joanne Henthorne Hirsch had investigated several possibilities for a new national philanthropy. In October 1979, the sorority adopted the

Ronald McDonald Houses as the national philanthropy.

A Permanent Alumnae Secretary program was established, with every chapter, active and dormant, assigned a PAS to "clean-up" membership records and locate addresses for alumnae who were designated "lost." Kathryn "Kay" Kaufman Burnett would chair the effort.

#### **The Sisters Head West**

Leadership Conference was moved to Colorado State in 1980. The large availability of dormitory rooms allowed each chapter to bring an advisor. The chapters were responsible

for travel expenses; however, the Sustaining Alumnae Appeal provided the funds to cover the advisors' registration, room and board.

For the first time, Regional Alumnae Supervisors were included in the conference and during the meeting they developed the Star Awards program.

All in all, nearly four hundred sisters came to Fort Collins. The theme of "Excellence in the Eighties—The ADPi Brand," emphasized the western setting and continued Ginny's commitment to "excellence."

Officers had arrived early for a retreat held farther up in the mountains at Cheley Colorado Camp. Ginny was able to secure the facilities because of her long relationship with the camp that started when she was a counselor during her college summers.



Programs for collegians centered on finance, leadership skills, rush techniques and pledge education. They enjoyed informal group discussions and breakout sessions on the West Lawn. A western-style cookout was followed by athletic games.

The long-serving Caralee Strock Stanard retired as *Adelphian* Editor and was named Grand Editor Emeritus. Linda Welch was appointed to fill the position and with funds from the successful Sustaining Alumnae Appeal, the magazine took on a larger format and color photography became a regular feature for the first time in the Summer 1980 issue that carried the conference news.

In early 1981, Virginia Friese Jacobsen resigned as NPC Delegate for health reasons. Vicki Mathews Lilly was appointed to fill the position.

The sorority initiated its 100,000th member in the spring of 1981. Emily Marie "Mimi" Mackebbee of Alpha Kappa chapter at the University of Tennessee received this distinction. Mimi, who is the daughter of long-serving international officer Emily Lusby Mackebbee, assisted with the Collegiate Chapter Histories in *Sisters*.

Six chapters were installed during the biennium and the Resident Counselor program was extended to provide more support for chapters.

### Excellence Set to Music

The Opryland Hotel in Nashville welcomed delegates to the 130th convention.

"Getting in Tune With Excellence" was the theme and the program provided collegians and alumnae the opportunity to "tune up" leadership skills, share ideas and plan program improvements. In addition to the sessions for all attendees, participants were offered a variety of concurrent mini-workshops from which they could choose their topics of interest.

In keeping with the musical theme, the favor at the opening banquet was a new Song Book. Delegates also had the opportunity to hear Nashville's best music during visits to the



*Alpha Eta's Julie Martin gets a congratulatory hug from Blue Key president at Kansas State after being named Ambassador at the 1983 homecoming game.*

Grand Old Opry and Opryland U.S.A. theme park.

The "excellence" was apparent as eighty-six chapters were announced as Diamond Four-Point winners by Collegiate Activities Chairman Polly Skaalure Robertson and one of her committee members, Charlotte Wilson Barrett.

The excitement also was apparent when it was discovered that scores of local alumnae planned to come to the final banquet for which there were no available seats. The efficient Executive Director Maryann Friend Gillespie worked



*During Middle Tennessee's 1983 Homecoming Week, Epsilon Taus run for charity in a "bed race" spirit competition.*

out an alternate plan with the hotel and an appeal was made to the delegates to help out.

Former Grand Council member Helen Glenn and future council member Elisse Jones Freeman were just two of the special sisters who found a way to turn "lemons into lemonade" and formed the now legendary "Commodore Club."

The quick-witted Helen would tell the story:

"They asked for volunteers to go to another room for dinner, and then they would set up chairs for us to come back to the main banquet for the awards presentation. So the Georgia and Texas delegates said we'd go to a separate room. The room was named the Commodore Room, so we

decided that we'd call ourselves members of the Commodore Club and really made it a great time. Then at the next convention, we kept up our 'membership' in the Commodore Club and wore yacht hats and even had our own secret sign! The group really had a lot of fun, and we always managed to eat breakfast together at conventions after that."

Fun continued as a quilt, with squares embroidered by each chapter, was raffled by 125th Anniversary Fund Chairman Eleanor Crockett Camp to raise money for the resident counselor program.

The Dean of Men at Bradley University, Edward M. King who would become national

President of Sigma Chi, and twenty years later serve on Alpha Delta Pi's first Academic Advisory Board, spoke to the sisters for the first time on "The Secret Thought of a Ritual."

He stressed that "If the ritual were known and understood, many of the day-to-day chapter problems—housing, drugs, collection and apathy—would simply fade away."

Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, who was adored by those who were lucky enough to know her, was retiring from Grand Council after twenty-six years. Known affectionately as the "White Tornado" because of her ceaseless energy and direct approach, she decided it was time to step down. The Tornado was leaving Council, but her fierce love for the sorority would continue as she worked with the new Zeta Omega colony that she had just established at the University of Central Florida.

Joan Safarik LeBarron and Marilyn Mayer Long were elect-

ed to serve as Grand Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapters to fill the slots left by Mary Esther, and Janet Morelock, who did not stand for reelection.

In her keynote speech, Ginny stressed that Alpha Delta Pi was supporting the NPC resolution issued in relation to overnight or weekend parties. "We have asked the chapters to honor the Resolution, and that where the renting of overnight accommodations would be involved, that chapters not schedule out-of-town parties," she told the delegates.

Throughout the week, photographs were being taken by new Convention Photographer Charles Walton. Charles was a food photographer at *Southern Living* where he worked with *Adelphbean* Editor Linda Welch who was a foods editor at the magazine. Charles has not missed a convention since and has attended every Leadership Conference except for the 1984 meeting.

### Growing in Excellence

NPC met in the fall of 1981 in Denver and the sorority hosted a breakfast in honor of Ruth Pretty Palmer who was retiring as an alternate delegate after nineteen years. Maryann Friend Gillespie was completing her term as chairman of the Central Office Executives Association.

Also in 1981, Grand Council established a Finance Committee to oversee chapter finances. Council set up appointments to hear presentations from two computer companies with the goal of "easing" chapters into an automated accounting system within the next year.

Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake was asked to author an updated version of the sorority's history, and Chairman of Expansion Lucille Barksdale Renner was authorized to update expansion materials.

In 1982 sisters returned to Colorado State for Leadership Conference with the theme "Striving for Excellence." The Pride of Lions awards were presented for the first time to chapters with special accomplishments.

The use of alcohol and drugs was addressed in a seminar

by Dr. Thomas Goodale, who was then vice chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Denver and later would become Executive Director of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and speak at many other Alpha Delta Pi events. Other thoughtful topics covered during the meetings included rush, positive legal programming and chapter development.

Executive Office was continuing to take on new responsibilities. In the Fall 1982 issue of *The Adelphbean*, Executive Director Maryann Friend Gillespie reports that the staff now includes thirteen employees and handles nearly a million sheets of paper a year. Word processing and microfiche equipment had been



*The 1981-1983 Grand Council includes: (from left) NPC Delegate Vicki Mathews Lilly, Grand Treasurer Jane Fiedler Madio, Grand Secretary Mary Lee Newton Baysinger, Grand Vice President of Alumnae Joan Perry Boatright, Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford and Grand Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapters Joan Safarik LeBarron, Marilyn Mayer Long and Mary Currier Allen.*

installed. A professional Archivist Jean Henninger Smith, who was a member of Beta Iota chapter at Queens College, was added to the staff in 1983 to care for the valuable historical documents and to conduct historical research.

Grand Council was truly making history and heritage a priority as they set up a formal contract with the Cannonball House in Macon where the Adelphean Room was maintained.

Council also was making the future a priority for in late 1982, they established the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. The Trustees elected Kay Dycbe Weed to serve as the first President. Her sister Trustees included Vicki Mathews Lilly, Jane Fiedler Madio, Ruth Pretty Palmer and Pamela L.

Zimmerman. Later, the Trustees would run a contest challenging members to design a Foundation logo. A professional illustrator, Barbara Tye Jaeger, Psi—University of California at Berkeley, would give us the logo that is so familiar today.

By the spring of 1983, the first Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia had celebrated its tenth anniversary. The sisters, who had adopted the houses as the national philanthropy in 1979, were working with the forty-five houses now located around the country. Under the direction of National Service Projects Director Emily Lusby Mackeebee, they also were raising funds to build new ones.



*The first Trustees of the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation meet during the 1983 convention. From left: Pamela L. Zimmerman, Kay Dycbe Weed, Jane Fiedler Madio, Vicki Mathews Lilly and Ruth Pretty Palmer.*

### **Return Trip to The Breakers**

When the 1983 convention brought delegates back to The Breakers in West Palm Beach, they heard the news that three new chapters had been installed and two colonies added during the busy biennium. Plans were in place to colonize at Miami of Ohio in the fall.

The Foundation conducted a "Kick-Off" campaign raising \$11,650 through donations and pledges. Collegians attended sessions on pledge programming, rush, Panhellenic, public relations and Executive Office procedures. Alumnae programs dealt with subjects ranging from organizing new associations to working with chapters. The concurrent mini-workshop format that had proved so popular in 1981 was repeated, as was the quilt raffle—this time with two quilts, one made by



*Retiring Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford praised retiring Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Mary Currier Allen at the luncheon held in her honor at the 1983 convention.*

chapters and the other made by alumnae associations—to fund the successful Resident Counselor program.

The Adelphean Association of Retired Personnel, which would later become the Dandy Lions, had been organized by Mary Esther Van Akin and Chris Ebsen Lortz and they met all week. But, they really brought down the house when they presented a skit at Old Timers Night. The ever-spunky Chris had asked her husband to push her in the pool on cue and he refused. However, he surprised the crowd, and especially Chris, when he walked up behind her and gave her the unexpected shove. Grand Council also brought the crowd to

their feet that night when they showed up in tuxedos for a song and dance routine.

Ginny had served well for six years. She had brought the sorority forward in countless ways with her commitment to excellence, which was reflected in all her national meeting themes. She also had fulfilled the limit of her tenure according to the constitutional changes, which she championed and were made by the convention delegates in 1977.

Grand Treasurer Jane Fiedler Madio was destined to be sworn in as the next Grand President. Ann Johnson Havenhill was named Grand Treasurer.

Ginny was appointed Expansion Chairman. She then was an NPC Alternate Delegate and member of the 150th Anniversary Committee. Neither her leadership, nor her quest for excellence would cease.

In her last challenge to the membership as Grand President, she offered these words in her keynote speech:

“While we are in Convention, the first woman astronaut is in space. Watching the vehicle lift above the Florida coastline to the North of The Breakers was a thrilling experience. The possibilities for women have stretched, and Alpha Delta Pi must reach out to the future, too.

“If today’s word is ‘awesome’ for the ultimate experience, tomorrow’s words will serve us best if we retain ‘sisterhood’, ‘first’, and ‘finest’. Dare to be the best members and chapters possible. Alpha Delta Pi will grow with new leadership, and the future is exciting. There may be a few people who will continue to predict failure for everyone who tries something new, but you will never know for sure until you try.

I believe in Alpha Delta Pi.

I believe in the principles set down by our founders.

I believe in living our motto.

I believe that my Sorority is a way of life.

I believe that membership carries with it a responsibility.

To do less, is to deny celebration.

To affirm our Creed is to reaffirm dedication.

We live for Each Other, and for Alpha Delta Pi.”

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here is nothing magic about me that makes me qualified to serve as your Grand President, except for the belief that I can show the sorority how to employ many to make the work load lighter for everyone... Members of Grand Council are real people, too... We have careers, children and husbands. Our cars break down just like anybody else's. I want to be the kind of president that, when I ask, 'How are you?' someone can answer 'My feet are killing me,' or 'I'm really angry'.” —*Jane Fiedler Madio, upon her election as Grand President in 1983*

After the 1983 convention, Jane, who would serve six years in the sorority's highest office, and her council set to work to address the organizational structure of the sorority in an attempt to accommodate the “vanishing volunteer” and the working woman. Their goal was to establish a teamwork approach to the management of the sorority.

At their July meeting, they decided to approach Mary Grefe, who had been named Alumna of the Year at convention to



*Sisters perform a model rush skit at the 1983 convention in West Palm Beach.*

chair the effort. A Delta Epsilon alumna from Morningside College, Mary's credentials were impressive and included running a Des Moines-based business specializing in organizational and individual leadership. She was joined on the committee by former Grand Treasurer Betty Braun Pitzer, NPC Delegate Vicki Mathews Lilly and Province President Sheila Kelly Cameron.

Alumnae Associations also were suffering because the working woman often just didn't “have time” to participate. Associations were encouraged to “offer something for everyone—the single alumna, the mother, the career professional and the Diamond Circle member.”

Executive Office had its first computer and first used it to generate invoices in late 1983. Hubbard Memorial Gardens had two new lion

statues at its entrance. They were a gift of the Texas State Alumnae Association in honor of the Texas sisters who had served as national officers. The garden also was receiving additional landscaping.

Grand Council ordered the restoration of many of the sorority's oldest records under the care of Archivist Jean Henninger Smith. The valuable documents were professionally cleaned and bound and remain in the Archives today.

Alcohol was becoming more of an issue on college campuses, and Grand Council drafted an official alcohol policy and distributed it to all chapters. Legal liability was another troubling issue and an article in *The Adelphean* proclaimed "Lawsuits Are Costly Reality for Greeks." Chapters were being asked to have members and guests sign waivers in the case of special activities "that include vehicles, including boats and maybe even hayracks," said Gordon Armstrong who handled the sorority's master insurance program.

"Each year, the amount of the liability lawsuits keeps creeping higher and higher," he said. "The sky is the limit, especially now. That is just the nature of the beast. Not too long ago, each sorority had a \$1 million umbrella liability policy. That climbed to \$3 to \$5, and on to \$10 million. Alpha Delta Pi has a \$20 million policy."

The Spring 1984 issue of *The Adelphean* saw the addition of a column, written by Jane. "From the Desk of the Grand President" has been a regular feature ever since. In her first column, Jane addressed "The Legacy Dilemma."

The same issue of the magazine featured an article on eating disorders which had "reached almost epidemic proportions in the United States." Another page was devoted to "Going Greek In The Eighties," and spotlighted the public relations package introduced at the 1983 NPC meeting in Scottsdale.

### **Bus Driving Heroes**

The 1984 Leadership Conference brought delegates back to the Colorado State University campus. Grand Council members



*Jane Fiedler Madio assumes the Grand Presidency in 1983.*

greeted delegates wearing new gold Grand Council badges that replicated the Adelphean badge. Today, the tradition continues and each council member is presented one of the special badges as a gift for her service.

Attendance reached four hundred and seventy-three, setting an all-time record. For the first time at a Leadership Conference, House Corporation members and chapter treasurers received

*Rush is featured on the cover of The Adelphean in 1984.*



in-depth instruction during a special two-day workshop.

Alcohol Awareness was the subject of a workshop and a new sorority brochure, "Alcohol—Its Use and Misuse," was introduced. In another session, goal setting was stressed. Other workshops covered membership selection, Panhellenic, scholarship, pledge education, time manage-

ment and parliamentary procedures.

A free afternoon in the mountains offered delegates a choice of three organized trips before the entire group gathered at a dude ranch for a steak fry. After eating, the National Music Chairman, Sandra "Sandy" Sperzel Honemann started the group singing the sorority's favorite songs. Skits were about to begin and thirteen national officers gathered on a balcony for a good view. Among the sisters on the balcony was "Grand Jane" as she was affectionately named by the Traveling Collegiate Secretaries that started their travels at the conference.

In the midst of the fun, the crowd heard the "horrifying" sounds of spikes tearing away from wood. Executive Director Maryann Friend Gillespie watched as the two-story balcony pulled loose and plummeted to the ground. The officers on the front of the balcony, which included Maryann's lifelong friend from their Alpha Kappa days at the University of Tennessee and National Service Projects Director Emily Lusby Mackeebee, "spilled off the front of the balcony. The others just went straight down with it," Maryann said.

Amazingly no one was standing under the balcony, but no one was sure of the fate of the sisters on the balcony.

Jane would recall the near tragedy:

"I was on the ground on my back and suddenly Maryann was standing over me, preventing me from trying to get up. I asked her who was on the balcony and who was hurt. She started looking around and giving me names, but I was sure someone was dead and she just wasn't telling me."

Both Maryann and Jane would remember the response from the crowd.

"The bus drivers were tremendous, they rushed in and carefully started removing debris and tending to the power lines that came down with the balcony and were throwing sparks," Maryann said. "The drivers had been trained in first aid and they started covering the injured with blankets and putting ice on wounds."

Maryann took command of the situation and announced for



all the collegians to go back to the buses and wait on board. Jane, who was still on the ground, recalls their response:

"Those collegians were amazing. They had to be traumatized, but they did not cry, they did not panic. They just went back to the buses in an orderly fashion and calmly waited. The bus drivers were so wise. Even after they took care of the injured they waited to drive back because they knew that, on that winding road, the big buses would impede the ambulances trying to get up the mountain. They waited until the ambulances were loaded and had driven off before they started down."

Miraculously, no one died. However, "Grand Jane" still suffers from pain in her right arm that became extremely difficult as she stood in long receiving lines at future conventions. Emily suffered hairline cracks in her teeth and underwent extensive dental treatments. The beloved National Scholarship Chairman Betty Miller broke a rib, puncturing a lung, but made a full recovery. Regional Alumnae Supervisor Shirley Bryson Dukes had surgery to relieve the pressure in her leg caused by a severe hematoma. Another RAS and future Grand Council member, Betty Clapsaddle Riley, had to be air lifted to a hospital in Denver for surgery. She walked with a cane for the rest of her life.

Sisters were wounded, but the spirit of sisterhood was healthy and strong as hundreds responded with cards and wishes for speedy recoveries.

In 1984, the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation announced that the first scholarships were awarded. Donors were responding generously to the Foundation's first fund raising appeal. Other monies were brought in by the Sustaining Alumnae Appeal. The Magazine Agency, under the direction of Carolyn Clay Biggin, was raising money to support the Resident Counselor program.

On Founders' Day in 1985, seventy-five year members were honored with a letter and a gift of violets. They have been honored ever since.

During the 1983-1985 biennium, expansion was continuing



*Sisters attend the 1983 NPC meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. Standing, from left: Adelphean Editor Linda Welch Ablard, Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio and Executive Office Director Maryann Friend Gillespie. Seated; Second Alternate Delegate Penny Dykstra Shoemaker, NPC Delegate Vicki Mathews Lilly and First Alternate Lucille Barksdale Renner.*

at a solid pace. Four new chapters were installed and Beta Alpha was returned to Indiana University.

### **Save The Buckeyes**

When Grand Council convened for a spring meeting at Memorial Headquarters before the 1985 Grand Convention, the Atlanta skies darkened and tornado warnings were issued. Jane remembers it well and her response when Grand Secretary Mary Lee Newton Baysinger insisted that they retreat to the basement:

"I was typing something and didn't want to go, but Mary Lee, who grew up in 'Tornado Alley' in Kansas, was insistent

that I get downstairs. All of the sudden, the storm got bad and I jumped up and grabbed a dish of 'buckeyes,' homemade chocolate candy, that Sandy Honemann had sent from Ohio for the meeting. Of all the valuable things in headquarters, all I grabbed was the buckeyes."

A tornado didn't hit, but strong winds took out trees, leaving one "just an inch" from the car of Grand Vice President Marilyn Mayer Long. The power was out for two days and Jane remembers conducting the council meeting that first evening by candlelight in the basement. The buckeyes were unscathed, but council suffered some hardships for the remainder of the meeting.

"We had no hot water. We took cold showers and I couldn't do my hair for two days because there was no power for my blow dryer," Jane remembers. "We ate cold food because we couldn't cook and since the storm took the power out in much of Atlanta, we could hardly find a restaurant with hot food."

When delegates arrived at the 1985 convention in Dallas, they would never guess what their Grand Council looked like huddled safely in the basement with the bowl of buckeyes.

The delegates were greeted with the theme "Clasped Hands—Our Bridge to the Future." The new organizational structure was the main order of business and "Grand Jane" addressed it in her keynote speech:

"Just like the bridge builders of yore, Alpha Delta Pi has arrived at the time when a more sophisticated bridge...has become necessary. Our bridge builders, in the form of a study committee, have given full consideration to the 'piers' that were set by our founders. They have thoroughly studied our past and drawn from the history as they looked to the future... The world is moving on, and we can no longer do things as we have always done them. We must change to meet new situations and different needs."

The delegates overwhelmingly approved the proposal that called for the responsibilities of the three Grand Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapters to be divided by function rather than geographic area. A new level of supervision was



*Valuable early records in the Archives Room at Memorial Headquarters are professionally cleaned and preserved. (c. 1984)*

set up, creating the offices of District Directors for both the alumnae and collegiate areas. The changes also set up an Alumnae Services standing committee to address the needs of alumnae.

Convention workshops for collegians covered "virtually every area of chapter programming." Other topics, such as



*The Adelphbean Room in the Cannonball House in Macon features a portrait of Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald along with other invaluable artifacts. (c. 1984)*

senior apathy and alcohol awareness were covered in concurrent workshops. Alumnae held workshops on a variety of subjects, then gathered late in the evening to play the popular board game, "Trivial Pursuit."

Many convention delegates spent an afternoon at Southfork, the home of the Ewings on the popular television

show "Dallas." The crew was filming so the delegates caught glimpses of some of the stars.

Delegates elected future Grand President Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy to serve as a Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters. Sheila Kelly Cameron was named Grand Secretary and Betty Clapsaddle Riley became Grand Vice President of Alumnae. Joni Knight Burke was appointed to serve as NPC Delegate. They filled the positions left by the retirement of Marilyn Mayer Long, Mary Lee Newton Baysinger, Joan Perry Boatright and Vicki Mathews Lilly.

When *Adelphbean* Editor Linda Welch Ablard left convention, she flew to Hong Kong where she was moving because her husband, Gary, was conducting business in Asia. For more than two years, she would edit the magazine from abroad.

A new program for alumnae, The Alpha Advantage, was introduced by the new Alumnae Services Committee in 1986. Barbara Kinter Kunkel chaired the networking program which was designed to "serve as a link between sisters who were entering or re-entering the job force; help sisters take advantage of each others' professional services and provide an avenue for contact and support."

In June 1986, Grand Council appointed eight sisters to fill the new District Director positions created in the structure change at the 1985 convention. The first Collegiate District Directors were Janis Kruger Leaphart, Vicki Messmer Hye, Charlotte Pylant Endorf and Carroll Nelson Grush. The new alumnae directors were Laura Belle Wyatt Macrae, Kimberley Barnes Dedeker, Pamela Smith Adams and Anne Veale Pogson. Although they would not officially begin their duties until 1987, they set about doing preparatory work.

### **Home To Georgia**

The month of June also found members traveling to a new location for Leadership Conference. Callaway Gardens, near Pine Mountain, Georgia, welcomed more than four hundred sisters with the conference theme of "Georgia On My Mind."

In her keynote address, Jane addressed our Georgia found-



*Nearly six hundred sisters gather for California's 1985 State Day. Front row, from left: Province Presidents Carroll Nelson Grush and Sheila Kelly Cameron, Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio and Diamond Circle recipient Carroll Johnson.*

ing, but cautioned delegates not to be misled by a light-hearted description of those early days:

"Life for these young women was hard. In 1851, it was unusual for women to even attend college, not to mention having the courage to organize a secret society... It is my hope that this Leadership Conference, and the returning to our roots in Georgia, will give you a sense of where we have come from to help you—our leaders—determine where we are going. In your hands are the sacred interests of Alpha

Delta Pi. It is my prayer that you will be true to this trust and use your leadership experience to perpetuate the sorority."

During the free afternoon, many delegates made a trip to Macon to visit the sorority's birthplace. They toured the Adelphean Room in the Cannonball House, Wesleyan College and the gravesite of Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald.

Substance abuse was in the forefront with workshops conducted on both alcohol use and drug abuse. A movie titled "Calling the Shots" was shown and as a result of the session, a task force of collegians and alumnae was formed to develop a chemical awareness and prevention program.

House Corporation officers were again trained. New manuals for chapter operations, scholarship and pledge education were distributed for collegians. Advisors received a new



*Delegates to the 1985 convention visit Southfork, the home of the Ewings of the popular television show, "Dallas."*

Advisor's Handbook. The manuals had been produced by a new pressman, Robert King, on the used offset press that the sorority had acquired in 1977. Today, Robert still runs the Print Shop and with twenty-five years of service, is currently the longest-serving employee at Executive Office.

When the school year started in 1986, chapters found that rush numbers were dropping. Tuition costs were rising at a

fast pace and federal aid for education was diminishing. Fewer pledges meant less income. In addition, interest rates on the sorority's investments were down. The economy was once again posing challenges for the sorority.

And, once again, the sisters rallied. Informal rush activities were increased to attract members who hadn't participated in formal rush. The chapters were serving as campus leaders, winning honors and working more than ever before with Ronald McDonald Houses.

The one-hundredth Ronald McDonald House opened in New York on September 29. Jane and National Service Project Chairman Emily Lusby Mackee were on hand along with the popular "Today" show weatherman, Willard Scott, who served as the very first Ronald McDonald. Jane and Emily made a special contribution on behalf of the sisters and the sorority was recognized for their support.

On December 31, 1986 an era ended at Executive Office when Maryann Friend Gillespie retired as Executive Director after eighteen years in the office. She had seen the staff grow from six to fourteen employees. Maryann had left the office, but she would go on to serve in countless other ways.

National Officer and former Traveling Collegiate Secretary Charlotte Taylor was hired as the new Executive Director. The office was continuing to grow in staff and services. Miriam Werner Witcher joined the staff as a Records Clerk and one of her responsibilities was to sort membership records to send to the St. Louis firm that kept the records on computer. Today the Data Base Coordinator, still works with membership records, but on Executive Office's computer system. Robert even got a new offset press in 1987 and he and that same press still produce countless pieces today.

#### **"Thanks A Million"**

Sunny Scottsdale, Arizona welcomed five hundred and fifty sisters for the 1987 convention. The work with the Ronald McDonald Houses was in the forefront as the sorority had just

passed the \$1 million mark in monetary donations to the houses. McDonald's Corporation hosted a "Thanks a Million" luncheon to mark the milestone.

Ronald attended and joined the sorority's service mascot, S.I.S., which stood for Superiority in Service. "Sis" was Emily's creation and Convention Photographer Charles Walton took press release photos of every chapter president with Ronald and "Sis."

The Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin Loyalty Award was given for the first time at the convention. The award which honors the memory of the beloved "White Tornado" was presented to outstanding advisors and is continued today.

Elections found the delegates selecting three collegiate vice presidents with the new titles set up by the 1985 convention. Maryann Friend Gillespie joined Grand Council for the first time as Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Development and Expansion. Beth Gentry Mannle was elected Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs and Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy became Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance. Joan Safarik LeBarron was elected Grand Secretary. The other council members remained the same.

A surprise that had been promised all week was revealed at the traditional closing Diamond Awards Banquet when *Loyally, Volume III*, was presented to each attendee. Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake had completed her work.

Leadership was stressed in a special workshop sponsored by the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. In another Foundation-sponsored meeting, alcohol and drug use was discussed and the chapters were presented with *Diamond Decisions*, a manual dealing with substance abuse decisions. Date Rape was explored in a session led by NPC Delegate Joni Knight Burke.

The times were certainly changing and when NPC met in New Orleans in November 1987, the College Panhellenic Committee recommended procedures for computerized bid matching. The incoming chairman, Beth Saul of Alpha Epsilon Phi, appointed a Project Future Committee to exam-



*Leadership Conference moves to Callaway Gardens, Georgia, in 1986.*

ine all existing procedures of NPC, particularly the quota-total system, and to update the NPC Manual of Information. Ginny Stafford was appointed to this important body.

In December 1987, A.D.P. Purchasing was established with the purpose of providing furnishings for chapter facilities at



*National Service Projects Chairman Emily Lusby Mackebee and Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio join the "Today" show's weatherman, Willard Scott, who was the first Ronald McDonald, for the opening of the 100th Ronald McDonald House in 1986.*

reduced prices. Don Ellis, whose daughter Natalie had served as a Traveling Collegiate Secretary, served as president, working with Interior Design Supervisor Maurine

Wallace Abney. Lisa Owen was hired to work in Executive Office as a purchasing assistant. Lisa continued her work in the office for many years, serving as Foundation Coordinator and then Executive Director.

### Stocking Pantries

After giving one million dollars to the Ronald McDonald Houses, the sisters rallied to participate in a single project that would raise another million for the houses. Emily, the creative National Service Project Chairman, established contact with Scott Paper Company, a corporate sponsor of the houses. As a result, Scott asked Alpha Delta Pi to join them for a national campaign to collect UPC symbols from Scott paper products. Scott would donate five cents for every symbol sent to the company between March 1 and June 30, 1988.

Alumnae stocked their pantries with Scott products and bought more to donate to the Ronald McDonald Houses where collegians set up collection boxes. Everyone was clipping and collecting UPC symbols. Scott ran a color ad in Sunday newspapers across the country promoting the effort. The ad's artwork, which also appeared in thousands of retail stores and every tray liner in McDonald's restaurants, featured a collegian in an Alpha Delta Pi sweatshirt. When the sisters pooled the UPC symbols they put Scott over the top and more than the hoped for million was collected. Each spring for several years, the members and Scott would continue with the successful campaign.

"Today's Challenges: Tomorrow's Achievements" was the theme for the 1988 Leadership Conference that brought the sisters back to Callaway Gardens.

Two members of Eta Nu colony at St. Louis University were welcomed into the sisterhood during a model initiation. Jane assisted Ritual and Paraphernalia Chairman Ann Parker Davis conduct a ritual workshop after the ceremony.

The retiring Traveling Collegiate Secretaries cheered when Jane announced that the titles of the traveling officers would be changed to Traveling Chapter Consultants for the four new travelers:

*Eta members  
are ready for  
rush at the  
University of  
Alabama.  
(c. 1987)*



Alison Shinn, Valerie Shafer, Pam Ritchey and Anne Gross. Each of these travelers would later become a national officer.

A new resource manual, *Reflections*, was introduced by Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs Beth Gentry Mannle. The session and the manual addressed personal image, chapter image, community image and public relations.

Chapter programming and operations were covered in a

variety of sessions. Special programs focused on "today's challenges." Personal wellness, utilizing the second phase of the *Diamond Decisions* program was covered. Numerous workshops dealt with the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs. Gary Bonas, chairperson of the AIDS task force at Villanova University, educated the national officers about AIDS.

Jane addressed the challenges in her keynote speech:

"... You, my collegiate sisters, are leading the way for those who will come after you. This is your sisterhood, and to perpetuate it requires your dedication to facing today's challenges. Sisterhood is a journey—not a destination. The time has come for action. Remember to reach forward with one hand, and back with the other. Connecting our past with our future is your responsibility. You are important. You can turn Today's Challenges into Tomorrow's Achievements."

Collegians and advisors went home to face the challenges.

#### Looking To The Future

NPC held its first interim session in 1988. The meeting was called to hear recommendations from the Project Future Committee on which Virginia Rosenberg Stafford served. The committee presented a revised Manual of Information and offered more than thirty resolutions, dealing with issues and challenges facing the Greek world. As a result of the committee's work, support to college Panhellenics was increased, auxiliary groups were disbanded, the public relations efforts were increased and the NPC office became "computerized."

Alpha Delta Pi's young Foundation was enjoying success and in 1989, Grand Council voted to combine the fundraising efforts of the Sustaining Alumnae Appeal with those of the Foundation. They also moved the Abigail Davis Fund and the 125th Anniversary Fund to the care of the Trustees.

Council also established a College Panhellenic Relations Committee to provide more support to college Panhellenics and appointed a 150th Anniversary Committee to begin plans for the celebration in 2001.



During her six years as president, Jane had installed thirteen chapters and led the sisters through many challenges and changes. Her last duty as Grand President was to preside at the 1989 convention at the Hyatt Union Station in St. Louis.

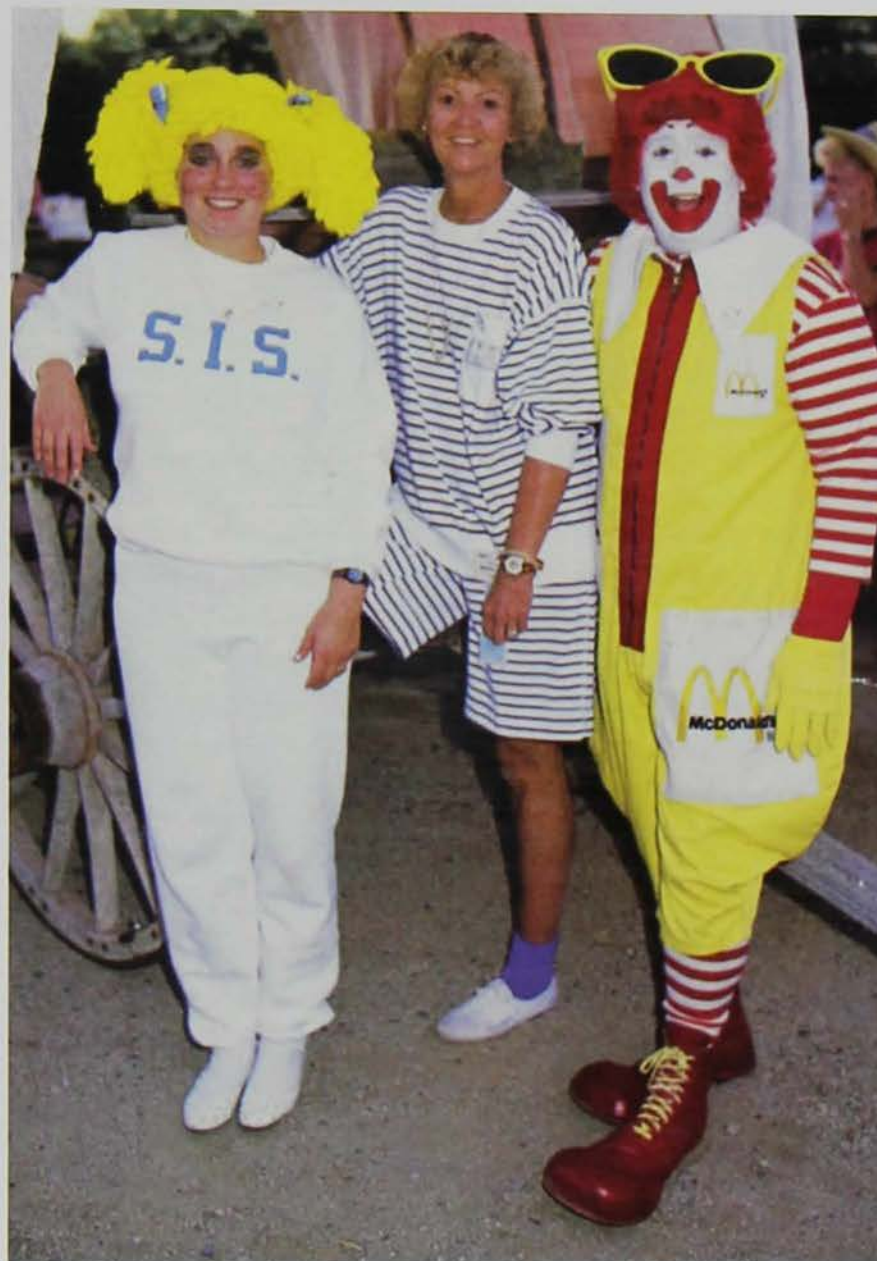
More than six hundred delegates and guests attended the celebration. The Dandy Lions became a human calliope at the Old Timer's dinner. A "lion's roar" contest which was inspired by former Grand Vice President Mary Currier Allen's powerful lion roar was entered by many delegates. Even though Mary didn't officially compete, she proved to still have the most powerful "roar" as she taught her technique. During the Foundation dinner, Mary was surprised that a scholarship had been established in her honor by some of her Knoxville sisters.

The workshops were thought provoking. Edward M. King spoke on the value of ritual at the Initiation Dinner. The Foundation brought Villanova's Gary Bonas back to talk about AIDS to both alumnae and collegians. Another Foundation-sponsored event explored eating disorders. Social responsibility was examined in a series of workshops led by Grand Vice President Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy and the Collegiate District Directors.

Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake installed the Grand Council that would lead during the 1989-1991 biennium. Margaret Anne took the reins as Grand President. Vicki Messmer Hye stepped into Margaret Anne's previous office of Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance. Jane was elected to serve as Grand Treasurer.

In her final keynote as the sorority's Grand President, Jane offered thought-provoking comments:

"You are the future. It is for you to determine what your values are, and to use the principles of our Creed as you do so. Do not take lightly your responsibilities. You may think that your actions affect only you. But you are part of the whole—every action you take and every word you speak reflects on Alpha Delta Pi. You may claim that the future has no right to hold you accountable, but history will not sustain



*National Service Projects Chairman Emily Lusby Mackebee joins Ronald McDonald and "Sis" at the 1987 convention to celebrate as the sorority passes the \$1 million milestone in contributions to the Ronald McDonald Houses.*

that view. You set the example for the future.

"It will take leaders with imagination, courage and vision. It will take leaders who can see beyond the moment into the future. Because of our strong beginnings, we have the unique opportunity to help develop leaders, but if we are to do so, we must be clear in our purpose, confident of our strength and courageous enough to stand against the tide of mediocrity."

# Stretching & Leading

1989 ~ 2001

“As

we proceed into this decade, it is my fervent hope that we can all remember that change is inevitable and that we can use change to strengthen and better our sisterhood.” —

*Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy in her 1991 Convention Report*

Greeks had enjoyed a resurgence of popularity in the 1980s, but things were certainly changing on campuses by the end of the decade. The “Me” generation was accused of partying too much and studying too little. And, as a collective group, it was easy to point the finger at fraternities and sororities.

One 1989 issue of *Newsweek* magazine carried a seven-page article entitled, “Fraternities Under Fire.” The subhead read, “At the height of their popularity, Greek organizations face charges of racism, violence and hooliganism.”

Literally across the country, newspaper headlines told the sad news of binge drinking, hazing and vandalism. While it wasn't just the Greeks involved in the deplorable behavior, they were easy to single out and label. And, certainly some of the criticism leveled at Greeks was justified. For the first time in history, the scholastic averages of Greeks were falling below those of non-members on many campuses.

It was in this troubling atmosphere that Margaret Anne and the 1989-1991 Grand Council settled down to the challenges at hand. At their November meeting, Margaret Anne and her council took forward-thinking steps to meet the challenges and make important commitments to the future.

They voted to set up an Academic Enhancement program that would hold chapters to specific performance standards. They started the wheels in motion to improve relationships with university administrators by stressing the need for personal visits from council and other national officers at host institutions. They addressed diversity and voted unanimously to develop sensitivity programming for the 1990 Leadership

Conference, as well as a policy statement on the subject.

And, most importantly, they discussed the pledge education program in depth. They agreed to modify the program to include no division of membership. “This also may require a change of current terms to such things as new member... This is to develop eventually into a total membership education package,” report the November 1989 Grand Council minutes.

Once again Alpha Delta Pi's progressive leaders were ahead of the game for early in 1990, the American Council on Education issued a White Paper entitled “Greek Organizations on the College Campus: Guidelines for Institutional Action.” The paper read, in part:

“The quality of student life on campus is a subject of increasing concern to higher education leaders and observers... Recently, Greek organizations have received national attention for problems associated with substance abuse and unruly or violent behaviors. Clearly, the problems are not unique to these organizations. Drug use, alcohol abuse and unruly or violent behavior occur in residence halls, off-campus apartments and public places, as well as in other campus settings and groups.”

The White Paper states that the recommendations concentrate on Greeks “not because they are the only source of problems, but because they are particularly visible and important student organizations with a long history and special place in campus life.”

The paper lists thirteen recommended institutional strategies, which include basing institutional recognition of Greeks on performance.

In other words, if fraternal groups didn't meet the standards of performance in academics, social behaviors, housing and other areas, the institutions were encouraged to

withdraw them from campus. The edicts specifically called for strict policies on hazing and substance abuse. And, its most controversial recommendation was to require Greeks to eliminate pledge status.

Margaret Anne and Alpha Delta Pi had a head start. The sorority was already aggressively addressing the issues outlined in the White Paper. A Total Membership Education Task Force was appointed to develop the program. The first members of the Task Force were Collegiate District Director Lynda White Hocking, Former TCC Natalie Ellis, *Adelphean* Editor Linda Welch Ablard, and Grand Council members Jane Fiedler Madio, Beth Gentry Mannle and the ever-diligent Margaret Anne.

The Task Force set to work and came up with recommendations. Pledgeship, as it had been known, would be eliminated with new members referred to as Alpha members. The pre-initiation period would last between four to six weeks. Chapters would be divided into small groups of "Prides" that would hold sisterhood and service activities. A chapter retreat, to be held soon after new members were acquired, would replace the traditional "pledge" retreat. The retreat would focus on sisterhood while educating all chapter members on heritage and policies. And, every member would be asked to read and sign the Alcohol Policy. The Task Force also was committed to improving educational programming and opportunities for all levels

of membership, from new members to alumnae.

The new Academic Enhancement program would raise the grade requirements of individuals that could be considered for membership. It also raised the academic bar for all members and set specific standards for overall chapter performance.

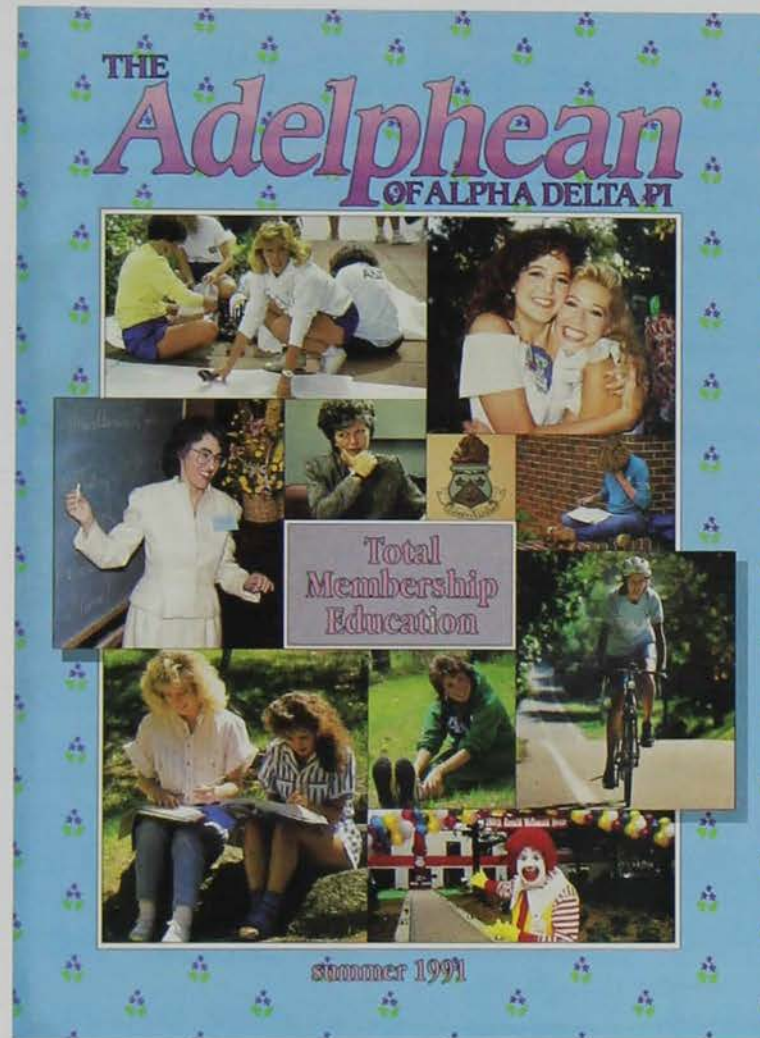
Delegates to the 1990 Leadership Conference, held again at Callaway Gardens, were presented with the basic concepts of the Total Membership Education program. A "TME" pilot program was ready for experimentation in six chapters that received intensive training at the conference from Sally Beggs Thomas, Chairman of Pledge Education and one of her committee members, the capable Sarah Sumner Hempel.

The conference theme, "Alpha Delta Pi...A Formula For Success," was reflected in the educational sessions where emphasis was placed upon "a return and adherence to the values, aims, and ideals of our Founders," Margaret Anne told the delegates in her keynote speech.

Academic Enhancement Chairman Melanie-Prejean Sullivan introduced the new academic program. Another workshop featured

the "Study Lady" who gave specific instructions for improving academic performance. The model Hazing Workshop, which was being applauded around the fraternal world, was presented in another session.

The Dean of Students at the University of South Carolina,



*Alpha Delta Pi is the first sorority to eliminate pledgeship with the introduction of a Total Membership Education program in 1991.*



*Executive Office Member Services Manager Chloe Knight Tonney and Executive Director Charlotte Taylor are busy as usual at the 1989 convention in St. Louis.*

Jerry Brewer, taught attendees how to hone their leadership skills. Safety was covered in a session on crime prevention and personal protection.

The new offices of Collegiate Development and Expansion Directors had been created and in attendance were the sisters filling the posts: Lindy Lutz, Kirstin Dolan, Judy Romer Nutter and Dede Hines Ward. They met with the Grand Vice President of Collegiate Development and Expansion Maryann Friend Gillespie to make exciting plans.

Members enjoyed a box lunch on Callaway's lakefront and

took a magical walk through the new Cecil B. Day Butterfly Center. The center was conceived and built by loyal alumna Deen Day Smith, Beta Sigma—Mercer, in memory of her husband.

### **Busy Times**

The year 1990 was indeed a busy one. Gift Mart was made a separate corporation. From the time it had been brought in house in 1979, Nan Shell Van Patten had been managing both Gift Mart and Badge Service. When Gift Mart was incorporated, the position was split with Nan continuing to run Badge Service and a full-time Gift Mart manager was hired. A toll-free number was added and credit card orders were accepted for the first time. The phones were ringing and the sisters were looking to the future.

The 150th Anniversary Committee met for the first time in early 1990. The Committee included Chairman Jane Fiedler Madio, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Dakota Ehman Sterling, Joan Sutton Knox and Emily Lusby Mackebbee. They selected the theme for the convention, "Pride in the Past – Faith in the Future," a phrase that was coined by Grand President Caralee Strock Stanard when she dedicated the Adelphean Room at Wesleyan College in 1942. They announced a design competition for the 150th Anniversary logo and Karen Mitchell, a charter member of Eta Mu chapter at California State University at Sacramento, would turn in the winning design.

During the 1990-1991 school year, Sally Beggs Thomas and Sarah Sumner Hempel were closely supervising the pilot TME program. Melanie-Prejean Sullivan was busy helping chapters achieve success with the new Academic Enhancement program. And, Margaret Anne and NPC Delegate Joni Knight Burke were invited to speak at several Greek meetings as the fraternity world heard of the sorority's revolutionary new program.

The sisters were, once again, learning and growing from experiences and both programs were receiving operational adjustments while the basic concepts remained the same.

TME Task Force members Jane Fiedler Madio, Beth Gentry Mannle and Linda Welch Ablard were working at a furious pace to totally revamp a new handbook to replace the old pledge book. Margaret Anne and Linda were basically starting from scratch to write officer manuals for the new chapter offices of Membership Education Vice President and Alpha Education Chairman. It was the days before email and all might have been lost were it not for “Ma Bell” and fax machines, which were a relatively new addition to the business and sorority worlds at the time.



*Delegates head for the beach during the free afternoon at the 1991 convention in Naples, Florida.*

Expansion was thriving under the direction of Maryann and the new directors working with her. The busy Margaret Anne installed six chapters during the biennium and attended many seventy-fifth anniversaries.

In April 1991, the Foundation held its first Phonathon and with the assistance of Tau chapter at the University of Kansas, raised more than \$55,000 in pledges.

That same April, the sorority was saddened at the death of Grand Vice President of Alumnae Betty Clapsaddle Riley. She was the first sitting member of Grand Council to be lost. A Foundation scholarship for continuing education was established in her memory.

### Setting The Standards

When the 1991 convention delegates arrived at the Registry Resort in Naples, Florida, Alpha Delta Pi would once again make history as the Total Membership Education program was implemented in all chapters and the sorority became the first to eliminate pledgeship.

Margaret Anne addressed the program in her keynote address:

“At a time when critics and supporters alike are begging for Greek organizations to take responsibility for our actions and provide a credible, relevant and valuable experience to our members, we once again have a unique opportunity to lead the way—to share our ‘Way of Life’ which can set an example for strong fraternal experience.

“We are a large, credible, vital Sisterhood, and of course, change and new directions are nothing new to us. We have set the standards before, from the time of our founding until the present, Alpha Delta Pi has been a leader...

“Follow and abide by the policies of Alpha Delta Pi. Set an example, obey the laws. Appreciate differences in our own sisters as well as others in your communities. Help others—continue to volunteer. Choose carefully where and how you spend your time.

“Have the courage to dare to be just a little bit different in

order to show, and to make that impression of, what true Sisterhood really means.”

Throughout the convention, sessions were held to introduce and answer questions about the Total Membership Education program. New materials, including the first copies of the *Alpha Delta Pi Handbook*, were distributed. There would be no more “pledge books” and no more “pledges” for Alpha Delta Pi.

A special session covered the Policy Statements concerning multicultural diversity, legacies, human dignity, alcohol and hazing. Other sessions for collegians covered academics, membership selection and volunteerism.

Delegates heard the report of a special Alumnae Task Force. Chaired by Ann Parker Davis, the group included



*Grand Council members Chris Stecher Dickey, Beth Gentry Mannle and Sally Beggs Thomas keep the spirit high at the 1992 Leadership Conference.*

Dakota Ehman Sterling, Pat Patterson Hotze, Tracy Garner and Barbara Kinter Kunkel. Their many recommendations included increased programming for alumnae and the publication of a membership directory that would be offered for sale to the sisters.

Each alumna brought a small gift that was indicative of her geographic area for an alumnae gift exchange. Alumnae also attended sessions on recruiting and retaining members, as well as preparing newsletters.

During the free afternoon, convention goers had time to go to the beach, the pool or shop in Old Naples. For those who braved the hot Florida sun, there was beach volleyball, as well as hula-hoop and “flip-flop” decorating contests.

During elections, Beth Gentry Mannle was named Grand President. Chris Stecher Dickey was elected Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance. Lindy Lutz became Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Development and Expansion and Sally Beggs Thomas stepped into Beth’s previous role as Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs. Anne Veale Pogson was named Grand Vice President of Alumnae. Margaret Anne joined the NPC delegation.

When Beth conducted her first Grand Council meeting in July, the members appointed three experienced sisters to serve on the newly created Task Force on Nominations and Elections. Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Joan Perry Boatright and Emily Lusby Mackebee agreed to serve.

The Total Membership Education program was meeting with great success as new members were quickly assimilated into the chapters and scholastic averages were rising dramatically.

TME was in the forefront as NPC met in Washington, D.C. in November for its centennial meeting. The sorority presented a check for one thousand dollars to NPC in honor of Virginia Rosenberg Stafford’s service as chairman of the Alumnae Panhellenic Committee.

When the Association of Fraternity Advisors met in Atlanta in December, program speakers included Grand Council members Joni Knight Burke and Sally Beggs Thomas who

discussed the new program. More than one hundred AFA delegates attended a reception at Memorial Headquarters to garner information on the new program.

Rush numbers and quotas were low in 1991, but Alpha Delta Pi made a triumphant return to the Penn State campus where Delta Kappa chapter was recolonized and one hundred seventeen members were installed in early 1992 as the largest charter group in Alpha Delta Pi history at the time.

### Walking And Talking

It was around Christmastime in 1991 when Grand Vice President Chris Stecher Dickey and Collegiate District Director Frances Poulson Hall were doing their morning power walk in a St. Louis mall and Chris came up with the idea to invite collegians from the district to get together for a meeting.

Chris remembers the story:

"I said, Frances let's do it, and so we sent out a letter inviting them to come for the weekend. We told them it would cost five dollars each. We thought we might get fifty or sixty to come. We didn't even have a place to meet, but we scheduled it for February and we had two months to pull it together. We had two hundred and fifty come. We had collegians staying on Eta Nu's dorm floor, sleeping on the floor in the chapter room, and we put them in homes of alumnae all over town."

That meeting at St. Louis University was the mother of the District Leadership Conferences that have been held since 1995.

The 1992 Leadership Conference at Callaway Gardens kept the Total Membership Education program in the forefront with the theme, "Be a Part of the Pride." Each delegate was assigned to a Pride and the groups held nightly activities that ranged from making spirit banners to playing games in the pool.

Beth addressed the new program in her keynote speech:

"...Never, ever forget that Alpha Delta Pi, since its founding has had a commitment to excellence and a legacy of leadership.

"Never was the opportunity for leadership more real than it has been with the implementation of the Total Membership Education Program... With the Greek system on the verge of



*Alpha Kappas at the University of Tennessee raise money for the Ronald McDonald House with the annual Bridal Fair. (c. 1992)*

being cast into oblivion, our sorority has shown that leadership is our legacy in addressing the issues laid down before us by the American Council on Education."

The spirit generated by the new TME program was evident throughout conference. Beth donned a lion suit to boost spirits even higher and all conference attendees decorated their room doors in a special contest. After much deliberation, Grand Council proclaimed the winners to be the "Yellow Rhos of Texas," which was the theme chosen by the entire state for



their entry since Texas contains the three Rho provinces.

National officers conducted all workshops except for an important seminar on AIDS that was presented by Dr. John Ward of the Centers for Disease Control.

### **Vinegar And Taco Shells**

Grand Council met at Memorial Headquarters in January where they voted to move all service project activities and fundraising efforts under the supervision of the Foundation. Lindy Lutz had resigned from council and Maryann Friend Gillespie was called back to service in her former capacity to complete Lindy's term. The Council had finished their business late Saturday evening and were preparing to leave Sunday morning. Mother Nature had other plans in mind.

"First it was raining, then came the ice and then it started snowing," remembers Jane Fiedler Madio. Maryann, who lives in Atlanta, headed for home. On her way, a branch from a tree fell on her car, breaking the back window. She made it home in better shape than her car.

Jane, who had saved the buckeyes in an earlier storm, and the other sisters didn't lose power, but faced a greater hardship. They didn't have any food.

"We had eaten what they bought for us and there was no more because we were planning to go home early Sunday," Jane explained. Atlanta was shut down from the storm so going to a restaurant was not an option even if they could have driven on the ice-covered streets.

The resourceful Joni Burke and Chris Dickey walked to the pantry and took an inventory of what was there. Then they went to the fax machine and sent the list over the wires asking other sisters for recipes to match their ingredients. Their list included "ten oranges, one pistachio pudding mix, two cans condensed milk, one bottle pancake syrup, vinegar and lots of taco shells," along with other very assorted ingredients.

*California delegates welcome sisters to the 1993 convention in Palm Desert.*





*Ronald McDonald, along with Ronald McDonald House founders Fred and Fran Hill help "Sis" celebrate her tenth birthday in 1993.*

One sister faxed back this reply:  
 "Dear Stranded Snowcil,

"Sorry there are no recipes that match your ingredients! So, like all stranded souls you must improvise. Remember to keep the Donner party in mind, and only consider cannibalism as a last option..."

### Milestones

In April, the sorority grieved when one of her "most beloved" sisters, Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, passed away. The White Tornado would not be forgotten by anyone who had been lucky enough to meet her. "If ever there was a role model for Alpha Delta Pi, she should be it," wrote Grand Secretary Joan Safarik LeBarron.

In early 1993, the 150th Anniversary Committee met in Atlanta and held a coffee for area alumnae in an effort to recruit volunteers to assist with the convention. The committee also recommended to Grand Council that a substantial scholarship be set

up to commemorate the milestone anniversary in 2001.

The 1993 convention took sisters to the Marriott Desert Springs in Palm Desert, California. Outside temperatures soared to one hundred and nineteen degrees when more than six hundred delegates and guests gathered.

The convention theme, "Traditions," was featured throughout the week as collegians and alumnae attended sessions focusing on both old and new traditions.

A new ceremony honoring twenty-five year members was introduced for the first time and conducted by Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake. Written by Ann Parker Davis, it has become a tradition.

Special guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ed Van Akin, son and daughter-in-law of the beloved Mary Esther, and 1st Lieutenant Jay Mannle, Beth's son. Jay delighted the audience when he offered thanks for the hundreds of letters of support that he received from the sisters while serving with the Marines during the conflict in Somalia.



*Former Grand President Margaret Anne Bundy presides over the Panhellenic Luncheon at the 1997 convention.*

At the service luncheon, "Sis" celebrated her tenth birthday with a large cake in the shape of a Ronald McDonald House. On hand to help celebrate was Ronald McDonald, as well as Fred and Fran Hill. Fred, a former Philadelphia Eagles football player who had helped to organize the first house, spoke at the luncheon. Fran was initiated during the model initiation.

Other special delegates to the convention included two great-granddaughters of Founder Octavia Rush. Lettye Maye Rush Page and Mary Ann Rush Medler, both alumnae of Alpha Psi chapter at USC, presented the sorority with Octavia's engraved, sterling silver eyeglass holder and two books of Rush family history.

The Alpha Delta Pi Foundation also was celebrating its tenth birthday. At the Foundation dinner, Foundation President Vicki Mathews Lilly announced the establishment

of the Clasped Hands Fund to benefit alumnae in need. More than fourteen thousand dollars was contributed to the new fund during convention.

The Foundation provided partial funding for an important TIPS program. An acronym for "Training for Intervention Procedures by Servers of alcohol," the program teaches proactive measures. Grand Vice President Chris Stecher Dickey and Province Director Tracy Garner were assisted by the Traveling Chapter Consultants to train the delegates how to conduct the TIPS program in their own chapters.

Alumnae attended a "Money Matters for Women" workshop presented by the Foundation and many other informative sessions.

Former NPC Chairman Beth Saul, Alpha Epsilon Phi, was guest speaker for the Panhellenic Luncheon. NPC Delegate Joni Knight Burke announced the establishment of the Virginia Friese Jacobsen Panhellenic Achievement Award and presented the first one to Alpha Psi chapter at the University

of Southern California.

A “standing room only” crowd attended the Alumnae and TME Workshop which was facilitated by Grand Vice Presidents Anne Veale Pogson and Sally Beggs Thomas.

During business sessions, several amendments were made to the bylaws as a result of recommendations from the Task Force on Nominations and Elections. Among other changes, delegates voted to replace the appointed nominating committee with an elected committee.

The voting delegates removed the office of Grand Vice President of Collegiate Development and Expansion from Grand Council. Pamela “Pam” L. Zimmerman was elected Grand Secretary and Charlotte White Lamborn was named Grand Treasurer. They replaced long-serving council members Jane Fiedler Madio and Joan Safarik LeBarron who were retiring from council.

In her keynote speech, Beth talked of traditions and pride:

“We have a tradition of pride. Pride in our founding as the first, the mother of the entire sorority system. We share richly in something no other sorority can offer—membership in the oldest secret society in the world for college women.

“But it’s not enough to be proud; we have to show our pride, live our pride, be a part of the pride.”

In September, the sorority was well represented at the International Ronald McDonald House Conference in Chicago. A member of the International Advisory Board, Emily Lusby Mackebbee spoke at the opening session on corporate sponsorship, emphasizing the sorority’s involvement. Mimi Mackebbee supervised five Delta Omega members from Northern Illinois who worked as aides during the four-day conference. Foundation President Vicki Mathews Lilly and Foundation Manager Kay Dyche Weed met with the International Advisory Board.

When NPC convened in November in Orlando, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford was serving as chairman of the Awards Committee and presided during the awards presentation at the final banquet. Linda Welch Ablard was completing her



*Miss USA Lu Parker, Zeta Sigma—College of Charleston, is a speaker at the 1994 Leadership Conference.*

term as the first Alpha Delta Pi to serve as chairman of the National Panhellenic Editors Conference.

Memorial Headquarters was once again redecorated and updated. Executive Office had a new plain paper fax machine.

More than five hundred sisters traveled back to Callaway Gardens for the 1994 Leadership Conference. Miss USA Lu Parker, Zeta Sigma—College of Charleston, was a featured speaker. After her speech, Conference Photographer Charles Walton took her picture with every chapter president for press release photos promoting service projects.

Charles took Lu’s picture more than one hundred and thirty times and “she hit her mark every time,” he said.

Beth addressed the conference theme, “The Power To Be Our Best,” in her keynote speech:



*The Dandy Lions revolt with the "chicken dance" at the 1995 convention.*

"The bad news is, Greek letter organizations are in serious condition and at any moment the condition may be downgraded to critical. Unless massive doses of life-altering forces are administered, we will soon be attending the last rites of once proud organizations.

"The good news is that we have the power to do something about the bad news. If anything is going to reverse the bad press Greeks are receiving, and administer life-altering forces to a seriously ill system, it is going to be the power of each of us as individuals employed in a collective effort to bring back the standards, values and ethics we all espouse."

The collegians were involved in "Power Planning" sessions. Director of Development Tracy Garner led a goal setting session. Grand Vice President Chris Stecher Dickey led the "Alpha Data Processing" workshop, covering the use of modern technology for everything from finances to rush.

When the 1994-1995 school year started, the Foundation rolled out a new Senior Pride program. The series of workshops prepared the graduating class for life "On Your Own."

Declining rush numbers were of major concern to fraternal organizations and universities alike. Beth and the busy council members were attending a record number of Greek and campus meetings during the biennium.

### Deep And Wide

The bridges of Cincinnati welcomed more than five hundred and fifty to the 1995 convention with the appropriate theme of "Building Bridges."

Throughout the week, delegates attended sessions focusing on collegiate and alumnae operations and programming. A Strategic Planning Workshop was divided into two sessions where delegates identified strengths, weaknesses, and threats to specific areas of the sorority. The next day the group wrote goals to address the areas.

In a Foundation-sponsored workshop, delegates honed their communication and leadership skills. Alumnae tuned up their non-verbal communication techniques in a session led by an image consultant.

The Foundation introduced a new Volunteer of the Year Award. The long-serving Dakota Ehman Sterling was named the first alumnae winner while the collegiate award went to Stacy Farmer, Epsilon Mu—Northern Iowa.

The historic Omni Netherland Hotel provided a lovely setting for the convention with its marble floors and graceful wrought iron railings. However, it soon became apparent that the staff was experiencing some food service problems because they literally served chicken, prepared exactly the

same way, at dinner after dinner. On Old Timer's night, the Dandy Lions expressed their feelings on the fowl offerings by showing up with handmade "chicken buster" signs pinned to their chests and performed a "chicken dance" that brought the house down.

The Dandy Lions had more fun in mind for the delegates as they boarded the "Funliner" after the alumnae dinner for a cruise on the Ohio River. The spirited former officers challenged Grand Council and others to some old-fashioned games.

In her keynote entitled "If We Build It," Beth read the poem, "The Bridge Builder," and laced the poem's poignant phrases throughout her speech:

"...Just as the old gray-haired bridge builder, we face a chasm and, let me tell you, it is deep and wide indeed—it is a chasm between the principles, ideals and sisterhood we profess and what our publics perceive that we actually live. They hear us 'talk the talk,' but they claim we don't 'walk the walk.' Many don't, and sadly, those who do must pay the price for those who don't.

"Our 'sullen stream' is a raging river, a river of alcohol which leaves in its wake broken bodies, broken minds and broken souls. It is a river of hazing that no matter how many sandbags we place at the levee, an insidious trickle still finds its way through, and much as the floodwaters pounding too long at the strongest of bridges can bring them down, the rivers of alcohol and hazing, if not stopped can bring down this bridge that has lasted for one hundred and forty-four years."

The risk management issue Beth laid out for the delegates was addressed in a seminar presented by James R. Favor, president of the sorority's insurance brokerage firm and in several other sessions throughout the week.

The delegates elected Pat Johnson Evans to serve as Grand Treasurer. She was the only new member of council.

At their July meeting, Grand Council used the goals written by the convention delegates to formulate their own goals for the biennium. The council adopted, "Alpha Delta Pi—A Way

of Life" as their theme for the biennium.

NPC focused on rush at the 1995 meeting. In addition to the traditional delegation, Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance Chris Stecher Dickey attended the special sessions. Chris attended for Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs Sally Beggs Thomas who couldn't attend because she was at Florida State where her daughter was being initiated into Iota chapter. NPC Delegate Joni Knight Burke, who was serving on NPC's Rush 2000 Task Force, was a faculty member for the special seminar. Joni was named editor of the "ph factor" newsletter for college Panhellenics.

The sorority pooled efforts and funds with other fraternities



*Foundation Trustee Maryann Friend Gillespie and Foundation President Vicki Mathews Lilly accept donations at the 1995 Cincinnati convention for the Clasp Hands Fund which benefits alumnae in need.*

and sororities to produce a hazing video that was distributed during the 1995-1996 school year. The "no-nonsense" video, "Friendly Fire: Friends Hazing Friends," was shown at the District Workshops in 1996. A "Confrontation 101" video also was shown and opened dialogue on effective confrontation. A session on Risk Management was presented to the more than fourteen hundred collegians and advisors who attended the sessions.

### Going For The Gold

Atlanta was on the brink of hosting the 1996 Summer Olympic Games when delegates arrived at Callaway Gardens on June 22 for Leadership Conference. The conference theme, "Go for the Gold," was reflected in skits, speeches

and other activities throughout the week.

The pre-conference officers meeting adopted an Olympic training camp theme as alumnae participated in "Camp ADPi," complete with Olympic games.

Programming focused on leadership, risk management and heritage. Chapter operations, which traditionally dominated the schedule, were being well covered in the District Workshops.

Future international officer Patty Purish O'Neill, who was serving on the NPC Central Office staff as Coordinator of Educational Programs, had been appointed by Grand Council to serve as a Special Program Chairman to develop much of the programming. The council asked Patty to base it on values and ethics and suggested that she might work with the LeaderShape organization to which she had strong ties. Patty came through and LeaderShape presented a full-day workshop. Participants became very familiar with the phrase "Carpe Diem," as they truly "seized the day" and came up with concrete goals and tools for measuring them.

Patty also led the delegates in a risk management session, while College Panhellenic Relations Committee member Seay Van Patten challenged them in an Accountability Workshop.

Executive Director Charlotte Taylor had announced her retirement after ten years on staff. She was presented with a stained-glass replica of the original "clasped hands" transom that hung in the Adelphean Room at Wesleyan College and is now installed in the Cannonball House Museum. Charles Walton was presented an engraved silver bowl to commemorate his fifteenth summer photographing the sisters at conventions and conferences. The engraving reads, "Fifteen years and still clicking!"

Members made the traditional pilgrimage to Macon where Wesleyan Archivist Tena Roberts, an alumna initiate of Beta Sigma chapter at Mercer, met them with an informative talk on the history of Wesleyan College. Former Grand Council member Helen Glenn was on hand to greet guests at the Cannonball House. At Rose Hill Cemetery, the visitors were welcomed by Executive Office Member Services Manager



*Grand Vice President Chris Stecher Dickey and the Collegiate District Directors are ready to leave for a cruise on the Ohio River at the 1995 convention. From left: Dorothy Scott Rasicci, Pat Johnson Evans, Chris, Frances Poulson Hall and Elisse Jones Freeman.*



*Officers attend an Olympic-style training camp prior to the 1996 Leadership Conference.*

Chloe Knight Tonney, who as a Master Gardener had re-landscaped the Fitzgerald family plot where Eugenia, our original Founder, is buried.

In her keynote speech, Beth inspired the delegation by quoting Helen Keller:

“One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.”

And in keeping with the Olympic theme, she challenged

them with these words:

“Champions dream of great things, of growing wings and golden rings... Learn from the past, plan for the future, but live in the present.”

Leadership Conference delegates went home and Atlanta welcomed the Olympic Games. Countless alumnae and colleagues volunteered their services to make the games the most successful ever in Olympic history, including former Grand Council member Maryann Friend Gillespie, Province Director Nan Shell Van Patten, Former Miss USA Lu Parker, who ran with the torch, and *Adelphbean* Features Editor Ellen Long.



*The 1998 Leadership Conference features a picnic on the Purdue University Mall.*

Ellen, along with Alumnae Editor Jennifer McGhee Siler and Chapter Editor Susan Jervis Kennedy, wrote a ten-page special section for the Winter issue of *The Adelphean* that spotlighted more than thirty-five sisters who truly went for the "Gold" while living in the exciting present.

Lorie Brown, an alumna of Beta Sigma chapter at Mercer University, became the sorority's new Executive Director in November 1996, just about the time that NPC was holding an interim meeting and proclaiming 1997 to be the "Year of the Scholar."

Alpha Delta Pi sisters were leading the way, as well. An alumna of Phi chapter at Hanover College, Carole Warner Shields had been awarded the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, *The Stone Diaries*. And, Deen Day Smith enabled the Foundation's Clasped Hands Fund to make its first grant when she presented Foundation Trustee Maryann Friend Gillespie with the astounding gift of seventy-five thousand dollars.

In chapters across the United States and Canada, the Total Membership Education Program was continuing to prove its worth. The grades of collegiate sisters were rising again and they, along with alumnae association members, were dedicating more and more of their precious time to service to mankind.

During the 1995-1997 biennium, expansion was cautious. The sisters installed two chapters at prestigious institutions and the response to both was overwhelming. When Eta Chi was installed at Villanova University, no one was happier than former Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio who had worked long and hard to see a chapter established on this coveted campus. With ninety-one charter members to be installed, Beth asked Jane to assist. The two sisters conducted simultaneous initiation ceremonies.

Next came the triumphant return of Alpha Pi chapter to George Washington University. Twenty-nine alumnae of the chapter and the entire crowd watched in awe as the new charter members performed "The Creed of Alpha Delta Pi" in sixteen languages at the Installation Banquet.

Grand Council was keeping its eye on the future and a Restructuring and Empowerment Task Force was appointed with Director of Development Tracy Garner named chairman.

#### **Arizona Welcome**

The 146th Anniversary Convention took the sisters to the Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson where stately saguaro cactus welcomed more than five hundred sisters.

Special guests included members of the Sun City Alumnae Association whose average age was eighty-two years.



Risk management was again on the agenda as delegates were educated on AIDS, alcohol abuse and hazing.

The Foundation Philanthropy Committee presented a workshop on volunteerism. The Trustees also provided a speaker on business etiquette. A former national president of Kappa Delta, Corre Stegall, challenged and inspired as the speaker at the Panhellenic luncheon.

Former international officer Polly Skaalure Robertson also was a special guest who attended with her son and daughter-in-law to make a generous gift to the sorority in memory of her late husband, G. Morris Robertson. The gift provided the seed money for a comprehensive volunteer training program.

A proud Beth introduced her sister, Ruth Gentry Mitchell, at the Initiation Banquet and then initiated her during the model ceremony. A Ritual Review Workshop followed initiation.

The closing banquet's finale was a special slide presentation by Convention Photographer Charles Walton that featured images of the week set to music.

During business sessions, delegates voted to change the terminology for national officers to international officers. The alumnae area was restructured with the Alumnae District Directors and Alumnae State Directors being replaced by Directors of Communication, Development and Alumnae-Collegiate Relations for each district.

The delegates elected Chris Stecher Dickey to lead the sorority as Grand President. Elisse Jones Freeman was named Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance while Charlotte Taylor stepped into the role of Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs. Leigh Dozier Taylor was named Grand Vice President of Alumnae. The other members of council were unchanged and Beth joined the NPC delegation.

In her final keynote as Grand President, Beth inspired the delegates in her characteristic style:

"Exemplary leaders know it takes everyone on the team operating at their own personal best to achieve group excellence. They model the way. Exemplary leaders live their values. ...When it comes to values, exemplary leaders realize



*The 1998-1999 Traveling Chapter Consultants gather at the "lion's head" at Purdue during Leadership Conference. Front row, from left: Courtney Whitley and Joanna Lyons. Center: Heather Kidd, Brandy Boyle, Melissa Acee and Jeanna Middleton. Back: Kristi Hamli and Jacquelyn Noack.*

you do 'sweat the small stuff.' Life is about little things because little things have a tendency to pile one on top of the other until they become a big thing.

"... Exemplary leaders encourage the heart. Perhaps the

finest gift one can give others is the gift of excellent and stretching expectations, based on a never-ending search for their present and potential strengths. Leadership is about giving this gift to everyone."

### Strategies For The Future

Chris and her new Grand Council were joined by the retiring officers for a July meeting. The group started with a team building exercise by attending the WinShape Wilderness Training program on the campus of Berry College in Rome, Georgia, where they participated in activities that were physically and mentally challenging.

Council then returned to Atlanta where they identified six areas of concern: recruitment/retention, sorority education and training, communications, sisterhood, leadership in the Greek community, and financial and property management. The council solicited the input from every level of membership with mailings to chapters, alumnae associations, advisors, house corporations, and current and past international officers.



*The first group of "professionally trained" trainers introduce the comprehensive program for volunteers at the 1998 Leadership Conference.*

In her first column in *The Adelphean*, Chris solicited input from the general membership by mail or email since the office had just installed its first email system.

The response was overwhelming and Grand Council was working with a professional consultant to develop a long-range Strategic Plan for the future.

When NPC met in 1997, a special program was held for housing officials. House Corporation Supervisors Beth McCormick Hamilton and Amy Woodward Malysz led one of the sessions.

Vicki Mathews Lilly retired as Foundation president on January 1, 1998 and Jane Fiedler Madio filled the post. After serving ten years on the Executive Office staff, Chloe Knight Tonney resigned and was named a Trustee to serve as Vice President of Development. When Vicki stepped down she had achieved her goal of seeing the Foundation pass the one million dollar mark in assets.

The Foundation announced the establishment of the Summit Society to honor those who establish future gifts to the Foundation through bequests and trusts. The sisters' commitment to service continued as Ronald McDonald Houses and other philanthropies were the grateful benefactors of impressive fund-raising campaigns. And, members were giving their most valuable asset, their time, in record numbers as the houses became regular recipients of homemade spaghetti dinners and fresh-baked cookies.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities presented the sorority with a gift of artwork to recognize the \$2.5 million and countless hours given by the diligent sisters. Alpha Delta Pi was the only non-profit organization so honored.

Valparaiso University welcomed Alpha Delta Pi and seven other sororities when it opened its doors to NPC groups for the first time. Chris installed the charter members on May 2, 1998.

The 1998 Leadership Conference was held on the Purdue University campus. And the location wasn't the only thing different. The program introduced the exciting new training program for volunteers that was funded, in part, by Polly's dona-



*Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake is joined by the other Grand Presidents attending the 1999 convention. Standing, from left: Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy, Beth Gentry Mannle, Chris Stecher Dickey, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford and Jane Fiedler Madio.*

tion at the last convention. The program had the goal of training all volunteers by the year 2001.

Tracy Garner and the Restructuring and Empowerment Task Force had developed the "Train the Trainer" program and twenty-one sisters underwent the intensive training prior to

the conference. They trained the sisters gathered at Purdue. The four modules of the program include History and Heritage, Alpha Delta Pi 101, Leadership and Strategies for Success. The format for the conference found collegians attending one track of programs while the volunteers, which included international officers and advisors, attended another. A game show format and other creative techniques were used in the effective sessions. Programming for collegians also included sessions on ethics, ritual and alcohol use.

A picnic on the Purdue Mall paired two alumnae with two collegians to share a picnic basket and fellowship. Following the picnic, the sisters accepted the "ADPi Challenge" which featured a mini-ropes course. Groups of alumnae and collegians were presented with a variety of challenges that ultimately developed trust and strengthened leadership through practical exercises.

One evening a pizza party was held in the Student Union and then delegates went to the outdoor amphitheater for entertainment by the TCCs, Grand Council and the Collegiate District Directors.

Following the conference, Chris and her council were busy implementing the new Strategic Plan. The three-year plan contains fifty strategies in four areas, membership, leadership, organization and sisterhood.

At the 1998 NPC meeting, the delegates voted to update terminology. "Rush" became membership recruitment and "pledge" was changed to new members. Alpha Delta Pi had eliminated pledges some seven years before.

The Center for Advanced Social Research at the University of Missouri had completed a two-phase study that gave Greeks some good news. The findings show that Greek membership helps keep students in college and improves the "overall value" of the college experience. Greeks were more active in campus activities while in college and in their communities afterwards. They also enjoyed greater financial success after college and gave more money back to their alma maters.

In January 1999 the Restructuring and Empowerment Task



*International officers attend the first Volunteer Leadership Seminar in 2000.*

Force met with Grand Council for planning and implementation of the Strategic Plan. With Tracy serving as chair, the group included Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Kay Carson Hamilton, Susan Parker Stover, Sandy McDonald Davis and Eveline Shum. The busy Task Force held a "Train the Trainer" session in Dallas later that month.

Attendance at the 1999 District Workshops set new records and the District II workshop featured a pilot program that offered training for alumnae association officers.

The sorority's website was launched in early March and sis-

ters around the world were going online to get information, find lost sisters, express their opinions and even play games in "Alphie's Attic" at [alphadeltapi.org](http://alphadeltapi.org).

The face of membership recruitment was changing with a new "no frills" approach taking the place of elaborate skits and decorations. Chapters were enjoying success with philanthropy parties where the members and guests performed a service activity.

Florida once again welcomed the sorority for convention as sisters gathered in 1999 for the last convention of the century at the Registry Resort in Naples with the convention theme, "Close to the Heart."

The Restructuring and Empowerment Task Force presented the delegates with a comprehensive plan to restructure the sorority. The matrix structure featured three distinct advisory levels that is designed to "allow us to better prioritize where and how we use our resources," Tracy told the delegates. "It creates an environment where everyone is involved in meaningful work and has the authority to make decisions. It positions the international organization to quickly address the tough issues that we will face in the next millennium."

The delegates approved the plan which set up District Teams, led by the new positions of District Team Leaders and replaced the word "Grand" in the titles of council members to "International." It also changed the duties of Grand Council to function as an overall board of directors. The titles of the two Grand Vice Presidents with collegiate responsibilities were changed to International Vice Presidents of Collegiate Membership. The Grand Treasurer became the International Vice President of Finance.

Much of the programming during the week focused on the new organizational structure. Other sessions covered the relat-

ed topics of dealing with change and building effective teams.

Forty-five alumnae attended a series of workshops for house corporation officers.

The delegates elected Tracy Garner to serve as International Secretary, and Lil McKinnon Hicks was named International Vice President of Alumnae Membership. Beth Gentry Mannle was appointed NPC Delegate. They replaced Leigh Dozier Taylor and Pam Zimmerman who had retired and Joni Knight Burke who was moving into an NPC Alternate Delegate position.

In her keynote speech, Chris challenged the delegates:

"Never was there a greater need than today for values-based organizations... People want values and we need to talk about our values. However, our words will be meaningless unless we live them as well. We judge ourselves by our good intentions, by our strongest ethical traits, and by our most noble actions while others will judge us on our worst actions. We need to stop settling for mediocre performance from ourselves and others. What we accept becomes our standards, no matter what we say our standards are.

"Today we stand with one foot in the 21st century. It is a far different world of the first Adelpheans... The challenges today are more sophisticated and increasingly more complex... And, luckily there is still a need for Alpha Delta Pi sisterhood, to connect heart to heart in this high-tech world...

"Eugenia, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I thank every member since Eugenia, because you are the ones that created our Alpha Delta Pi sisterhood of today. You knew that it must come from the heart to reach the heart. You put your hearts into it. And now, we keep it 'Close to the Heart'."

The Diamond Awards Banquet provided a fitting close to the exciting week. The entire audience rose to their feet in approval as Chris announced that the Golden Lion Hall of Fame Award was being renamed the Maxine Blake Golden Lion Hall of Fame Award in honor of Maxine's seventy-five years of membership and her long service.

The 1999 NPC meeting took the sisters to Saddlebrook

Resort, just north of Tampa. The delegates had barely arrived when word was received that a hurricane was headed straight for Florida's gulf coast and the resort was in its path. The weathermen were baffled when the storm suddenly changed course, but someone at the meeting speculated that the collective will of the determined representatives of the twenty-six member groups was a lot stronger than a hurricane.

Beth McCormick Hamilton served as NPC Housing Seminar Chair, planning and facilitating a workshop for housing officers of all NPC groups. The sorority presented NPC with a gift of one thousand dollars to honor Joni Knight Burke's long



*Installed at the 1999 Convention in Naples, Florida, the 1999-2001 Grand Council members are the first to take office with the word "international" in their titles. From left: International President Chris Stecher Dickey, International Secretary Tracy L. Garner, International Vice Presidents of Collegiate Membership Elisse Jones Freeman and Charlotte A. Taylor, International Vice President of Alumnae Membership Lil McKinnon Hicks, NPC Delegate Beth Gentry Mannle and International Vice President of Finance Pat Johnson Evans.*

service as NPC Delegate.

The sorority, along with the world, was watching the calendar with the approach of the twenty-first century. As Alpha Delta Pi entered the new millennium, nearly one hundred and eighty thousand sisters had been initiated on one hundred and ninety-two campuses in the United States and Canada. Alumnae associations were enjoying a resurgence of popularity as ten new associations were chartered in 1999 alone.

The freshmen entering college were being labeled "Generation Y." Three in four freshmen had working mothers, and one in four lived in a single parent household. They used



*150th Anniversary Committee Chair Jane Fiedler Madio and International President Chris Stecher Dickey present new gates to Wesleyan College to commemorate the milestone celebration.*

cell phones, pagers, email and surfed the Internet regularly. However, they were more serious minded than the "Generation X" students they followed. They ranked "being an expert in my career field" second only to the importance they placed on having a family.

#### **A Team Of Stars**

The Eta chapter roll was completed when Eta Omega was installed March 25, 2000 at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky.

The District Workshops had come of age. The training for the collegians at the workshops was so complete that a Leadership Conference would not be held in 2000, and in 2001 it was decided to change the name of the District Workshops to District Leadership Conferences.

The first Volunteer Leadership Seminar was scheduled for Oklahoma City, June 22-25, 2000. The two hundred thirty delegates included international officers and advisors and they were dubbed "A Team of Stars," which was the theme of the meeting.

The format provided several simultaneous sessions covering a variety of topics from which volunteers could choose. "Our focus with the volunteers is to offer many different training opportunities that will meet the needs of long-time volunteers as well as those just assuming the volunteer positions," explained Leadership Director Kathryn Peddy Goddard.

Sessions for everyone covered volunteering with creativity, building teams, developing coaching skills and selling strategies, as well as ritual, risk management and alcohol-free housing.

Oklahoma author Molly Levite Griffis, Gamma Zeta—Oklahoma, brought the house down with her stories of sisterhood. One of her stories went something like this:

"Back when I was in school all we could serve at rush parties was ice water and cigarettes. I was the rush chairman so as I mingled, I offered the rushees cigarettes from a silver bowl. I came to one girl and she looked at the bowl, and then she looked at me. She reached in her purse and got her

pack of cigarettes and dumped them in the bowl. She thought I was taking up a collection.”

Molly was accompanied, and sometimes upstaged, by her “Sister,” Georgeann Levite Vineyard, also a Gamma Zeta who sang in the Centennial Choir at the convention in 1951.

The volunteers made a touching visit to the Murrah Federal Building Memorial in downtown Oklahoma City. They then went to a Mexican restaurant for an evening of Mexican food, line dancing and karaoke. Chris displayed her newly-acquired skills with a lasso she had purchased during a visit to Molly’s bookstore.

In August, Laurel Raimondo, Beta Psi—Kentucky, became the new Executive Director, replacing Lorie Brown who had resigned to be married and relocate to Minneapolis.

The sorority returned Gamma Beta chapter to Northwestern University and it was installed March 31, 2001.

The 150th Anniversary Committee and the sorority were busy finalizing arrangements for the celebration in 2001. Chris joined the committee for their meeting in October, 2000. She and some of the committee members traveled to Macon to meet with the loyal alumnae who were working on the arrangements at our birthplace. They also saw the new gates and impressive brick columns that the sorority had installed, along with Phi Mu, as a gift to Wesleyan to commemorate Alpha Delta Pi’s sesquicentennial in 2001 and Phi Mu’s in 2002.

In March, 2001, Foundation Trustees visited Macon to present a grant to the Cannonball House for renovations to the back hall.

Chapters and alumnae associations across the continent were teaming up to present gifts to the respective campuses where chapters are located. The 150th Committee and Grand Council made a trip to Macon in May to celebrate Founders’ Day with the Wesleyan Trustees.

All the sisters were anticipating the celebration, and *The Adelphean* featured convention information, as well as a series of historic articles. The Winter 2001 issue reprinted



*The 150th Anniversary Committee meets to finalize plans in October, 2000. From left: International President Chris Stecher Dickey, Linda Welch Ablard, Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Beth Gentry Mannle, Maryann Friend Gillespie and Jane Fiedler Madio. Not pictured: Joan Sutton Knox.*

this hand-written note from the Archives that was written home in late 1887:

“Mama,

“The Adelphean Society asked Mary and me to join them yesterday. We told them we had not decided yet. We will not become regular members until spring. Nearly all the nice girls belong to it.

Minnie”

She didn’t even have to wait until spring. Minnie Edwards Akerman was initiated in December 1887.



# Celebrating 150 Years of Sisterhood

2001

"An organization succeeds, not because it is big, or because it is long established, but because there are people in it who live it, sleep it, dream it and build future plans for it."

— *Chris Stecher Dickey in her 150th Anniversary Keynote Address*

The sisters had lived the dream for 150 years and were ready to commemorate the milestone when the sesquicentennial arrived in 2001. More than ten years of planning came to fruition as the sisters truly celebrated 150 Years of Sisterhood with the theme, "Pride in the Past – Faith in the Future."

Local celebrations throughout the United States and Canada found sisters banding together to observe the milestone anniversary throughout the year.

The sorority provided a matching funds program and chapters used them to present gifts to their host institutions. A "Razorback" statue at the University of Arkansas, a sundial at Hanover, and a new entrance sign at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville are just a few examples of how the sisters honored the anniversary. Donations were made to the

Ronald McDonald Houses and scholarship funds.

Commemorative benches were given to countless universities.

Collegians and alumnae teamed up to host receptions, dinners and galas. The sisters were celebrating with each other and their communities as many hosted campus-wide and community events.

Members of the 150th Anniversary Committee and Grand Council made a trip to Macon to celebrate with the Wesleyan College Trustees. They visited the graves of Founders Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald and Mary Evans Glass. They conducted the Founders' Day Ceremony at their gravesides and left flowers.



*Former Traveling Consultant Maria Miller portrays Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald and is joined by a cast of characters to unveil *Sisters*, the new 150th anniversary history book.*



## Convention In Atlanta

More than 1,200 sisters were greeted by blue and white street banners commemorating the 150th anniversary as they traveled to the Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta for the convention held June 28 to July 1.

The festivities began with a formal Welcome Banquet where Grand Council and the 150th Anniversary Committee processed to the head table, accompanied by collegiate escorts. Georgia Governor Roy E. Barnes offered his congratulations.

"Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, the oldest sorority in the country, was founded in Macon, Georgia, at Wesleyan Female College, the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. Today, members provide thousands of volunteer hours to fundraising activities for its national philanthropy, Ronald McDonald Houses... Mrs. Barnes and I take great pride in the membership of our daughters, Alyssa and Allison, in Alpha Delta Pi, and we extend our gratitude to the organization for all you do to improve the quality of life for our citizens...You have my best wishes for a memorable celebration," said Governor Barnes.

The Governor was accompanied by his daughters, Alyssa, Kappa—Samford, and Allison, Eta Phi—Furman, his wife, Marie, who was initiated later in the week and Amy Crist, the Eta Phi fiancé of their son.

## Celebrating Alpha Delta Pi

Motivational Speaker Maureen G. Mulvaney, Epsilon Kappa—Troy, challenged members at the Welcome Banquet to "toughen up, and take the leadership back." She warned to not always look for the "the secret, the trick, the easy way.

"The first goal of the year is to toughen up and get to the goal. The choice is yours. Eugenia knew this. She went to college

when women didn't do that, and she started the entire sorority movement," said Maureen. "It's time to take back the lead and our great name. Boycott fraternity's misbehavior. Never before has such an opportunity laid before us to take the leadership back."

Maureen told the audience that "for every negative, there is a positive," and she told sisters to always focus on the positive.

The banquet was highlighted with the introduction of *Sisters*, a 276-page coffee-table book with hundreds of photographs and rich narrative depicting our heritage as the oldest secret society for college women in the world. Former Traveling Chapter Consultant Maria Miller, Zeta Omega—Central Florida, took to the stage dressed as Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald to introduce



*International President Chris Stecher Dickey greets Georgia Governor Roy E. Barnes and his wife Marie before the Welcome Banquet.*



*Professional Speaker Maureen G. Mulvaney challenges attendees to "take the leadership back."*

a capable cast portraying other sisters, featured in the book, who contributed richly to our history.

The 150th Anniversary Committee was recognized for their many years of work. The committee was chaired by Jane Fiedler Madio, Gamma Omicron—Susquehanna, while Maryann Friend Gillespie, Alpha Kappa—UT at Knoxville, chaired the 150th Convention Committee. The other members of the committee present were Linda Welch Ablard, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy, Gamma Nu—William Jewell, Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT at Chattanooga, and Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Alpha Beta—Iowa. Joan Sutton Knox, Psi—UC at Berkeley was unable to attend. Emily Lusby Mackebee, Alpha Kappa—UT at Knoxville and Dakota Ehman Sterling, Zeta—Southwestern, had contributed with earlier service on the committee.

Volunteers who greeted visitors and assisted throughout convention were also honored. Margaret Blacker Middleton, Epsilon Pi—Georgia Southern and Myra Jones Sharp, Zeta



*The 150th Anniversary Committee gathers on opening night. From left: Beth Gentry Mannle, Linda Welch Ablard, Maryann Friend Gillespie, Jane Fiedler Madio, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford and Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy.*

Mu—Appalachian State, were co-chairs of the volunteers.

After the banquet, the "Walk Through Time" historical exhibits opened and became a favorite gathering spot throughout the convention.

The exhibits were suggested to the committee by Shirley Welch Hastings, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, while she was Director of the School of Human Sciences at Mississippi State. MSU had experience with these types of displays and presented a sweeping proposal that was funded by a grant to MSU. Exhibit Chairs Judy Romer Nutter, Gamma Chi—TCU, and Dede Hines Ward, Beta Epsilon—South Carolina, worked with Maryann and Mississippi State personnel to plan and install the exhibits.

The exhibit area featured museum-quality displays depicting different eras of the sorority's 150-year history. Through a vintage clothing display, viewers experienced the changes in fashions worn by sisters from 1851 to 2001. Display cases

housed precious articles, such as books, china pieces, and jewelry that belonged to members and also historic pieces from the Archives. One of the highlights was the panoramic tour of conventions that included gowns worn by seven international presidents.

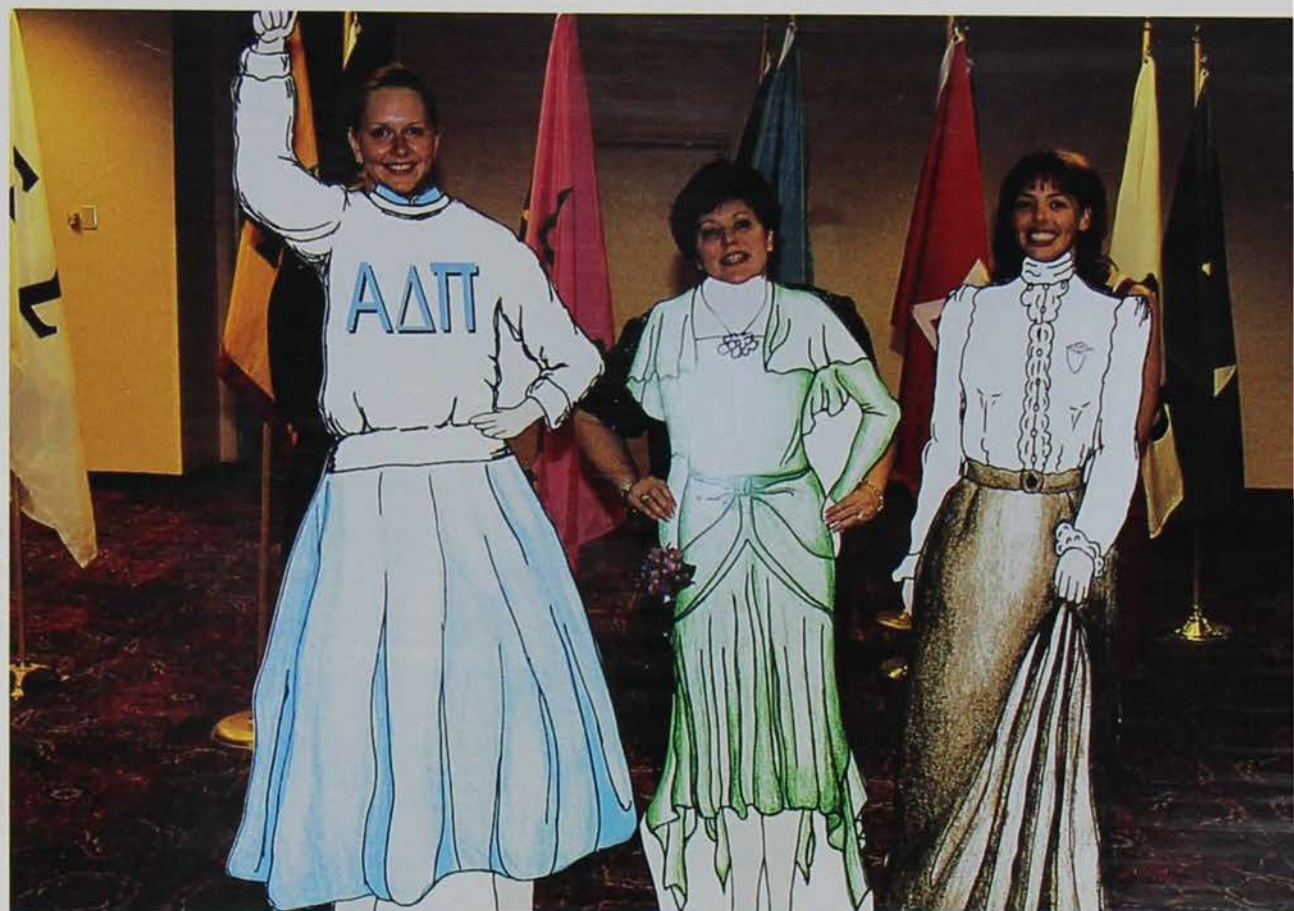
The area also featured a book signing area where Author Linda Welch Ablard, former Grand Presidents and Grand Council members autographed books throughout convention.

Also housed in the exhibit hall were individual areas where chapters hosted reunions, displayed photographs, scrapbooks, trophies, and other items depicting their history and sparking fond memories. Outside vendors displayed jewelry, books and clothing.

The Alpha Delta Pi Foundation sponsored an Internet Café where members could visit the sorority's website, post their 150th experiences on the site, send emails to sisters who



*International President Chris Stecher Dickey and former Grand President Beth Gentry Mannle share the podium at the Welcome Banquet.*



were not in attendance and make contributions to the Foundation. For members who wanted to leave a written message, there was a 20-foot board divided into sections where attendees could write their thoughts.

*Sisters take pictures using props in the history display area.*

### **Celebrating Success**

The formal convention opening took place on Friday morning when a United States Air Force Honor Guard led the traditional Adelphean Processional with delegates in white dresses wearing blue ribands proclaiming the open motto, "We Live for Each Other." A new tradition was born when the chapter roll call was changed to a parade of flags. Every chapter ever chartered was represented as flag bearers proudly processed into the meeting hall. The Alpha chapter flag bearer was Jane Coles Devlin, Lambda—Brenau, the daughter of first National President Elizabeth Moseley Coles.

The "Celebrating Success" luncheon on Friday also started a new tradition as Diamond 4-Point Awards were presented to House Corporations and Alumnae Associations for the first time. Sixty-seven alumnae associations, thirty-four house corporation boards and sixty-seven collegiate chapters were honored with the coveted award.

Another highlight came Friday afternoon when noted alumna Judy Woodruff, Omicron—Duke, was presented with a special award as the Outstanding Alumna in the Field of Broadcast Journalism. In her speech, the internationally-known journalist and anchor for CNN shared many of her experiences working in the media. She told the attendees that she believes that part of our responsibility as women is to reach out to other women throughout the world who are in less fortunate situations.

Judy also recognized Alpha Delta Pi for its long record of ser-

vice and offered congratulations on the 150th anniversary. "How we reach our potential," she said, "is by serving others. I urge you all to keep up the important (service) work you are doing."

### Celebrating Women

The Alpha Delta Pi Foundation dinner focused on women with featured speaker Dr. Nora Kizer Bell,

President of Wesleyan College and former faculty advisor to Beta Epsilon chapter at the University of South Carolina. Since its establishment in 1836, Wesleyan College, chartered specifically for the education of women, had not had a woman as president until Dr. Bell. She spoke on the empowerment of women in today's society.

"Women must take the lead in helping women be in tune with women's needs worldwide. Alpha Delta Pi is an opportunity for all forms of leadership, life-long friendships, and networks that will help women feel satisfaction and promote confidence," said Dr. Bell. "Every environment in which women are educated should be optimal. If women take the lead in improving other women, then with that power, women can move the world."

Convention attendees were enthralled as they watched a video, "A Better Place: 150 Years of Progress for Women." Narrated by Judy Woodruff, the video was produced by the Foundation "not only to tell the story of Alpha Delta Pi, but to tell the story of the progress of all women made since our founding in 1851," said Foundation President Jane Fiedler Madio. The video was sent to all chapters as well as other NPC groups after convention.

Following the dinner, sisters once again met for reunions. On Friday evening more than seventy-five former Traveling



*Historic displays feature vignettes from our 150-year history.*



*Alpha Delta Pi winners at the 5K run/walk accept their awards from Ronald. Former Grand Council member Mary Bull Mason, center, was the oldest participant to finish at 86-years of age.*

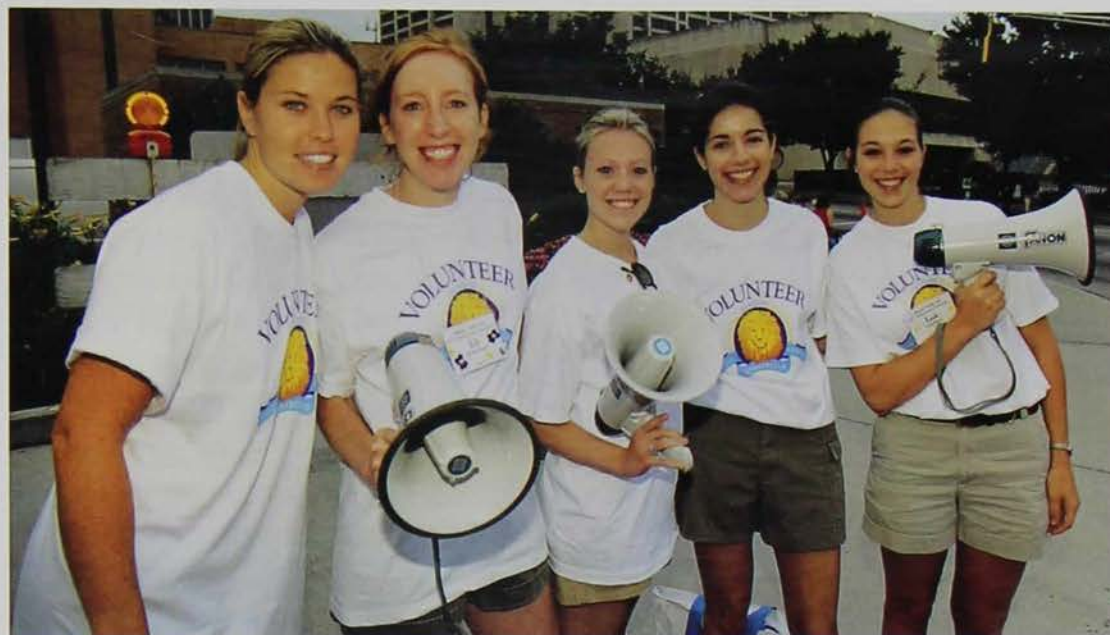
Collegiate Secretaries and Traveling Chapter Consultants gathered for a special reunion. The TCS and TCC titles were changed once again to Leadership Consultants in 2005.

The Dandy Lions, the organization of retired international officers, were meeting throughout convention. They shared stories and were making new memories for collegians that were able to meet these sisters whose names are so prominent in our history.

### Celebrating Service

Hundreds of sisters got up early on Saturday morning to board shuttle buses to Centennial Park to participate in the 5K Race/Walk sponsored by the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses. Open to the public the race found participants of all ages enjoying the fun. Ronald McDonald was on hand to present awards to winners of various categories. Former Grand Council member Mary Bull Mason, Alpha Chi—UCLA, at age 86, took home the award for the oldest participant.

“We serve ourselves best when we serve others first,” said



*Volunteers help at the 5K run/walk and throughout convention.*

Judy Romer Nutter, Gamma Chi—TCU, Foundation Philanthropy Committee Chair, as she introduced the “Celebrating Service” luncheon.

Jim Murray of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Operations Advisory Council told attendees “The Story of McMiracle.” He thanked Alpha Delta Pi, a “devoted and dedicated partner with the Ronald McDonald Houses. Something like this can’t happen unless you have the heart. We’re married to Alpha Delta Pi in this relationship. My mission is to stand on the steps of an empty Ronald McDonald House because it doesn’t have to be there anymore,” he said.

Luncheon guests roared with approval when Foundation President Jane Madio announced that the race raised \$35,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. She presented a check to Mr. Murray to use as seed money for the new Family Rooms that will be created in hospitals for families of sick children.

Guests roared again when Ronald McDonald himself ended the luncheon by thanking Alpha Delta Pi for all the sorority does to make these special houses a reality.



*Members and the public enjoy a 5K run/walk on Saturday morning to raise more than \$35,000 for the Ronald McDonald Houses.*

### Celebrating A Proud Past

The traditional Old Timers' Dinner was held Saturday evening, celebrating the sorority's proud past. Attendees belted out the "Convention Song" to determine who had attended the most conventions. Dorothy Lundgren Lee, Alpha Theta—Washington, and Margaret Wirth Blaha, Beta Delta—Hunter, were battling it out long after others were seated. In the end, Dorothy was proclaimed the winner and received a standing ovation.

In another historical moment, Foundation Trustees Jane Fiedler Madio and Maryann Friend Gillespie recreated the bicycle-built-for-two ride that Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin and Dorothy Lundgren Lee started at the 1955 Convention and repeated at two other conventions.

Convention Photographer Charles E. Walton, IV, was visibly touched when President Chris Dickey presented him with an engraved silver toasting goblet to commemorate his twenty years of chronicling Alpha Delta Pi's summer conventions and leadership seminars. He has proudly lifted it at every convention since the 150th.

The entertainment of the evening was a professionally-pro-



*International President Chris Stecher Dickey and 150th Anniversary Chair Jane Fiedler Madio dedicate the new entrance gates the sorority presented to Wesleyan College.*



*The pilgrimage to Macon includes a stop at Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald's grave in Rose Hill Cemetery. From left: Anne Veale Pogson, Pam Zimmerman, Joni Knight Burke and Frances Poulson Hall.*

duced historical pageant that was chaired by Beth Gentry Mannle. The cast of characters, some professional actors and singers, brought Alpha Delta Pi's past alive in Alpie's Attic. With period costumes and music of the day, characters recreated some of the most interesting and exciting days of the sorority.

Throughout the weekend, convention attendees were treated to a variety of workshops with information on topics of interest to both collegians and alumnae.

CNN Vice President Gail Evans highlighted key points from her book "Play Like A Man, Win Like A Woman," and what she had learned from working for Ted Turner. She talked about the importance of taking risks and "sitting at the table" where you can be involved in making the biggest difference



*Sisters visit the Cannonball House in Macon.*

in the business world. Gail also encouraged attendees to have fun at their jobs. "Remember," Gail related, "it's not brain surgery unless you're a brain surgeon." Convention attendees also had a chance to personally meet Gail at a special book signing after her workshop.

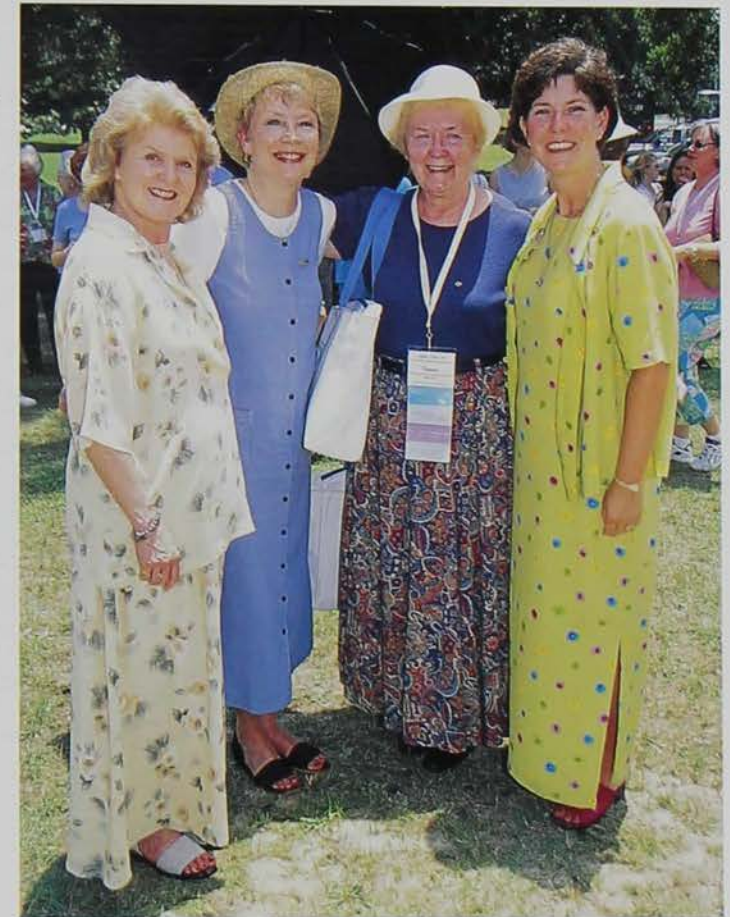
"Manners That Matter In Business" were highlighted by Dr. Beverly Langford, Professor of Business Communications at Georgia State University. She told attendees that good manners in business are the key to success and can build your credibility in the workplace. "You should treat people," Dr. Langford said, "as if you are going to spend the rest of your life with them in a small room."

In a session titled, "Charge, And We Don't Mean Visa," the

Foundation Philanthropy Committee members talked about how to motivate members and have fun while doing it. Innovative ideas for how alumnae associations and collegiate chapters can team up for successful service projects and other events was the focus of "It Takes Two To Tango," led by Beth Morgan, Delta Sigma—Ole Miss, and Karen Bass, Delta Alpha—Emory. The workshop also allowed participants to share ideas on specific projects that had worked well as joint alumnae/chapter service projects.

The vice president of Randstad North America, Laura Covett, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee, discussed how the role of women has changed throughout Alpha Delta Pi's 150 year history and highlighted many of the challenges and opportunities facing today's women. The importance of "Skin Care for Life" was discussed by dermatologist Kathryn Madio Bonnett, Eta Beta—Allegheny and also the daughter of 150th Chairman Jane Madio.

Discussion of how Alpha Delta Pi's ritual has an effect on the daily lives of all sorority members was led by Jenni Hancock Moscardelli, Alpha Kappa—UT at Knoxville. Alpha Delta Pi Archivist Karen Henzl Reece, Beta Sigma—Mercer, led sessions on our



*Enjoying the visit to Wesleyan College are (from left): Former Grand Presidents Beth Gentry Mannle, Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy and Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, along with Grand Council member and former Executive Director Charlotte Taylor.*

proud history by conducting tours through the historic exhibits.

Carol Hunstein, a Justice on the Georgia Supreme Court, shared her inspirational life story and related how she had succeeded in many facets of her life in spite of adversity. This noted jurist related her struggle with childhood cancer, the loss of her mother, the hardship of being a single mother, and the recurrence of her cancer that caused her to lose a leg.

Peter Lake, a professor of law at Stetson University College of Law and a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Academic Advisory Board, talked about the relationship between higher education and Greek organizations and how it has changed in the last forty years.

"Higher education was about the mind; today it is a whole life experience. For a while, Deans were hands off with the Greek organizations, but today there are relationship statements, forms, bureaucracy, indemnity clauses and insurance issues," Peter related.

He challenged the audience to be proactive and to show leadership on campus. "Greek women should be a part of the solution on every campus and embrace shared responsibility," Peter said.

Sunday morning began with initiation conducted by Grand Council. The special initiates were Mrs. Barnes; Sarah Mannle,



*Members of the District I team show their spirit in matching violet sweaters.*



*CNN Anchor Judy Woodruff, Omicron—Duke, is presented a special award as Outstanding Alumna in Broadcast Journalism by International President Chris Stecher Dickey and 150th Anniversary Chair Jane Fiedler Madio.*

daughter of Beth Gentry Mannle; Niki Pierce, granddaughter of Maryann Friend Gillespie; Carolyn Greene, a descendant of Founder Octavia Andrew Rush as well as Laury Lowrey Lovitt and Elizabeth Lowrey Tomihiro, both descendants of Founder Ella Pierce Turner.

Following initiation, some sisters took tours of Atlanta while more sisters loaded buses for a pilgrimage to the sorority's birthplace in Macon. Members choosing the Macon option were greeted by hostesses in antebellum costumes at the Cannonball House where they toured the Adelphean Room, a replica of the original Adelphean parlor at Wesleyan College. The happy sisters busily snapped photos as they visited the grave of Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald in Rose Hill Cemetery. All sisters that made the Macon pilgrimage gathered together at Wesleyan for a box lunch on the lawn of our birthplace.

Grand Council, the sisters and the news media joined members of the Wesleyan administration for a ceremony to dedicate the new gates given to the college by Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu in recognition of the historic foundings of both organizations. Following remarks by Wesleyan President Nora Kizer Bell and International President Chris Stecher Dickey, the ribbon was cut by Chris and Jane.





*International President Chris Stecher Dickey shows off a banner featuring the new lion logo that was rolled out at the Awards Banquet.*

### Celebrating The Future

Lights were dimmed as a huge birthday cake was rolled into the ballroom for the final banquet. Sisters rose to their feet to admire the cake that was topped with candles, decorated with violets and surrounded by Golden Lions. The singing of "Happy Birthday" was accompanied by a release of blue and white balloons.

Chris introduced the initial phase of a new marketing program for the sorority. Each chapter received a blue banner with a new lion logo and the words, "Alpha Delta Pi. First. Finest. Forever. Since 1851." The new logo was born at the historic 150th Anniversary Convention and depicts "Faith in the Future."

Outstanding Alumnae awards were presented to Marge Stauffer Creager, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, for Contribution to Community and Jean Phillips Leitzel, Phi—Hanover, for Contribution to Profession.

Former Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford installed the new Grand Council which included new members Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Alpha Zeta—SMU as International Vice President of Collegiate Membership and International Secretary

Linda Welch Ablard, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State.

A special multi-media presentation, produced by Charles Walton and Gary Kennedy, husband of long-time *Adelphean* Chapter Editor Susan Jervis Kennedy, Pi—Iowa State, captured the excitement of 150 years of Alpha Delta Pi with historic remembrances and highlights of convention.

Following the banquet, members and guests adjourned to the exhibit area with noisemakers and party hats where they were greeted by a dance band for a final celebration and a last look at the items in the historic displays that have enriched our history.

In her closing remarks, Chris challenged the attendees to consider the path ahead. "The future is ours. We are the founders of the next 150 years. Are you ready for the challenge? Confidently look to the future."

The 150th Convention ended as it had begun with attendees celebrating sisterhood while surrounded by history and making history for future Alpha Delta Pi's who will always be First. Finest. Forever.



*A giant birthday cake is rolled out at the Final Banquet to commemorate Alpha Delta Pi's 150th Anniversary as the oldest sorority in the world.*

# Building for the Future

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y being clear on what should never change, we are better able to determine the changes necessary to keep Alpha Delta Pi relevant with the needs of today’s members and also provide appropriate responses to external challenges, keeping us First and Finest.”

– Chris Stecher Dickey in her 2001 keynote address

The sisters were busy celebrating 150 years of past success when Grand Council met with the District Team Directors in August 2001 to plan for the future by updating the strategic plan. The four main goals of sisterhood, membership, leadership and organization were addressed with detailed objectives set for five years.

The celebration would quickly cease when the United States became the victim of a world-changing terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.

The Winter 2002 *Adelphean* describes the day. “It was a beautiful fall morning with brilliant blue skies and no clouds in sight. Suddenly, the beauty of the day was marred by airplane crashes in New York, Washington, D.C. and the Pennsylvania countryside.

“The tragic events of September 11 changed the lives of thousands of people, changed the way we live and changed the world.”

Three sisters were lost on that tragic day. Lynn Edwards Angell, Beta Omega—Auburn, and her husband were returning to Los Angeles on flight 11 after vacationing in Cape Cod when their plane crashed

into the first World Trade Center building. They had risen early that morning and taken an earlier flight than planned.

Lauren Catuzzi Grandcolas, Delta—Texas, was on board flight 93 that crashed in a farmer’s field in Pennsylvania. She and all onboard knew that terrorists had taken over the flight. The terrorists planned to crash the plane in Washington, D.C. The passengers fought the terrorists to ensure that our capitol would not be hit by their plane. Lauren was returning home after attending her grandmother’s funeral and also took a flight earlier than planned. She was pregnant with

her first child.

Catherine P. Salter, Beta Pi—Cincinnati, had arrived at work on time, as usual, in the South Tower of the World Trade Center. She was one of more than 2,750 victims who would not escape.

## Sisters Front and Center

Throughout our history, sisters have stepped up and aided the country during times of need and war. 911 was no exception. On college campuses throughout the country, candlelight ceremonies and silent vigils were held. Collegians and alumnae worked with others to raise money, hold blood and food drives and assist in countless ways. Grand Council adopted a resolution asking members to wear blue and white ribbons for 30 days, “signifying our motto, ‘We Live for Each Other’.”

Flight schedules were just returning to near normal when NPC convened in



The *Adelphean* cover features a candle burning in memory of the sisters who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and in honor of those who volunteered in support of a grieving nation.

Tucson on October 5. However, those traveling to the meeting were met at the airport by a strong military presence providing extra security. Linda Welch Ablard's flight out of Toronto was cancelled and she arrived a day late. New *Adelphian* Editor Jennifer McGhee Siler, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee, stepped in for Linda as the sisters hosted a special 150th Birthday Celebration luncheon. Jennifer gave NPC attendees a glimpse of *Sisters*, the book that preceded *More Sisters*.

The highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of a check for \$150,000 to the NPC Foundation—the largest gift ever received by the Foundation. NPC friends initially sat in stunned silence and then rose to their feet for a standing ovation. The sisters in the room smiled as the NPC Foundation President said, "Alpha Delta Pi, you have raised the bar."

### Looking Forward

In 2002, alumnae received the first mailing about the ReMember voluntary alumnae dues that was adopted at the 2001 Convention to support alumnae programs. The sisters responded generously and the fund continues to grow each year.

District Leadership Conferences turned 10-years old in 2002 and found sisters "Going for the Gold" with an Olympic theme. Each district viewed a video based on the book, *Gung Ho! Turn on the People in Any Organization*. Leadership Director Chair Stacy DeMartini Bruton, Delta Sigma—Ole Miss, taught many the "beaver dance" that corresponds to a component in "Gung Ho." Sisters left the conferences with a Gung Ho attitude and the challenge to do "worthwhile work."

In March, Grand Council appointed Kirstin L. Dolan, Eta Beta—Allegheny, to the office of International Vice President of Alumnae Membership to replace Lil McKinnon Hicks who resigned in January.



*Iotas Roni Sloman and Michelle Gustavson establish Greeksgiving at Florida State to benefit the 911 "Project America" after the terrorist attack in 2001.*

### Making an Impact

Summer found alumnae and collegians traveling to the University of Memphis for the second Volunteer Leadership Seminar and the first IMPACT Alpha Delta Pi. Alumnae attended job-specific training and explored risk management issues.

IMPACT, a values-based leadership program, is designed to help emerging leaders enhance leadership skills and establish an agenda for their future and the future of their chapter. Developed by the North American Interfraternity Conference and adapted for Alpha Delta Pi, lead facilitators Steve Dealph and Maria Miller, Zeta Omega—Central Florida, led the collegians through the interactive program, which includes an intense "jet fighter" pilot exercise.

Attendees were startled one evening, when an alarm sounded in the dorm and all sisters evacuated because of a suspected gas leak. But, in true sisterly fashion, Alpha Delta Pi songs filled the air as the sisters waited outside for more than an hour while the dorm was declared safe.



The sisters donate \$150,000 in honor of the 150th anniversary to the NPC Foundation at the 2001 NPC meeting. From left: Jean W. Scott, NPC Foundation President, Pi Beta Phi; Marian K. Williams, NPC Chairman, Kappa Kappa Gamma; International President Chris Stecher Dickey and NPC Delegate Beth Gentry Mannle.

NPC celebrated its centennial in October. NPC friends and the sisters remembered the successes and struggles of the last 100 years while planning for the future. Alpha Delta Pi was again recognized for the historic gift of \$150,000. The sisters 'impact' on NPC was far-reaching.

On January 6, 2003, Grand President Maxine Blake celebrated her 99th birthday and the sisters showered her with cards and well wishes. She wrote a note to *The Adelphean* to tell all, "how much I appreciate, and continue to do so, all the love and attention that I continue to receive from them."

On January 23, just 17 days after Miss Blake's 99th birthday, a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Executive Office building was held on a frigid day in Atlanta. Armed with spades, current and past Grand Council members were unable to "break" the frozen ground. The event was the beginning for the new building and the end of several years of obtaining all the necessary



Collegians share ideas in the display areas at District Leadership Conferences in 2002.

approvals for construction in the historic section of Druid Hills. It was another treasured day of celebration for the sisters.

#### Planning for the Future

The Strategic Leadership Team which grew out of the strategic plan met in St. Louis in 2003. The team, which consists of Grand Council, District Team Directors, chairs of director groups and executive office managers focused on correlating strategies and objectives. "The strategic plan will help us stay focused on our efforts and priorities," said International President Chris Stecher Dickey.

The Foundation was celebrating as well. The 20th anniversary was observed in what was a tough economic period. "The economic condition in this country with people losing jobs and companies in trouble, and with the war in Iraq, makes competition for philanthropy dollars keen," said Foundation President Jane Fiedler Madio. "The world is a troubled place right now, but there has to be a place for philanthropy and where there is, the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation will have a role."

Energized by Jane's remarks, more than 550 sisters traveled to Houston for the 152nd Anniversary Convention held June 25-29. Chris addressed the theme, "Values and Vision", in her welcoming letter in the program. "Sisterhood, leadership, scholarship, service—these are the 'Values' that have been shared by the women who have been privileged to wear the diamond-shaped badge. As those who have gone before us, we, too, recognize the purpose of weaving our values into our character and as we do such, our 'Vision' becomes reality. Alpha Delta Pi is a way of life!"

The delegates voted to approve a recommendation of the Voting Task Force, which had been appointed after a vote at the 2001 Convention, to expand the convention voting delegates to include former Grand Council members and one delegate from eligible Chapter Advisory Boards and House Corporations. A task force was created to study the job responsibilities, eligibility requirements, term limits and nomination procedures for Grand Council.

The Foundation announced that they had committed \$150,000 over a three-year period to sponsor a Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. A new signature philanthropic event, the Lion's Share Challenge, was introduced to energize and brand service work.

The "Convention Song" that is sung to determine who has attended the most conventions found a new winner after a stand-off between former Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford and former Grand Secretary-Treasurer Helen Glenn. Eventually, Ginny was left standing at 24 conventions. Her first convention was in 1946 as a collegian, then her regular attendance began in 1959.

The delegates elected Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Alpha Zeta—SMU, to serve as International President and elected four other new members of Grand Council. Claire Brown Gwaltney, Beta Omega—Auburn, and Jennifer Davie, Gamma Eta—Memphis, were named International Vice Presidents of Collegiate Membership; Renee Bailey Iacona, Delta Upsilon—Tennessee at Martin, was elected International Vice President of Finance and Paula Kendrick, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, was named International Secretary.

NPC convened in October where Ginny Stafford retired from the delegation, NPC Delegate Elisse Jones Freeman, Alpha Zeta—SMU, and Third Alternate Jana Andriano Clayton, Zeta Pi—San Diego and

Delta Gamma—Arizona, joined the delegation.

In November, Linda Welch Ablard was named Executive Director and the new position of Associate Executive Director was filled by Bonnie Neff Pennington, Xi—Ohio.

Kathryn addressed the change in the winter *Adelphean*. "Executive Directors of all sororities are being asked to represent the sorority externally with the National Panhellenic Conference and other professional organizations in the Greek community. The new structure with an Executive Director and Associate Executive Director will ensure that Alpha Delta Pi maintains the desired level of professionalism, both in and out of headquarters."

In January 2004, Executive Office staff moved into the new two-story office building that sits behind Memorial Headquarters. A capital campaign was launched to fund the expansion and the renovation of Memorial Headquarters.

The sisters mourned the death of Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake on June 14, 2004 at the age of 100. A life-long resident of Seattle, Miss Blake, as she was known by most, had lived in an assisted living facility in Bakersfield, California, near her nephew, for a few years before her death.

The sisters were saddened to lose our beloved Grand President Emeritus and several boarded planes to attend her memorial. Those attending included



*Alumnae and collegians gather at the University of Memphis for Volunteer Leadership Seminar and IMPACT in 2002.*

Chris Stecher Dickey, Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Elisse Jones Freeman, Linda Welch Ablard and Stacy Farmer Sablan, Epsilon Mu—Northern Iowa.

The memorial was scheduled for graveside, but the intense heat led the family to move it into the chapel on the cemetery grounds. The mourners moved to the gravesite after the service to find several alumnae from Bakersfield waiting to pay their tributes. It was a special moment.

### Come Home to Alpha Delta Pi

St. Louis was the gathering place for alumnae and collegians for the 2004 Volunteer Leadership Seminar and IMPACT. An enhanced website was launched and the expansion team, led by Kristi Baer, Alpha Gamma—Missouri, rolled out the new expansion program with the theme, "Come Home to Alpha Delta Pi."

The theme was successful and in September, Gamma Delta chapter was recolonized at the University of Miami when Alpha Delta Pi truly "came home" to Miami after a 28-year absence. More than 170 women interviewed for membership and initiation was held for 88



*Breaking ground for the Executive Office building in January 2003 are past and current Grand Council members. From left: Sally Beggs Thomas, Tracy Garner, Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Elisse Jones Freeman, Beth Gentry Mannle, Chris Stecher Dickey, Kirstin Dolan, Pat Johnson Evans, Linda Welch Ablard and Joni Knight Burke.*

collegians on November 20. All members of Grand Council attended to assist Kathryn with the installation.

The 2005 District Leadership Conferences featured a new philanthropy video that Foundation Trustee Maryann Friend Gillespie wrote and narrated. Filmed at the Nashville Ronald McDonald House, she was joined in the video by members of Zeta Rho at Vanderbilt and Epsilon Tau at Middle Tennessee.

Collegians joined alumnae for the first time for the Greek lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C. in April. The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act, which would allow use of tax deductible donations for Greek housing, was the main focus.

More than 550 sisters were welcomed to 2005 Convention by the haunting sounds of Native American musicians at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass in Phoenix on the Gila River Indian Community.

A past president's badge was introduced at the opening banquet. The new badge is patterned after the President's badge, but features one row of diamonds and one row of sapphires. The badges may be worn as a badge or as a pendant. Steven E. Short, Director of Burr Patterson and Auld, presented the badges to all past presidents as a gift from the official jeweler.

In her keynote speech, Kathryn talked about courage. "All of us in this room are leaders—all of us are expected to demonstrate our character and uphold certain virtues," she said. "It takes courage to be the finest, and it takes thinking about decisions we make personally and for our organization." All attendees received a courage bracelet after her remarks.

The Panhellenic luncheon featured the Honorable Karen Hughes, Alpha Zeta—SMU, the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Laughter rippled through the audience as she told the story of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice keeping President George W. Bush waiting while she had to return to her room to change her stockings.

The business meetings found delegates considering the report of the Grand Council Task Force that had been appointed after the 2003 Convention.

They adopted expanded eligibility requirements for Grand Council, removed the NPC delegate position from Grand Council

and added an International Vice President. The Executive Director's position was added as an ex-officio non-voting member. The Strategic Leadership Team was established in the bylaws and the term limits for Grand Council were changed.

Four new members were elected to Grand Council. Anne B. Charnock, Alpha Upsilon—West Virginia, was elected International Vice President of Collegiate Membership; Lorraine Alderman Testa, Epsilon Rho—Nevada at Las Vegas, was named International Vice President of Alumnae; Tammie S. Pinkston, Zeta Nu—Clemson and Gamma Phi—East Tennessee, was elected International Vice President of Finance and Rosalyn Doze Williams, Alpha Alpha—Colorado, became the first to serve in the new office of International Vice President.

### Treasures Displayed

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon in Atlanta when sisters and guests gathered to dedicate the new Executive Office building and celebrate the renovation of Memorial Headquarters on September 25, 2005. Sounds of last minute preparations mingled with those of a musical trio playing in the side yard. Guests took their seats in white chairs on the circular drive.

Honorary Dedication Chairman Maryann Friend Gillespie welcomed the group by saying, "It is finally here," referring to the many years of planning, construction and renovation that had been put into the project.

Kathryn invited present and past Grand Council members and Foundation Trustees to join her on the front steps as the blue ribbon was cut by Helen Glenn, who was Executive Director in 1955 when Memorial Headquarters was originally dedicated.

After the ceremony, groups toured Memorial Headquarters and the new Executive Office. Members of the Greater Atlanta Alumnae Association served as docents.

Visitors admired the mahogany wood that had been stripped—a process that took months—of layers upon layers of red, green and white paint. They stood in awe in front of custom-made display cases that house memorabilia, jewelry, photographs and other priceless historic treasures.



*Alumnae battle it out at the Old Timers' banquet to see who has attended the most conventions in 2003. From left: Maryann Friend Gillespie, Helen Glenn and Virginia Rosenberg Stafford.*



*Kathryn Peddy Goddard greets sisters at the 2003 Convention where she is first elected International President.*

Guests mingled in Memorial Gardens, where refreshments were served, while continuing to enjoy the soft sounds from the musical group and the chatter of proud sisters.

Former Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, who sponsored some of the display cases, expressed the thoughts of many. "This is a facility that can be used for sorority training and business, as well as a showcase for our history. We have had women with foresight working for ADPi in the past; so many treasures have been logged and preserved and now we have the capabilities to place them on display and share them."

The sorority had indeed been working toward this goal since 1998 when Grand Council started the process for this dream. At that time, a renowned Atlanta architect, Geddes Dowling, was hired. As the project progressed, he recommended a landscape architect and an

interior designer. Both had excellent reputations and unbeknownst to him, both were Alpha Delta Pi sisters. Dale McElveen Jaeger, Lambda—Brenau, was the landscape architect while Jane Eaton Hunecke, Beta Nu—Georgia, was the interior designer.

#### Stormy Season

Fall 2005 brought the most active hurricane season on record. Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma all hit our shores with devastating results. But, once again, the sisters rallied to help mankind.

Delta chapter at UT at Austin, opened their house to take in family members of some chapter members who were evacuated for hurricane Rita. Zeta chapter at Southwestern had organized a charity fashion show for Katrina victims, but had to move the event when the campus was shut

down when Rita came ashore.

Kappas from Samford, Beta Epsilons from South Carolina and Eta Epsilons from Miami of Ohio spent their fall breaks helping with cleanup. Others continued the work on their spring breaks. They ripped out molded drywall and insulation, cleaned houses and yards and worked long days in heat and humidity. Almost all chapters had fundraisers, gave blood or helped in important ways.

The Foundation gave Clapsed Hands grants to alumnae who had lost it all. Alumnae rallied, too. Former Grand Council member Tracy Garner and her fellow BellSouth employees organized Holiday Hope for the Gulf. Tracy watched as two tractor trailer trucks, filled with supplies and toys, left for Gulfport, New Orleans, Lafayette and Lake Charles.

#### Growing Again

Northwest Missouri State turned 100 years old in 2005 and the sisters celebrated by starting the Theta chapter roll with the colonization of Theta Alpha chapter. Sixty-four collegians and two faculty advisors were initiated on November 12, 2005, along with Deborah Channell, the sorority's liaison with our official jeweler.

"It is an exciting time for Alpha Delta Pi with the expansion of our chapter roll into the Theta level. This is an excellent step for the future growth of the sorority," said Kathryn at the installation banquet.

The use of social media was growing along with Alpha Delta Pi and Kathryn addressed it in her column in the summer 2006 *Adelpbean* with the title, "Be Aware of Your Space."

"Sometimes I think we have forgotten that 'www' stands for World Wide Web—which means that almost anything we place 'out there' is available to anyone..."

She informed the sisters that Grand Council had adopted a Statement of Policy Regarding Media, Websites and the Internet to protect Alpha Delta Pi and all sisters.

Kathryn's article would appear, but she put her column on hold when Linda called to tell her of a call she received from Blaine Bundy, son of Former Grand President Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy. Margaret Anne had lost her fight with breast cancer on



*IMPACT* facilitator Arlene Hamm Mantbey, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, and Leadership Consultant Marcy Buckner, Zeta Sigma—College of Charleston, enjoy the 2004 Fun Night.





*Former presidents receive the new Past Presidents Badges at the 2005 Grand Convention from Deborah Channell and Steve Short, representatives of the official jeweler.*

Sunday, March 19, 2006. True to her private personality, Margaret Anne had kept the seriousness of her cancer recurrence a secret from her family and her sisters.

The sisters rallied again. One of Margaret Anne's closest sisters, fellow Grand President Ginny Stafford, was on a Stanford World Study/Travel Trip. Linda contacted Ginny's son and told him of the loss. She left it up to him whether or not to inform her while away. He chose to do so and Ginny received his wire in Sri Lanka. "I spent the day watching the waves roll in from the Indian Ocean, thinking of Margaret Anne," she says.

Executive Office staff scrambled to arrange flights and hotel accommodations for the sisters who would attend to celebrate Margaret Anne's life. Fellow presidents, Jane, Beth, Chris and Kathryn, along with Linda and former NPC delegate Joni Knight Burke sadly boarded planes.

Blaine had told Linda on the phone that his mother thought it would be nice if a sister spoke at her service. She suggested Vicki Messmer Hye, Alpha Eta—Kansas State, who had served as a Grand Vice President while Margaret Anne was Grand President.

Vicki agreed and as she began, she lifted her eyes upward

and asked, "Margaret Anne, what have you gotten me into now." Vicki related how Margaret Anne knew that she didn't like to speak publicly, but had always encouraged her to do so. Vicki spoke eloquently of Margaret Anne and the family and friends were comforted by her obvious respect and love for her mentor.

### Sisterhood on the Roll

To further the goal of sisterhood in the strategic plan, a Sisterhood Week was announced in *The Adelphean* in the summer of 2006. Chapters and alumnae associations were encouraged to celebrate their accomplishments and reflect on the strength of our bond as sisters through the dictates of our Creed. Seventeen chapters began to pilot the program.

More than 400 collegians and alumnae celebrated sisterhood when Delta chapter at the University of Texas became the first chapter to turn 100 years old. Kathryn was the keynote speaker and conducted the Diamond Circle ceremony for 67 members.

In May, the first Executive Office interns arrived at Memorial Headquarters to begin a six-week experience working with the staff. Kelly Harwell, Beta Sigma—Mercer, an event planning major, worked with Meeting Planner Beth Whitman, Sigma—Illinois, Katy Sulhoff, Lambda—Brenau, a broadcast journalism major, worked on a DVD project and Stephanie Zuker, Alpha Omicron—



*Officers from Lambda chapter at Brenau kick up their heels at their 2005 District Leadership Conference.*



*Grand Council members, former Presidents and Foundation Trustees join former Executive Director Helen Glenn to cut the ribbon for the renovated Memorial Headquarters in 2005.*



*Presidents Chris Stecher Dickey, Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy, Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Beth Gentry Mannle and Jane Fiedler Madio, gather on the Maxine Blake Loggia that connects Memorial Headquarters and Executive Office during dedication ceremonies in September 2005.*

Oklahoma State, organized, researched and entered data for two large database projects.

“They lived at Memorial Headquarters, which is a wonderful experience for anyone, but a first for collegians. They took a side trip to Macon and went sightseeing in Atlanta,” explains Member Services Manager Sally Beggs Thomas, Beta Sigma—Mercer, who supervised the interns.

After a 10-year absence, the sisters returned to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia, in June for the Volunteer Leadership Seminar, IMPACT Alpha Delta Pi and a new Recruitment Forum, titled “ADPi Express.”

The emphasis of the “ADPi Express” was to market Alpha Delta



*Former Traveling Chapter Secretaries and Traveling Chapter Consultants gather in the bunk bedroom in Memorial Headquarters during the dedication.*



*The dedication committee (from left) Foundation President Chloe Knight Tonney, Foundation Executive Director Kathie Garland, committee Chair Sydnee Jack, committee Honorary Chair Maryann Friend Gillespie and Executive Director Linda Ablard pause outside Memorial Headquarters before the ceremony begins.*

Pi 365 days a year. “We want to provide a fun, yet informative way to roll out our new approach to recruitment and to build excitement for the new manual,” said Recruitment Director Chair Marjie Briscoe Snow, Gamma Epsilon—Purdue, who led the recruitment track. The manual was the first to be distributed solely by DVD and was made available on the website.

A new “Upgrade Your Badge” promotion was led by Barrie Hearn, Lambda—Brenau, and Executive Office staff. A new stickpin guard, that replicates the original Adelphean badge guards, was introduced.

The Foundation's "Violets for my Sister" program made its first appearance at a VLS. Foundation President Chloe Knight Tonney, Zeta Sigma—College of Charleston, thanked the sisters for their help in replenishing the fund that had given many grants for alumnae who were victims of Hurricane Katrina.

### Leading Again

When NPC met in Indianapolis in October, the Release Figure Methodology was a major discussion topic. Developed by a NPC committee that Margaret Anne had served on initially, RFM is used to calculate release or carry figures. It was achieving tremendous success with many more chapters reaching quota in formal recruitment and more women being placed. Chris Stecher Dickey and Jana Andriano Clayton were the first two sisters to serve as RFM specialists.

The chapter roll continued to grow with the installation of Theta Beta chapter at Coastal Carolina University on April 14, 2007. More than 150 women had interviewed and 55 invitations were extended—the number allowed by Panhellenic. Kathryn led the installation team that once again included all Grand Council members and many others.

Kathryn left before the installation banquet to catch a plane to attend Zeta's 100th anniversary brunch on Sunday. Council sisters Anne and Paula offered to drive her, planning to be back before the banquet. It was a stormy night when they headed to the Myrtle Beach airport. They arrived safely, but Kathryn's flight had been cancelled. She could catch one the next morning out of Wilmington. They turned the car around and drove there in the storm. Anne and Paula arrived late at the banquet. Kathryn caught the first plane the next morning and Elisse Freeman picked her up and they raced to the brunch, arriving just in time.

After the brunch, Kathryn and Elisse boarded another plane to fly to Washington D.C. for the annual congressional visits. Anne Charnock and Linda Ablard would join the group that included two students. The visits would take place, but the congressional reception was cancelled in response to a violent shooting spree on the Virginia Tech campus where more than 30 students lost their lives.

Pam Reiss, Eta Pi chapter president wrote to *The Adelphean* that "I awoke to the first email that there was a shooting in a dorm...and then within 20 minutes we were on lock down and people were being killed. My first concern was for the safety of all 130 women. After hours of difficult communication, with cell phones being tied up and students being held on campus, we had all but one contacted. Rumors flew and I had no concrete information until I heard from a close friend that we had a woman shot and in the hospital. She is in full recovery and I believe everyone's prayers got her through.

"The sisters of Eta Pi have received every one of your emails and appreciate the kind words and thoughts. Again, I cannot put into words how I feel every time I receive another email from an alumna, chapter advisor, chapter president or international officer. Your spirits have kept us going, and we are truly blessed to have a bond so close that can be understood when so little can be said."

*The Adelphean* magazine turned 100 years old in 2007 and the summer issue reflected on how the magazine and Alpha Delta Pi had changed since 1907. The issue related that it was decided at the first convention in 1906 to publish a magazine.

### Heading to New England

June found more than 550 sisters traveling in mass again for convention. It was just the fourth time in history that convention would be held in New England. The Sheraton Ferncroft Resort in Danvers, just outside Boston, was the venue.

The theme, "The Sisterhood Heard 'Round the World," reflected the history of New England. At the opening



*Alpha Kappas enjoy the first Sisterhood Week with Smokey and Ronald McDonald at the University of Tennessee. (c. 2006)*



*Sisters enjoy Volunteer Leadership Seminar, IMPACT Alpha Delta Pi and "ADPi Express" Recruitment Forum in Callaway Gardens, Georgia, in June 2006.*

session, Kathryn challenged the sisters to read and reflect on our Creed. "As I read our Creed in various meetings, I pick out phrases that speak to me at that particular time. Today, I'd like to focus on one of those phrases." Kathryn chose, "I believe that the privilege of membership in Alpha Delta Pi brings the responsibility to do my best in whatever I undertake..."

She told the sisters that, "When we commit to something, we definitely have to do it 100 percent to make it work. We should carry on any enterprise as if all future success depended on it. In other words, we have to 'do our best in whatever we undertake'."

As tradition dictates, the

Dorothy Shaw awards were presented at the opening session. Since the 150th Convention, the history of the award has been told and the name of Mildred McDowell Mathias, Alpha Pi—George Washington, is read as the first, and only, recipient in 1950.

On this Thursday morning, unbeknownst to all, Mildred's granddaughter sat stunned in the audience as she heard her grandmother recognized. Immediately following the session, Morgan Mathias, Epsilon Lambda—South Florida, called her grandmother. "She had no idea that every year when the awards are handed out that her name is announced as the first winner."

Another poignant moment followed when Margaret Anne was remembered at the Memorial Service. Her dear friend and sister president, Ginny Stafford, spoke eloquently of Margaret Anne's many achievements. Convention Song Leader Michelle Jack White, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State sang the 15th Psalm. Linnie Mower Garner, Alpha Zeta—SMU, sang The Lord's Prayer.

That evening found sisters celebrating *The Adelphean's* 100th

anniversary. A power point presentation told the history of the magazine. Special guests included *Adelphean* Art Director Tom Ford and his wife, Tommie, as well as our printer liaison Lee Mabrito, and his wife, Marsha. Along with convention photographer, Charles Walton, Tom, Tommie and Lee received Certificates of Appreciation and a friendship pin for their 20 or more years of service to Alpha Delta Pi.

The sisters bid at a silent auction that had been organized by the Alumnae Directors as a Lion's Share Challenge event to benefit the Foundation.

The Foundation reciprocated by sponsoring TAKE Defense Training from the The Ali Kemp Education Foundation. Ali, a Pi Beta Phi, had just finished her freshman year at Kansas State when she was abducted, while working at her neighborhood pool, and later murdered. The intense self-defense program was introduced by Roger Kemp, father of Ali, and the husband of Ali's Alpha Delta Pi mother, Kathy, a Gamma Mu from Missouri State.

In the business meetings, delegates voted on several items to clarify the bylaws. They changed the title of the Grand Council position



*Marcy Buckner, Zeta Sigma—College of Charleston, and Barrie Hearn, Lambda—Brenau, work the "Upgrade your Badge" promotion at the 2006 summer meeting*



*Asbley August, Theta Gamma chapter president, accepts the charter and gavel from Linda Phillips Allen, District VI Team Director and International President Claire Brown Gwaltney at the installation banquet at Sonoma State University in 2007.*

of International Vice President, that had been established in 2005, to International Vice President of Organizational Relations to be consistent with other Vice President's titles which all specify a distinct area of responsibility. When this change passed, many members of Grand Council smiled internally as they remembered a time when Rosalyn Doze Williams was introduced, by a sincere collegian, as International Vice President of No Distinction. Sister Rosalyn would not have to endure that introduction again.

The delegates elected Claire Brown Gwaltney, Beta Omega—Auburn, as International President along with two new members of Grand Council—Susan Swicord Mathews, Epsilon Pi—Georgia Southern, was named International Vice President of Collegiate Membership and Sydnee Jack, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, was elected to serve as International Secretary.

At their first council meeting in August, the new council discussed the increasing scrutiny of the media on Greeks. They voted to retain a Public Relations firm to assist with media inquiries and handle crisis communication if the need arose.

#### Coast to Coast

The new council was embarking on a busy year for expansion. In September, the expansion team interviewed more than 130 women at Sonoma State. They selected 49 to join the 31 members of a local that had become the first Alpha members the previous spring.

In October, Claire and the expansion team presented at the University of Delaware and learned that Alpha Delta Pi would “come home” to the campus in the spring.

When NPC met in October, Alpha Delta Pi was continuing its leadership role. Chris Dickey and Jana Clayton were both Senior RFM Specialists. Linda was serving as president of the Executive Directors Association and Jennifer was chair of the National Panhellenic Editors' Conference.

Claire installed her first new chapter, Theta Gamma at Sonoma State, on November 10, 2007. She was assisted by all members of Grand Council who stayed over for an abbreviated council meeting afterwards.

In February 2008, the recruitment team interviewed 295 women at the University of Delaware and extended 115 bids. Claire was assisted at the installation on May 8th by Grand Council and former Presidents Jane and Kathryn.

The sisters were busy all spring with expansion efforts led by Expansion Director Kristi Baer, Alpha Gamma—Missouri, and Campus Services Manager Tiffany Eisenbise, Delta Upsilon—UT at Martin. The plan called for five new chapters to “come home” during the next school year.

Paula J. Kendrick returned to Grand



*First published in 1907, The Adelphean turns 100 in 2007. Adelphean Art Director Tom Ford takes a picture of his daughter and her Beta Omega sisters at Auburn to replicate a picture of Elizabeth Moseley Coles (back right) and her 1907 classmates to use for the Summer 2007 cover of the The Adelphean. Front row, from left: Sarah Beth Young, Paige Lindley Moore, Lindsey Ford and Natalie Young.*



*Grand Council rocks the room with their skit at Fun Night in 2008.*



Council as International Vice President of Alumnae in May to complete the term of Lorraine Alderman Testa who resigned in April due to family and professional responsibilities.

Paula and the rest of Council, along with more than 400 collegians and alumnae, traveled to Atlanta for the 2008 summer meeting at the Renaissance Concourse Hotel. Volunteer Leadership Seminar, which previously included advisors became Leadership Seminar because advisor training was held at District Leadership Conferences

*Memorial Headquarters receives a restored Grand piano in 2008 which dates to the 1890s, and originally belonged to the Adelphean Society in Macon, then was at Lambda chapter at Brenau for nearly a century.*

to better accommodate the busy schedule of today's volunteers.

In addition to LS and the popular IMPACT program, an intensive Total Membership Education track challenged the sisters. The track titled "Diamond Boutique," found sisters exploring the 4 S's of the ADPi diamond—sisterhood, scholarship, sorority and self. The clever theme, playing on the traditional 4 C's of diamonds, provided members with a Diamond Appraisal Tool to assist form the perfectly balanced member.

The sisters rose to their feet, snapping photos on their phones, when Grand Council took to the stage for a song and dance, complete with blue and white boas that had been a Christmas present from International Vice President Anne Charnock.

The Foundation was celebrating its 25th anniversary and President Chloe Knight Tonney summarized the achievements that included that nearly \$3 million had been given to Ronald McDonald Houses and \$1 million to the sorority.

The evening began with fun and laughter and ended with satisfaction when Kristi and fellow Expansion Director Amanda Sloan, Alpha Beta—Iowa, explained the extension process and talked about the five colonies to be installed in the coming year. As a perfect finish to the evening, Claire presented badges to the four members in attendance from the newest chapter, Theta Delta.



*Theta Zeta President Whitney Burns accepts the charter from International President Claire Brown Gwaltney at Washington and Lee in March 2009.*

Sisters boarded buses on Saturday afternoon. Some traveled to Macon to enjoy our birthplace while others visited Memorial Headquarters where they were greeted by Grand Council.

In July, Memorial Headquarters received a precious delivery. A Grand piano that belonged to Alpha chapter at Wesleyan had “come home” after nearly 100 years. The piano originally belonged to the Adelphean Society. When Wesleyan closed sororities in 1916, the piano was a gift to Lambda chapter at Brenau.

A Lambda alumna, Tyler Lawrence Bradley, was visiting the chapter and noticed that the piano was missing. She discovered that the piano, which had been in bad repair, had been given to a “piano man” to haul away.

Tyler notified Executive Director Linda Welch Ablard and she contacted James Miller, the “piano man.” He was restoring it for a collector, but readily agreed that it needed to “come home.” The sorority and Foundation paid for a beautiful restoration and it is proudly displayed in the Founders’ Gallery at Memorial Headquarters. The “piano man” visits the fine piano regularly to tune it.



*As part of the convention philanthropy project, more than 500 new children’s books were collected for the Orlando Ronald McDonald Houses in 2009.*

### Growing the Sisterhood

A small private school, Methodist University, is home to Theta Epsilon, the first chapter to be installed in the fall of 2008. Founded as The Adelpheans, by 15 or so young women who had their sights on Alpha Delta Pi, they petitioned NPC through their university to become a chapter. Claire initiated 42 women on October 25 with the assistance of some Grand Council members. The fall installation schedule was too busy for all members to attend all installations.

The sisters rejoiced as they returned to Augusta State, after a 26-year absence, to reinstall Zeta Zeta chapter on November 1. They joined Zeta Tau Alpha as the second sorority on campus.

November 8th found the sisters celebrating as they “came home” to reinstall Delta Gamma the University of Arizona. Claire, and the team, initiated 151 collegians and two alumnae initiates. They stayed in the beautiful Delta Gamma house, that had been rented to the university for three years, then beautifully redecorated under the direction of House Corporation President Peggy Britt Kent, Gamma Rho—Arizona State.



*The 2009-2010 Leadership Consultants and Senior Leadership Consultant begin their year at the 2009 Convention (seated, from left) Brittany Holbert, Gamma Phi—East Tennessee State; Ashley Ebrman, Epsilon Lambda—South Florida; Lauren Caldwell, Zeta Sigma—College of Charleston; Laura Sill, Zeta Xi—Virginia; Jackie Mills, Phi—Hanover; (back row, from left) Stefanie Boyko, Beta Phi—Maryland; Tara Fuller, also Beta Phi, and Julia Boisvert, Beta Omega—Auburn.*

In October at NPC, Jana, a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee, helped present the plan. Linda and Ethan Fieldman at the GIN System presented the new online badge ordering system they had developed. It was successful in raising revenues and saw more jeweled badges ordered. Once again, other groups followed suit.

Because expansion success was placing increasing demands on volunteers and staff, Grand Council approved the addition of a third expansion director and former Leadership Consultant, Kim Lorence, Alpha Beta—Iowa, filled the job. They also added the staff position of Leadership Services Manager and another former Leadership Consultant and former Communications Coordinator, Annie Durant, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, was recruited by Linda to “come home” in January 2009. Annie took responsibility for the LC program



*Working as interns at Executive Office and Memorial Headquarters in the summer of 2009 are (first row seated, from left) Casey Green, Eta Gamma—Austin Peay State and Haley Maynard, Gamma Kappa—West Virginia Wesleyan; (second row, from left) Genny Ives, Eta Phi—Furman; Blair Gillespie, Theta Zeta—Washington and Lee; Monica Merritt, Gamma Tau—Vermont; and Lori Corley, Epsilon Chi—Longwood, (third row, from left) Jessica Hermann, Delta Gamma—Arizona, and Courtney Korb, Gamma Rho—Arizona State.*

and the Fraternity/Sorority Advisors which allowed Campus Services Manager Tiffany Eisenbise to devote her attention to expansion.

January also found collegians from many chapters boarding buses to assist with the colonization at Washington and Lee University. The campus dictated that the sisters participate in formal recruitment rather than follow the usual process of conducting interviews. The sisters were successful and 73 Theta Zeta members were initiated on March 7.

Next, Alpha Delta Pi would “come home” to Wake Forest on March 21 when Eta Upsilon was reinstalled. Colonized in January with 122 members, it was a very special installation as a descendant of Founder Octavia Andrew Rush, Amy Elizabeth Rush, was a charter member and other family members attended.



Drake University would be the next site where the sisters would “come home.” Colonized in February, Claire installed Theta Eta with 58 members on April 3rd. Former Grand President Ginny Stafford had attended the expansion presentation and was a special guest at the installation banquet.

Five new chapters had been planned at the beginning of the school year. It would end with six. The sisters were elated and exhausted.

In late April, sisters and guests gathered at Memorial Headquarters for a “Celebration of Campaigns,” a culmination of the Foundation, Sorority and Comprehensive Campaign. A Wall of Donors that recognizes all donors of over \$1,000 was unveiled, as well as a portrait of Maryann Friend Gillespie, that was a gift from her family. The portrait hangs in the Violet Bedroom, a room donated by the Greater Atlanta Alumnae Association and named in honor of Maryann. The Jane Fiedler Madio Library, a gift from the Sorority and the Foundation, as well as the Alpha Zeta Training/Conference Room were other focal points.

### Spreading Universal Appeal

The 2009 Grand Convention found 585 sisters traveling to the Renaissance Orlando Resort at SeaWorld. A convention blog, written by alumnae and collegians, kept those not attending informed and entertained.

In addition to Gift Mart, additional vendors provided the sisters with many shopping opportunities. Herff Jones, the official jeweler, offered the new Heritage Collection that features items such as the Eugenia ring.

The opening processional took on a new look as the sisters entered through a tunnel of chapter flags. In her keynote address, Claire inspired the sisters, but spoke frankly about troubling issues.

“We used to think hazing was a fraternity problem. Sadly, women are now equal participants...”

“Alpha Delta Pi chapters are not immune. I’m sad to say that after fighting it for years, hazing is gaining ground,” she stressed. “Grand Council, international officers, advisors and staff are spending way too much time dealing with this senseless behavior that has no place in Alpha Delta Pi.

“In most cases, hazing starts as something that is supposed to be

fun. It never ends well... I truly hope that everyone goes forth refusing to be a bystander and that you will truly recommit to our founding principles.”

Renee Bailey Iacona, Delta Upsilon—UT at Martin, was elected as International Vice President of Alumnae Membership. She was the only new member of Grand Council.

Executive Office welcomed eight interns for the summer and while doing research, Monica Merritt, Gamma Tau—Vermont, discovered that she is a legacy. She hadn’t known that her great-grandmother, Catherine Leslie Iten, had served on Grand Council in the 1950s and was later a Foundation Trustee.



*Members of Beta Upsilon at North Carolina—Chapel Hill gather in front of the golden arches before the Ron-a-Tbon 5K Race. (c. 2009)*



*Collegians and International President Claire Brown Gwaltney enjoy their first stop at the Cannonball House on the "rolling history tour" to Macon in 2010.*

Fall found expansion back in the forefront as Alpha Delta Pi's appeal resulted in three more new chapters. Theta Theta at Quinnipiac was installed on October 31 with 84 charter members.

Bucknell was colonized with a Panhellenic-dictated plan that it would take two years to reach average chapter size. Sixty-two women were initiated into Theta Iota by Claire and her team on November 14.

Theta Kappa "came home" to Florida Atlantic University on November 21 with 74 charter members. The sisters were ready to grow the new chapters and take a break from expansion.

Patty Purish O'Neill, Zeta Omega—Central Florida, assumed the office of NPC Foundation President in October at the NPC meeting.

In November, Leadership Services Manager Annie Durant,

sat up a Twitter page for the sorority. She continues to tweet about upcoming events and successes of the sisters.

### Leading Again

Facebook was a phenomenon and a Facebook application was launched in spring, 2010. It allows users to submit news and events for posting by the ever-capable Annie. And, the sisters were the first Greek group to include a shopping page on a Facebook App. Linda suggested the idea to Ethan Fieldman at The GIN System—they built it and other groups soon followed suit.

Technology had the attention of Grand Council and they invited

Ethan and his team to the April council meeting to help formulate a long-range strategy for technology needs. Ethan, Chad Corbitt and Gabby Leon shared their knowledge and the ball started rolling for considering a new website and a database that meets the needs of the sorority and the Foundation.

Leadership was definitely on the mind of the sisters at the 2010 summer meeting. In addition to Leadership Seminar and IMPACT, a third track, "Adelphian Compass" focused on leadership.

Funded by the Foundation, sisters with expertise in leadership, spent 10 months planning the track. The dynamic and interactive program had four components based on leading with self, vision, action and relationships. On Saturday afternoon, the Adelphian Compass participants boarded buses, with box lunches in hand, for a rolling history lesson that led to Memorial Headquarters and our birthplace in Macon.

The fifth IMPACT was co-facilitated by EO managers Tiffany Eisenbise and Annie Durant. Designated facilitators and collegians kept journals. Adam Cantley, Greek Advisor at Virginia Tech, wrote, "It was great to hear women talk about aligning actions with their values. It was great to hear more than 150 women recite their Creed. I recorded it on my iPhone to share with the ADPi women when they return to campus and really challenge them to take time to incorporate the Creed in their daily lives..."

Excitement also exuded from the sisters when it was announced that The GIN System's chapter communication tools would be rolled out to all chapters in the fall. The tools include everything officers need to manage the chapter and connect with members in one central place.

### Celebrating Heritage & Mapping the Future

The sisters were planning for the historic 160th anniversary in 2011 and history was foremost in the minds of the leaders. Time was of the essence as well. Grand Council approved the first ever Presidents' Reunion, to be held in September at Memorial Headquarters. All past presidents attended, except for Chris, who had a prior family commitment.

Executive Director Linda Ablard, who was working on this book, *Adelphian* Editor Jennifer Siler, long-time photographer Charles E. Walton, IV, and videographer Cody Walters attended to capture the

priceless moments. Jennifer and Cody are creating a video for use on the rolling history tours at future Adelphean Compass tracks.

Technology and heritage were intertwined topics at the fall Grand Council meeting. The board decided to bring Cody to convention to document our 160th anniversary. The sisters agreed that a website with video capabilities was necessary and that the Technology Committee, under the direction of Rebecca DeSensi Sivori, Beta Psi—Kentucky should pursue options.

The decision resulted in a technology weekend in April, 2011, where some committee members, as well as sorority and foundation volunteers and staff listened intently as eight vendors shared their products. The process continues as the sisters look to the future.

Expansion success continues. No new chapters were installed in the 2010-2011 school year, but the sisters have been awarded coveted slots to “come home” to six new campuses in future years. Alpha Delta Pi should soon be at home at Loyola—Chicago, James Madison, Virginia Commonwealth, Sacred Heart, Mississippi State and our first Ivy League school, the University of Pennsylvania. Loyola will be the next with colonization in fall 2011.

Wesleyan College is celebrating its 175th anniversary as Alpha Delta Pi celebrates 160 years. To commemorate both occasions, the sisters gave a pair of lions to the college in April 2011, which flank the Alpha Delta Pi fountain given for the college's centennial in 1936.

The sorority's historic anniversary will be a focal point at convention in June. A special anniversary badge is being hand-crafted by the official jeweler, Herff Jones. Featuring turquoise stones, as a tribute to the host state of Arizona, it will be available with crown set stones or as a roped border badge with turquoise points. A new roped border badge pendant and other accessories will complement the limited edition badges.

At the opening banquet, the sisters will see a likeness of Elizabeth Williams Mitchell for the first time when the new portrait is unveiled. *More Sisters* will be introduced at the banquet and an autograph party will follow.

And, so the sisters celebrate a proud 160 year history and look to the future just as Founder Mary Evans Glass did when at 75-years of age, she said, “I am confidently looking to the future and trusting her to bring to our successors still the very best of all.”



*Presidents gather at Memorial Headquarters to capture history in September 2011. From left: Photographer Charles Walton, IV, Beth Gentry Mannle, Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Claire Brown Gwaltney, Jane Fiedler Madio, Author Linda Welch Ablard, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Adelphean Editor Jennifer McGbee Siler and Videographer Cody Walters.*



*The sisters give a pair of lions to Wesleyan College in April 2011 to commemorate the college's 175th anniversary and the sorority's 160th anniversary.*

# Collegiate Chapter Histories

BY LINDA WELCH ABLARD and MIMI MACKEBEE MORAN

Alpha Delta Pi has proudly installed 202 chapters since our historic founding on May 15, 1851, as the first secret society for college women in the world. Following is a short synopsis of our chapters. Space prohibited the mention of thousands of members who have contributed so richly to our history. We have attempted to list all members of Grand Council, as well as those who have served 10 years or more as an international officer, advisor or House Corporation board member. We searched records and solicited the chapters, as well as alumnae for help in identifying these members and for verification of facts. No doubt, omissions have been made and we regret any oversights.

## Alpha

Wesleyan College — Macon, GA  
May 15, 1851-1916

Founded May 15, 1851, The Adelphean Society was the first secret society for college women in the world and was founded at Wesleyan Female College, the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. In 1904, after flourishing for more than 50 years at Wesleyan, the Adelphean members decided to secure a charter and “go national.” In 1905, before starting expansion efforts, they adopted the name Alpha Delta Phi. After learning of a fraternity of the same name, the convention delegates voted to change the name to Alpha Delta Pi in 1913. A change of faculty in 1914 led to the administration’s decision to eliminate sororities at Wesleyan and the last members of Alpha chapter graduated in 1916. Alpha chapter members are woven into every thread of our history. Alpha produced our first three Grand Presidents: Elizabeth Moseley Coles, Newel

*Adelphean sisters embrace in front of the Wesleyan College steps. (c. 1900)*



Mason and Jewel Davis Scarborough. Grand Council members include Theodosia Davis Warren, Dorothy Blount Lamar, Emily Humber White, Fannie Prescott Ross, Lillian Moore Hume, Eleanor Hunter, Caro Twitty Martin, Grace Troutman Wilson and Gladys Tilley Chambers.

## Beta

Salem College  
Winston-Salem, NC  
March 25, 1905-1909

Installed in March 1905 with 13 charter members, Beta was one of two sororities at Salem College. In 1909 in a farewell to *The Adelphean*, their closing was addressed: “This is an old Moravian school and the trustees think that sororities are detrimental to the general welfare of the college.” Before departing campus, Beta’s meeting hall furnishings were sold, and with the money, a statue was given to the college in memory of sister Helen Wilde who died the summer she graduated. The statue now sits in the office of Dr. Rose Simon, Director of Libraries.



*Gamma's 1908 composite consists of several pages of the members at Mary Baldwin.*

Gamma  
Mary Baldwin  
College  
Staunton, VA  
Spring, 1906-1908

Gamma chapter began as local sorority Delta Delta Sigma. The chapter could not be "regularly" installed during the school term due to strict visitor restrictions at what was then a seminary. The 12 original members initiated themselves to the best of their abilities. Faculty opposition ensued and no rushing was allowed after 1908. The chapter was fully disbanded by 1910.

Rugeley Price and Lucile Williams were the moving forces of the advisory board and House Corporation. At the 2000 Founders' Day, awards for more than 20 years of service were made to Estelle Dooley Fancher, Yvonne Gebhard Gardner and Nancy Helf Winfield. Also recognized was Debbie Ellis, longtime chapter advisor and Province Director. Jeannene Fox Mills has served as an advisor for many years. Delta is a four-time Golden Lion Award winner. In 2006, they became the first chapter to celebrate a 100th anniversary.

Epsilon  
Sophie Newcomb College of  
Tulane University  
New Orleans, LA  
November 6, 1906-1977

Epsilon was founded in 1906 by Jewel Davis Scarborough and Lillian Moore Hume. Louise Culbertson, a member of the first pledge class, served on Grand Council while still a collegian, including service as Acting Grand President from mid-1908 until the convention in 1909 where she presided. Charter member Nettie Barnwell, who also attended the 1909 Convention, was truly a woman ahead of her time—she was one of four students on campus selected to attend the Student Volunteer Convention in Kansas City in 1909. She was president of the Newcomb Equal Suffrage Club in 1913, and opened her own business, a book bindery that she called "At the Sign of the Glue Pot." At the 1917 Convention, when it was decided to bind *The Adelphean* magazines for all chapters, she was selected as the binder and continued as the sorority's official binder for many years. Diphtheria closed the college for a while in 1912, but fortunately no sisters suffered. Sororities were threatened with banishment in early 1919, but they persevered. From that point Epsilon grew, flourishing on campus and especially in scholarship. However in the 1970s, interest in Greek life declined and the chapter closed in 1977. In addition to Louise Culbertson, Emily Langham and Marilyn Mayer Long served on Grand Council.



*Rose Aimee Roy, Epsilon, is the Most Beautiful Girl at Sophie Newcomb College. (c. 1925)*

Delta  
University of Texas — Austin  
June 7, 1906

Our oldest active chapter, Delta was the first at a class "A" university. Jewel Davis Scarborough, Alpha, who had transferred to the university, was instrumental in establishing the chapter. The early 1920s were difficult with university anti-sorority legislation; however, Delta continued to hold the scholarship cup and never faltered. Although the chapter has had several residences, they have occupied their current house since 1970. This three-story New Orleans colonial structure has as its heart an 1871 historic home and features a small enclosed-pool between the old and new houses. Through the years, Delta members have made countless contributions to the campus, and to Alpha Delta Pi. Claudia Brahm Little translated our secret motto into Greek and served as the first Registrar. In 1930, the first sweetheart at University of Texas was Myrle Daunoy Tyson. Mabelle Fuller Sperry served as Grand President and Eunice Lewis was Grand Secretary-Treasurer and Grand Historian. Lucille Terrell Walters organized the Mothers' Club program and served as an international officer for 20 years. Mary Ann Maley was Alumna of the Year in 1985. Kay Dyché Weed was the first president of the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. From the 1940s through the 1980s, Nan Williams Bray, Elizabeth "Skeet" Rice Finks, Betty-Love



Zeta  
Southwestern University  
Georgetown, TX  
February 9, 1907

Southwestern University, Texas' oldest university, is the home of Zeta chapter. A group of young ladies gathered on Thanksgiving Day in 1899, in Georgetown to form a local sorority. They called themselves Beta Sigma and became the first sorority at Southwestern. Negotiations with Alpha Delta Phi began in 1905, but due to faculty opposition to national sororities, Zeta wasn't installed until 1907. Delta chapter helped with initiation. The 1909 Convention was held in Georgetown with Zetas serving as hostesses. A fire in 1925 destroyed the Women's Building and all past records; however, collegians and alumnae worked diligently to recreate membership records. Zeta celebrated its 90th anniversary in 1997 with the grand opening of a new chapter

*Mary Mann Richardson is the president of the local Beta Sigma when it was installed as Zeta chapter at Southwestern University in 1907.*

room. Charter member Florra Root Cody was Texas State Membership Chairman for 21 years. She and her husband were generous benefactors to the sorority, as well as the university which is home to the Cody Memorial Library. Grand Council members include Gladys Snyder Whitcomb, Paula Garrison Feagin, Abigail Davis and Fay Kennedy Cannon. Long-serving international officers include Betty Lee Picard, Frances Poulson Hall and Dakota Ehman Sterling, who served on the 150th Anniversary Committee until her untimely death in 1995. Zeta is a six-time Golden Lion Award winner.

Eta  
University of Alabama — Tuscaloosa  
March 21, 1907-1909  
February 14, 1931

Eta began as local Pi Kappa Alpha and enjoyed a promising start, but the university did not favor co-education and there were not enough female students to sustain the chapter so they surrendered their charter at the 1909 Convention. Eta was reestablished in 1931, with the local Beta Phi as pledges. The chapter moved into a Southern colonial-style house in late 1931—the first brick sorority house on campus. Eta's house and Kappa Delta's are the only Greek houses on campus listed on the State's Historical Registry. Anna Trott Hunter Little was the first woman at Alabama to receive an M.S. degree and the first woman on faculty. Ben Avis Adams Orcutt was the first director of the doctoral program in social

work and in 1984 a scholarship was endowed in her name. Jane Kimbrough Dishuck was the first woman president of the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association and first woman chairman of the Board of the United Methodist Church. Wildie Hibbler Couric served on Grand Council. Carolyn Zerfas Machens, Sigma—Illinois, and Jennifer Goode Davis were long-serving advisors while Patty Culbert Natter and Cynthia Hudson Brast are long-serving international officers. Eta won the Golden Lion in 2009.

Theta  
Lawrence University — Appleton, WI  
June 10, 1908-1969

Local sorority Zeta Omega Phi organized at Lawrence College in 1905. They were a successful addition to campus, and petitioned Alpha Delta Phi to become Theta chapter. In 1908, Grand President Newel Mason took a train from Georgia to Wisconsin to install them as the first national sorority at Lawrence and the first Alpha Delta Phi chapter outside of the South. The fall of 1908 found 11 members furnishing their new chapter room. Theta was very active both on campus and in the Appleton community. Jessica North MacDonald, an accomplished writer, authored Alpha Delta Pi's first history in 1928, then updated it in 1931 and served as *Adelphian* Editor. She also wrote the words for the National Song. Dorothy Richardson Buell also served as editor. After 60 strong years, Theta closed in 1969 due to growing opposition to Greeks.

Iota  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee  
January 16, 1909

Local sorority Theta Sigma became Iota chapter at what was then Florida State Woman's College in 1909 and began their outstanding record on campus. In 1923 the group purchased their first house, and in 1932 moved into a new Southern colonial home to which a bedroom wing addition was completed in 1962. Charter member Rosa Longmire Williams served on Grand

*Joy Ferguson, Iota, serves as president of the freshman class at Florida Woman's College. (c. 1930)*



Council as Treasurer, then as Grand Historian from 1918 to 1925, preserving many important records that made this book possible. Elizabeth Bethune McDonald, Mary Stallings Singleton and Martha Bedell Alexander served as international officers for many years. Eleanor Mizell McMullen was Alumna of the Year in 1971. Sally Toth Lane, Gail Palmer Harris, Sue Pendarvis McKemie and Marty Bearden Quinn, Delta Sigma—Ole Miss, have long records of local service. In 1973, Iota received the first Golden Lion Award, along with Chi and Beta Omega.

**Kappa**  
 Judson College — Marion, AL  
 March 19, 1910-1919  
 Samford University  
 Birmingham, AL  
 September, 1919

Kappa chapter originated at Judson College as the local sorority Alpha Nu Sigma before being installed as Kappa chapter in 1910. School administration closed the chapter at Judson in 1919, but Alpha Delta Pi transferred the charter to a petitioning group at Howard College, now Samford University that same year. Kappa has a tradition of excellence, continuously placing first in scholarship and Step Sing. They have been awarded Diamond Four Point almost every year since it was established in 1970. They have received the Golden Lion Award 13 times, the most of any chapter. Because of tremendous sorority growth at Samford, university officials built new residence halls and offered them to Greek organizations. Kappa's home, which opened in 1990, houses 76 members. The chapter room was named for Velma Neal Griffin and Sarah "Sally" Blackburn Dozier, two long-time advisors. Sally also designed the Jewel Degree ribbon that has been used since 1979 and she was named Alumna of the Year in 1993. Grand Council members include Evelyn Hix, Virginia Bishop Browder and Leigh Dozier Taylor. Former District VI Team Director Linda Phillips Allen served in countless ways as did Whitney Wheeler Pickering and Martha Howard Moore. Long-serving advisors include Janis Purdy Clements, Eta—Alabama and Carolyn Clay Biggin, who also held several international



*Judson College administration closes sororities on the Marion, Alabama, campus in 1919, and Kappa's charter is moved to Howard College in Birmingham before the beginning of the school year that fall. This is the only time in Alpha Delta Pi history that a chapter's charter has been moved to another campus.*

positions, and International President Claire Brown Gwaltney, both of Beta Omega—Auburn, as well as Kappa alumnae Kathy Perrigin Clay and Lori Littlejohn Sullivan. Martha Green Isom also has a long service record.

**Lambda**  
 Brenau University — Gainesville, GA  
 April 18, 1910

Alpha Beta Tau, established as a local secret society at Brenau College in 1904, was always one of the top two groups on campus. The society competed for and received the selection by Alpha Delta Phi to become



the first national group on campus. Lambda has occupied several college-owned houses, currently residing in what was formerly the barn beyond the stables for the students' horses. Because of the close proximity to Wesleyan, several Alpha members served as early advisors to Lambda, and when Alpha closed, many of their furnishings were sent to Lambda and are still used today. The 1851 grand piano was moved to Memorial Headquarters in 2008, after being restored by the sorority. Louise Hancock Owens made a sizable donation to Brenau for a student center, now the Owens Student Center, and gave generously to the chapter. Grand Council members include Rosabelle Brown,

*Lambdas are in the May queen procession at Brenau College: (from left) Elizabeth Baughman, Georgia Rudolph, Dorothy Woodall, Nancy Womble and Bettye Foster. (c. 1935)*

Kathleen Sutton Rowe and Dorothy Warthen Candler. Martha Emma Watson Anderson served as *Adelphean* Editor, Grand Historian and in many other ways. Ann Freeman Murrah, Kathy Herrington DeLoach and Maureen Wallace Abney have long service records. Carol Ann Shumake Ligon was a long-serving advisor and Tyler Lawrence Bradley has served as an advisor to several chapters.



## Mu

Huntingdon College — Montgomery, AL  
November 10, 1910-1913

Mu's existence was brief and the sisters dealt with faculty opposition from the beginning. However, Mu members were the tops on campus... "most intellectual girl," president of Athletic Association, president and treasurer of sophomore class, president, vice-president and treasurer of the YWCA, "best all-round girl," presidents of Dramatic Club and Literary Society. Mu pledged Rosalind Rush and Octavia Holt Bass, granddaughters of Founder Octavia Andrew Rush. In a 1987 letter to the Archives, Mrs. Bass wrote the following account of their closing. At a required chapel in 1913, the president of the college announced that sororities and all clubs would be abolished immediately. Mu members bought a little gold jewelry box that they deemed a "coffin" and planned to meet down in "The Pines" after lights were out. There "we burned all our things—robes and all—and put the ashes in the coffin—cried a lot, and went down and threw the key in the Alabama River... Mu chapter was 'Gone with the Wind'—most of the girls transferred to other colleges the next year."

## Nu

Randolph College  
Lynchburg, VA  
November 10, 1910-1960

In 1910, the National Council asked Abigail Davis, Zeta—Southwestern, to colonize a chapter at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. She transferred to the college and founded Nu chapter as the eighth sorority on campus. Nu began with no campus meeting room, but in their first year completed the daunting task of financing and building the "first little spot in the pines." Their first meeting in the new lodge, which was the first sorority lodge on campus, was on April 15, 1911.

*Irene Dillard Elliott, Nu—Randolph-Macon, is the first woman to receive a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. (c. 1915)*



Once settled in their home, Nu members started a tradition of excelling in scholastics, philanthropies and leadership. In May 1960, the Board of Trustees removed all sororities from campus, ending 50 years of a strong presence on campus. Irene Dillard Elliott was the first Dean of Women at the University of South Carolina and the first woman to receive a Ph.D. from that institution. Bessie Mary Dudley Baird and Alpha Penn Blind served on Grand Council. The college name changed in 2007.

## Xi

Ohio University — Athens  
June 2, 1914

Ohio University's Dean of Women selected 12 young women to become members of the Cryterian Club, which organized with the intent to petition Alpha Delta Pi. The group was installed as Xi chapter in 1914. They were actually installed after Omega chapter and received the "Xi" name because the Council had simply failed to assign the "Xi" name after Nu—in other words, they had skipped from Nu to Omicron according to the English alphabet rather than the Greek alphabet. When they discovered the oversight, they assigned the Xi name as soon as possible. Xi's eight charter

members held high profile positions in almost every campus organization which women could join. In the early years, sororities did not have houses, but rented a room in Cutler Hall. Then in 1927, the ban against sorority houses was lifted and Xi occupied several homes before settling at 101 South Court Street in 1946. The house is an Athens Historical Landmark. In the 1920s, the Glee Club, a prestigious group of 35 members, included 11 members from Xi, and the first female percussion member of the Marching 110—Ohio University's band—was also from Xi. By collecting the most canned food for a local food bank, a member held the Homecoming Queen position for 14 years. Olive Cameron Murch served on Grand Council. Harriet Carlson, Alpha Sigma—Ohio Wesleyan, and Judy Luttrell Harmon served on the House Corporation board for many years. Sandy McDonald Davis and Bonnie Neff Pennington have long service records.



*Lois Cecil, Xi, is the "True Obioan" of Ohio University. (c. 1925)*



*Omicrons display their banner at Duke. From left; Lucy Muse, Mildred Sinclair, Fanny Kilgo and Irma Tapp who would later serve as Grand President. (c. 1913)*

#### Omicron

Duke University — Durham, NC  
June 2, 1911

When Omicron chapter was installed in 1911, it was the first national sorority at Trinity College, which became Duke University in 1924. The chapter began in the early 1900s as the V.d.W. Club, a group whose members were selected for high scholastic ratings. The chapter has had many homes since its installation; in fact, they owned a house for a brief time, but choosing not to live in it, the house was sold. They currently have no official housing arrangements. Omicron members participate in numerous campus activities as well as service projects. They have cooked weekly dinners at the Ronald McDonald House for years and have a long tradition of sponsoring an annual Christmas party at the state Cerebral Palsy Hospital. A chapter president around 1915, Irma Tapp later served as Grand President and chairman of the National Panhellenic Conference. Television news woman Judy Woodruff has covered the White House and was an anchor for CNN.



*Pi members enjoy hobbies at Iowa State. (c. 1913)*

#### Pi

Iowa State University — Ames  
June 3, 1911

In the earlier years of Iowa State, fraternities and sororities were abolished, but the ban was lifted in 1904. That same year, a friendship club called Inomene Feliae, or the Unnamed Girls, organized, and for six years they continued, living in Margaret Hall dormitory. In 1910, the club reorganized as a local sorority, petitioned Alpha Delta Phi, and Pi chapter was installed in 1911. Pi rented several houses before building on Sorority Circle in the late 1920s. Charter member Ada Hayden was the first woman to receive a Ph.D. from Iowa State, and in 1938, Margaret Sloss was the first woman awarded a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. Mary Kelly Shearer served on Grand Council and was Alpha Delta Pi's Business Manager from 1919 to 1925, establishing the sorority's first Central Office in her home. Pi also is home to Susan Jervis Kennedy an *Adelphean* staff member for 20 years. Jean McNaught served as Iowa State Membership Chairman for 15 years, while Jeri Larsen Braun and Judy Muessel Nelson were longtime Province Presidents. Beverly Schlacks Madden has served the House Corporation for more than 30 years. Pi was awarded the Golden Lion Award in 1985. In conjunction with their 75th anniversary in 1986, a Pi scholarship was established through the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. A major house refurbishing project was completed for the 100th anniversary.

## Rho

Boston University — Boston

December 16, 1911-1965

February 14, 1987

In 1898, Entre Nous society was formed to protest the exclusiveness of the existing sororities at Boston University. In 1909, the name changed to Delta Chi Omicron, and as conditions on campus changed, they decided to become national, affiliating with Alpha Delta Phi. In 1920, the university threatened to abolish sororities; however, Rho remained strong on campus. Rho participated in all aspects of college life for over 60 years but closed in 1965 due to decreasing numbers. Rho became active again in 1987 and won Greek Week just one month after installation. Rho is home to former Grand President Minnie Allen Hubbard and Grand Council members Dorothy Pierpont Shaw and Ethel Thayer. Long-serving officers include Helen Janson Kraus, Natilee Martson, Caroline Daly Nysten and Christine Ebsen Lortz, who established the Lortz Legacy Grants and was a founder of the Dandy Lions.

## Sigma

University of Illinois

Urbana

March 28, 1912

Originally the local Alpha Alpha, Sigma was installed in 1912 with 27 charter initiates. In the early years, the chapter rented houses, but in 1920, a corner lot was purchased and the house was completed by 1927. In 1940 a stone front porch was added; in 1944 a lot to the north of the house was purchased; in 1951 expansion on the house began and in 1953 the chapter moved into the new part of the house, which was financed by alumnae contributions. Sigma was the first chapter to computerize its finances. One of the 100 pillars at Illinois' Memorial Stadium, which honor Illini who died in World War I, is in the name of Sigma alumna Gladys Kilpatrick—the only woman to whom a column was dedicated. She was an Army nurse who died while on duty. Grand Council members include Frances Morehouse, Augusta Bond Smith, Helen Newton Murray, Ruth



*Mary Jane Caldwell, Sigma, is the winner of Pierrot's annual beauty contest at the University of Illinois. (c. 1929)*

Pretty Palmer and Margaret Hope Hallet Lang who served as *Adelphbean* Editor. Frances Morehouse served in countless capacities and her father assisted with Greek translation when the sorority's name was changed to Alpha Delta Pi. Sallie Patterson Pagels and Gina Faso contributed in many ways, including serving many years as international officers. Ruth Christ Pusich served on House Corporation for years. Jo Ellen Karr Campbell has served in many ways, including as a Foundation Trustee.



## Tau

University of Kansas — Lawrence

May 15, 1912

Tau members requested their installation date to commemorate the founding of the Adelphbean Society on May 15, 1851. The request was granted and the chapter was installed on May 15, 1912 with 11 charter members, all of whom were active in the Red Cross. Sometime between 1913 and 1919, Tau members wrote the words to "I Love the Pin," using the tune from "I Love You Best Of All." In anticipation of Alpha Delta Pi's 100th anniversary in 1951, a member of Tau was president of every major woman's organization on campus. The chapter house, located at 1600 Oxford Road, has a capacity of about 90 women. Tau sponsors a playroom at the Ronald McDonald House in Topeka. Grand Council members include Isabel Bandy Jochems, Janet Strong Shipman, Ann Johnson Havenhill and Vicki Mathews Lilly, who also was Foundation president. Initiated in 1917, Iris Russell Sellers held her wedding in the chapter house and worked her entire life with the chapter. She served as a Province President for many years as did Elizabeth Kemp Houghton and Nancy Lawrence Sheppard. Ruth Worley Mitchell and Lynda White Hocking served for many years. Sarah Dickey Goodburn and Ann White Young, District II Team Director, also have long records of international service. Annette Havenhill Dix, is a long-serving advisor for Alpha Eta at Kansas State. Tau has won the Golden Lion Award six times.

*Tau members at the University of Kansas write the words to "I Love the Pin." (c. 1915)*



*Upsilon perform the May Pole Dance at Washington State. (c. 1914)*

Upsilon  
Washington State University — Pullman  
October 5, 1912

The Washington State College newspaper, *The Evergreen*, carried the news – “Local Theta Kappa becomes Upsilon chapter of Alpha Delta Phi.” Installation occurred October 5, 1912, making Upsilon the second national sorority on campus. Members reside in a large house and are proud of their grand piano—it was the first grand piano on campus and was paid for as members gave up butter rations during World War I for its purchase. For some time, the music school held recitals at the house. The house also contains two “Pi Lights,” which are fixtures in the shape of the badge with lights around the edges. Upsilon uses the lights during chapter meetings and other appropriate ceremonies. Upsilon has a tradition of winning awards for its scholarship program. Frederica Kershaw Garber’s music was chosen as Alpha Delta Phi’s National Song at the 1923 Convention. Verona Hull served on Grand Council and Lora McCauley Loftis was a long serving international officer. Gretchen Collins Campbell has a long record of local and international service. Texas Robinson has served as an advisor for many years.

Phi  
Hanover College — Hanover, IN  
June 2, 1913

Phi chapter began as a well-established local, Pi Alpha Tau, and became not only the first sorority at Hanover, but also the first Alpha Delta Pi chapter in Indiana. Their first house was built in 1928, and is now a land-

mark known as the College House. Phi members proudly point out the diamond-shaped window in the house they once called home. In 1953, three new sorority houses were built, and because Phi had the highest GPA, they had first pick of the houses. Phi displays both their Alpha Delta Phi and Alpha Delta Pi charters in the house. The alumnae newsletter has been published almost every year since 1924. Alumna Carol Warner Shields’ novel, *The Stone Diaries*, won a Pulitzer Prize for Literature. Margaret “Peg” Reed Lorenzen served as an international officer for more than 25 years. In 1984, when NPC opened its first professional office, Emilieann Howard Vargo was hired as their only employee, setting up the Indianapolis office and running it until 1990 at which time she began service as an international officer. Former Province Director Barbara Lindsey Bergdolt, Sally Davis Lipp, Betsy Hassler Johnson, Zeta Lambda—Texas A&M, and Julie Slayback Thacker also have long records of service.

Chi  
Wittenberg University  
Springfield, OH  
November 20, 1913

Local sorority Gamma Beta Gamma was organized at Wittenberg in spring 1913, and in November, Chi became the first chapter to be installed as Alpha Delta Phi since the name had just been changed from Alpha Delta Phi the previous June. For the first 10 years, Chi rented various rooms and houses. The current house was purchased in 1926. The house, built in the early 1900s, has been enlarged twice and has an outstanding entry with a circular stairway to the third floor. Numerous members have been chosen “Alma Mater,” the highest honor given to a Wittenberg woman, and scholarship and campus activities are always foremost. At the 1927



*Chi’s rush chairman, Esther Leilich, is a member of the Wittenberg choir and chosen one of the 10 most beautiful women on campus. (c. 1932)*

Convention, the Alpha Delta Pi Blessing, as written by Chi member Helen Davis was presented. In the early 1970s, Chi pledges, using a guitar, wrote the notes for the musical setting of the Fifteenth Psalm. In 1973, Chi was one of three chapters to receive the first Golden Lion Award and they won again in 1983. In 1988, in honor of its 75th anniversary, an "Alpha Delta Pi Achievement Award" was established, and each year \$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding Greek junior. Grand Council members include Esther Cox Rider, Betty Braun Pitzer and Lindy Lutz Cash. Betty was Alumna of the Year in 1987. Eve Poss Theisen, Patricia Owen Bolla, Marilyn Schoman Jones and Debbie Kuzma Stillings served as international officers for many years. Long-serving advisors include Betty Eckhart Wilkins, Pat Dunn Broderick and Diane Leach, Phi—Hanover.

Psi  
University of California  
Berkeley  
December 6, 1913

In 1910 a group called the Camarvon Club organized, rented and furnished a house and chose a Welsh harp as their insignia. This group was installed in 1913 as Psi chapter with 29 initiates. The 1915 Alpha Delta Pi Convention was held in Berkeley. Charter member Irene Patchett Smith, who was also a charter member of the Camarvon Club, was selected convention manager. The convention was a huge success and Irene was elected Grand Secretary even though she only visited the convention briefly because of the birth of her daughter. She was then elected Grand President in 1917. Psi chapter occupied several houses until 1931 when the tudor-style house that had been the Phoebe Hearst estate was acquired. The house was recognized immediately as the showplace of the campus. In 1934, "Central Office" was moved to the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley under the direction of Psi alumna Eleanor Abrott Harris. Eleanor developed

*Betty Scott (Schiller) represents Psi chapter at UC, Berkeley, at the 1934 Convention.*



the first professional accounting system for collegiate chapters that would soon become a model for all other NPC groups. Alumna Betty Scott Schiller also worked in the Central Office and had a life-long service record to the sorority as did Lois Swabel, who was one of three selected as the first Traveling Collegiate Secretaries in 1933. Lois, along with Juanita Stack Clarke, Shirley Hinz Newton and Annette Saville Nicolaisen, served as Psi advisors from the mid-1940s until 1981. In addition to Irene Patchett Smith and Eleanor Abrott Harris, Grand Council members include Marian Underwood and Joan Sutton Knox who has served in countless ways including service as a Foundation Trustee and as a member of the 150th Anniversary Committee. Molly Patchett Hendrickson served as State Membership Chair and as a Province President for several years. Barbara Tye Jaeger designed the Foundation logo.

Omega  
Louisiana State University — Baton Rouge  
May 29, 1914-1985

Local sorority Sigma Beta Tau organized in 1913 at Louisiana State University for mutual benefit, protection and raising the standards of college life. This group was installed as Omega chapter, completing the first chapter roll, on May 29, 1914. They occupied several houses until the university moved from the heart of Baton Rouge to a new campus outside of the city at which time the chapter had to give up its house and live in a dormitory. A new house, that overlooked the Mississippi River, became home in 1930. The chapter was in a Panhellenic suite in the early '60s, and then in 1965, LSU approved sorority houses on campus and Alpha Delta Pi was among the first 12 to build. Traditionally, the chapter was strong in scholarship and active on campus, with numerous sisters tapped for Mortar Board. In the mid-1970s, Dana Robert was the first woman in the history of the university to be elected to an executive position in the Student Government Association. Helen Burkhart Prehn was a Grand Council member and has served for more than 50 years. Catherine Vines Davis and Debbie Dunne Brennan served in many ways, including several years as international officers. Anne Manon Walker served as an early *Adelphian* Editor. The chapter closed in 1985.

Alpha Alpha  
University of Colorado — Boulder  
September 17, 1914-1972  
March 14, 1981-1985

Kappa Delta Pi was founded in 1913 with the intent to petition a national sorority, and a year later, the local was installed as Alpha Alpha chapter. The chapter owned several houses before trading a Spanish-style

house to Lambda Chi Alpha for a desirable lot across the street from the university gardens. A contemporary house was completed in 1958. Alpha Alpha closed in 1972, and the house was rented to several groups. The chapter was reinstalled in 1981 with the strong encouragement of the university; however, low numbers caused the chapter to close again in 1985. Former Grand Council member Virginia Neal Blue served as Treasurer of the State of Colorado, and is one of two women honored with a stained glass window in the Colorado Capitol Building. She was the first woman to serve as President of the University of Colorado Board of Trustees and she was named Alumna of the Year in 1953 while Kathryn Shaefer Marr won that honor in 1957. Gracie May McNeil Weethee served in many capacities, including Province President and Convention Manager for the 1921 Convention. Rosalyn Doze Williams has a long service record, including serving on Grand Council. Dianne Liston Letson also has a long record of local and international service.

members include Catherine Leslie Iten, Joan Perry Boatright and Former Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford who served as an NPC Alternate Delegate and on the 150th Anniversary Committee. Virginia Lee Nelson was editor of *The Adelphean*, authored *Loyally*, Volumes I and II, and served as Grand Historian. Ferne Gater Bonomi-Davis served as *Adelphean* Editor and Georgina Hobson Hendricks served as an international officer for many years. Sherri Winter Steckroth, Amanda Sloan and Brandy Boyle Lafayette have served in many ways. Sarah Snell Harder was Alumna of the Year in 1989. Barb Timmerman Ehrmann is a long-serving House Corporation member and her mother, Barbara Wick Timmerman, served before her.

Alpha Gamma  
University of Missouri  
Columbia  
April 15, 1915

Alpha Gamma chapter made its debut in 1915 as the eighth national sorority on campus. Jessie Rogers, Upsilon—Washington State, had transferred and was instrumental in the chartering. Several houses were rented in the early years; however, in 1923 an ideal site was purchased in a new subdivision. The house was completed in 1927, and with a purchase of an annex and an expansion in the 1950s, the chapter continues to flourish. The "Wishing Wells" song was written by Jean Lane and Esther Witt Ferry for preference in the 1930s, and then published in the 1936 national song book. At the chapter's 75th anniversary in 1990, a scholarship was established through the Foundation. Former Grand President Caralee Strock Stanard authored the Creed and served as *Adelphean* Editor as did Vivian Hannan Keltner and Betty McCarty Niccolls. Vecie May Tillotson served on Grand Council. Peggy Woods Vaughn and Kristi Baer Cooper have long records of local and international service.

Alpha Beta  
University of Iowa — Iowa City  
January 16, 1915

Alpha Beta began as local sorority Theta Phi, which Gertrude Branson Mitchell organized. The alumnae chapter of Theta Phi had been established in 1914, and 11 of their members were initiated with the charter group. In 1947-48, Alpha Beta worked out an interesting system for making sure each senior got in safely after closing hours. When the first senior came in, she would wait up for the next senior and so on until all were home. The chapter had several homes before moving to their newly-built home in 1964. The building committee included alumnae who were serving as national officers: Helen "Danny" McGrew McDowell, Ferne Gater Bonomi-Davis, Catherine Leslie Iten, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford and Virginia Lee Nelson. Mrs. Nelson resigned to write *Loyally*, and was replaced by Theodora Papakostas Mastrogany. They worked closely with long-serving advisors Helen Tygret and Jean Myers Buxton. The chapter has an oil painting of Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald by Georgina Hobson Hendricks, which is a copy of the original that was painted for the Centennial Convention. Grand Council



Lucy Kathaline Gunsolley, an Alpha Beta from the University of Iowa, is a 1915 Convention delegate.



Mary Virginia Parsons, Alpha Gamma, is a 1928 University of Missouri Yearbook Beauty Queen.

Leola "Lee" Schmidt Planje and June Wuest Becht served in numerous roles as did Mabel Ruth Bandy Anheuser who was Alumna of the Year in 1965.

#### Alpha Delta

Colby College — Waterville, ME  
June 10, 1915-1974

Alpha Delta chapter began as the Colby Cosmopolitan Club in 1904, then became the secret organization Alpha Phi Alpha in 1910. In 1915, the group petitioned Alpha Delta Pi and was installed as Alpha Delta chapter in June of that year. The chapter was closed in 1974 due to declining interest in Greek life. In 1984, the university abolished the remaining Greek organizations at Colby.



*Alpha Epsilon Maxine Sleeper, left, and a Kappa Alpha Theta friend are attendants to the 1930 May Queen at the University of Nebraska.*

Alpha Epsilon  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln  
June 11, 1915-1934  
March 30, 1963

Founded by a group of high school girls in 1910, the Owasco Club began admitting university women in 1912. Although inactive for a year, the Owasco Club resumed in 1914, and in 1915, nine members were initiated as Alpha Epsilon chapter. During the Depression the chapter was closed, but due to the efforts of many active alumnae, the chapter rechartered in 1963 with 32 collegiate members and six honorary initiates. One of those active alumnae was Inez Coppom, a life-long volunteer for the sorority in local, state and international capacities. Mildred Othmer Peterson served as *Adelphean* Editor in the late 1930s and was named Alumna of the Year in 1955. Sherry Foster Schafer, Phi—Hanover, served as an advisor for many years. The chapter is active in their support of the Ronald McDonald Houses and a room at the Omaha house bears their name.

#### Alpha Zeta

Southern Methodist University — Dallas  
October 15, 1915-1998

Alpha Delta Pi became the first sorority at Southern Methodist University in 1915, the same year the university opened. Until 1925, the chapter used a campus hall for meetings, then for several years SMU vacillated on the issue of sorority housing. In 1951, the chapter house was opened in a prime location on sorority row. Leadership and scholarship were always stressed, as was evident in the leadership roles of Alpha Zetas on campus. Fredrika Wilbur was the first editor of the campus newspaper in 1934. One year found three of the 10 "M" awards (the highest individual honor at SMU) going to Alpha Zeta members. The chapter received the Golden Lion Award in 1989. Grand Council members include Lilita Wilson McCorkle, Lucille Barksdale Renner, Anne Veale Pogson and



*Norma Kitching rides Alpha Zeta's float in the 1939 SMU homecoming parade.*

Elisse Jones Freeman, as well as, Kathryn Peddy Goddard who served for two years as a TCS before taking on many other roles, including serving as International President and NPC delegate. Carolyn Wiltse Morton, Martha Steele and Jean Jones Saunders also have long records of service. Long-serving local alumnae include Jan Hancock Wooldridge, Edla Nilson

Martino, Sigma—Illinois; Joan Reisch Boddie, Beta Pi—Cincinnati and Hazel Nunn Rogers, Delta—Texas, who was instrumental in saving the Greek system at SMU in the early 1960s. The chapter closed in 1998.

Alpha Eta  
Kansas State University  
Manhattan  
October 30, 1915

Members of J.U.G. (Just Us Girls), organized the local sorority Alpha Mu in April 1914. Pauline Gladys Groves, a member of Tau at the University of Kansas, lived on campus and encouraged the group to petition Alpha Delta Pi. The chapter was installed in October 1915 as the fifth NPC group at Kansas State. In 1929, the chapter's new English-Tudor home was built; a fire just after Thanksgiving caused considerable damage but no injuries were sustained, and the chapter moved back in after Christmas. Additions to the house were completed in 1940 and 1961. Annie Cowan Stephens served as housemother from 1921 to 1950 and was initiated upon her retirement. In 1957, she was called out of retirement to serve as housemother for Delta Gamma chapter at Arizona. Dr. Virginia Yapp Trotter served as the U. S. Assistant Secretary for Education in the 1970s and was named Alumna of the Year in 1973. Mildred "Micky" Tuttle Axton, was the first woman in the Civilian Pilot Training Program, the first woman to fly a B-29, and served as a WASP WWII test pilot. Annette Havenhill Dix, Tau—Kansas, has served as an advisor for many years. Grand Council members include Inez Backman Carr, Mary Lee Newton Baysinger and Vicki Messmer Hye. Alpha Eta has won Golden Lion three times.

Alpha Theta  
University of Washington — Seattle  
April 25, 1917

Alpha Theta began as local sorority Alpha Delta in 1915. The chapter occupied several houses, building the current house in 1950. Alumna Jeanette Barrows, a World War I nurse who died from pneumonia while on duty at



*Alpha Thetas host a breakfast for seniors at the University of Washington. (c. 1933)*

Ft. Snelling, has been honored with a gold star on the University's Service Flag, a tree in memorial lane and her name is listed with the male heroes on the entrance pillars to campus. She is the only female honored as a university war hero. Noreen Salvino Skagen was appointed by President Reagan as a U.S. Marshal, one of only three women Marshals at that time. Other notable alumnae include Emmy award winning actress Jean Smart and Catherine E. H. Van Winkle Palmer, who was the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in Paleontology at Cornell. Alpha Theta was home to Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake whose devotion to Alpha Delta Pi spanned more than 75 years. Also serving on Grand Council and as NPC Chairman was Virginia Friese Jacobsen, who led the Title IX battle in the 1970s to ensure that sororities would remain single-sex organizations. She was Alumna of the Year in 1961. Alumna Dorothy Lundgren Lee served as convention manager for 26 years. Alpha Theta received the Golden Lion Award in 1991. In 1999, the award was renamed the Maxine Blake Golden Lion Award in honor of Miss Blake's 75 years of membership. Amy Hals Asplund is a long-serving international officer.





*Alpha Iotas from the University of Pittsburgh, Georgia Malady, left, and Betty Neff serve as aides at a garden party for the League of American Penwomen. (c. 1933)*

Alpha Iota  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA  
February 15, 1920-1943  
January 26, 1946

The first meeting of the Sorosis Club was in October 1916. Alpha Iota was founded from these beginnings with 18 charter members. During World War II, it was difficult to find women to join, so the charter was returned in 1943. Strong alumnae support helped to bring the charter back in 1946. From then until 1959, the chapter house was on Bigelow Boulevard. Due to university expansion, sororities were moved into Amos Hall with a lottery held to select a floor. Alpha Iota won and chose the 10th floor—the Penthouse Suite. Amos Hall

had been apartments at one time so the suite was complete with servants' rooms, lavish closets, mahogany halls and a marble fireplace. The suite has been altered to be more functional for the chapter with sleeping quarters for several sisters. Louise Hetherington served as an international officer for 20 years. Angela Pace Kamin, Epsilon Lambda—South Florida, and Jamie Grossberger Alderman, Delta Kappa—Penn State, are long-serving advisors.

Alpha Kappa  
University of Tennessee — Knoxville  
May 1, 1920

In June 1917, a local sorority was founded, Satim Bama Pimatisewin. Alpha Kappa was installed from those roots. The chapter occupied a dorm floor, a brick duplex, a Panhellenic suite and in 1964 relocated to a suite in a new Panhellenic Building. University land has been prepared for sorority houses. Alpha Kappa is building a home for 50 women for occupancy in 2012. The street leading into the area is named for Ann Baker Furrow. Alpha Kappa donated a fountain to honor the chapter's 50th anniversary; it flows in front of the Clarence Brown Theater. The chapter has had many Torchbearers, the highest honor given to an undergraduate. Alpha Kappa has received the Golden Lion Award nine times. Ann Baker Furrow was the first woman to play on a men's varsity golf team and

receive a full athletic scholarship at UT, first woman and youngest member of UT's Board of Trustees and spearheaded the first women's golf team at UT. Dr. Alberta Lowe Wantling was named Alumna of the Year in 1959. Grand Council members include Mary Currier Allen, Katherine "Kitty" Bolt Wilson and Maryann Friend Gillespie who also was Executive Director, a member of the 150th Anniversary Committee and a Foundation Trustee. Elizabeth "Lib" Keen Crabtree served as an international officer and an advisor for many years. A former Province President, Emily Lusby Mackebee, was on Ronald McDonald House's International Advisory Board for more than 15 years and was the 1997 Alumna of the Year for Community Service. Her daughter, Mimi Mackebee Moran, assisted with the chapter history section of *Sisters*. Chapter advisor Ellen Long Liston is the current *Adelphbean* Feature Editor, a position she's held for 25 years. Her grandmother, Katie Bell Scruggs House, and Sara Line Roos also have long-service records. Cammy Owens Kromer, Eta Phi—Furman, Cheryl Roy Kizer Sharpe, Becky Ghormley Eaker, Joy Georges McCabe, Janet Wedekind Curry and Mary Ann Coon Condry, Epsilon Psi—Tennessee Tech, also have long service records to Alpha Kappa.

Alpha Lambda  
University of Oregon  
Eugene  
May 21, 1920-1986

Members of local Alpha Delta were granted their petition and installed in 1920. Always a resident chapter, the chapter had several homes until a house was built in 1962. The house address, 1851 Onyx Street, was issued by city fathers at the request of the chapter to honor the year of our founding. Grand Council members include Charlotte White Lamborn and Joan Safarik LeBarron. Olive Merry Kercher, Beatrice Crewdson and Marguerite Sunstrup Spring served for many years as international officers. At the Centennial Convention in 1951, Olive received the first Alumna of the Year award. The chapter was closed in 1986.



*Alpha Lambdas Frances Burch, Helen Valentine and Velma Hamilton frolic by the millrace at Oregon. (c. 1933)*

Alpha Mu  
University of Wisconsin — Madison  
June 5, 1920-1934

In 1919, a group of eight Theta chapter members who had transferred from Lawrence College helped to colonize Alpha Mu chapter. The chapter became the 17th national sorority on campus. They purchased and decorated a house near campus, then the next year they sold the house for a profit and bought a new home in the heart of the fraternity district. In 1924, it was sold and a larger and more convenient house was purchased. Alpha Mu members were active in organizations on campus and worked hard to raise scholarship scores; however, the Madison campus was large and the chapter never established a strong presence. The chapter did not reopen in 1935. Many alumnae continued their involvement including long-serving Grand Vice President Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin.

Alpha Nu  
University of New Mexico — Albuquerque  
June 16, 1920-1982

The first sororities at the University of New Mexico came on campus in 1911. A local sorority, Kappa Delta Nu, was organized in 1916 with the intent to petition Alpha Delta Pi. Province President Marian Underwood installed the group in 1920. Alpha Nu moved from place to place on campus, but in 1932 the chapter moved to their long-time home, a modified Pueblo-style house. In 1975, a larger house was acquired and the chapter was recolonized. However, rush numbers were low and the chapter closed in 1982. Alumna Francine Irving Neff served as United States Treasurer from 1974 to 1977 and was the first woman appointed to Hershey Food Corporation Board of Directors. She was Alumna of the Year in 1975 while Lena C. Clauve claimed that honor in 1967. Louise Holland Coe was the first woman state senator in New Mexico. Long-serving advisors include Ruth Brock Goldsworthy and Pat Trainor, Delta Xi—Kansas State College at Pittsburg.

Alpha Xi  
The Ohio State University — Columbus  
June 14, 1921-2002

Alpha Xi grew out of the local Kappa Phi Delta which was founded in 1919. It enjoyed success for years, producing many leaders and winning the Diamond Four-Point Award many times. However, the university climate changed and the chapter closed in 2002. The house was sold to Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Long-serving alumna Nancy Gilmore ensured that a large brick sculpture was dismantled and preserved. Nancy and her sister hauled it to Atlanta to donate it to the sorority and

it now hangs on the exterior of Executive Office. Lois Poulson Staker served on Grand Council and Jean James Demorest was *Adelphbean* Editor. As a Province Director, Helen Nice Cummings installed Alpha Tau and Alpha Upsilon chapters. Irene Hirsch was Alumna of the Year in 1969. Nancy Davis Cochran, Laura Taylor Lowther and Debbie Shade Casey have long international service records.

Alpha Omicron  
Oklahoma State  
University — Stillwater  
September 1, 1921-1936  
October 21, 1939

Originally founded as the local D. & M. Club in 1918, Alpha Omicron was installed in 1921 at what was then Oklahoma A&M College. As a result of the Depression, the chapter was closed from 1936 to 1939. Always a resident chapter, the chapter moved to 1309 W. University Avenue in 1955. The chapter received the Golden Lion Award in 1977. For their 75th anniversary in 1996, a Foundation scholarship was established and the university was presented with a granite bench that sits at the campus entrance. A collegian in the early 1930s, Edith Ricks Lindley became the first woman to receive a doctoral degree at the institution in 1948. Each year a member who best exemplifies the spirit of sisterhood is awarded the Karen Taggart Shaw Award in memory of a young alumna who was killed in a bicycle accident in the early 1970s. Advisors with long records of service include Janet Jones Peterson and Nancy Atkinson Slusher, both Alpha Eta—Kansas State; Clara Lois Terpening LeCrone, Betty Nuckolls Barnes, Dorothy Lafferty Friend, Kay Weidenmaier Smith, Melissa Vanatta Hamby and Marilyn Benson



*Alpha Omicron's president, Irene Nye, is the 1934 Oklahoma A. & M. College Beauty Queen.*

King who also served as Convention pianist during the 1990s. Another chapter advisor and an international officer, Shirley Welch Hastings, designed the historic exhibits for the 150th Convention. Other long-serving international officers include Catharine Benson Kingsley, Betty Rose Gregory, T. May Scott Soule, Connie Staff Stiegler and Arlene Hamm Manthey. Ettamae Branson Reed Neal served on Grand Council in the 1950s and was Alumna of the Year in 1963. Linda Welch Ablard was *Adelphean* Editor for 21 years, served on the 150th Committee and authored *Sisters* and this book. She was elected International Secretary in 2001. Paula Kendrick succeeded Linda as secretary and later served as International Vice President of Alumnae Membership. Sydnee Jack followed Paula as secretary. Linda now serves as Executive Director.

#### Alpha Pi

George Washington University — Washington, DC  
February 24, 1922-1968  
February 22, 1997

Alpha Pi began as the local Theta Lambda Sigma, which meant "The" Local Sorority. They were installed with 16 charter members. In 1950, Mildred "Millie" McDowell Mathias was selected as the only member to receive the first Dorothy Shaw Award. The chapter closed in 1968 due to declining interest in the Greek system. However 75 years after Alpha Pi was originally installed, the charter was returned to the chapter. The 50 charter members came from diverse backgrounds and at their installation, they expressed their diversity by performing the Creed in 16 languages, as well as in sign language. Lyn Staver Neira and Laura Belle Wyatt Macrae served for many years as international officers, Alumna Lt. Col. Mary Janice Hale was the first female Marine Officer to retire with 20 years service. Lauren Kravetz, Alpha Chi—UCLA, has served as chapter advisor for many years.

#### Alpha Rho

University of Minnesota — Minneapolis  
June 16, 1923-1987

Alpha Rho began as a local in the fall of 1922 with the intention of petitioning Alpha Delta Pi. The chapter was installed with 10 charter members in 1923. They moved from their first house to a new residence in 1952. The dining room featured a mural of Paris, France in 1743—it was a gift from the architect. Laurel Ellis Webster was a founding member, president of the petitioning group and a longtime advisor. The chapter maintained a strong tradition of celebrating Founders' Day with alumnae. In 1957, the

Mothers' Club started another special tradition by presenting a cup and saucer to the chapter in honor of their daughters. Later, the seniors took over the tradition and presented a cup and saucer to the chapter, creating the Cup and Saucer Collection, which was used for special chapter social events and was always on display. The collection was sent to Memorial Headquarters when the chapter closed in 1987. Jeanette Arrick Robertson served as an international officer and she and her husband, Gib, ran Badge Service for many years.

Alpha Sigma  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Delaware  
October 5, 1923-1937  
April 30, 1949-1967

Alpha Sigma began as the local Sigma Tau Epsilon with 12 members, two of whom were Alpha Delta Pi's. Chartered as Alpha Sigma in 1923 with 16 members, they were the first national sorority at Ohio Wesleyan. In 1928, the chapter was allowed to occupy two rooms on the "main drag" to use for meetings and socials. In spring 1929, they rented a house and subsequently moved to a new house in 1935. The chapter was closed during the Depression and then re-chartered in 1949 with 27 initiates. A new lodge, designed by alumna Ann Kramer, was built on Sorority Circle in 1954. The chapter closed in 1967 due to declining interest in Greeks. Alumna Kathryn "Kay" Kaufman Burnett served for more than 30 years as an international officer and also was a long-serving member of the House Corporation for Beta Psi chapter at the University of Kentucky.



*Jeannette Manning gives her Alpha Rho sisters a ride at the University of Minnesota. (c. 1933)*

Alpha Tau  
Syracuse University — Syracuse, NY  
June 4, 1924-1935  
April 6, 1946-1971

After World War I, women at Syracuse were looking for enhanced college life. A group of 15 formed local sorority Theta Delta Phi, seeking "true and noble womanhood." They bought a house and formed a corporation to run it. This group was installed as Alpha Tau chapter in 1924 with 29 charter members. During the Depression, many girls had to leave college, leaving Alpha Tau no choice but to go off campus in 1935. In 1945, Syracuse contacted Grand Council requesting the return of Alpha Delta Pi and the chapter was reinstalled with 25 members in 1946. They were active on campus and in the community, and they established long-lasting chapter traditions over the next 25 years. Alpha Tau closed in 1971 due to declining interest in Greek life. Ruth Miller Heit served as an international officer for 20 years while Ruth Murdock Mueller served for 15 years.

Alpha Upsilon  
West Virginia University  
Morgantown  
June 11, 1924-1987

The local sorority Alpha Theta Zeta laid the scholastic foundations for what would become Alpha Upsilon chapter. The local maintained the highest GPA of any Greek organization at West Virginia University, but could not win the scholarship trophy because they were not a national organization. In 1924, the chapter was installed with 32 charter members, six pledges and 16 alumnae members. The chapter's house on Prospect Street was actually two older houses with a "connector" constructed between, making the

*Alpha Upsilon's 1931 composite features 30 members of the West Virginia University chapter.*



house shaped like the letter "L." Carley Ann Rees held the distinction of being the first woman to earn A's in every course for four years as an undergraduate. Charter member Ethel Percy Masters contributed invaluable to the chapter throughout her life. WVU's Panhellenic GPA award is named for former chapter advisor and international officer Betty Miller, or Aunt Betty as her "girls" call her. Betty also was the first woman to graduate from the chemical engineering department at WVU and was the first woman inducted into Mountain, the ranking men's honorary society. She was Alumna of the Year in 1991. Mary Pat Kasun Lynch was Director of Executive Office. Long-serving international officers include Dorothy "Dot" Prager Spargo, Virginia Hyer Brooks, Pam Lewis, Carla Smallridge, Denise Pavlick Sprouse, District III Team Director Karen Elliott Galentine and Grand Council member Anne Charnock.

Alpha Phi  
Butler University — Indianapolis  
April 4, 1925-1933

In 1922, local sorority Chi Phi Alpha was organized with the sole purpose of petitioning Alpha Delta Pi. Butler College granted the group permission in 1923 to pursue the petition. Meanwhile, another group formed with the same goal. The groups joined forces and were installed as Alpha Phi chapter in 1925. During their second semester, the sorority house was opened as a residence; previously it was solely for meeting purposes. The chapter moved to a new house in 1930. Alpha Phi had many strong chapter traditions, such as holding fund-raisers for a building fund and establishing a scholarship cup for seniors. As a result of the Depression, the chapter was closed in 1933.

Alpha Chi  
University of California at Los Angeles  
April 25, 1925

The "Merry Maids" was a small social club founded in 1920. Desiring a more dignified name, Iota Kappa was selected. Meanwhile, six Alpha Delta Pi members from six different states and chapters had banded together at UCLA. These women and Iota Kappa formed the nucleus of Alpha Chi chapter when it was installed in 1925. In 1930 the chapter built the first sorority house on UCLA's new Westwood Hills campus, a lovely white two-story home on a hill designed by the husband of Alpha Chi Frances Shepherd Strawn. The subsequent purchase of an adjoining lot gave Alpha Chi the most spacious grounds on the Row. In the 1940s before a new wing was added, local girls living close to UCLA were not eligible to live in the house (they were called "town girls"), and for Monday night dinners which they attended, the tables extended from the dining room into the



*Alpha Chis work in their garden at the UCLA chapter house. From left: Ruth Priestman, Dorothy Nourse, Betty Brandt, Louise Tordera and Dorothy Walter. (c. 1936)*

entry hall. Former International Officer Betty Scott Schiller, Psi—UC at Berkeley, was a long-time advisor for Alpha Chi. Grand Council members include Mary Bull Mason and Sheila Kelly Cameron. Amy Woodward Malysz and Nicole Opas have long records of service. Other long-serving alumnae include Betty Phillips Barr, Diane Rebrovich Mayer, Lauren Kravetz, Nicole Opas, Jeannine Brown LeBeau, Jane Post Henry, Beta Omega—Auburn and Elaine Dickes Thomas, Psi—UC at Berkeley. The chapter received the Golden Lion Award in 1985, 1989 and 1991.

**Alpha Psi**  
University of Southern California — Los Angeles  
September 12, 1925

In 1919, the local sorority Delta Pi was organized by Hazel Ross and then National President Irene Patchett Smith who had come to the campus to form a local with the sole intention of petitioning Alpha Delta Pi. In 1925,

national officers and members of Alpha Chi from UCLA installed the group as Alpha Psi chapter. In 1940, the chapter purchased a large home on the corner of sorority and fraternity row. The house was affectionately called “the house that dimes built” because collegians and alumnae had collected change in blue and white banks labeled with Alpha Delta Pi to purchase the house. The house and its grounds have been featured in several movies. Two great-granddaughters of Founder Octavia Andrew Rush, Mary Ann Rush Medler and Lettye Maye Rush, were initiated into Alpha Psi and have been involved with the sorority throughout their lives. Kristen Von Kleinsmid is a long-serving advisor and former Foundation Trustee Melissa DeMotte also has a long record of service.



*Alpha Psi pledges at the University of Southern California enjoy a garden tea. From left: Gertrude Bames, Joyce Rippe, Betty Nelson and Harriet Wiley. (c. 1935)*

**Alpha Omega**  
Oregon State University — Corvallis  
February 6, 1926-1996

In 1919, at the then Oregon Agricultural College, the dormitories became too crowded and Loma and Martha Williamson decided to organize a club and they invited Gladys Horning and Bernice Lane to meet with them to discuss the plans. Joined by eight other friends, the group became Xi Beta and in 1921 was recognized as a local sorority. They petitioned Alpha Delta Pi and were installed in 1926. The chapter had many conversations about building a chapter house and experienced many delays that began in the Depression and included extensive restrictions. However, with the help of National Building Director Eleanor Abrott Harris, the chapter moved into their first house in the fall of 1938. The house had been the home of Jean Hetherington Meier, Psi—Berkeley and Alpha Omega, who helped colonize several chapters and went on to a life in the movies with the screen name Jean Heather, co-starring with Bing Crosby in “Going My Way”. The house also was the site of the wed-



*Alpha Omega performs "Fantasy" in the Oregon State Stunt Show. (c. 1929)*

ding for a sister from Alpha Lambda chapter when her house burned one week before the wedding. Alumna initiate Polly Skaalure Robertson developed the Diamond 4-Point Awards, created the block rotation system for rush and funded a volunteer training program. Carroll Nelson Grush Newcomb served as an advisor and international officer for many years as did Kirsten Miller Hollenbeck. The chapter closed in 1996.

Beta Alpha  
Indiana University — Bloomington  
May 8, 1926-1952  
October 6, 1984

Kappa Tau local sorority was founded in 1922 with the goal of affiliating with a national organization and in 1926 they were installed as Beta Alpha chapter. The first year was not easy with only six returning actives, two pledges, and no house in which to live. By the end of the school year, membership had grown to 29 and Beta Alpha's list of activities grew. In 1945, *Life* magazine chronicled Homecoming festivities at Indiana and they were recognized and pictured in the article. The chapter closed in 1952. Beta Alpha returned in 1984, joining a large Greek system of 33 fraternities and 19 sororities. After living in a residence hall for 9 years, a new 26,000 square foot house was dedicated in October 1993. The traditional-style home houses nearly 100

collegians and features a grand piano on loan from Gamma Epsilon chapter at Purdue. The library in the house is dedicated to alumna and benefactor Helen Grove Snellenburg. Jeanne Posillico Hansen served as *Adelphbean* Editor and Dorothy Taylor and Ann Brewer McNamar, Gamma Epsilon—Purdue served as advisors for many years.

Beta Beta  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
May 21, 1926

In 1920, a group petitioned the University of Chattanooga to become an organized group. The faculty permitted them to be a society, but not a Greek organization. Denied a Greek name, they selected Saki Gana. In early 1922, the group became local sorority Kappa Theta Lambda, and in 1926 they were installed as Beta Beta chapter. The chapter has funded a playroom at the Chattanooga Ronald McDonald House and the kitchen at the Ronald McDonald Family Room. Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt holds the patent for shampoo-and-conditioner-in-one, which she invented at UTC. She was the 1995 Alumna of the Year for Profession. The library in the former chapter house was named after Margaret L. Peacock, an alumna initiate in the charter group who attended chapter functions for 74 years until her death in 1990. Ann Johnston Perkins Kinsey and Carol Rawls Waller served as advisors and Province Directors. The twin daughters of Founder Genevra Proffitt Brown, Genevieve Brown O'Neal and Harriette Brown Hogue, both served as advisors for many years. Beth Gentry Mannle is a former Grand President, NPC delegate, and is Ritual, Heritage and History Director. Kari Klemm Hudson also has a long service record. Plans are underway for a new chapter house that is scheduled for completion in 2012.



*Audrey Adams polishes the Pi Light on the Beta Gamma house at the University of Utah. (c. 1945)*

Beta Gamma  
University of Utah  
Salt Lake City  
February 12, 1927-1974

Organized in 1926 as Delta Theta, the local sorority planned to petition Alpha Delta Pi from the beginning. Beta Gamma was installed in February 1927. They enjoyed a large chapter house that was

described as reflecting a "grand piece of Old-English architecture." In the 1930s, Helen Stokes Hughes and Dorothy Sturner Shilling altered a "few chords" and some words of the Sigma Nu Sweetheart Song to create the Alpha Delta Pi Sweetheart Song. They felt it was appropriate because the Sigma Nu song was originally written by a Sigma Nu at Oklahoma State for Beryl Anthony Bradfield, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State. Dorothy Bearson taught ceramics in the university's art department for 51 years and was honored with a special exhibit upon her retirement in 1999. Beverly "Becky" Stoner Moser served as a Province Director for many years. The chapter was closed in 1974.



*Beta Deltas from Hunter College enjoy an outing. (c. 1933)*

was to be used as a social center with rooms assigned for sorority use. Beta Deltas always had fine grades and were active in Hunter organizations. In 1962, Beta Delta was the first sorority to receive all four awards given by Panhellenic. In 1964, Hunter College asked for complete local autonomy for sorority chapters. In protest, Alpha Delta Pi and all other NPC groups left campus in 1965. The remaining members continued as the local sorority Alpha Delta Chi. Margaret Wirth Blaha, Elena Betancourt Ekeblad and Ethel Ahrens Holske served on the local and international levels for many years.

Beta Delta  
Hunter College of CUNY  
New York City  
June 14, 1927-1965

Omega Iota, a local sorority, was founded in 1901 and was the oldest Greek-letter sorority on campus when they petitioned Alpha Delta Pi in 1925. They were installed June 14, 1927 at the Hotel Biltmore. "Charles Lindbergh was being honored by New York with a parade that day, clogging traffic and making many sisters late for the banquet. It added to the excitement of our becoming Alpha Delta Pi," recalls charter member Margaret Wirth Blaha. A search began for an apartment to call home, but the Wall Street crash halted those plans and meetings were held at homes of members until Hunter purchased the New York City home of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The home



*Mary Ross Siebles, Beta Epsilon—South Carolina, is recognized as Alpha Delta Pi's first fourth generation legacy. (c. 1928)*

Beta Epsilon  
University of South Carolina — Columbia  
February 18, 1928

A group of friends, mostly daughters of faculty, organized the Scarabean Club, the first social club for women on campus, in late 1924. When sororities were allowed, the club petitioned Alpha Delta Pi and a charter was granted making Beta Epsilon the first to hold a national charter at the university. Throughout the years Beta Epsilon's housing has been varied—from owning a home, to renting an apartment, to occupying a chapter room in a sorority dorm. In 2004, they moved into a beautiful new home in the newly constructed Greek Village. In the early 1930s, Beta Epsilon won the only sports competition on campus and became the first Greek organization to give a tea honoring the faculty. The chapter often is first in scholarship, named "Outstanding Sorority" and receives the "Spirit of Carolina" award. The chapter has received the Golden Lion Award three times. Helen Anderson Pruitt, Dede Hines Ward, Karen Moon Keels, Janis Kruger Leaphart and Belinda Beheler Gillespie have served in countless ways. Former President of Wesleyan College Dr. Nora Kizer Bell, a member of Pi Beta Phi, served as their faculty advisor for 15 years.



*Beta Zeta chapter is installed at the University of Toronto as our first Canadian chapter. (c. 1929)*

Beta Zeta  
University of Toronto  
March 30, 1929-1943

Alpha Delta Pi's first chapter to be colonized in Canada, Beta Zeta originated with 14 girls as members of local sorority Upsilon Tau. The chapter was installed in 1929 with 25 members, and met in chapter rooms conveniently located on College Street with several members "living in." The chapter moved to a new house in 1935 and again in 1940. They were active in student government, campus organizations and athletics. Jessie Gray, M.D., was the first woman to be elected to the Royal Academy of Surgeons of Canada. Beta Zeta became a casualty during World War II and chapter functions ceased by 1943.

Beta Eta  
University of Michigan — Ann Arbor  
September 21, 1929

In 1924, a group formed social club Phi Gamma Mu. Their sights turned toward becoming a national, which became a reality in 1929 when Beta Eta was installed with 39 charter members. The beginning

was challenging, competing with 22 sororities on campus and the Depression looming. However, the chapter moved to its current location on South Forest Avenue during the Depression in 1933. Several additions and renovations have taken place through the years. Mildred MacArthur Darnton was Alumna of the Year in 1979. Rosemary Brown Bartalemeolli, Mary Jo Freeman Clark, Patricia O'Brien and Cara Kunkel have long service records. Beta Eta received the Golden Lion Award three times.

Beta Theta  
University of Manitoba — Winnipeg  
September 19, 1930

The second Canadian chapter, Beta Theta, was installed in 1930, with 13 charter members. The group grew out of local sorority Theta Rho Kappa, and became the eighth NPC group at the university. Beta Theta remains a strong chapter, routinely pledging "real" family members—mothers, sisters, aunts, cousins. Beta Theta alumna Sister Geraldine MacNamara established the Rossbrook House, a model self-help community resource center in Winnipeg and as a result received the Order of Canada, the government's highest award. A chapter president in the early 1980s, Jodi Rutledge reigned as Miss Canada in 1983. Mary Ramage Boyd Curtis served as Manitoba State Membership Chairman for 15 years and as a Regional Alumnae



Director. Donna Mae Tully Yeo followed in her footsteps, in the same offices, with another long record of service. Joanne Holm Unruh has served as an advisor, Province Director and the 1975 Convention Program Chair.

#### Beta Iota

Queens University of Charlotte — Charlotte, NC  
February 6, 1931

Originally a local sorority at Queens College, Chi Sigma Alpha was founded in 1924 with the goal of fellowship and service. Beta Iota chapter was installed on February 6, 1931, simultaneously with Beta Kappa chapter at the University of British Columbia. Beta Iota's original chapter house was built in 1929 by the local group. The house was torn down to make way for a new library, and Beta Iota placed a sundial in front of the library on the spot of the old house. In 1958, the chapter moved into a college-built lodge. Beta Iota



received the Golden Lion Award in 1977. Charter member June Tweed Shore served as an advisor and Province President for many years. Jean Henninger Smith was our first professional Archivist at Executive Office preserving old records and conducting research used in this book.

Beta Kappa  
University of British Columbia — Vancouver  
February 7, 1931

Fifteen members of Alpha Theta from the University of Washington

*Vera Radcliff, Beta Kappa—British Columbia, took first class honors in piano solo at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. (c. 1934)*

installed Beta Kappa in 1931. In 1960, the chapter had a room in the Panhellenic house; then met in a room provided in the UBC Alumni Building. A new Panhellenic building now provides a dorm floor and chapter room. Several times the chapter has been awarded the Marjorie Leeming Trophy for best all-around sorority on campus and they traditionally excel in scholarship. Long-serving alumnae include Gwen Pym Lougheed and Ann McCutcheon, who was the first to represent Alpha Delta Pi on the UBC Divisions Council. Maj Yee has a long record of local and international service.

#### Beta Lambda

Brooklyn College of CUNY  
Brooklyn, NY  
March 27, 1931-1972

In 1930, Brooklyn College was formed from the Brooklyn branches of Hunter College and the College of the City of New York. Nine 1930 initiates of Beta Delta chapter at Hunter were left without a home. Their hard work paid off, as they became the charter members of Beta Lambda when it was installed in the Tree of Life Room of the Panhellenic House in New York City. The chapter's last house was on East 27th Street in Flatbush. The chapter closed in 1972 during a time when interest in Greek life was declining.



*Edna Parman helps Grace Shea quench her thirst at the Beta Lambda picnic at Brooklyn College. (c. 1931)*

#### Beta Mu

Montana State University— Bozeman  
April 23, 1932-1935

When Phyllis Kimball, a physical education instructor at Montana State College, called together a group of non-sorority girls to talk to them about Alpha Delta Pi, the group organized as "Alphadelts." They petitioned the national organization and subsequently Beta Mu received a charter in 1932 at what is now Montana State University. The group was closed during the Depression in 1935.

Beta Nu  
University of Georgia  
Athens  
February 11, 1933

Alpha Delta Pi's 61st chapter was installed on February 11, 1933. Beta Nu initiated seven girls at the University of Georgia, including fourth generation legacy Grace Wilson Waters and Lucile Brown Carter, great-granddaughter and great-niece of Founder Ella Pierce Turner. Mrs. Waters lived in Athens and was involved with the chapter throughout her life. The chapter lived in several houses before the present antebellum house was purchased in 1939; a large addition was constructed in 1963. Monica Souther Keller, Zeta Iota—Georgia College, Kaye Brown Dillard, Delta Theta—Valdosta and Beta Nu, and Janey Cooley are long-serving local alumnae. Ann Waters Satcher was a long-serving alumna as is Betty Clements Hilburn who was chair of the Macon Volunteers for the 150th Convention and oversees our Macon interests. Beta Nu has been selected Outstanding Sorority on campus several times.



*Leading cheers at the University of Georgia are three Beta Nus. From left: Jo Lane Cheves, Pat Turner and Ruth Jenkins. (c. 1949)*

Beta Xi  
University of Montana — Missoula  
March 25, 1933-1943

Beta Xi chapter, which began as local Zeta Chi, was installed in 1933 as the 10th sorority on campus. The chapter was active on campus and in the community, set near the beautiful Mount Sentinel. Two outstanding alumnae include Dr. Aloha Hannah, who was a scientist and member of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Lois Howard Larson, who received many accolades in the education field. The chapter closed in 1943 during World War II when the university took over their rented house to use for housing. Upon closing, several members affiliated with Upsilon chapter at Washington State. Muriel Nelson and Margaret Lewis Maness both served for many years as Montana State Membership Chairmen.

Beta Omicron  
St. Lawrence University — Canton, NY  
May 10, 1935-1983

Beta Omicron chapter was installed at St. Lawrence University as the fifth NPC sorority on campus. The chapter began as local Phi Omega Phi, which was organized in 1924, and was outstanding in scholarship and leadership. In the 1930s and '40s, Beta Omicrons achieved many "firsts" including Grace Nilsson as the first female editor of the then 50-year-old campus magazine; Betty Greenleaf as the first female managing editor of the college newspaper; Betty Leonard as the first woman president of the student governing society and Frances L. Cotter as the first woman secretary of the university. A new chapter house was built in 1938 and the group was consistently highest in scholarship. Alice B. Caldwell served as housemother for 22 years and was initiated upon her retirement in 1971. The chapter closed in 1983 due to a lack of faculty and campus support of the Greek system.



*Beta Pi's 1943 pledge class poses at the University of Cincinnati.*

Beta Pi  
University of Cincinnati — Cincinnati, OH  
June 7, 1936-1998

Beta Pi began in 1924 as the local Phi Beta and then became a chapter of Phi Delta, a small national. On campus Phi Delta was recognized for leadership and scholastic ability, and was subsequently released to petition other national sororities. Beta Pi was installed in 1935 as the 18th sorority at the University of Cincinnati. In 1938, the

chapter acquired a house across from the main entrance to the campus, with a new addition completed in 1959. Dr. Joan Snavely Reisch Boddie was Alumna of the Year in 1977. Violet Diller was a long-serving alumna as was Maxine Johnston who also served as an international officer and was active with the Dandy Lions. Jane Sellman also served for many years as an international officer. Charlotte Pylant Endorf, Delta Gamma—Arizona, served as an advisor for many years. The chapter closed in 1998.

#### Beta Rho

Lake Forest College — Lake Forest, IL  
June 4, 1936-1961

Local Kappa Kappa Chi was founded at this small liberal arts college north of Chicago in 1919. They were installed as Beta Rho chapter in 1936, becoming the third national sorority on campus. Chapter meetings and social gatherings were held in a suite in one of the dorms. In the early 1940s, they gave benefit dances for the USO. Beta Rho was always well represented on campus in honor societies, in student organizations, as homecoming queens, in intersorority sing and in intramurals. In 1961, due to faculty resolutions, all sororities withdrew from campus.

#### Beta Sigma

Mercer University — Macon, GA  
November 13, 1937

In 1937, Alpha Delta Pi returned to the city of its founding, with the installation of Beta Sigma. The chapter began in 1930 as Alpha Kappa, the first social sorority on campus and then became the first national sorority. After several relocations, the chapter moved into the Panhellenic house in 1970. In the early 1980s, sororities were relocated to small houses that had previously been faculty housing. In fall 2000, the new Panhellenic Village opened which includes a separate house for each group. The chapter rents the house where 10 members live. Beta Sigma has many traditions linked to our history, including frequently placing flowers on the grave of Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald. Deen Day Sanders has contributed to the sorority in countless ways, such as serving as honorary chairman of Hubbard Memorial Gardens and providing the seed money for the Foundation Clasp Hands Fund. In honor of her late husband, Cecil B. Day, she established the Day Butterfly Center at Callaway Gardens that delegates to Leadership Conferences in the 1980s and '90s enjoyed. She was Alumna of the Year in 1981. An Executive Office manager, Sally Beggs Thomas served on Grand Council as did charter member Helen Glenn who, as Executive Director, moved the office to Atlanta. Lorie Brown Jenson also served as Executive Director. Karen Henzl Reece was



*Beta Sigma's charter members at Mercer include Helen Glenn (seated, fifth from left) who would later serve on Grand Council and in countless other ways. (c. 1937)*

Archivist for more than 20 years. Naomi Brooks Gerson, Iota—Florida State, was a long-serving advisor. International officer Jennifer Brown Arends has a long service record.

#### Beta Tau

University of Akron — Akron, OH  
February 5, 1938

Beta Tau was installed with 58 charter members—14 collegiate and 44 alumnae initiates. They began as local sorority Sigma Delta Theta, which organized in 1920. Beta Tau has been outstanding in scholarship from the onset with numerous members in the scholastic fraternity and others being tapped into Mortar Board. Rainey Gates Stitzlein was the first woman to serve as chair of the university Board of Trustees. Dorothy Roeger Hartz served for many years on the House Corporation and Dorothy Scott Rasicci was a long-serving local and international officer. The chapter has received the Golden Lion Award three times. Linda Lane Mahan and Melissa Wenk Wilkinson have long service records as does international officer Teresa Strong Good.

Beta Upsilon  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill  
November 11, 1939

Beta Upsilon chapter began as a two-year chapter experience as only junior and senior coeds were allowed to attend the University of North Carolina in 1939. The chapter was installed as the third national sorority on campus. They occupied several houses prior to 1955, when their current house at 411 E. Rosemary Street was purchased and enlarged. The house is located in the historic district of Chapel Hill and houses 35 chapter members. Beta Upsilon's housemother Mary "Hub" Southerland has lived in the house for more than 20 years. She is the only Beta Upsilon housemother to be initiated into the sorority. At Beta Upsilon's 50th anniversary in 1989, "Hub" laid the groundwork for a Foundation scholarship for a Beta Upsilon sister in honor of her daughter, Sharon Southerland Long, a Beta Upsilon alumna.

Beta Phi  
University of Maryland — College Park  
April 26, 1940

The weekend of April 26, 1940 was special with a province convention and the installation of Beta Phi chapter. The chapter was founded as the local Alpha Delta three years earlier, with the intention of petitioning

Alpha Delta Pi—the three-year period was required by the university. Installation was held at the Mayflower Hotel for 19 collegians and six alumnae. In 1957, alumnae bought a chapter house where the chapter resided until 1985. The chapter was recolonized during the next school year; however, the chapter house was rented to another group and later sold. In 1993, the chapter moved to its current house, which is owned by the university and was recently renovated.

Beta Chi  
Queens College of CUNY  
Flushing, NY  
May 17, 1940-1971

Local sorority Gamma Phi was concerned about being a small group with little tradition and no guarantee of future unity among its members so the group petitioned Alpha Delta Pi, and Beta Chi was installed in 1940

as the first national sorority at Queens College. During installation weekend, members were entertained at Alpha Delta Pi Day at the World's Fair. The chapter closed in 1971 due to declining interest in Greek organizations.

Beta Psi  
University of Kentucky — Lexington  
December 6, 1941

Beta Psi's installation festivities began on December 6, 1941 and continued on December 7, where during the happy occasion, the news that Pearl Harbor had been bombed spread and our country was at war. Beta Psi set out to build a solid foundation for the future in a time of uncertainty. The chapter occupied several homes, even living in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house while the fraternity members were at war. In 1950, they moved into their new home on Rose Street. The chapter has always stressed scholarship and had a 16-semester run earning highest GPA in the late 1990s. They support the Lexington Ronald McDonald House. Carol Dorton Asher and Laurel Raimondo served as Executive Directors. Sarah Sumner Hempel served many years on the local and international levels. Carrie Hughes Hancock, Beta Omega—Auburn, was a long-serving advisor. They won Golden Lion in 2005.

Beta Omega  
Auburn University — Auburn, AL  
October 24, 1942

Beta Omega was the first wartime installation of Alpha Delta Pi. Along with Iota and Chi chapters, Beta Omega won the Golden Lion Award when it was introduced in 1973, and they have received it 11 times total. Cindy Holland was elected the first woman president of the Student Government Association. Beloved long-serving dorm mother Fannie Flourney Herren was initiated in 1978. Gladys Stewart served as a chapter advisor from the chapter's founding until the early 1970s. She and her husband, Glenn, did not have children and considered the women to be their family. When she died, the entire chapter served as pallbearers. Pat Johnson Evans followed Gladys as chapter advisor, serving until 1990 when she became an international officer and was named Advisor Emeritus. She served as International Vice President of Finance. Janet Landers Morelock also served on Grand Council. Charter member Carolyn Clay Biggin and Betty Bledsoe Gilmer served for many years as international officers. Nan Shell Van Patten had a long record of international service as did her daughter, Seay Van Patten Poulakos. Other long-serving advisors include Loraine Ingram, Carolyn Brown Burkhalter, Jane Kelbe Buntin and Fran Boddie Pick-Dillard, Beta Nu—Georgia, as well as, former international officers Jane Brown Teel and Tracey Walling

*Marge Bonar,  
Beta Chi—  
Queens College,  
graces the cover  
of a 1945 issue  
of Seventeen.*





*The North American Water Skiing Champion, Leah Marie Rawls, Beta Omega, looks over her freshman "rat cap" at Auburn. (c. 1953)*

Buckingham. Claire Brown Gwaltney has had many roles, including International President. Beta Omega moved from Berta Dunn Hall, their home for nearly 50 years, to Magnolia Hall in a new student village in 2009. It houses 40 women and has a large chapter room, kitchen and living area.

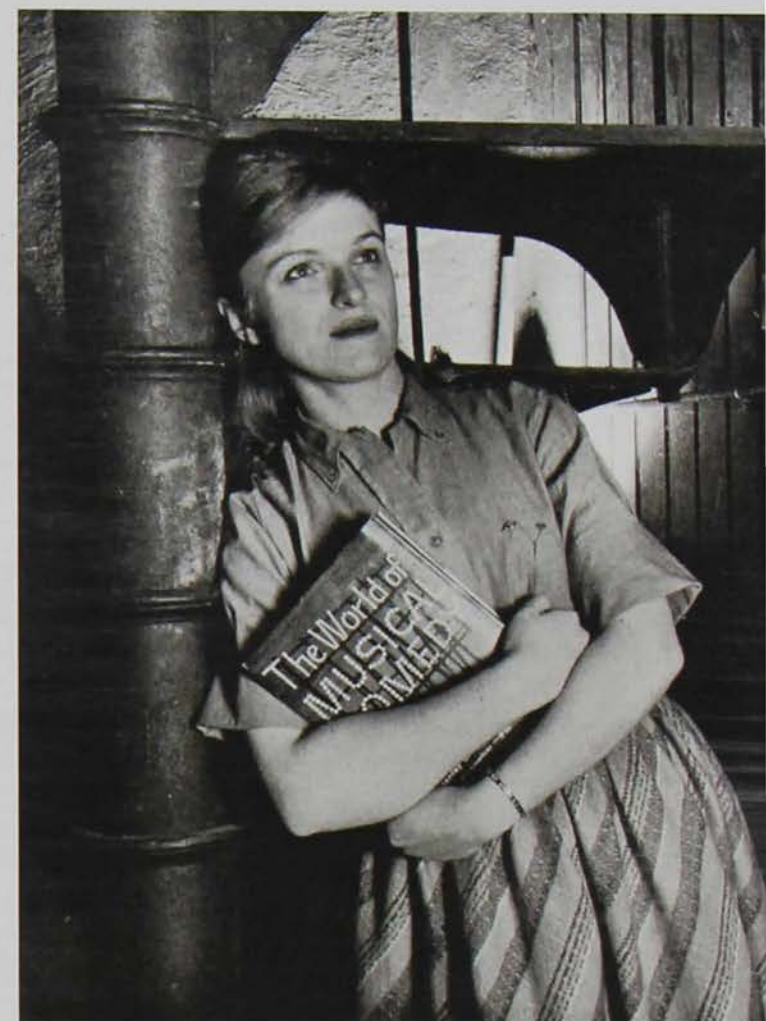
**Gamma Alpha**  
University of Connecticut — Storrs  
May 15, 1943-1970

Alpha Delta Pi had the honor of being the first national sorority at Connecticut to select its own members rather than accept a local.

Installation took place on Founders' Day in 1943, making it the second of three chapters to be installed during World War II. Edith Brown Corttis, Rho—Boston, was instrumental in Gamma Alpha's beginnings. Tragedy, however, struck in the summer of 1944 when Mrs. Corttis lost her life in the Ringling Brothers' Circus fire. Although devastated by the loss, the chapter persevered and acquired a permanent home in a campus dorm in 1950. The chapter was known for its spirit, being active in athletics, dramatics, and all university clubs. The chapter closed in 1970 at a time when interest in Greek life declined.

**Gamma Beta**  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, IL  
January 20, 1945-1971  
March 31, 2001–2006

Gamma Beta was installed with 56 charter members. The chapter was quick to reverse the stereotype of sororities being only a social organization, and in their first year, 15 girls were members in honorary or scholarship organizations, others acted in plays and musicals, played sports and one served as president of Panhellenic. In their eighth year, the chapter moved into its new home that was built in 1931. It housed 33 members on three spacious floors and boasted a view of Lake Michigan. The chapter was strong in scholarship and a multiple winner of May Sing. In 1984, alumna Louann Hurter VanZelst was the first woman president of the Northwestern University Alumni Association. The chapter closed in 1971 because of low interest in Greek life. The chapter was recolonized in fall of 2000, with recruitment of upper class women. Formal recruitment was held in January 2001, and the chapter was reinstalled in conjunction with District IV workshop on March 31 with all workshop attendees participating. The chapter closed again in 2006 due to low numbers.



*Suzanne Lehman, Gamma Beta—Northwestern, performs with the Kansas City Starlight Theatre. (c. 1962)*

Gamma Gamma  
Florida Southern College — Lakeland  
April 27, 1946

Gamma Gamma was formed out of a six-year old local Zeta Zeta Zeta. Blanche Warmholts, Beta Eta—Michigan, was instrumental in joining the local with Alpha Delta Pi. Florida Southern has the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright designed buildings in the world. The sorority house, which faces one of Lakeland's many lakes, was designed by a Wright associate. All sorority houses were originally connected by screened-in porches where members traditionally waited to receive their dates. Later, the porches were converted to office space, including the Panhellenic office and today the structures appear to be "joined." Neva Jane Langley Fickling was Miss America in 1953. Olivia Faulkner Kirtley was the 1999 Alumna of the Year for Profession.



*Actor Van Johnson crowns Marion Ettie, Gamma Delta—Miami, Orange Bowl Queen. (c. 1953)*

Gamma Delta was selected to make an extension presentation in April 2004. Alpha Delta Pi was selected and 88 women "Came Home" to Gamma Delta for the fall installation. Six alumnae from the original chapter attended the installation banquet, including Marion.

Gamma Delta  
University of Miami  
Coral Gables, FL  
February 22, 1947-1976  
November 11, 2004

Gamma Delta was colonized by four members from Lambda chapter at Brenau and was installed with 22 initiates. The chapter met in a beautiful 18th Century-style room. An early president, Marion Ettie Szurek, was the Orange Bowl Queen, Florida Citrus Queen and attended Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in England in 1953. The chapter moved into their suite in the new Panhellenic House in 1957. Gamma Delta closed in 1976. A new expansion theme, "Come Home to Alpha Delta Pi" was unveiled when the



*Per Purdue University requirements, Gamma Epsilon functions for two years as a local before being installed on October 11, 1947.*

Traveling Chapter Consultant Kim Lorence, Alpha Beta—Iowa, was in residence for the school year. The chapter has a suite along side the other NPC groups and they have enjoyed tremendous success.

Gamma Epsilon  
Purdue University — West Lafayette, IN  
October 11, 1947-1993

The local Gamma Epsilon was founded in 1945 with the intention of petitioning Alpha Delta Pi. After meeting the university requirement to function as a local for two years, while living in a chapter house, the local petitioned and was installed as the 13th national sorority at Purdue. Much credit for organizing the local and developing the chapter goes to Lois Gaskell Volk, Beta Omega—Auburn. The local and new chapter occupied a rented house at 415 State Street. In 1952, the chapter moved into a new house at 501 Russell Street that had been built with money loaned by the university. It was a New Orleans French-style house of pink brick featuring a wrought-iron porch. Two properties to the north of the house were purchased and used as annexes. In 1986, the House Corporation demolished the annexes and started a new addition that was completed in 1988 and more than doubled the capacity, housing up to 90 members. Marjorye McVicker Mannering, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, served on the House Corporation for many years and Laurene Meece Buxton, known as "Mother B," was housemother for 18 years and was initiated in 1982 when she retired. International officers Marjorie Briscoe Snow and Lindy Juergens served for many years as advisors and on House Corporations. Gamma Epsilon is the home

of former International President Chris Stecher Dickey who then went on the NPC delegation. The chapter closed in 1993 and their grand piano is on loan to Beta Alpha at Indiana.

#### Gamma Zeta

University of Oklahoma — Norman  
March 17, 1947-1970

Gamma Zeta chapter was colonized by Field Counselor Betty Bissell Jones Hall, Alpha Phi—Butler, and Ellen Hopkins Ryan, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, who enrolled in graduate school for the purpose of colonizing the chapter. A house was secured at 519 Boulevard before the chapter was installed. A new house, which accommodated 60 members, was completed in 1960 and dedicated by Grand President Maxine Blake during State Day festivities. The Dad's Club engineered and financed the parking lot. Sue Hargrove Chaney served for many years as an international officer. Long-time advisor Molly Levite Griffis is the author of several books and spoke at the 2000 Volunteer Leadership Seminar. T. May Scott Soule, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, served 20 years on Gamma Zeta's House Corporation and was State Membership Chairman for 20 years. Gamma Zeta closed in 1970 and the chapter's grand piano was sent to Alpha Omicron at Oklahoma State.

1959, the chapter moved to their suite in the new Panhellenic Building. For years the chapter has helped the Memphis alumnae sponsor a golf tournament to benefit the Memphis Ronald McDonald House where the playroom is dedicated to Alpha Delta Pi. In 1991, when Total Membership Education was introduced, Gamma Eta's first Alpha class had the highest grades for all new members on campus; however, they could not be initiated in the shortened time frame because of university policies. Their performance encouraged the school to change their policy and allow early initiation. Virginia Anderson served as International Director of Finance and Chapter Auditor for many years. The international award for Financial Improvement is named in her memory. Former international officer Donna Winfield Skaarer served as an advisor for more than 20 years. Cindy Hendrix was a long-serving advisor and Jennifer Davie Steffens is a former Grand Council member. They moved into a new Panhellenic dorm in 2006.

Gamma Theta  
University of Mount  
Union  
Alliance, OH  
March 22, 1947

In 1944, Mount Union felt that a fourth sorority was needed. Three outstanding girls, one from each of the other sororities, were chosen to help establish the new group. Local sorority Zeta Kappa Phi began in 1945, meeting in the basement of Miller Hall, a men's residence hall. Gamma Theta was installed on March 22, 1947. Chapter meetings were held in a garage behind Dussell House until 1950 when the present chapter house was completed. The house serves as a meeting place only with no living facilities. A highlight of their 25th anniversary celebration was a mortgage burning ceremony led by Grand President Maxine Blake. For their 50th anniversary, a tree was planted in the front yard. Carole Marlowe Gilbert served as an international officer as does Maresa Bass Taylor. They won Golden Lion in 2007.



*Setting the pace for the 1961 Mount Union Band are Gamma Thetas: (from left) Head majorette Polly Palachek, Majorette Connie Dichler and Senior Majorette Carol Hays.*

Gamma Eta  
University of Memphis  
March 17, 1947

Gamma Eta began as a local Sigma Alpha Mu, at what was then West Tennessee State Normal School. The group was founded by the president's wife in 1912, the same year the college opened. She chose the Greek letters representing SAM to honor her husband Seymour A. Mynders. In 1945, the college name became Memphis State College, paving the way for NPC groups. Gamma Eta was installed on March 17, 1947, just after midnight and just ahead of Phi Mu as the first sorority on campus. In



*Gamma Eta officers gather at their 1947 installation at Memphis State College.*



*Gamma Iota twin sisters, Isabelle, left, and Sarah Lewis replenish their wardrobe for classes at the University of Florida. (c. 1962)*

Gamma Iota  
University of Florida  
Gainesville  
September 11, 1948

The University of Florida became a coeducational institution in 1947 and set a new precedent in activating their women's Panhellenic program by installing five groups on the same day, September 12, 1948 in the University's auditorium. Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Delta made up the newly formed Panhellenic. Alpha Delta Pi had initiated Gamma Iota charter members on the previous day. The chapter was colonized by six members of three other chapters—Lambda, Brenau; Iota, Florida State and Gamma Delta, Miami—who transferred to Florida in September 1947 with

the purpose of colonizing the chapter. One of the colonizers, Barbara Glenn Reeves of Lambda chapter was involved for many years and was a Province President. Ellen Buckhannon Gray served as an advisor for more than 20 years and also was a Province President. Gay Elwes Fair, Iota—Florida State, also was a long-serving advisor. Gamma Iota received the Golden Lion Award in 1997.

Gamma Kappa  
West Virginia Wesleyan College — Buckhannon  
May 8, 1948

Kappa Phi Omega was established in 1925 as West Virginia Wesleyan's second local sorority and was the first to have a house until the college ruled against residences in 1928. After World War II, when national sororities were allowed, the group petitioned Alpha Delta Pi and was installed in 1948 with 14 charter members. Alpha Delta Pi was the third national sorority at the college, which was founded in 1890 and is affiliated with the West Virginia United Methodist Conference. In the early 1960s, New Hall (now Halloway Hall) was built and provided four sorority suites on the first floor. Gamma Kappa still occupies their suite there today. Long-serving advisors include Susan Rusmisell and Betty Pifer, who also was a WVWC librarian at the campus library that bears

her family name. Other outstanding alumnae include Robin Davis who is the highest-ranking member of the West Virginia Supreme Court and former Grand Council member Betty Clapsaddle Riley. Judi Hain Reemsnyder has a long service record.

Gamma Lambda  
University of Rhode Island — Kingston  
May 22, 1948

Becoming the sixth national sorority at Rhode Island, Gamma Lambda was installed with 34 charter members. The group formed out of local sorority Tau Alpha Epsilon, which began as the Trident Club in 1944. Members lived in one wing of the West Annex and had a one-room meeting place in Eleanor Roosevelt Hall. The very week after installation the chapter won first place and best director awards in the annual campus Interhouse Sing. At their 50th anniversary, they celebrated with a mortgage burning ceremony. Sheila Kane Higgins had a long record of service as an advisor.

Gamma Mu  
Missouri State University — Springfield  
March 26, 1949

Thirty-three collegiate and 14 alumnae members of the 67-year-old local sorority Alpha Beta Zeta became Gamma Mu's charter members in 1949. Alpha Delta Pi was the first full member of NPC to be installed on campus. Gamma Mu has an outstanding scholarship record. The chapter house was in the historic district of Springfield from the 1960s until 1994 when the chapter dedicated their new 15,000 square foot home featuring a blue and white terrazzo floor inlaid with Greek letters and housing 59 collegians. Gamma Mu has received the Golden Lion Award four times. Gracia Yancey Backer served as the highest-ranking woman leader in the history of the Missouri House of Representatives as Assistant Majority Floor Leader. Province Director Linda Parrish Broshears has served the chapter in many ways for many years.

Gamma Nu  
William Jewell College — Liberty, MO  
April 23, 1949

Local sorority TNT was formed in 1922 and created a long and honorable history on campus before becoming Gamma Nu chapter in 1949. The chapter resided in a white frame house until 1956 when they moved into Semple Hall, a dormitory built for housing the sororities. They now are in a new Greek Village. A long-standing tradition of riding a fire truck in the homecoming parade had been dormant for 10



years, but was revived for the chapter's 50th anniversary in 1999. Also honoring their 50 years at William Jewell, Gamma Nu endowed a fund that will annually award scholarships to two members. Alumnae with long-service records include Joy Scarborough Crouch, Irene Simon Thomas and Sallie Chrane Hobbs. Gamma Nu also was the home chapter to former Grand President and NPC Alternate Delegate Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy who served on the 150th Anniversary Committee.



*Gamma Nu Kaye Cokely is the 1959 Homecoming Queen at William Jewell.*

**Gamma Xi**  
University of California —  
Santa Barbara  
February 3, 1950

National sororities were invited to become a part of the campus in the spring of 1949. Local sorority Gamma Delta Chi, founded in 1931, had an excellent record on campus. They petitioned Alpha Delta Pi and were installed at the Gamma Delta Chi sorority house. Joining Alpha Delta Pi as the first NPC groups on campus were Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, Delta Gamma and Alpha Phi. The chapter moved into a historic estate in 1952. Located near the college, the view overlooked the city and ocean on one side and mountains on the other. Their permanent home, adjacent to campus and within walking distance of the Pacific Ocean, was completed in 1961. The chapter has a tradition of playing sand volleyball on the beach. The Parents Club is involved in many aspects of the chapter's life. Dianne Lowe Pannkuk, Alpha Chi—UCLA, and Mary Ann Fowler Burgess have long service records to Gamma Xi.

**Gamma Omicron**  
Susquehanna University — Selinsgrove, PA  
April 29, 1950

Originally organized as the local Omega Delta Sigma sorority, Gamma Omicron was chartered at Susquehanna University on April 29, 1950, becoming the first national sorority on campus. In 1983, university officials allowed the sororities to relocate from chapter rooms to small houses along University Avenue. Gamma Omicron has furnished a room at

the Ronald McDonald House in Danville and holds an annual Easter party for underprivileged children. The chapter received the Golden Lion Award in 1987, 1989 and 1991. Former Grand President and Foundation President Jane Fiedler Madio is a Gamma Omicron alumna. She also served as chair of the 150th Anniversary Committee.

**Gamma Pi**  
Wagner College  
Staten Island, NY  
May 6, 1950

Gamma Pi was formed from Tau Lambda Chi, a local that was the first sorority recognized at Wagner College. The local was organized in 1941 with the objectives of promoting both scholarship and fellowship. Gamma Pi was installed on May 5, 1950 becoming the first national sorority on campus. The chapter maintains an outstanding record of community service, supporting various Staten Island charities by participating in Wagner's Campus Community Chest.

**Gamma Rho**  
Arizona State University — Tempe  
October 14, 1950

Gamma Rho chapter was pledged on Founders' Day, May 15, 1950, and installed on October 14. The chapter was Alpha Delta Pi's first in Arizona and the second national group at ASU. Charter members were members of Philomathian, an old and well-established group on campus that was founded in 1903 as a literary society for men and women. It disbanded in 1921 and reorganized in 1930 as a local sorority. The chapter has occupied a dorm floor for many years, but moved to new facilities in 2001. There is a large Philomathian bench on campus donated by Blanche Pilcher, a Philomathian and Gamma Rho charter member. The chapter proudly takes responsibility for cleaning the bench. The chapter



*Gamma Omicron's charter members gather for installation at Susquehanna University on April 29, 1950.*

also has donated to the restoration of Old Main, where chapter meetings were held in the early 1950s. Betty Kerseg Greenwood, Alpha Chi—UCLA, served on House Corporation for 25 years. Other long-serving international officers include Anne Metzger Eggert, Peggy Britt Kent and Norma Erickson Poling, as well as Susan Ballenberger Hibler who was named Alumna of the Year for Community Service in 1995.

Gamma Sigma  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, OH  
April 7, 1951-1989

Alpha Delta Pi's "centennial chapter" was installed in April 1951, just one month before our 100th birthday, with 30 collegiate and 45 alumnae initiates. Gamma Sigma grew out of the six-year-old local Theta Phi and joined a large Greek system at Bowling Green. Being the youngest national on campus, membership numbers grew gradually, but steadily. Members were active on campus and received

*Presidents of Ohio's chapters hold diamond plaques made by Gamma Sigma members at Bowling Green for the 1968 State Day. From left: Connie Gallina, Epsilon Nu—Ashland; Ann Darnell, Beta Tau—Akron; Judy Moist, Chi—Wittenberg; Sue Schaffner, Xi—Ohio; Sara Hay, Gamma Sigma—Bowling Green; Janet Stewart, Alpha Xi—Ohio State and Pat Muszynski, Beta Pi—Cincinnati.*



many honors. Their university-owned chapter house was on Sorority Row and housed 20 members. Sandra Sperzel Honemann served for many years as a Province Director and Music Chair. Former Foundation Trustee, Carolyn Key Hazen, also served as a Province President. The chapter closed in 1989.

Gamma Tau  
University of Vermont — Burlington  
December 8, 1951

Gamma Tau was formed from the local Beta Chi Alpha that was founded in October 1950. Gamma Tau was installed in 1951 as the second NPC group on campus. In 1953, they moved into their new house with porches that stretched across the entire back of the house, looking out across Lake Champlain. The house was sold in 1992 after Gamma Tau members took alumna status in the fall of 1991 to allow the international organization to recolonize. Members of Gamma Lambda from Rhode Island assisted with rush and Eta Omicrons from Western Connecticut assisted with the initiation of the 16 new Gamma Tau members on April 25, 1993. Since recolonization, the chapter has won Greek awards and has had several sisters named Greek Woman of the Year. Cassie Gibson Sherry is a long-serving international officer.



*Gamma Upsilon President Frances Copeland, left, and Vice President Carolyn Jeter are North Texas State leaders. (c. 1954)*

Gamma Upsilon  
University of North Texas  
Denton  
December 5, 1953

The Phoreff sorority was formed in 1935 to provide greater social opportunities for women on campus. The name had a secret meaning and was the basis for the club—4 F's, meaning Faithful Friendships Formed Forever. In 1944, the Phoreffs changed their name to Delta Chi Delta, and in 1953 the group petitioned Alpha Delta Pi. Gamma Upsilon was installed on December 5, 1953, with 28 charter members. The chapter met in a chapter room in College Inn (formerly a Holiday Inn converted to a dormitory) for decades, but moved into a new home in a new sorority complex in 2005. As part of North Texas' 100th anniversary, the Phoreff/Delta Chi Deltas donated three trees and a plaque as part of the 100 Trees for 100 Years campaign, celebrating their life-long sisterhood. Alumna Kay Ludden Lamb served as an advisor from 1979 to 1995,

and former Grand Council member Elisse Jones Freeman, Alpha Zeta—SMU, served as chapter advisor for many years. Barbara Brasseaux White also served as an advisor and international officer. Gamma Upsilon also is home to retired professional golfer Sandra Palmer.

Gamma Phi  
East Tennessee State University — Johnson City  
November 13, 1954

Gamma Phi began as the Mary Moore Davis Literary Society in 1913. The group's name changed to Pi Sigma Society in 1916 and Pi Sigma Sorority in 1940. This local was installed as Gamma Phi chapter in

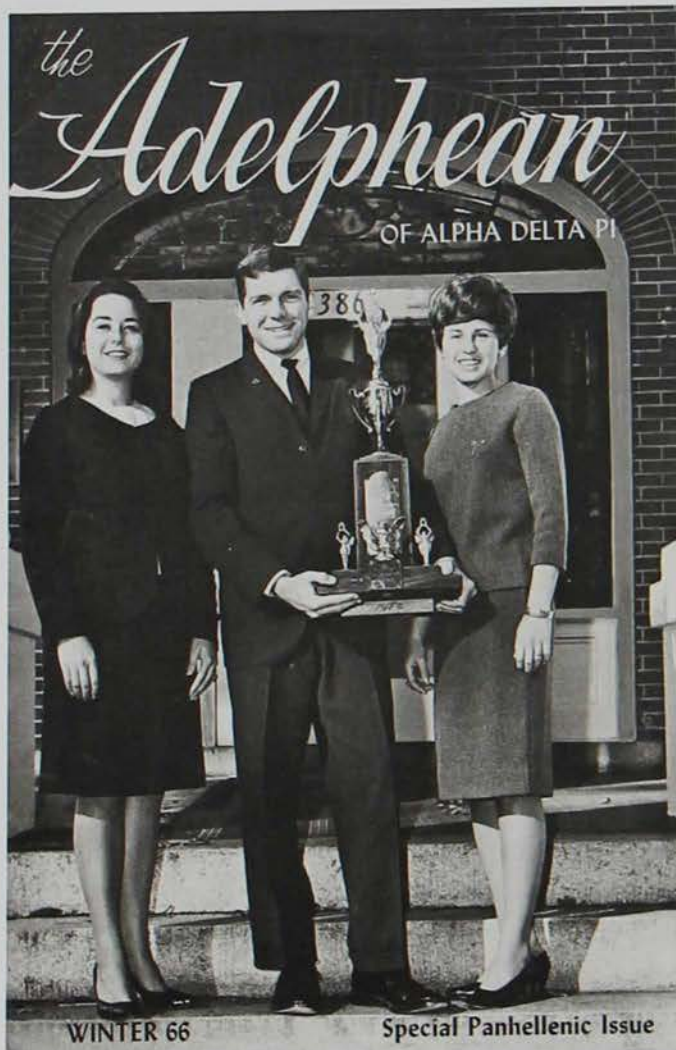
1954 becoming the first NPC group on campus, although Kappa Delta was installed later the same weekend. A Panhellenic tea was held at ETSU President Dossett's home. Mrs. Dossett (Nelle Jennings) was an honorary initiate and mother of two Alpha Kappa daughters. In 1995, the chapter funded a \$25,000 room at the local Ronald McDonald House. They were the first sorority on campus to implement alcohol awareness workshops and the use of wristbands. Melissa Mahan Nicol served for many years as an advisor to Delta Alpha chapter at Emory and as a Province Director. Rhonda Vanhoy Bishop, Stephanie Bauer Daniel, Beth Lewis Wright and Debbie Tilson Gill have long records of service. Tammie S. Pinkston also has a long service record, including service on Grand Council. The chapter received the Golden Lion in 2009.

Gamma Chi  
Texas Christian University — Fort Worth  
April 16, 1955

In the summer of 1954, TCU's administration decided to open the campus to fraternities and sororities. Grand Council member Lilita Wilson McCorkle was on the faculty and was instrumental in the colonization. Installation took place in 1955 with a quota of 21 charter members. The chapter occupies space in Frances Sadler Hall on the Worth Hills campus. The dorm was built by TCU in 1963, and has been remodeled and redesigned several times, most recently by alumna Dinah Joyner Martinec. Features include an original violet painting created for the chapter; the chapter room doors are set with diamond-shaped door handles with Alpha Delta Pi Greek letters; the faux-finished ceilings have silver and gold diamonds surrounding each light fixture symbolizing the points of the diamond of our badge. Seven members of Gamma Chi



*Susan Nunn, Gamma Phi—East Tennessee, is named Miss Congeniality at the National College Queen contest in 1956.*



*Lucian Rice, President of Kappa Alpha at Emory, presents the fraternity's award for "Best Sorority on Campus" to Delta Alpha President Margaret Chase, left, and Vice President Harriet Wight at Memorial Headquarters. (c. 1966)*

Gamma Omega  
Michigan State University — East Lansing  
April 7, 1956-1978

Sally Cramer Fox and Alice Starr Chekian of Alpha Theta transferred from the University of Washington to MSU to assist with the establishment of a new colony in the fall of 1955. Gamma Omega was formally installed in 1956 with 38 collegiate members, six alumnae and two special members. Sally served as president and Alice was vice president and membership selection chair before

helped to charter the Student Foundation in 1976. Sharon McCleskey Wylie served as an NPC alternate delegate and in many other ways. Other alumnae with long records of local and international service include Sue Morris McWilliams, Renee Onstot Clark, Melanie Herweck Hanna and Judy Romer Nutter who also served as Exhibits co-chair for the 150th Convention.

Gamma Psi  
University of Houston  
February 2, 1956-1960

Local sorority Kappa Sigma Nu was founded in 1942. Their name was significant: K for knowledge, S for sisterhood and N for nobility. Their colors were blue for trueness and gold for purity. The group became Gamma Psi chapter in 1956 with 32 collegians, 62 alumnae, two special initiates and three honorary initiates. Tuition rose steadily at the University of Houston, leading many students to obtain work to afford the education, and consequently rush numbers dropped. Rather than sacrifice the high standards of membership, the charter was declared inactive in 1960.

returning to Washington and serving as Alpha Theta president. The chapter began in a small house on Charles Street, then they purchased an apartment house in fall 1957 where 32 sisters lived. As the chapter outgrew their home, they purchased a vacant lot across the street with ground breaking in the spring of 1963 and dedication in 1964. Throughout the chapter's 22-year history, the members were involved in many campus activities; however, the chapter closed in 1978 after an unsuccessful special rush effort by the international organization.

Delta Alpha  
Emory University — Atlanta  
May 9, 1959

National sororities had a unique beginning at Emory University when 10 social club presidents gathered at a chartering ceremony on May 8, 1959, and each club was delivered their respective national sorority's charter. Delta Alpha, which was installed the next day, had been social club Adelphean since 1954 when Omicron member Ellen Doss transferred to Emory from Duke and founded the society with the goal of becoming Alpha Delta Pi. In anticipation of a chapter being installed in the state of our founding, the name Delta "Alpha" was held for the chapter to honor "Alpha" chapter; therefore, Delta Alpha was installed after Delta Epsilon rather than after Gamma Omega as the usual sequence would dictate. In 1973, the first sorority lodges were dedicated, and new ones were dedicated in 2006. Delta Alpha is consistently highest in campus scholarship and in 2000 was recognized as having the highest GPA of any Alpha Delta Pi chapter with a 3.58 GPA. The chapter won the Golden Lion Award in 1983. Pamela Bean, Epsilon Omicron—Murray State, was a long-serving advisor. Charlene Nigaglioni, Jennifer Smith Dickinson, Sue Armstrong Martino and Jayne Cassidy Jett have long service records.

Delta Beta  
Lamar University — Beaumont, TX  
November 23, 1956

Lamar University was founded in 1923 and became a four-year coeducational college in 1951. Alpha Delta Pi was the first Panhellenic sorority to express an interest in coming on campus and was chosen by the oldest social organization, the Revelers, also founded in 1923. Delta Beta was installed on November 23, 1956, with 20 collegiate members and 14 honorary alumnae. Three sororities now live in a dormitory, with meetings held in the Student Center. Alumnae who have served the chapter both as advisors and international officers

include Eleanor Crockett Camp and Eleanor Stevens, both Delta—Texas and Charlotte Wilson Mann. Celia “Beth” Waters Black who helped colonize Epsilon Epsilon at Texas Tech and Lois Hency Vance have served as international officers.

#### Delta Gamma

University of Arizona — Tucson

March 9, 1957 — 2005

November 8, 2008

Charter member Marsha Hatch Coleman, a transfer from Gamma Rho at Arizona State, was instrumental in founding Delta Gamma. The chapter house was completed in 1957 and a large addition that doubled the sleeping capacity was finished in the '60s. Charlotte Pylant Endorf served for many years as an international officer. Long-serving advisor Nell Lowman Carlston, Zeta—Southwestern, was honored at the 2000 Founders' Day. Polly Skaalure Robertson, Alpha Omega—Oregon State, also worked with the chapter for years after retiring to Arizona. Delta Gamma closed in 2005 with an agreement to come back in 2009 and the house was rented to the university. Recruitment numbers spiked and we were invited back a year early. The house was renovated and 151 collegians and two alumnae were initiated at the installation. The chapter excelled immediately and today has well over 200 members with an Alpha class of 79 in fall 2010. Peggy Britt Kent, Gamma Rho—Arizona State, and Linda Phillips Allen, Kappa—Samford, were instrumental in the recolonization.

#### Delta Delta

University of Arkansas — Fayetteville

November 16, 1957

In the fall of 1956, representatives from five NPC groups accepted invitations from the Arkansas Panhellenic to make expansion presentations. Alpha Delta Pi was selected and Delta Delta chapter was colonized in the fall of 1957. An English-style house was leased at 519 Oakland Avenue and an extensive redecoration project was completed in time for the chapter's colonization. A three-story addition was completed in 1962. Karle Friar Smith, Lambda—Brenau, was involved with the installation and throughout her life. A Foundation scholarship honors her memory. Charlotte Taylor has served in many ways, including 10 years as Executive Director and as a member of Grand Council. Joanne Henthorne Kirlin was Service Projects Chair when the Ronald McDonald Houses were adopted as our national philanthropy in 1979 and has served in many ways. Carol Heathman Albert and Cindy George served for many years on the House Corporation. Kay Burns McBrady was an international officer and has served in many roles in St. Louis. Carol Hampton Rasco served as an assistant to President Clinton for Domestic Policy.

#### Delta Epsilon

Morningside College — Sioux City, IA

October 26, 1957 — 2003

Delta Epsilon was founded as the Pieria Society and then became Pi Kappa Alpha before being installed as Delta Epsilon chapter in 1957. The local had a 50-year history and the members had always been known as the “Pi's.” Jo Steele Pecaut was a member of the local before transferring to Iowa and being initiated into Alpha Beta chapter. Years later she served as the original contact between the local and Alpha Delta Pi. Mary Liljegren was the sponsor and was supportive in their effort to become a national; she was an alumna initiate at installation. Her daughter Linda Liljegren Morsheimer later served Delta Epsilon as chapter president, as well as a TCS and international officer. In the early days the chapter was housed in college-owned houses, then there was a dormitory lounge, but later they had no assigned facilities. When a new honorary for senior women was organized (LASS – Leadership, Ability, Service, Scholarship), four of the first officers were Delta Epsilons. Another alumna initiate at installation, Mary Cruikshank Grefe was national president of the American Association of University Women and was named Alumna of the Year in 1983. The chapter closed in 2003.

#### Delta Zeta

Wayne State University — Detroit

April 19, 1958-1972

Local group Zeta Chi was founded in 1926, and maintained the highest academic and moral standards, performed charitable services and supported the university in all aspects. Becoming a chapter of Alpha Delta Pi had long been a desire of the group and that dream was realized in 1958,



*Delta Zetas at Wayne State are featured in a 1958 issue of the Detroit News.*



*Delta Eta's 1966 initiates at McNeese State gather at the home of alumna Mrs. Wayne Cusie.*

making Alpha Delta Pi the 10th national sorority at Wayne State. The chapter immediately was involved on campus, chairing the Panhellenic Ball, having sisters tapped into Mortar Board and another being named Homecoming Queen. Marilyn "Sue" Sebastian Bartolameolli was a long-serving international officer. The chapter closed in 1972 due to declining interest in Greek life.

Delta Eta  
McNeese State University — Lake Charles, LA  
February 1, 1958

The oldest and most outstanding social group at McNeese State, Delta Alpha Delta, laid the groundwork for becoming Delta Eta chapter, with 27 collegiate charter members. Three other national sororities were installed during the spring semester of 1958: Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Phi Mu. Through the years, Delta Eta members have remained strong

scholastically, won prizes for Homecoming and Songfest, and won many campus honors. Betty Jane "B.J." Harlow Anderson, Omega—LSU, served as their advisor for many years and also served as an international officer as did Melanie-Prejean Sullivan.

Delta Theta  
Valdosta State University — Valdosta, GA  
May 5, 1958

Valdosta State College welcomed three national sororities on the weekend of May 4-6, 1958, when Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta and Kappa Delta were installed. Delta Theta chapter was originally formed from the oldest local sorority on campus, Sigma Alpha Omega. The chapter

continues to be a campus leader consistently having the highest Greek member totals and highest Greek women's GPA, receiving scholastic, athletic and leadership honors. There is no Greek housing so meetings are held on campus. Long-serving advisor for Delta Theta is Barbara Talley Griffin. Sherri Bledsoe Halford was named Alumna of the Year for Profession in 1997 and has a long international service record.

Delta Iota  
Waynesburg College — Waynesburg, PA  
April 26, 1958-1996

Organized in 1906, Theta Pi Sigma was the first local sorority organized at Waynesburg College and became Delta Iota chapter in 1958. Alpha Upsilon chapter at West Virginia University assisted with initiation at the First Methodist Church and welcomed 28 collegiate, 44

alumna and 10 honorary members. The college is located in the picturesque mountain country of Southwestern Pennsylvania and was chartered in 1850 under the control of the Presbyterian Church. Delta Iota closed in 1996, as the campus was not conducive to Greek life, and in 1999 the college abolished all Greek organizations.

Delta Kappa  
Pennsylvania State University — University Park, PA  
September 20, 1958-1976  
February 1, 1992

In 1957, local sorority Pyrose was formed at Penn State. The group petitioned Alpha Delta Pi, and Delta Kappa chapter was installed in 1958. The chapter closed in 1976 due to low numbers and an unsettled Panhellenic situation. The chapter was recolonized and was reinstalled in 1992. The



*Delta Iota charter members at Waynesburg College enjoy their 1958 installation.*

new charter group had 117 initiates, the largest initiation in Alpha Delta Pi history at the time. The addition of Delta Kappa raised the number of NPC groups to 21 along with 56 national fraternities, making up one of the largest Greek systems in the country. Delta Kappa annually participates in Greek Sing and campus activities. Kathi Atwater Keesing, Gamma Pi—Wagner, served as an advisor for many years. Other long-serving alumnae include Barbara Kinter Kunkel who served as District IV Team Director and Deborah Anderson Metzler who was a Province Director. The chapter recently moved into a newly renovated suite in South Halls.

#### Delta Lambda

West Texas A&M University — Canyon  
October 25, 1958-1984

The installation of the first four NPC groups at West Texas State occurred the weekend of October 24-26, 1958. Delta Lambda chapter grew out of local Kappa Tau Phi and welcomed 25 charter members. In the mid-1980s, the women's gymnasium on campus was named in honor of alumna Natalie Flesher Russell, the former chair of the physical education department. Emyle Ruth Hill Cooper and Betty Elroy Wright Sterquell, Delta—Texas, were long-serving advisors. As a result of a poor Panhellenic situation and a declining Greek climate the chapter closed in 1984.

#### Delta Mu

Sam Houston State University — Huntsville, TX  
April 25, 1959

The Caroline Belvin Literary Society celebrated its 30th birthday in 1959 by being installed as Delta Mu chapter. The group had held a prominent position for years at Sam Houston State, which is the oldest state-supported teacher training institution west of the Mississippi River. Sorority dormitories were built to house six sororities. Delta Mu has continued to occupy the strongest leadership position on campus. Charter members Paula Smith Moak, long-time Convention Secretary, and Janis Botter Childers served as advisors and international officers for many years. Lois Hincey Vance, Delta Beta—Lamar, was a long-serving international officer and chapter advisor. The chapter won Golden Lion in 2009.

#### Delta Nu

Southeast Missouri State University — Cape Girardeau  
May 16, 1959

Delta Nu was formally pledged on May 15, 1959, the 108th anniversary of the sorority. Installation followed the next day for 45 collegians and five alumnae members of the Hesperian Society—a literary society founded in 1914. Delta Nu originally met in a room in the Memorial Hall Student

Center before moving into chapter facilities in a residence hall. The hall is located in an area exclusive to Greeks, giving it a community-like atmosphere. When the university introduced plans to renovate Greek housing, Delta Nu successfully challenged the decision, remaining in their residence hall and preserving years of memories and traditions. Bettie McHaney Talbert, Alpha Gamma—Missouri, was instrumental in bringing Alpha Delta Pi to campus and served for many years as an advisor and international officer. Lisa Richardson Quick was a long-serving international officer. The chapter has received the Golden Lion Award three times.

#### Delta Xi

Pittsburg State University — Pittsburg, KS  
October 24, 1959-1973

Delta Xi was installed with 17 collegiate and eight honorary members in 1959. The chapter rented a house in 1961, housing 17 members and providing meeting and social space. A larger house was leased in 1963. Shirley Christian, a charter member and chapter president, won the Pulitzer Prize for her reporting of international affairs in the early 1980s. Pat Trainor was the first woman appointed to the State of New Mexico Athletic Commission and Beth Wray was national president of the Business & Professional Women. The chapter closed in 1973.

#### Delta Omicron

East Carolina University — Greenville, NC  
February 6, 1960

Delta Omicron chapter began in 1959 as Pi Kappa, and was installed on February 6, 1960, along with the other eight NPC sororities that same weekend. A golden tea service was presented by Grand Council to commemorate the 100th active chapter of Alpha Delta Pi. A resident chapter, they are active in campus and community activities.

#### Delta Pi

Ripon College — Ripon, WI  
February 27, 1960

Local Pi Tau Pi was installed as Delta Pi in 1960, making it the fourth of five local sororities to "go national." In 1962, all sororities moved into Johnson Hall where each had its own chapter room and Delta Pi still meets today. The chapter presents the Edith Fleming Award to a senior woman who has demonstrated loyalty to Delta Pi, as well as Ripon College. Alumna initiate Edith Fleming served as the chapter's first advisor, having served as an advisor to the local. The award was established by her husband, a Ripon professor, in her memory. A charter alumna initiate who was a member of the local, Fran Gross Grenlie returned to



Ripon for many years to perform the Jewel Degree which was followed by a luncheon that was faithfully attended by Roberta Comfort, a member of the local. Jean Gibson Woolley, Alpha Alpha—Colorado, served the chapter for many years. Kristin Bazzoli Piotrowski was a long-serving advisor.



*Grand President Maxine Blake presents Delta Rho President Gale Shipman with the charter for the Gettysburg chapter. At right is Judy Buckner, who along with Gale assisted in the colonization. (c. 1961)*

Delta Rho  
Gettysburg College — Gettysburg, PA  
February 4, 1961

Forty-nine collegiate and two alumnae members were charter members of Delta Rho when it was installed at historic Gettysburg College. Instrumental in the colonization were Gale Shipman Alder, Gamma Nu—William Jewell, and Judy Buckner, Gamma Mu—Missouri State. Members held the Panhellenic presidency for seven consecutive years from 1993 to 2000 and the chapter traditionally has the highest GPA in the Greek system. They have a Panhellenic suite for meetings and events. Liz Yates is a long-serving international officer.

Delta Sigma  
University of Mississippi  
Oxford  
February 25, 1961-1995

In 1960, national officers visited Ole Miss to explore the possibility of establishing a chapter. In 1961, Delta Sigma became our first chapter in Mississippi with 27 charter initiates. However, the chapter found it difficult to compete with the other well-established NPC groups that had been on campus for more than 50 years. A Convention Page at the 1965

Convention, future Grand President Beth Gentry Mannle was asked by Grand Council to change her plans and attend graduate school at Ole Miss so she could serve as a resident counselor. Membership numbers increased and the international organization fulfilled their promise of building a new home for the chapter. In 1970, Delta Sigma moved into one of the few contemporary houses on campus where most others were of an "Old South" architectural style. The Alpha Delta Pi house was striking with its brick structure and two-story glass windows, but was never considered to "fit" the campus style. The chapter had a period of growth, producing many leaders including former Grand Council member Lil McKinnon-Hicks and District V Team Director Stacy DeMartini Bruton. The chapter closed in 1995.



*The first woman to graduate from the University of Mississippi with a degree in engineering is Barbara Kerr, Delta Sigma. (c. 1961)*

Delta Tau  
Texas A&M University — Commerce  
March 11, 1961-1982

Delta Tau began as the 42-year old group Original Kalir Club, the oldest at East Texas State. Twenty-eight charter members were initiated along with 16 alumnae and seven honor initiates in 1961. Delta Tau won scholarship and sportsmanship awards, while members were selected as cheerleaders and served on student senate and union boards and were involved in campus activities. The chapter closed in 1982.

Delta Upsilon  
University of Tennessee at Martin  
March 18, 1961

Delta Upsilon chapter was the first national sorority at University of Tennessee, Martin, with Chi Omega installed later the same day. Chapter members have been leaders on campus since the beginning and are often tops in scholarship. They also are active in fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House. They sponsor a scholarship for Panhellenic honoring their long-serving chapter advisor Karen Young Wright. Other alumnae with long service records on local and international levels include Sandra Gray, Grand Council member Renee Bailey Iacona and Mary Baird Simpson. The chapter has received the Golden Lion three times.

Delta Phi  
University of Missouri — Kansas City  
May 5, 1962

In 1936, a chapter of V.V.V. was founded with principles of scholarship, sportsmanship and leadership. The group later changed its name to Sigma Beta, and then was installed as Delta Phi chapter in 1962. They were the second national sorority, as Chi Omega had come on campus a few months earlier. At one time, the chapter owned their own house, but currently all sororities rent homes. Long-serving advisors include Linda Hallgren Kinton, Alpha Beta—Iowa, and Rita Glover Watson, Delta Delta—Arkansas. The chapter won the Golden Lion in 2007.

Delta Chi  
University of Northern Colorado — Greeley  
November 17, 1962-1998

Delta Chi was installed at what was then Colorado State College on a snowy November weekend in 1962. Festivities started on Friday evening with a reception at the Alpha Alpha house in Boulder. Chartered buses took the group to Greeley for initiation ceremonies in the Faculty Apartment Building. Fifty-six Alpha Alpha members assisted and provided entertainment. The installation banquet was held at the Greeley Country Club with Joan Perry Boatright, Alpha Beta—Iowa, serving as toastmistress. Joan along with several other Colorado alumnae were instrumental in bringing the

*Reigning over the University of Arizona's 9,000 students is Homecoming Queen Mary Lou Campo, Delta Gamma. (c. 1961)*

chapter on campus. Connie Cristler Thompson, Alpha Eta—Kansas State, was assigned by Grand Council to serve as the "colonizer" while attending graduate school at the college. Barbara Rehm Gorman served as an advisor and held several international officer positions. The chapter closed in 1998.

Delta Psi  
Eastern New Mexico University — Portales  
February 1, 1964-1987

After over a year of pledgship, Delta Psi members were installed in 1964 with 25 collegiate and eight alumnae initiates. The chapter became the third national sorority on campus, joining Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha. Alumna Mary Bryan provided the color commentary for LPGA golf on ESPN and CBS for many years. The chapter closed in 1987 due to a declining Greek climate.

Delta Omega  
Northern Illinois University — DeKalb  
April 25, 1964

Local Phi Pi Omega was founded in 1960 and quickly became established on campus. They petitioned Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Omega was installed in 1964 as the ninth NPC group on campus. Their first "rushed" pledge class was the largest on campus. In 1974, the chapter house at 1230 Blackhawk Drive was purchased. It houses more than 45 members. Charter member Mary Morris Krupp was an active alumna for years and was instrumental in many of the renovations. The group is active in several areas of philanthropy, supporting the Ronald McDonald House and other charities. Barbara Reed Bay, Zeta Theta—Illinois State, served for many years.

Epsilon Alpha  
University of Minnesota at Moorhead  
November 8, 1964-1984

Alpha Delta Pi installed its second chapter in Minnesota at Moorhead State on November 8, 1964 after Traveling Collegiate Secretary Kathryn Peddy Goddard arrived to prepare the group and work with officers. Charter members included 18 collegians and four alumnae initiates. Collegians from Beta Theta at the University of Manitoba and Alpha Rho at the University of Minnesota attended with five pledges from Alpha Rho enjoying the privilege of being initiated by Grand President Maxine Blake along with the charter group. Due to a declining Greek climate, the chapter closed in 1984.





Epsilon Beta  
Texas A&M University — Kingsville  
February 13, 1965-1986

Founded in 1927, local Alpha Sigma was the oldest Greek-letter social club on campus when it was installed as Epsilon Beta chapter in 1965. The installation service took place in the Student Union building with 11 charter members, seven pledges, 12 Alpha Sigma alumnae and seven honorary initiates. When the university experienced a decline in enrollment in 1986, the Greek system was closed by the administration.

Epsilon Gamma  
Marquette University — Milwaukee, WI  
March 21, 1965-1984

Marquette University was founded by Jesuit Fathers in 1881. Members of local sorority Delta Sigma Gamma were formally pledged on January 16, 1965. Those members and additional pledges were installed as the 56 charter members in March. The Installation Banquet was held at the Café Rogue of the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee with University President The Very Rev. William F. Kelly as speaker. Alumna Janice Babcock is a renowned scientist who has won numerous professional honors. The chapter closed in 1984.

Epsilon Delta  
Western Kentucky University — Bowling Green  
May 15, 1965

The story of Epsilon Delta began in 1958 with the organization of local sorority Pi Sigma Upsilon. The founders wanted a group that would embody the high ideals and standards for which they stood. In the fall of 1964, the local group began to look for a national sorority that most closely matched their ideals, and in 1965, Epsilon Delta was installed on Founders' Day with 79 charter members, including 61 collegians, 12 alumnae initiates and six honorary initiates. One of the alumna initiates was Irene Erskine, a biology professor at Western who had served as an advisor to the local since 1960. She then became Epsilon Delta's chapter advisor, a position she held until she retired in 1985. For many years, the chapter made their home in Terrace Hall (later called Gilbert Hall). In the early 1990s, the university built a new sorority dorm where most members lived and chapter meetings were held. About that time, the chapter purchased a lovely two-story home that is adjacent to campus where the executive officers lived. That home was sold to the university in 2007. The chapter bought apartment building and remodeled it in 2008. Rita Wade Marshall, Judi Maxfield Bilyeu and Kathryn "Kathy" Birkett served for years on both the local and international levels. Epsilon Delta received the Golden Lion Award in 1995.

*Epsilon Delta is installed at Western Kentucky on Founders' Day in 1965.*

Epsilon Epsilon  
Texas Tech University — Lubbock  
February 16, 1966

Epsilon Epsilon was colonized in the fall of 1965 by five collegiate members of Texas chapters. They were Donese Mayfield Jones, Alpha Zeta—SMU; Cindy Schlecte Swannack and Roberta "Berta" Craddock Grau, both of Zeta—Southwestern and Faye "Elaine" Combs Brown and Celia "Beth" Waters Black, both Delta Beta—Lamar. The chapter was installed as the 13th NPC group on campus and the 13th chapter in the State of Texas at that time. As was the custom at Tech, a "store-front" lodge in a business area was secured shortly after colonization and the chapter met there until a historic home was secured in the early 1970s. In the late '70s, a 7,200 square foot lodge was built on the new Greek Circle. The chapter supports the nearby Lubbock Ronald McDonald House. Nita Baker Nunn Arwine, Delta—Texas, was instrumental in bringing the chapter to campus and was involved with them throughout her life. Other long-serving alumnae include Josephine "Jo" Parks Templer, Nu—Randolph-Macon; Carol Sweny Kyle, Delta Lambda—West Texas; Jan Hood Broome, Lou-Pat Camp Turner and Carolyn Rieck Watt. Alumnae with long records of local and international service include Billie Mullins Roark, Karen Helmke Rogers, Tiana Hayslip and Kathy Nolan Wiesner.

Epsilon Zeta  
Texas State University — San Marcos  
May 7, 1966

Epsilon Zeta's roots began in 1902 when the Shakespearean Literary Society was founded just three years after the school, which was then known as San Marcos Normal, was established. In 1957, the name changed to Delta Sigma Delta and the group was installed in 1966. In 1992, the chapter purchased a historic home, which houses 10 members and was built the same year that the Shakespearean Society was formed. Barbara Hemsworth Deily, Gamma Beta—Northwestern, and her husband, Fred, then president of the House Corporation, were largely responsible for the acquisition of the property. The house's immediate past owner was Mary Ann Tiner Ennis, granddaughter of the original owner and an Epsilon Zeta alumna. The dedication coincided with the chapter's 25th anniversary. English professor Mary Louise Hightower was not an Alpha Delta Pi, but served as chapter advisor from the 1940s through the 1960s. A member of the local and Epsilon Zeta, Pat Reynolds Pohl was a long-time advisor. Linda Cliett Gilcrease, also a member of the local and Epsilon Zeta, served as chapter advisor for many years. Charter President Kathy Brown Pettitt was involved for years

with the chapter and House Corporation. Charlene Fronkier Onstot, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, served for many years on the House Corporation, as an advisor and international officer. Laura Latiolais Duhon served as an advisor for years.

Epsilon Eta  
Mississippi State  
University  
Starkville  
April 30, 1966-1984  
1985-1988

Mississippi State University was originally an all-male academy; however, in the 1960s it began programs such as social work and home economics to recruit women. Epsilon Eta chapter was installed on April 30, 1966. The chapter had two chapter rooms, one formal and one informal, across the hall from each other in a dorm. They also had a dorm floor where they lived, as there were no sorority houses at the time. The chapter went inactive in 1984 and a recolonization effort was launched in 1985, but a lack of growth caused it to be closed in 1988. At closing many items were presented to Eta Zeta at Southern Miss.



*Members of Epsilon Eta at Mississippi State paint the coat-of-arms for a rush party. From left: Dixie Adams, Jayne Lowery, Donna Morse and Susie Valentour, who later served as a Traveling Collegiate Secretary. (c. 1974)*

Epsilon Theta  
West Liberty University — West Liberty, WV  
November 19, 1966-1983

At West Liberty College, the oldest became the newest when Phi Delta Alpha, the oldest local sorority, was chartered as Epsilon Theta chapter in 1966. An outstanding group of collegiate, honorary, alumnae and special initiates were installed at the Vance Memorial Presbyterian Chapel. Honorary initiate Celia M. Humes was the first woman bank president in West Virginia. The chapter closed in 1983.

### Epsilon Iota

Indiana University of Pennsylvania — Indiana, PA  
December 3, 1966-1975  
1977-1978

Alpha Theta Nu, a local sorority founded in 1963, petitioned and was accepted by Alpha Delta Pi with the initiation of 36 charter members held in December 1966. The chapter closed in 1975 as a result of a difficult Panhellenic situation and low numbers. Recolonization was attempted in 1977; however, the group closed again in 1978. Former Province Director Cheryl Appleton has served in many capacities.



*Epsilon Kappas win the soap box derby at Troy State. (c. 1969)*

### Epsilon Kappa

Troy University — Troy, AL  
January 28, 1967

Tau Omega local began in April 1966 and became Epsilon Kappa colony in September. In January, the chapter was installed with 47 charter members, 11 of whom were honorary initiates. Alpha Delta Pi was the third national sorority on campus. For years the chapter had a chapter room and a block of rooms in the Panhellenic dorm; however in 1998, the university purchased and converted the Alabama Baptist Children's Home into sorority housing, providing Epsilon Kappa with a chapter house. Former Traveling Collegiate Secretary,

Maureen G. Mulvaney wrote a motivational column for *The Adelphean* for several years and has spoken at Alpha Delta Pi and other Greek conventions. Terry Smith White and former Province Director Harriet Gaylord Parr are long-serving advisors.

### Epsilon Lambda

University of South Florida — Tampa  
September 29, 1967

In January 1964, a group of women wanting unity at the university formed an organization called TRI SIS. Service, integrity and sociability were symbolized in their name and their motto "true to one another." In 1967, they became Epsilon Lambda with 96 charter members, including 57 collegians, 34 of the alumnae pledge group, four alumnae initiates and one honorary initiate. The chapter rented a townhouse for years and moved to a new university owned house in 2003. After a chapter decision in the late 1990s, Epsilon Lambda became the first sorority on campus to be alcohol-free. They are a multiple recipient of the "Most Outstanding Sorority on Campus" award. Former chapter advisor and Province Director Jane Siling was the first woman Deputy Chief of the Tampa Police Department.



*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin presents the Epsilon Mu charter to Vonda Mortimore, outgoing president, and the gavel to Karen Hawkins, incoming president of the University of Northern Iowa chapter. (c. 1967)*

### Epsilon Mu

University of Northern Iowa — Cedar Falls  
May 13, 1967

Epsilon Mu chapter began in 1925 as the Pi Tau Phi local sorority at the then Iowa State Teachers College. At the time of installation as Epsilon Mu, Pi Tau Phi had a full advisory board. A charter alumna

initiate, Sandra Lewis Anthony who was a young faculty member, her mother-in-law Phyllis Penly Anthony, Pi—Iowa State and former Grand Council member Mary Kelly Shearer were the key contacts. The year that Epsilon Mu was installed was also the year that the college became the University of Northern Iowa. Epsilon Mu gained new members when local members of Nu Sigma Phi joined in 1989. The chapter house is located on the “Hill” at 2222 Olive Street, just a block from campus, and houses around 20 members. Charter members Donna Robinson Andreessen and Vonda Mortimore Cummins served on the House Corporation for years. Tammy Brown Dickerson served as an advisor for 15 years while Susan Leyda Smith, Kay Sackville Breuer and Stacy Farmer Sablan have served in many local and international capacities.

Epsilon Nu  
Ashland University — Ashland, OH  
April 29, 1967

Alpha Delta Pi celebrated its 116th anniversary by installing its 116th chapter, Epsilon Nu. Fifty members of the oldest local, Pi Kappa Pi, became the first NPC group on campus, and were initiated at the Seminary Chapel. In the early 1970s, the four sororities each had a small university-owned house on the edge of campus, but due to university cutbacks, the provided housemothers and cleaning services were eliminated. After meetings with Grand Council, Epsilon Nu became the first house with no housemother. Years later, the houses were removed to make room for a parking lot, and Epsilon Nu moved to a dorm. Epsilon Nu has won the overall scholarship award more times than any other group, and they have received the Golden Lion Award four times. Charter member Connie Gallina Hoffman worked with the chapter for many years and served as an international officer. Other alumnae with long records of service include Dani Sparks, Meggan Dougherty Weaver, Tonya Houser, Becky Bingham Barnes, Maureen McLaughlin Ater, Jennifer Polley Webb and Jill Hout Jarvis.

Epsilon Xi  
Northern Arizona University — Flagstaff  
February 10, 1968

After nine months of preparation, Epsilon Xi was installed with 25 collegians and five honorary initiates as our third chapter in Arizona. Members of Gamma Rho from ASU and Delta Gamma from Arizona assisted with the initiation. The chapter members take advantage of their mountain setting by snow skiing in the winter and often treating visiting officers to a visit to the nearby Grand Canyon. The chap-

ter is housed in a Greek dormitory. Allison Bates-Caputo and Carol Duvall Breckon, Beta Gamma—Utah were long-serving advisors.

Epsilon Omicron  
Murray State University  
Murray, KY  
February 10, 1968

Epsilon Omicron was installed with 28 charter members. Anne Woods Varble, who served as Beta Psi's president at Kentucky in 1951-52 and was the daughter of Murray State's president, Dr. Ralph Woods, was instrumental in bringing Alpha Delta Pi to campus. Her mother, Elizabeth Harkless Woods, became an honorary initiate. Epsilon Omicron's membership grew steadily, and in January 1986, the chapter acquired their own house. In 1998, in an agreement with the university, they moved to a new suite complex. Always involved in service work, the chapter currently sponsors the Ronald McDonald Houses. Dew-Drop Brumley Rowlett was a long-serving advisor. Current advisor Beth Schapiro Brockman has served for many years. Diana Beck Jones served as their advisor for more than 20 years before being appointed to serve as a Province Director.

Epsilon Pi  
Georgia Southern University — Statesboro  
March 9, 1968

Gamma Sigma Upsilon was a local sorority founded in 1955 to help with freshman orientation. The local was installed as Epsilon Pi in 1968. The chapter was the second national at GSU and the sixth chapter in Georgia. They were the second sorority to build a house on Greek Row, choosing an antebellum style that was dedicated in November 1993. Epsilon Pi ranks first in scholarship consistently among the more than 15 Greek groups. Fay Foy Smith Franklin, Lambda—Brenau, was instrumental in bringing the chapter to campus and served for many years. Susan Swicord Mathews served as an



*Molly Davidson, pledge class president, accepts the charter for Epsilon Xi chapter at Northern Arizona. (c. 1968)*

advisor from 1981 to 1994, was a Province Director and a Grand Council member. She also has served on House Corporation for years along with Karen Wright David, Beta Nu—Georgia. Margaret Blacker Middleton served in many ways and was chair of the Atlanta Volunteers for the 150th Convention. Alicia Edwards and Lynda Nix Waller have long service records.



*Epsilon Rhos have no chapter house at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, but in the '60s they use a Volkswagon van for storage and transportation. (c. 1969)*

Epsilon Rho  
University of Nevada at Las Vegas  
May 4, 1968

The local Phi Delta Chi had a reputation of being dependable, so they were called upon by the Dean to help with fundraising drives and school tours. The group was installed as Epsilon Rho, becoming the first NPC group on campus. They have continued their commitment to service and leadership at UNLV, assisting in the creation of the university radio station and serving in countless leadership positions. In the early 1970s, there was a push to eliminate the Greek system, but then as the system began to grow, the council allowed new chapters to colonize. Today the chapters at UNLV have more than 100 members. Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Zeta are the only two national groups left from that era. Epsilon Rho still leads other groups by being the first sorority to institute philanthropy night for formal recruitment and the first Greek organization to have a website. Lorraine Alderman Testa served as an advisor, an international officer and on Grand Council. Ashley Walker Steyer also has a long service record.

Epsilon Sigma  
University of Maine — Orono  
May 19, 1968-1984

Grand Vice President Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin colonized Epsilon Sigma chapter, conducting and directing rush activities. Sigma Kappa was colonized at the same time and the two groups joined eight existing NPC groups with long histories on campus. Grand President Maxine Blake and Mary Esther installed the chapter with 53 collegiate charter members. The chapter had a chapter room in historic Ballentine Hall. Charter member Ann Parker Davis has served in many capacities, including Ritual and Heritage Director and as *Adelphean* chapter editor. Jane Fox Whelden, Gamma Alpha—Connecticut, served as chapter advisor for many years. The chapter closed in 1984.



*Big and little sisters of Epsilon Tau at Middle Tennessee are all smiles. From left: Big sis Judy Holredge and little sis Karen Curtis, big sis Shelia Chapman and little sis Tammy Lawson. (c. 1978)*

Epsilon Tau  
Middle Tennessee State University — Murfreesboro  
March 1, 1969

Originating as Kappa Tau Delta, the first local sorority at MTSU, Epsilon Tau chapter was installed in 1969 as the first national sorority on campus. Within the next month, four more NPC groups joined Alpha Delta Pi. Epsilon Tau has always been strong winning the Excellence Award many times. They established a campus scholarship to honor deceased sister Anna Lee Wall. Rosemary Fry Wampler, Alpha Kappa—UT at Knoxville, and Doris Dickinson Coady, Pi—Iowa State, served as advisors for many years. Charter member Pamela L. Zimmerman and Joni Knight Burke served together on Grand Council and continue to serve today in many ways. Jennifer McGhee Siler has served on the *Adelphean* staff for many years and is currently editor. Other long-serving alumnae include Betty Brock, Heather Witcher Geren and Megan Carter. The chapter has won Golden Lion twice.

Epsilon Upsilon  
Winona State University  
Winona, MN  
April 27, 1969-1984

Winona State is the oldest state college west of the Mississippi, so it seemed appropriate that the oldest sorority should establish a chapter there. Province President Yvonne Sperry Rice, Alpha Rho—Minnesota, was instrumental in bringing Alpha Delta Pi to campus and Epsilon Upsilon chapter was installed in 1969, with 25 charter, three honorary and 12 pledge initiates. In 1984, the chapter closed due to a weak Greek system.

Epsilon Phi  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Richmond  
March 8, 1969

Local sorority Delta Theta Pi was installed as Epsilon Phi chapter in 1969. As a local, the collegians distinguished themselves as leaders on campus. Epsilon Phi's installation activities began with a Black Diamond ceremony conducted by Beta Psi members from the University of Kentucky and they also served as Epsilon Phi's first big sisters. The chapter has a floor in Telford Hall and holds meetings on campus. Long-serving advisors included Debbie Rainey Sweet and Cathy Martin Begley.

Epsilon Chi  
Longwood University — Farmville, VA  
May 10, 1969

Longwood College was the first college for women in Virginia and four NPC groups were founded there (Kappa Delta, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Sigma Alpha). Epsilon Chi was founded when two Beta Iota collegians, Emily Callahan and Nancy Betts Roach, transferred to Longwood College from Queens College with the intent of establishing the chapter. On May 10, 1969, 38 students and seven honorary initiates were installed as charter members. In September 1969, the chapter moved into Curry Dormitory, a new



*Epsilon Chi charter members arrive for the 1969 installation banquet at Longwood College.*

high-rise residence hall. A few years later, they moved to Stubbs Hall where all nine NPC chapters are housed. The chapter has a tradition of winning the highest scholarship award and the President's Award for Leadership. Traditions are abundant on this strong Greek campus, including the Greek women wearing jumpers in their chapter colors. Beatrice Bland served as an advisor for many years.

Epsilon Psi  
Tennessee Technological University—Cookeville  
October 18, 1969

In the late 1960's, Tennessee Tech invited six NPC groups to present to the local groups on campus. The locals and the NPC groups prepared displays, then interviews and presentations followed. The





*Epsilon Psi members are Tennessee Tech Golden Girls. (c. 1976)*

locals and the NPC groups listed their preferences. Alpha Delta Pi matched with what was considered the top local, and Epsilon Psi was installed. Three of the charter honorary initiates, Harriet Sue Hall, Charlene Dickinson and Dorrie "Mrs. Buck" Norwood remained active for years. Brittany Williams Jaynes was a long-serving advisor and international officer. Carmen Barker Polpanich and Sarah Davis-Candeto are long-serving international officers. The chapter received the Golden Lion Award in 1993.

#### Epsilon Omega

Jacksonville University — Jacksonville, FL  
November 1, 1969

Epsilon Omega was first organized as a social and service organization with the name Kappa Kappa Alpha in January 1967, and became a local sorority in April 1968. The local became Epsilon Omega colony a year later and was installed in November 1969. Through the years, the chapter has proven to be an outstanding organization, winning scholarship awards, Most Ideal Sorority nine years in a row, Leadership on Campus awards and Outstanding Panhellenic Council Spirit award. Jan Alexander Maisch served many years as an advisor and international officer, before becoming District I Team Director. Louise "Dodee" West Monaco, Alpha Tau—Syracuse, and Kathleen "Kathy" Cole Malz were long-serving advisors.

Zeta Alpha  
California State University at Fullerton  
February 28, 1970

Members of Delta Chi Delta, a well-established local sorority had won many honors before becoming Zeta Alpha chapter in 1970 with 24 collegiate and 17 alumnae initiates. The chapter house at 2207 E. Commonwealth Avenue had a swimming pool in the backyard that often served as a site for chapter events. Sometime in the early 1990s, the pool was filled in; however the large yard still serves as a site for many chapter and recruitment activities. Zeta Alpha prides itself on philanthropic

work, supporting the Ronald McDonald House and Camp Titan, the university's philanthropy. In 2000, they received the "Most Money Raised" award for Camp Titan for the 14th consecutive year. Karen Mayster Gans who served as Chair of the Chapter Finance Directors had a long record of service as does Cynthia "Cindy" Voris.

#### Zeta Beta

North Carolina State University — Raleigh  
February 20, 1971

North Carolina State's first NPC sorority was founded in 1960, and the local Alpha Tau was formed in 1968. In 1970, when the university decided that the local should become national, eight NPC groups were considered and Alpha Delta Pi was chosen. The local was pledged by Province President June Tweed Shore, Beta Iota—Queens. Zeta Beta has an impressive record which includes winning the Golden Lion Award five times. Maggie Yates Glass had a long record of service as an international officer as did her twin sister, Susan Yates Gressel. Debbie Dunne Brennan, Omega—LSU, served for many years as an advisor before becoming a Province Director. Mary Meadows Taylor, Delta Omicron—East Carolina, Carol Holt Hooks, Beta Upsilon—UNC at Chapel Hill and Sharon Black McKinney were long-serving advisors.



*Members change the letters on the chapter house when local Delta Chi Delta becomes Zeta Alpha chapter in 1970 at California State at Fullerton.*

Zeta Gamma  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
February 27, 1971

Twenty young women joined together in 1969 at what was then a small, rural college, and began a group that would become Zeta Gamma. Installed in 1971, just one week after fellow North Carolina chapter, Zeta Beta, the group claimed one of the dorm floors as their official residence until they moved into a university-owned home in 2006. Zeta Gamma has consistently won top Panhellenic honors. Erin Alfaro is a long-serving advisor and Joanna Faulkner Hall has a long record of service to Omicron at Duke and as an international officer.

Zeta Delta  
University of Montevallo — Montevallo, AL  
December 11, 1971

Zeta Delta chapter traces its roots to 1966 when Alpha Theta Pi local sorority was established. The group became Alpha Delta Pi's fifth chapter in Alabama when it was installed. Eta members from the University of Alabama and Kappa sisters from Samford assisted. Martha Green Isom, Kappa, served as Zeta Delta's advisor for many years before becoming an international officer. In 1992, Tommie Cowley Ford, who attended the university before the chapter was installed, was invited to become an alumna initiate. She has worked with her husband, Tom Ford, on *The Adelphean* for more than 30 years.

*Zeta Epsilon pledges present a bench and a tree to the University of West Florida. (c. 1978)*



Zeta Epsilon  
University of West Florida  
Pensacola  
February 26, 1972

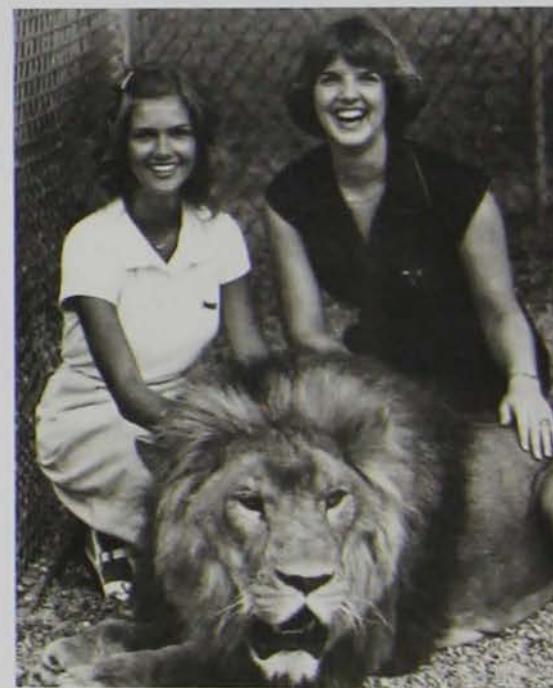
Zeta Epsilon was formed when members of Kappa Chi Delta, the oldest local sorority on campus, were pledged. Eleven charter members were initiated at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and Zeta Epsilon was installed as the first NPC sorority on campus. The fall 1977 pledge class presented an Alpha Delta Pi inscribed bench and an evergreen tree to the campus. Members were responsible for investigating and bringing a chapter of The Order of Omega to UWF in 1998. The chapter also consistently scores high in scholastics.

Zeta Zeta  
Augusta State University — Augusta, GA  
May 5, 1972-1983  
November 1, 2008

Zeta Zeta chapter quickly became a leader at Augusta College. Formal initiation took place twice, on Saturday morning for the collegiate members and Saturday afternoon for the honorary members. During their first year, six Zeta Zeta members were elected to the student government association. The chapter did not experience sufficient growth and closed in 1983. The chapter was reinstalled with 33 charter members and joined Zeta Tau Alpha to become the second NPC group on campus. They quickly grew to more than 50 members. Collegians from Beta Sigma at Mercer and Zeta Iota at Georgia College and State University assisted. Former Grand Council member, Maryann Friend Gillespie, who attended the first installation in 1972 was a special guest at the banquet.

Zeta Eta  
University of North  
Alabama — Florence  
February 17, 1973

Alpha Delta Pi was the first sorority installed at what was then Florence State University. The 29 charter members were initiated by Grand President Maxine Blake. The chapter was the first on campus to have a designated chapter room. Alumna Karen Longoria, served as the only female company commander in Desert Storm and was awarded the Bronze Star. Carol Price Howard, Beta Omega—Auburn, was instrumental in bringing the chapter to campus and served as their advisor and as an international officer. Michele Winfield Chapman has served two chapters as chapter advisor and was an international officer. Dawn Victor-Herring and Laura Willis Myers have long records of international service.



*Zeta Eta Becky Triplett and Traveling Collegiate Secretary Arlene Hamm, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, visit Leo, the University of North Alabama's mascot. (c. 1979)*

### Zeta Theta

Illinois State University — Normal  
December 1, 1973

Originally local Alpha Lambda Kappa, Zeta Theta was installed in 1973 at the same time as the other locals on campus. Assisting with the installation were sisters from Delta Omega—Northern Illinois, Gamma Epsilon—Purdue and Sigma—Illinois. In the fall of 1976, they moved into a new chapter house. Alumnae State Director, Dorothy Shifman Keen, Phi—Hanover, was instrumental in establishing the chapter. Barbara Reed Bay and Christy Arney have long service records.

### Zeta Iota

Georgia College and State University — Milledgeville  
February 9, 1974

Milledgeville was the capital of Georgia in 1851 when the Adelphean Society was founded. Eighteen women formed a colony in September 1973 and began their activities in all areas of college and community life. When the chapter was installed, it became the eighth active chapter in Georgia. The chapter continues to excel on campus, holding the highest GPA for many years, winning Greek Step for eight years in a row, and assuming leadership roles in student government. The chapter is the only Greek organization on campus to own their own house and they are proud that it is located in the historic district. The house was recently renovated after a fire. Pam Thomas, Trish Thompson Baugh and Betty Clark Baugh have long service records.

### Zeta Kappa

Radford University — Radford, VA  
May 5, 1974-1977

Radford College opened in 1913 as a women's college and was consolidated with Virginia Polytechnic Institute as a women's division in 1944. It again became autonomous in 1964 and the college opened to men in 1972. Zeta Kappa chapter was installed in 1974 with 15 collegiate, two honorary and nine alumnae initiates. The chapter closed in 1977.

### Zeta Lambda

Texas A&M University — College Station  
August 30, 1975

Zeta Lambda was installed with 19 collegiate members and 20 honorary initiates. The group met in an apartment with rush events held in a local hotel and alumnae homes before the chapter house was built in 1982. Alpha Delta Pi Playday was a major event that benefits the Ronald McDonald House. Former *Adelphean* Feature Editor Debbi Pigg Bedford

has authored many books and served on the board of the Romance Writers of America. Jeanne Muyskens Halloin, Pi—Iowa State, served as the first chapter advisor and an international officer. Joy Merritt, Zeta—Southwestern, was a long-serving chapter advisor and House Corporation member. Other alumnae who have served in various capacities include Mary Ann McClure Childs, Alpha Zeta—SMU; Donna White Lamar, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State; Nancy Curry Bussell, Delta Mu—Sam Houston; Hazel Maultsby Pipkin, Delta—Texas and Zeta Lambda's Nancy Bower Harmon and Wendy Valentine Jones, who also was an international officer. Melinda Jordan Hall is a District Team Director and LeAnn Stotz Scrimshire also serves internationally.

### Zeta Mu

Appalachian State University — Boone, NC  
November 22, 1975

Zeta Mu was originally formed as the Euterpean Literary Society, but within a year, the name was changed to the Vernician Society. It was the oldest women's service club at Appalachian State. In the fall of 1974, the Vernicians petitioned to become a national group; however, Panhellenic did not feel there was a need for another sorority, so the request was denied. Their request was reviewed and accepted, with Zeta Mu installed in November 1975. They support Ronald McDonald Houses in Winston-Salem and Durham, and raised money to redecorate a bedroom in the Winston-Salem house. Zeta Mu is included on the "Wall of Contributors" for ASU's McKinney Alumni Center. Jan Ritch Bolena, Delta Alpha—Emory, and Rhonda Vanhoy Bishop, Gamma Phi—East Tennessee, are long-serving advisors. Rhonda and Tara Sherill Daniel have long international service records.

### Zeta Nu

Clemson University  
Clemson, SC  
September 17, 1976

Installation weekend for Zeta Nu coincided with Clemson's homecoming festivities. Events included the football game, banquet, church and a tea. Debra Tilson Gill, Gamma Phi—East Tennessee, was instrumental in Zeta Nu's installation, served as their advisor for many years and

*Zeta Nus perform a "Showboat" skit for Clemson's rush. (c. 1978)*



is currently a Province Director. The chapter supports the Greenville Ronald McDonald House, with a room dedicated in memory of Amy Cartledge. Ashley Clanton and Elizabeth Harris were the first women invited to join the "Tiger Brotherhood" organization. Kendall Fant Snyder is a long-serving advisor. Amy Abbott Todd and Michelle LaMarche have served in many local and international roles. Tammie S. Pinkston has served in many ways, including as a Grand Council member. Zeta Nu has won Golden Lion three times.

Zeta Xi  
University of Virginia — Charlottesville  
April 16, 1977

The tradition and history found throughout the University of Virginia campus created an appropriate atmosphere for Alpha Delta Pi. Alpha Pi local sorority began its one-year probationary period in 1976. It then became Zeta Xi when 58 members were installed on April 16, 1977, making it the eighth national sorority on campus. The chapter originally rented a small house, but in the late 1980s they bought the former Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house. Maryann Friend Gillespie, then Grand Vice President of Expansion, wrote a personal check for the deposit as she was visiting and the check had to be written that day to secure the house. Tammy Cauthorne-Burnette and Karen Stenson O'Toole have long records of service.

Zeta Omicron  
Georgia Institute of Technology — Atlanta  
November 19, 1977

In February 1975, a group of collegians, led by legacy Kathleen Day, who wanted to establish an Alpha Delta Pi chapter, founded the local Tau Beta Alpha—the initials stood for "To Be Announced". The local was installed as Zeta Omicron chapter in 1977. With the help of Kathleen's mother, Deen Day Sanders, Beta Sigma—Mercer, the chapter acquired a small frame house in the middle of campus. In conjunction with the Summer Olympics in 1996, Zeta Omicron and several other Greeks built large, brick homes which were used as part of the Olympic Village. The house was designed by charter member and architect Lane Chapman. The chapter room is named in honor of Mrs. Sanders. Since Tech was predominately male until the mid-1970s, many members are "firsts," including Elaine Reckard Lenyo, the first female football manager in the NCAA; Teri Rogers, the first female senior class president and Kathleen Day, the first woman to serve on the Board of Dupree College of Management at Tech. Former International Secretary and Foundation Trustee Tracy L. Garner was an early Zeta Omicron member and served as chapter

president when the first house was obtained. Lynda Nix Waller, Epsilon Pi—Georgia Southern, has a long service record. The chapter received the Golden Lion Award in 1993 and 1995.



*Zeta Pi members dominate the 1986-87 Homecoming Court at the University of San Diego. From left: Tanya Kusb, Lisa Doughty, Tressa Napoleon (queen), Deena Aladray and Rene Aladray.*

Zeta Pi  
University of San Diego  
November 5, 1977

Zeta Pi chapter was installed as the first NPC sorority on campus, joining a Greek system with only three national fraternities. With 20 charter initiates, the group was proud as Mayor Pete Wilson proclaimed the day as Alpha Delta Pi Day in San Diego. The chapter has no formal facilities but lives in off-campus houses passed down through Zeta Pi sisters. The chapter routinely is awarded the Dean's Trophy and often has the highest GPA on campus. They were the first to establish T.E.A.M., designed to unite all Greeks on campus. Jana Andriano Clayton has a long record of international service. Orline Coates Hames, Beta Xi—Montana, and Shirley Geiselman Kellogg, Alpha Psi—USC, were long-serving advisors.



*New initiates of Zeta Rho, Cathy Gordon, Janice Hailey and Lisa Manly walk to class in front of Kirkland Hall at Vanderbilt. (c. 1979)*

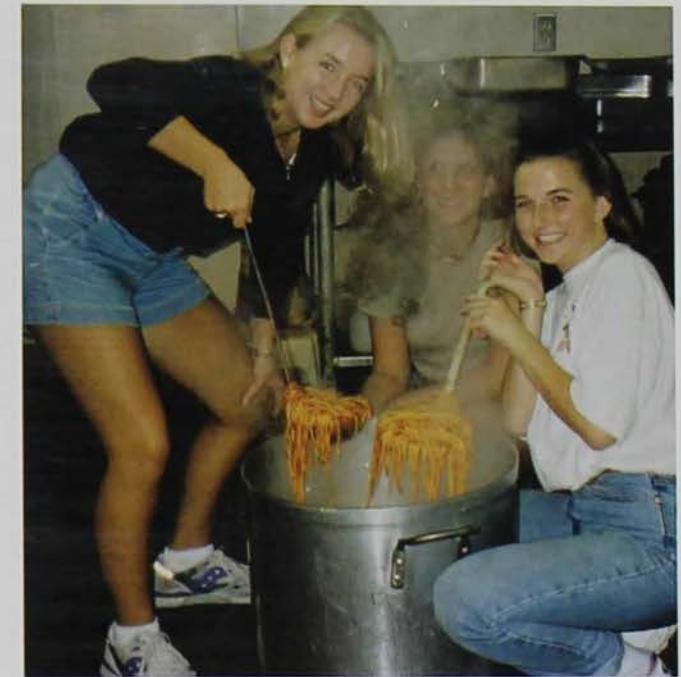
### Zeta Rho

Vanderbilt University — Nashville, TN  
November 11, 1978

In April 1978, the members of local Pi Lambda were colonized as Zeta Rho colony on the prestigious Vanderbilt University campus. On November 11, initiation was held for the charter group that included 53 collegiate members, as well as four honorary members and one alumna initiate. The installation was a dream come true for Grand Vice President Mary Currier Allen and the Nashville Alumnae Association who were instrumental in bringing the chapter to campus. The chapter joined a well-established "resident" Greek system at Vanderbilt. But, even without a house, they enjoyed success, winning the prestigious Alexander Heard Award as the most outstanding sorority on campus three times before their house was built in 1986. The large, two-story brick home was dedicated on April 5, 1986. The house features three bedrooms that can house six officers, house director's quarters, living/dining area, chapter room, kitchen, office and lounge. The chapter works with the Nashville Ronald McDonald House, often participating jointly in service efforts with the Nashville alumnae. Alumna Shana Williams Alford was named Alumna of the Year for Community Service in 1999. Nancy Mannon has a long service record. Zeta Rho received the Golden Lion Award in 1991.

Zeta Sigma  
College of Charleston  
Charleston, SC  
April 21, 1979

Zeta Sigma chapter was installed as the fifth sorority at the College of Charleston in 1979. The oldest municipal college in the United States, the College of Charleston was established in 1785. It became a municipal college in 1837, admitted females in 1918 and became a state-supported institution in 1970. Helen Anderson Pruitt, Beta Epsilon—South Carolina, was instrumental in colonizing the chapter as was Mary Bel Higgins Howe, also of Beta Epsilon, who opened her home, the Calhoun Mansion, to rush parties for years. The historic chapter house was built in 1849 and is complete, it is told, with a secret room and staircase. The university owns the house, but Zeta Sigma owns the furnishings. The chapter has always been devoted to philanthropy, winning numerous awards, but also emphasizing scholastics and campus involvement. They had the highest GPA on campus for seven consecutive years and have won Greek Week many times. Several alumnae have been instrumental in Zeta Sigma's success, including Karen Moon Keels, Beta Epsilon, and Sally Blackburn Dozier and her daughter Leigh Dozier Taylor, both of Kappa—Samford. Former Foundation President, Chloe Knight Tonney has served in many ways. The chapter won Golden Lion in 2007.



*Zeta Sigmas at the College of Charleston cook spaghetti for Christ Ministries Men's Shelter. (c. 1995)*

Zeta Tau  
Winthrop University  
Rock Hill, SC  
November 10, 1979

In September 1978, the local group Delta Delta Kappa was formed—the colors maroon and gray and a butterfly mascot were selected. The local was installed as Zeta Tau chapter with 34 charter members. They are involved in



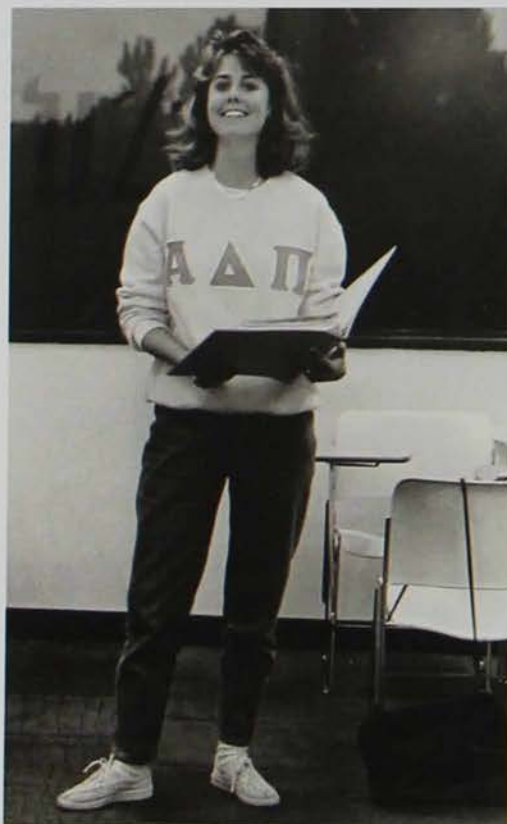
*Lynne Guest, Zeta Tau's reporter-historian, is named "most active sorority woman" by Winthrop College's Panhellenic in 1982.*

student government, honorary and scholastic organizations and campus publications. They were honored at the 1997 Convention for being first in scholarship on campus almost every year.

#### Zeta Upsilon

Oakland University — Rochester, MI  
November 1, 1980

Local sorority Sigma Iota, whose name means “sum of little parts,” was founded in 1977. Established in 1960, Oakland encourages new ideas and new organizations. So, with the help of Beta Eta members from the University of Michigan, the chapter was colonized in Spring 1980 and installed as the first NPC sorority at Oakland. The chapter initiated two pledge groups totaling 57 members. At that time, the majority of sisters resided in Hamlin Dormitory; however in 1983, as Oakland is primarily a commuter campus, office arrangements were made in the Oakland Center and that space is now the campus nucleus for Zeta Upsilon. The chapter was the first Greek organization to set up such office space, but others soon followed. Jodi Sheridan-DiMichele and Lisa Tyrrell have been long-serving alumnae. The chapter acquired a university-owned home on a former estate in 2004.



Zeta Phi  
Francis Marion University  
Florence, SC  
December 6, 1980

Francis Marion College opened in the fall of 1970 and was named for South Carolina's Revolutionary War hero, General Francis Marion. The college has one of the highest standards of educational excellence in the state. Zeta Phi chapter began when three groups of women—Kappa Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha little sisters and independents—joined in 1979 forming Pi Delta Alpha, with the plan of bringing a new sorority to campus and the hope that it would be Alpha Delta Pi. Their dream was realized when Zeta Phi was installed in 1980. The chapter has been outstanding on campus since the

*Zeta Phi Paula Walters conducts a Diamond Decisions workshop at Francis Marion College. (c. 1988)*

beginning, winning Greek Week in 1979 as a local over other international groups. They continue to excel, often obtaining the highest GPA on campus, and supporting the Ronald McDonald House.

#### Zeta Chi

Baylor University — Waco, TX  
November 15, 1980

Baylor University is the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas and the largest Baptist university in the world. In September 1980, 70 women from Alpha Zeta—SMU and Gamma Chi—TCU came to assist with rush. Ninety women accepted bids, making this charter class the largest up until that time in Alpha Delta Pi history. Zeta Chi traditionally has a member in Sentinel, which consists of eight senior women who serve as ambassadors to the Board of Regents. The chapter was awarded the Herbert H. Reynolds Award for Fraternal Merit and several members have been named Greek Woman of the Year. Lynn Zimmerman Doe and Emily Erkel have long service records.

#### Zeta Psi

University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
March 28, 1981

In 1974, students at UNC at Greensboro were denied their request for a Greek system; however in 1980, after the faculty voted to establish a system, Zeta Psi chapter was colonized. In 1981, Alpha Delta Pi was one of seven sororities and four fraternities to join the campus. The chapter members live in Jamison dormitory, but will move to a new dorm in fall 2011. They traditionally hold a brunch for alumnae in conjunction with homecoming activities. The chapter has a tradition of winning Greek Week. Connie Hanesworth Sidden, Zeta Mu—Appalachian State, served as their chapter advisor for several years. Torrey Newcomb Smith is a long-serving international officer.

#### Zeta Omega

University of Central Florida — Orlando  
January 23, 1982

In spring 1980, two transfer students at UCF discovered each other and their shared sisterhood. Robin Campbell, Zeta Delta—Montevallo, and Lori Jensen, Epsilon Kappa—Troy State, formed the local Delta Pi in late 1980 with colors and mascot identical to Alpha Delta Pi. With the assistance of former Grand Vice President Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, they became Alpha Delta Pi's colony in 1981 and were installed on January 23, 1982. The chapter's first president Beth McCormick Ciullo was initiated at the 1981 Convention

and has served in many roles. In the mid-1980s, the chapter moved into an off-campus quadplex on Foxhound Lane. Their current house on Greek Park Drive, housing 32 members plus a house director, was built in 1989 on university land. An addition has since been completed providing a larger chapter room and commercial kitchen. The living suite is dedicated to Mrs. Van Akin and her portrait hangs in the house. Patricia Cain Milliot, Gamma Gamma—Florida Southern, and Penny Higgins Cunningham, Delta Gamma—Arizona, served for years. Kelly Wiggins Pelletier and Dorothea Taylor Bogert are long-serving alumnae. Patty Purish O'Neill has served the sorority for many years and as president of the NPC Foundation.

**Eta Alpha**  
University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
February 12, 1983

Eta Alpha chapter was formed as the local Phi Beta Psi in September 1981. Their mascot was a unicorn representing their uniqueness and their colors were blue and white. They became an Alpha Delta Pi colony in April 1982, and were installed on February 12, 1983 as the second NPC group on campus. The installation theme, "A Sweetheart of a Chapter," was chosen because initiation was close to Valentine's Day. At installation, the chapter presented a watercolor to the university that was hung in the Union. Katherine Peele McEwen was a long-serving advisor.

**Eta Beta**  
Allegheny College — Meadville, PA  
April 9, 1983

When a sorority closed at Allegheny College in the late 1970s, Panhellenic sought to fill a void. Alpha Delta Pi was colonized with 44 charter members. It was the first new sorority on campus since 1926. The chapter has a suite in an all-women's dormitory. The chapter has maintained the same fourth floor suite since the late 1980s, following a time when the suites were rotated. The sorority suites are special as that is where the women wait on balconies to be pinned by their fraternity sweethearts. The chapter won first place in Greek Sing for five straight years and has been selected Outstanding Panhellenic Chapter several times. Eta Beta participates in Allegheny's "Run-Out Day," a special event when bids are extended following formal recruitment. The excitement of presenting new members makes this Eta Beta tradition an unforgettable one. Clemence Mershon, Alpha Delta—Colby College, is a long-serving advisor. Kirstin Dolan has served as an international officer for many years and on Grand Council.

**Eta Gamma**  
Austin Peay State University  
Clarksville, TN  
November 19, 1983

Since Eta Gamma initiated its 25 collegiate charter members, the chapter has become one of the largest sororities on campus. Even as the youngest of the three NPC groups on campus, Eta Gamma won the President's Cup seven out of 10 years, had several sisters chosen Homecoming Queen, made up 25 percent of Residence Life staff for several years and has members in numerous leadership roles. The chapter honored deceased sisters with a memorial stone, planted trees in front of an administrative building and helped fund the playroom in the Nashville Ronald McDonald House.

Jennifer Yates has a long record of international service. Teresa Huddleston Tronnes is a long-serving advisor.



*Eta Gamma President Tara Mosley is congratulated by sisters after being named Homecoming Queen at Austin Peay. (c. 1996)*

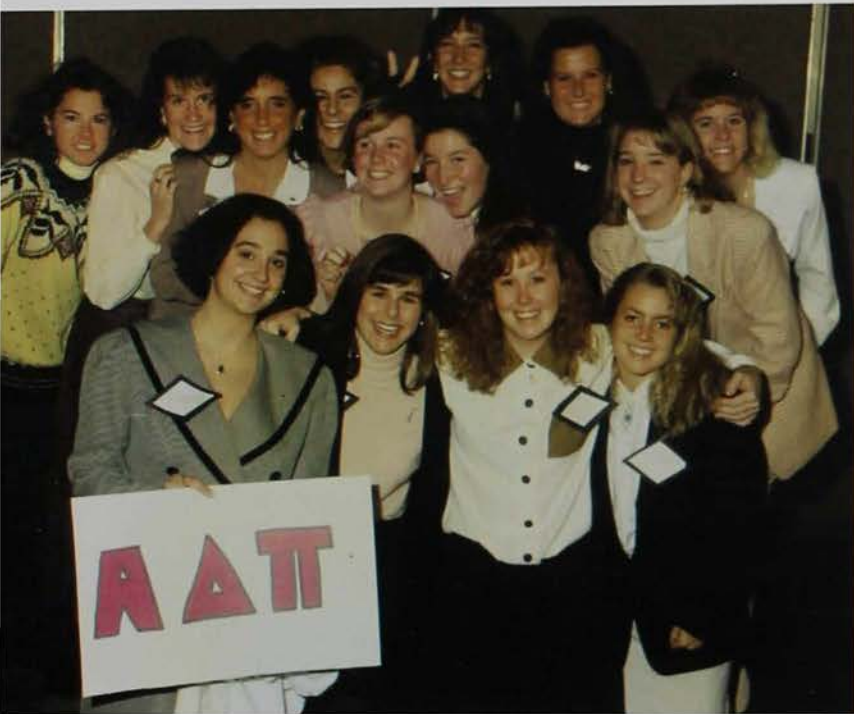
**Eta Delta**  
Southern Polytechnic State University  
Marietta, GA  
October 22, 1983-1995

Southern Technical Institute was opened in 1948 to "bridge the gap between the skilled craftsman and the engineer" as a two-year division of Georgia Tech; it became an independent unit of the University System of Georgia in 1980. Eta Delta originated in 1981 as Tau Beta Sigma, a local founded by Caye Smith, Zeta Omicron, who had transferred from Georgia Tech to Southern Tech with the goal of establishing a chapter. Eta

*Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio, left, and Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Marilyn Mayer Long present Eta Delta's charter to Nancy Rice, president of the Southern Tech chapter. (c. 1983)*



Delta became Alpha Delta Pi's ninth chapter in Georgia, and fourth chapter in the Atlanta area when it was installed on October 22, 1983. The chapter voluntarily relinquished their charter in 1995 because they felt goals for membership were unattainable on the campus.



Eta Epsilon  
Miami University  
Oxford, OH  
March 10, 1984

Eta Epsilon was the 23rd national sorority installed at Miami University which is known as "Mother of Fraternities" because four fraternities and one sorority were founded there. Eta Epsilon was colonized in September 1983, and their fall calendar was quickly full of campus activities, including fraternity mixers, a formal, Parents Weekend, and Christmas party...all before formal installation. With 106 collegians as charter mem-

*Eta Epsilon's sophomore class is ready for Parents Weekend at Miami of Ohio. (c. 1992)*

bers, the chapter was one of the largest charter groups ever. At their installation, they gave a donation to the university for the continuation of the Greek Speaker's Series, which is still active. Eta Epsilon has won the Golden Lion Award six times. They also have been honored with Miami's Chapter Excellence Award. Jennifer Kunkel is a long-serving international officer.

Eta Zeta  
University of Southern Mississippi — Hattiesburg  
February 23, 1985

Becoming the 13th sorority at Southern Miss, Eta Zeta was colonized on September 20, 1984 and was installed in February 1985 with 23 collegians and one honorary initiate. As a colony, the chapter became involved in all campus and Greek activities and that tradition continues. In 1991, Eta Zeta brought recording artist group EXTREME to town for a benefit concert, raising \$10,000 for Eta Zeta sister Monica Goretski's double-lung transplant. The chapter resides in a Greek village. Former international officer Jerri McGraw Hurst, Delta Eta—McNeese, served as an advisor for many years.



*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy presents Eta Eta's gavel to President Diana Elrod at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology as Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio looks on. (c. 1986)*

Eta Eta  
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology  
Rapid City  
November 15, 1986

When a group of 17 collegians became little sisters together in 1981, their hope was to become affiliated with a national sorority. Hard work and determination paid off when Eta Eta was installed in 1986. Initiation was held in the garage of their rented chapter house—reports abound that this South Dakota garage floor was very cold that November, leaving all participants with cold feet! The installation team was treated to a memorable visit to nearby Mount Rushmore between initiation and the installation banquet. The 18 charter members became the first NPC sorority on campus. The chapter remains outstanding with very high academic and professional standards on a formerly all-male campus. Nancy Gowen, Charlotte Welk and Christie Welk Ingalls have long service records.



### Eta Theta

University of North Carolina at Asheville  
October 24, 1987-1991

Originating as Delta Beta, a local sorority, Eta Theta chapter became the second NPC group on the Asheville campus in 1987. Fifteen charter members were initiated on October 24; the colony president had been initiated the previous June at Grand Convention. The group was active on campus, participating in Homecoming, campus organizations, student government and as resident assistants. Due to a lack of campus support, the chapter closed in 1991.

### Eta Iota

University of La Verne — La Verne, CA  
April 9, 1988-1993

The University of La Verne is located just east of Los Angeles on land that was a Japanese internment camp during World War II. In 1942, interest to bring a national sorority to campus began and the local Delta Phi Pi was organized. Sigma Alpha Pi local was founded in 1981 and local Delta Delta Epsilon was started in 1983. In 1985, the youngest local, Delta Delta Epsilon petitioned Alpha Delta Pi and they were colonized in 1986. Before Eta Iota was installed in 1988, members of the other two locals joined and the charter group included members from the locals, as well as others pledged during open rush. Members from Alpha Chi at UCLA, Alpha Psi at USC and Eta Kappa at CSU—San Bernardino assisted with installation. The chapter had no permanent living or meeting space on campus. Eta

Iota set a wonderful example of sisterhood when they pledged a deaf member and another member learned how to sign so she could interpret during initiation. The chapter closed in 1993 due to a lack of interest in Greek life on campus.

### Eta Kappa

California State University at  
San Bernardino  
February 13, 1988

Eta Kappa became the second NPC group on campus, joining a new Greek system. The colony began in 1986 and expanded quickly, always working toward their goal of becoming a national sorority. The chapter implemented a "Badge Ceremony" written by Eta Kappa Susana de la Rionda; the ceremony is given when a new member receives her badge. The chapter assisted in the opening of the 166th Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda and is actively involved with the house. Emaline Gould Rollins, Beta Mu—Montana State, made a pin pillow for every initiate for many years. Helen Hathaway Ludwig, Alpha Psi—USC, also had a long record of service to the chapter and as an international officer. Lori Sabin Wilken, Kirsten Marguet Casillas and Liz O'Neil have long international service records.

*Eta Kappa charter members gather with Colony Coordinator Sheila Kelly Cameron, Alpha Chi—UCLA, at the San Bernardino chapter's Installation Banquet in 1988*





*Eta Lambda charter members gather outside Stokesay Castle, the site of the Installation Banquet for the Albright College chapter. (c. 1987)*

Eta Lambda  
 Albright College — Reading, PA  
 May 9, 1987

Independent collegians and members of the local sorority Pi Alpha Tau were the 49 charter members of Eta Lambda when it was installed as the third national sorority on campus. As a colony the members served the Ronald McDonald House, Muscular Dystrophy Association, participated in the college phone-a-thon and had at least one representative in every campus organization. Since its founding, Eta Lambda has earned the highest GPA of all sororities and continued their strong leadership role. Four sisters of Eta Lambda served as president of the Student Government Association during the 1990s. The chapter continues to be strong supporters of the Ronald McDonald Houses. Long serving advisors are Carol Greidanus Rothermel and Cynthia Bohn Sica, both Delta Kappas—Penn State. The chapter won Golden Lion in 2009.

Eta Mu  
 California State University at Sacramento  
 May 7, 1988 — 2005

Eta Mu began as local sorority Delta Pi Kappa. The local's mascot was a lion, and they supported Big Sisters of America. In January 1988, the local was colonized and Eta Mu was installed on May 7. The chapter rented a house, but a city ordinance forced out Greek houses that were not owned by the national organization. The chapter held meetings at the Student Union and contributed to the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento and has a commemorative brick in the main walkway leading to the house. The chapter regularly held recruitment events around the pool at the home of former Grand Council member Joan Sutton Knox, Psi—UC at Berkeley. A niece of Grand President Mabelle Fuller Sperry, Sally Stone Berlant, Delta—Texas, was instrumental in establishing the chapter and served for many years as an advisor. A founding member, Karen Mitchell, designed the 150th anniversary logo. The chapter closed due to low numbers in 2005. Suzanne Nelson Kennedy is a long-serving international officer.

Eta Nu  
Saint Louis University  
October 15, 1988

Saint Louis University is a private Catholic university founded in 1818 by Bishop DuBourg as the first university west of the Mississippi River. The chapter began in 1928 as local sorority Delta Epsilon Phi. Their name was changed to Kappa Beta Phi in 1933 when they were



*National officers and Eta Nu charter members gather for the Installation Banquet at Saint Louis University in 1988. Front row, from left: Special Supervisor Frances Poulson Hall, Grand Vice President of Development and Expansion Maryann Friend Gillespie, Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio and District Director Vicki Messmer Hye.*

formally organized for the purpose of promoting scholastic endeavors and social unity. Eta Nu was colonized from these beginnings in 1988 by Chris Stecher Dickey and Frances Poulson Hall who both served as Province Directors at the time. The chapter initiated 39 women their first year. For many years, the chapter had a unique two-part philanthropy program: 1) each collegian commits to one location of interest to volunteer weekly and 2) each member volunteers at two chapter-sponsored philanthropy events during each semester.

Eta Xi  
Presbyterian College — Clinton, SC  
January 20, 1990

Eta Xi was chartered in 1990, initiating 62 collegians. The chapter began as an Alpha Delta Pi colony in 1989 in the midst of Hurricane Hugo and immediately became active on campus and began volunteering and fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House. In 1991, the chapter initiated two descendants of founder Ella Pierce Turner. The two distant cousins, JoAnne Phillips and Margaret Davis, discovered they were related during an Alpha Education Session. Eta Xi, along with the other sororities on campus, meets in a chapter room in the Panhellenic House. The group has continuously been awarded the scholarship cup for having the highest GPA on campus. And in 1999, Eta Xi won the Golden Lion Award, making them the youngest chapter ever to receive the award. They also won in 2001 and 2007.

Eta Omicron  
Western Connecticut State  
University — Danbury  
February 2, 1990

Beginning as local sorority Lambda Gamma Chi in 1988, Eta Omicron was colonized in 1989, as the first NPC group at Western Connecticut. Even while just a colony, the group was making their name known on campus, as well as raising money for the Ronald McDonald House. In 1990, 41 collegians and seven honorary members were initiated in the charter group. The chapter has a reputation of having the most outstanding leaders on campus and was recognized as the outstanding Greek organization in 1998. Even without a house, dormitory or assigned meeting room, Eta Omicron is setting the standards for others at WCSU to follow. Today, there are two national fraternities on campus and Sigma Delta Tau has joined the campus. Nicole Taglianetti Chambers has a long international service record.



*Known as "Grandda" to the Eta Pi collegians at Virginia Tech, Jim Hain, the father of former international officer Judi Hain Reemsnyder, serves the chapter as an advisor, volunteer handyman and surrogate granddad. (c. 1999)*

**Eta Pi**  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Blacksburg  
April 21, 1990

From the beginning, Eta Pi has been an innovative and outstanding chapter. Installed on April 21, 1990 with 94 charter members, the speaker at the initiation banquet was Vice President of Student Affairs. Eta Pi has won numerous awards, both within Alpha Delta Pi and on campus, including Diamond Four Point Award many times and Virginia Tech's Cup of Excellence. The chapter was selected to get a new house on the Virginia Tech campus and moved in the fall of 2001. Former international officer Judi Hain Reemsnyder, Gamma Kappa—West Virginia Wesleyan, has served as their advisor for many years. Her father, Jim Hain, served as their Finance Advisor and helped in many ways which earned him the nickname "Grandda."

**Eta Rho**  
California State University at Chico  
May 5, 1990

Eighty collegians and one honorary initiate became charter members of Eta Rho chapter at Chico State on May 5, 1990. The collegians were selected from 250 applicants. As a colony, members from other sororities served as big sisters for the group, while the group paired themselves as Pi Pals for studying and special events. The chapter has worked closely with Eta Mu chapter at CSU at Sacramento. They have a rented home that was built by an investor with the specific purpose of renting to the chapter. It houses about 20 members and provides space for meetings and other events. Nan Brown Timmons, Epsilon Zeta—Texas State, was a long-serving advisor.

**Eta Sigma**  
San Diego State University  
February 17, 1991 — 2005

Eta Sigma became Alpha Delta Pi's 11th California chapter when it was installed in 1991. The colony was formed in the fall of 1990 according to the university's expansion plans, and the group was active in homecoming, as tutors and in fundraising for local philanthropies. When 52 charter members were initiated, Eta Sigma joined a Greek system with 12 other NPC sororities and 18 IFC fraternities. The chapter closed due to low numbers.



*Heidi Gibbons, left, and Jules Burgos pose with the lion at Eta Sigma's chapter house at San Diego State. (c. 1992)*

**Eta Tau**  
Bishop's University —  
Lennoxville, Quebec  
March 9, 1991-2010

Bishop's University, a public liberal arts university, became the fourth Canadian campus to welcome an Alpha Delta Pi chapter. In March 1991, the chapter, which had been local for about two years, was installed by Grand President Margaret Anne McDonald Bundy with the assistance of Gamma Taus from the University of Vermont. The chapter closed in 2010 after the university stopped recognizing Greeks.

### Eta Upsilon

Wake Forest University — Winston-Salem, NC

April 11, 1992-1995

March 21, 2009

Eta Upsilon chapter grew out of the local Phoenix Society which had requested to become a chapter of Alpha Delta Pi. At the time Wake Forest did not allow NPC groups to come to campus unless requested and Eta Upsilon joined Delta Delta Delta as the only other NPC group on campus. The chapter closed in 1995 due to the strain of functioning as an NPC group on a campus where local sororities functioned with few rules and regulations. Ironically, in 1996 the university's Inter-Society Council voted to join NPC groups, and even though several locals merged with nationals, they basically functioned as locals for many years. The chapter had an extremely loyal group of members who were leaders on campus and continue to serve including long-serving international officers Rebecca Gentry and Amanda Freedle. Eta Upsilon was recolonized in late January 2009, when 122 women accepted bids. The chapter was installed in March, joining seven NPC and 14 IFC groups on campus. A descendant of founder Octavia Andrew Rush, Amy Rush, is a charter member. At the installation banquet, Chapter President Hannah Rothman was presented a pin box that was found in a time capsule the original chapter had buried on campus. The tradition is for the box to pass from president to president.

### Eta Phi

Furman University — Greenville, SC

March 19, 1994

In 1981, Furman lightened its policy regarding national sororities, allowing three social clubs to be founded. One, the Delphian Society, followed many values, ideals and traditions of Alpha Delta Pi. Then in the fall of 1993, when the university lifted the sorority ban, the Delphian Society heard just one presentation—that of Alpha Delta Pi. Colonization began in January 1994, culminating with the initiation of 82 collegians and 44 Delphian alumnae in March. Chapter houses are not allowed, but about 20 members live on the sorority dorm floor. The group excels in scholarship and campus involvement. Jenifer Melin Fielding and Courtenay Laughlin Williams, both Eta Phi members who also were Delphians served for many years. Other long-serving advisors include Valerie Shafer Bynum, Epsilon Omega—Jacksonville, Dee Phife Buford, Gamma Upsilon—North Texas and Dede Hines Ward, Beta Epsilon—South Carolina, who also served as Exhibits co-chair for the 150th Convention. International officer Jennifer Brown Arends, Beta Sigma—Mercer, also is a long-serving advisor.

### Eta Chi

Villanova University — Villanova, PA

November 4, 1995-2010

Eta Chi joined seven nationally recognized sororities at Villanova University, a private Catholic university founded by the Friars of St. Augustine in 1842 and dedicated to St. Thomas of Villanova. In 1995, 91 collegiate charter members were initiated in Bartley Hall in concurrent ceremonies conducted by Grand President Beth Gentry Mannle and former Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio. The chapter became the eighth chapter in Pennsylvania. Since its beginning, the chapter has been recognized on campus and by Alpha Delta Pi for Panhellenic excellence, outstanding Alpha Education programming and leadership in scholastics, risk management and philanthropy. They closed due to low numbers in 2010. Alpha Delta Pi has an agreement with the university to return in the future.

### Eta Psi

Valparaiso University

Valparaiso, IN

May 2, 1998-2004

Eta Psi was colonized in February 1998; however, their beginnings go back to 1944 as local sorority Delta Chi Epsilon. International President Chris Stecher Dickey initiated 34 collegiate members and four alumna initiates, all of whom had been members of the local. The chapter was one of seven NPC sororities at Valparaiso. Beverly Hicky Dudek, Delta Omega—Northern Illinois, served as their advisor for many years. They closed in 2004 due to low numbers.

### Eta Omega

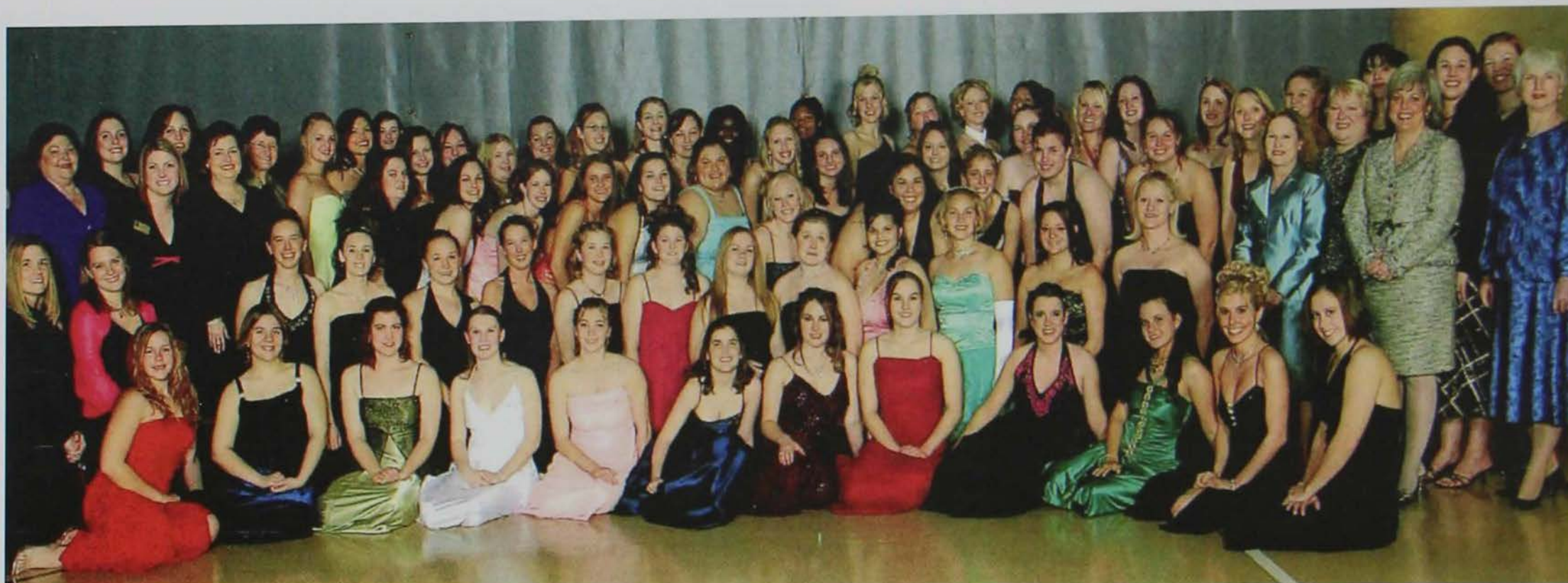
Centre College — Danville, KY

March 25, 2000

Alpha Delta Pi completed the Eta chapter roll when Eta Omega was colonized at Centre College on November 17, 1999 following a special fall recruitment for upper-



*Special guests and charter members gather for Eta Psi's installation at Valparaiso in 1998. Front row, from left: Charter President Kristine Bania, Collegiate District Director Frances Poulson Hall, Grand President Chris Stecher Dickey, Chapter President Carrie Moyer, TCC Randi Babbit and Collegiate Relations Coordinator Kay Rogers Lozick.*



*Theta Alpha charter members and the installation team gather at the installation banquet in 2005.*

class women. Twenty-one women accepted bids and were joined by Ashley Ketner, a transfer student from Eta Phi at Furman, who had heard about the colonization and got involved. The college initially provided a residential home on campus for the chapter, but the chapter later moved to Greek Row. In January 2000, the chapter participated in formal recruitment, with 30 additional bids being accepted. After open recruitment, the charter group, which was installed on March 25 totaled 56. The chapter's leadership involvement was immediately evident—two additional initiations had to be performed for the charter group to accommodate prior leadership commitments of two members. Karen Kibler Blesch, Phi—Hanover, was chapter advisor for many years.

Theta Alpha  
Northwest Missouri State University — Maryville  
November 12, 2005

Northwest Missouri State was celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2005 while Alpha Delta Pi celebrated the beginning of the Theta chapter role with the installation of Theta Alpha. In the spring of 2005, Tau

Phi Epsilon, a local group which had thrived for more than 15 years, petitioned Alpha Delta Pi in hopes of becoming an NPC group. That fall, 64 collegians, including seven members of Tau Phi Epsilon, and three alumnae were initiated into Alpha Delta Pi. Theta Alpha has a chapter room, along with the other sororities, in the basement of Roberta Hall. The chapter celebrated its 5th anniversary in 2010 with a reception where a new Charter Ceremony, written by Collegiate Province Director Martha Steele, Alpha Zeta—SMU, was conducted for the first time at any chapter. After installation, the chapter's original charter was returned for corrections and the corrected charter was not received until shortly before the anniversary.

Theta Beta  
Coastal Carolina University — Conway, SC  
April 14, 2007

The colonization of Theta Beta chapter was a work-in progress for more than a year, beginning with the selection of Alpha Delta Pi to join the campus in the spring of 2006. In January 2007, the recruitment and colonization process began, and the chapter was installed in April with 55 initiates. From the start, Theta Beta participated and excelled in many campus and community activities. At their first



*Theta Beta's new members show off their letters at Coastal Carolina. (c. 2009).*

Greek Awards Ceremony, Theta Beta won the Director's Award, a distinction selected by the university administration, as well as the Chanticleer Hatching Award for Outstanding New Student Organization. The chapter also won first place overall in Greek Week.

Theta Gamma  
Sonoma State University — Rohnert Park, CA  
November 10, 2007

In 1966, Chi Delphia was formed as a little sister program to Delta Chi Fraternity at Cal State-Sacramento. In 2001, after changing its name to Chi Delta, the organization established a chapter at Sonoma State. The campus opened for extension in 2007 and Alpha Delta Pi was selected to affiliate with the members of Chi Delta, forming the sorority's 12th California chapter. That spring, 31 Chi Delta women went through the Alpha Ceremony, and in August, 49 new members joined through the colony recruitment process. As a colony, they helped decorate the Ronald McDonald House for the holidays and made cookies. They were the first Greek organization to pair with the Cotati Community Center for an event for 200 local children. They



*Theta Gamma members at Sonoma State work with local police and firemen to collect and wrap Christmas presents for children in 2008.*

held leadership positions in Associated Students and JUMP, a campus service organization. In November, at the chapter's installation, seven Chi Delta alumnae were initiated along with 79 Alpha members.

Theta Delta  
University of Delaware — Newark  
May 4, 2008

Alpha Delta Pi was excited to learn that the University of Delaware was opening for extension in summer 2007. After a competitive process, the sorority was selected as the ninth NPC group to join the campus. Preparations began immediately for the February 2008 colonization during which the recruitment team interviewed 295 women and then extended 115 bids, the maximum allowed by Panhellenic. The colony hosted a "Tye-Dye with ADPi" event for other sororities, participated in Greek Week and placed first in Greek Games Day. The 115 charter members were initiated into Alpha Delta Pi's first chapter in the state of Delaware by International President Claire Brown Gwaltney and former Presidents Jane Fiedler Madio and Kathryn Peddy Goddard.



*Sisters of Theta Delta at Delaware cook a meal at the Wilmington Ronald McDonald House. (c. 2009)*

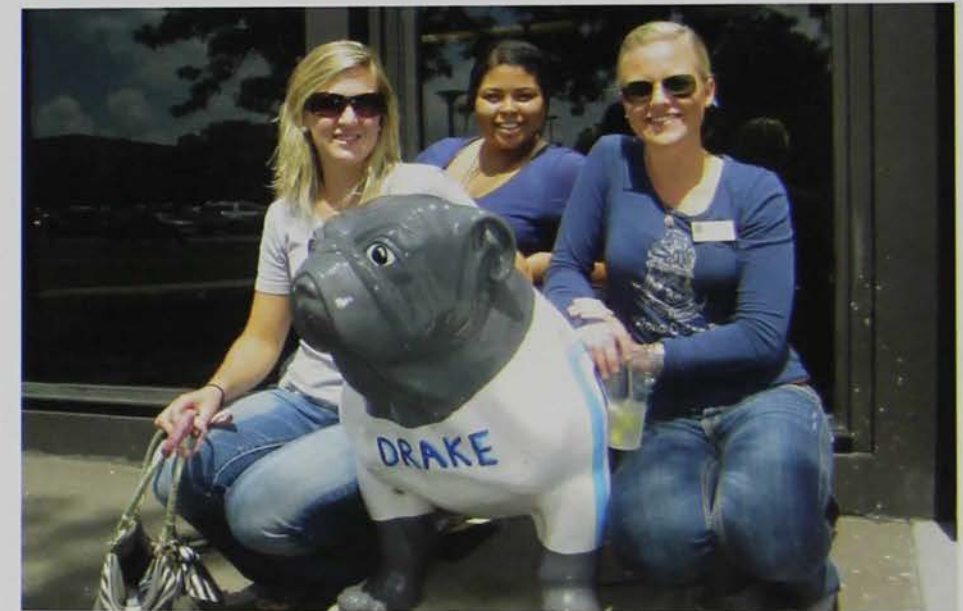
Theta Epsilon  
Methodist University — Fayetteville, NC  
October 25, 2008

In spring 2008, Alpha Delta Pi was petitioned directly by the Methodist University and a local group called the Adelphean Society. The local had researched all NPC groups and decided on Alpha Delta Pi, then chose their local name, set up a similar officer structure, adopted the Ronald McDonald Houses as their philanthropy and utilized the new member online education program. Alpha Delta Pi was installed as the only NPC group on the campus and the 12th Alpha Delta Pi chapter in North Carolina. The charter group had 44 women, including 14 members from the local group and two alumna initiates. They continued their activities on campus, including cheerleading, campus ministries, sports, band, theatre and student government. In fall 2010, the chapter moved into a new house built by the university.

Theta Zeta  
Washington and Lee University — Lexington, VA  
March 7, 2009

During an expansion and colonization process that lasted two years, Theta Zeta was installed as the sixth NPC group on the Washington And Lee campus. In a process that required fully participating in for-

mal recruitment in January 2009, this unique colonization brought together collegians from eight chapters and alumnae from across the nation to recruit the charter group. On March 7, the chapter was installed with 85 charter members. They became active on campus even before installation, launching a pop tab drive and collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House. They delivered cookie cakes to the fraternities and flowers to the sororities to get acquainted with the other Greeks. Members participated in more than 30 campus organizations. The university built the chapter a new house that was completed in 2011.



*Theta Eta Chapter President Maggie Walker, Executive Vice President Rosalinda Mesa and Leadership Consultant Megan Garrison visit the Drake bulldog.*

Theta Eta  
Drake University — Des Moines, IA  
April 4, 2009

The Alpha Delta Pi Expansion Team, including International President Claire Brown Gwaltney, and two past Presidents, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford and Chris Stecher Dickey, made an expansion presentation to the Drake University Panhellenic in fall 2008. After being selected as the fifth NPC group on campus, Theta Eta was installed with 58 collegiate members. As a colony, they participated in the 100th Anniversary Drake Relays, Greek Week, indoor soccer and softball intramurals. They won "Sing Your Heart Out" and raised the most money during "Cardiac Arrest." During Drake Live Drive, they collected the most



donations and received an award from the First Lady of Iowa. After searching for a chapter house for more than a year, the former Phi Delta Theta house was rented and members of Theta Eta moved into the newly renovated house on "Greek Street" in fall 2010.

#### Theta Theta

Quinnipiac University — Hamden, CT  
October 31, 2009

When the Quinnipiac Panhellenic Association petitioned Alpha Delta Pi to establish a chapter on campus, the request was quickly accepted since the sorority had expressed interest in Quinnipiac's extension process a few years earlier. Theta Theta chapter was installed with 84 members as Alpha Delta Pi's 200th chapter. As a colony, they sponsored a team for Quidditch on the Quad and raised money for the Ronald McDonald House during Parents Weekend by selling ADPIes. In a challenge that many new chapters do not face, Theta Theta had to participate in Panhellenic formal recruitment in January 2010. After much planning, preparation and practice, the chapter successfully made quota and welcomed 54 members into the new chapter. They placed first overall in scholarship their first year on campus.



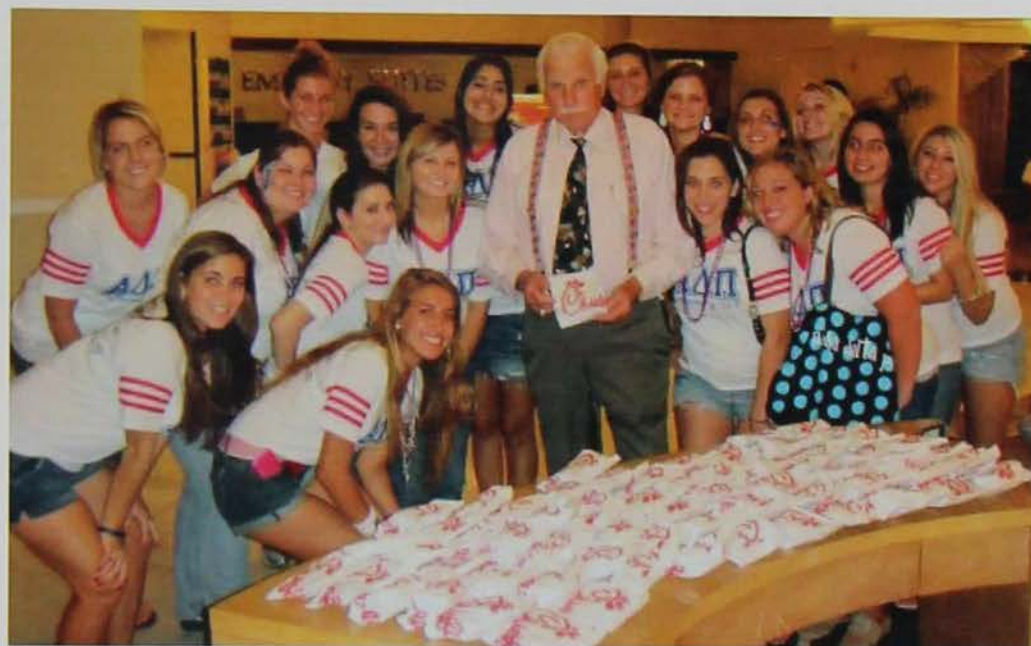
*Theta Iota President Rachel Pelta receives the gavel from District Team Director Karen Elliott Galentine and the charter from International President Claire Brown Gwaltney in 2009.*

#### Theta Iota

Bucknell University — Lewisburg, PA  
November 14, 2009

Bucknell University welcomed Alpha Delta Pi to campus in fall 2008. Freshmen are not allowed to join Greek groups, so the sorority spent much of spring 2009 marketing on campus about the sorority's fall

arrival. The colonization plan was designed to take two years to bring the chapter to the average chapter size of other sororities. In fall 2009, 65 women were extended bids and the chapter moved into their space in Hunt Hall along with the other six NPC groups. Their area includes a large suite for meetings and recruitment, as well as dorm rooms for many members. The chapter immediately became involved on campus, participating in Greek Week, Panhellenic Mocktails and Greek Iron Chef. In fall 2010, Theta Iota participated in their first formal recruitment and welcomed 77 new members, exceeding the goal of reaching average chapter size in two years.



*Theta Kappa members present Florida Atlantic University's football coach Howard Schnellenberger goodie bags before the 2009 homecoming game.*

#### Theta Kappa

Florida Atlantic University — Boca Raton  
November 21, 2009

Theta Kappa chapter was installed with 74 members in fall 2009, joining three other NPC organizations. The chapter has been an active participant in campus and community events since their colonization, winning first overall in homecoming, Sorority Greek Cup, Homecoming Fun Run, spirit banner, ExtravaCanza and Clubfest. Members were active in many student organizations and two were elected to vice president positions in Panhellenic. In fall 2010, the chapter participated in their first Panhellenic formal recruitment and welcomed 60 new members. Theta Kappa is the ninth Alpha Delta Pi chapter in Florida.

# Presidents

## *Elizabeth Moseley Coles*

1906~1907 ... 1909~1913

Anne Elizabeth Moseley was born in Union Springs, Alabama, on December 22, 1886 to Francis Marion Moseley, Sr., and his second wife, Jane Jackson. She grew up in Union Springs with two brothers, two half-brothers and a half-sister.

When she was seventeen, she entered Wesleyan College and was just a pledge of the Adelphean Society when the decision to "go national" was made in 1904. By 1906, she was president of the group, with its new name of Alpha Delta Phi. Elizabeth called the first convention in Macon, designed the Coat-of-Arms and was elected the first National President. She wrote to her dear friend, Jewel Davis, who had transferred to the University of Texas, of her challenges: "My dear Jewel—

"I am working on a plan to enter Tulane—Newcomb Dept., you know. I have the cooperation of some Phi Delta Theta friends at Tulane... You know, Jewel, lack of funds troubles me more than anything else."

"Oh, there is so much to do! I have unlimited ambitions and aspirations, but it is harder than you think to get things carried out successfully—we have so much faculty opposition to fight."

But, Elizabeth did indeed carry out



many things very successfully along with her good friends Newel Mason and Jewel. By the end of her second presidency, the chapter roll had grown to seventeen.

While at Wesleyan, Elizabeth was courted by William Cruse Coles. Among the many papers she gave to our Archives, is a small, folded handwritten note:

"Dear Elizabeth,

"Julia tells me that Mr. C. will call tonight. You had better ask Mrs. Guerry to let you sit with her in the chapel; for it will not do for us all to be there & have you in the parlor. I am sure that you see the propriety. "With love,"

The note is unsigned, but we do know that Mrs. Guerry was the wife of Wesleyan's president. Julia was the maid who, "with a substantial tip" would sometimes let the girls take telephone calls that were prohibited by the college rules, according to Jewel's speech at the Centennial Convention.

Elizabeth and Bill, a Phi Delta Theta from what is now Auburn University, were married in her childhood home in Union Springs on December 26, 1907. Blanche Chapman of Alpha chapter was a bridesmaid. The Alpha Delta Phi convention was to open the

day after Elizabeth's wedding so she did not attend.

The Coles made their home at first in Atlanta, leaving on the evening train after their wedding. When Elizabeth was elected to her second term as president, Bill presented her with an engraved gavel that has been used at conventions and council meetings throughout the century. Before the Chicago convention she wrote to Jewel on May 17, 1913, telling her that "Mr. Coles has decided *today* to accept a business proposition that will cause us to move to Birmingham July 1st. Elizabeth had decided earlier to retire at the 1913 Convention and she did not attend the Chicago meeting.

The couple actually never moved to Birmingham, but rather to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, when Bill's brother asked him to join his wood-flooring business, according to their daughter, Jane Coles Devlin, Lambda—Brenau. In addition to Jane, the couple had a son, William Cruse Coles, Jr., whose daughter, Anne Coles Gray, also was initiated into Lambda chapter and served as an international officer.

Elizabeth remained active with the sorority throughout her life. She took the ten-year old Jane with her to the 1929 Convention and they attended again in 1941 after Jane was initiated. Elizabeth also went to the Centennial Convention in 1951.

The presidents who followed her often consulted the forward-thinking Elizabeth for advice. In a 1915 letter to Jewel that she specified as a "purely personal letter," she sent "her love and greetings to the convention." She added, "I wish they would endorse national equal suffrage."

Jessica North MacDonald described Elizabeth in the *History of Alpha Delta Pi*:

"Elizabeth possessed in a great degree that love for Alpha Delta Pi and that sympathy for inexperienced girls that was so needed when the expansion work was new. Nothing was too small to



*Elizabeth and  
her son, William  
Cruse Coles, Jr.  
(c. 1914)*

interest her where the sorority was concerned. No letter went unanswered. As president she gave her best efforts to the growth of the sorority and her assistance was beyond estimation."

In 1911, Elizabeth authored a document, entitled "The Future of Alpha Delta Phi." She wrote:

"The combination of the past and present, unlock the future... There is but one guide for us to follow, our motto of our sisterhood. If we live faithful to this as our elder sisters for more than a half century have endeavored to do, if we live up to their noble example; if we are true in the test of ourselves before the world, true in the selection of girls for future members; true in the building up of character for ourselves, for our sisters and for those with whom we are associated, there can be but one future for Alpha Delta Phi. It glows with promise."

Elizabeth died on December 7, 1962. She is buried in her hometown of Union Springs.

## Presidents

### *Newel Mason*

1907 ~ 1908

Born December 23, 1888, Minnie Newel Mason was just a few days past her nineteenth birthday when she became National President at the New Orleans convention. Newel was serving as Alpha chapter president at the time and was asked by her good friend and National President Elizabeth Moseley to fill in for her since she was getting married and could not attend.

Newel knew there was a movement afoot by some members to merge with Delta Delta Delta. In her characteristic style, she let pen and paper fly as she wrote to many sisters, urging their attendance:

In a December 9, 1907 letter to Jewel Davis, who was in graduate school at the University of Texas where she founded Delta chapter, Newel wrote:

"My Dear Jewel,

"...I am just simply crazy for you to come to convention; we need you so much; this convention will largely determine the future existence of Alpha Delta Phi, as we must get business on a firmer, more systematic working basis... We need workers...I count you as one of the best workers Alpha Delta Phi has ever had... The work to be done...is no mere child's play; it is work & hard work at that. Besides I want to see you, to meet you; I feel as if I have been knowing you all my life, but I want to do what letter writing does not do. I want to talk like a blue streak of lightning over all the things that interest both of us..."

Newel's handwriting could be described as "a blue streak of



lightning," as it is truly difficult to decipher. But, Jewel understood and answered Newel's plea by attending. The two sisters, who had corresponded for more than a year, finally met and shortly after convention, the young Newel wrote to the more sophisticated Jewel:

"...Irene Rice said she liked you and me better than any other girls at the convention—'Newel & Jewel, and so unlike, one thin & the other fat'."

While the photographs of Newel reveal that she certainly wasn't "fat," she surely was more robust than the svelte Jewel. And, while they shared a passion for their sisterhood, they were indeed unlike in many ways and sometimes disagreed. Some of their correspondence could be titled, the "Newel-Jewel" wars. But, individually and together, they achieved many things, starting at the 1907 convention where

they first met and the merger was blocked.

Jewel would speak of Newel's role and their relationship in her Centennial Convention speech:

"During these formative years, several sororities tried to persuade us to unite with them, as they were desirous of entering the South. Because our members were bewildered with this new undertaking, and overwhelmed with the magnitude of the many problems, some of the members thought favorably of such a union. Perhaps had it not been for Newel Mason of Alpha, and her enthusiasm, and sometimes 'benevolent despotism,' we

might not have our beloved Alpha Delta Pi today. I called Newel a 'despot,' and she called me a 'tyrant,' but our friendship never faded, for we understood each other, and both worked for the growth and progress of Alpha Delta Pi."

Newel certainly made many contributions. In addition to fighting to block mergers at both the 1907 and 1913 conventions, she successfully battled the Inter-Sorority Conference, known today as NPC, to secure membership for Alpha Delta Phi.

Newel, who never married, was a career woman. She taught in high schools and then at her beloved Wesleyan College. She later worked for the Bibb County Department of Health and was, for a number of years, in charge of the Birth Certificate Division. While there, in 1950, she wrote to her friend, Helen Glenn, who was serving as Grand Secretary-Treasurer, with a plea for help for a young sister:

"My Dear Helen:

"...The matter in which I am most interested, is to ask you whether there is any possibility of our creating a special scholarship for a girl named Virginia Davis, whose great-grandmother, Ella Pierce Turner was one of our founders. This child has been attending Mercer University, and has been taken into Beta Sigma chapter there. Recently, her father, Stuart Davis—who by the way works here at the Dep't. of Health—has had a sad thing happen to him. A stone bruise—as he thought—developed into cancer and he has had to have the foot and



*Newel's devotion to the sorority is life-long. (c.1935)*

half of his leg removed in the hospital. It will be at least six months before he can have an artificial foot fitted... The point is that if this child can be helped either by giving her a scholarship or extending a loan to her through December, she can get a teacher's certificate, and can earn money to help support the family..."

Zeal didn't cease for Newel with her retirement for she became a volunteer for the department and according to the director, "carried as heavy a caseload as any of the staff of welfare workers."

Newel evolved along with the sorority she loved. This sister, who as a young President, made a fearful trip north of The Mason-Dixon Line to install Theta chapter at Lawrence

College in Appleton, Wisconsin, wrote a song for the Centennial Convention, which she described as:

"... Incorporating the ideals that I wish to impress upon the younger members of the sorority of becoming more 'inclusive,' rather than 'exclusive' in our attitudes; more interested in 'serving' others, instead of in 'deserving' a higher social position because of our membership in Alpha Delta Pi—in other words, of justifying our existence..."

Newel died November 2, 1971, less than two months before her eighty-third birthday. She is buried in Macon in Riverside Cemetery where her mentor and our Founder, Mary Evans Glass also rests. Both headstones are marked with the diamond-shape of our badge to honor their service.

## Presidents

### *Jewel Davis Scarborough* 1913 ~ 1917

Laura Jewel Davis was born on May 7, 1887, about twenty minutes before her twin sister, Louie. She never looked back. The eldest child of Charles Gardner Davis and Martha "Mattie" Alice Lockett, an Adelphean of 1874, Jewel was independent and a leader throughout her life.

She grew up in her birthplace, the small east Texas town of Pittsburg, and attended Jefferson Davis College there before she went to Wesleyan at the age of fifteen. After Wesleyan, she attended graduate school at the University of Texas where she established Delta chapter.

After graduating from Texas, she went back to Pittsburg. A doctor recommended that the family move to Arizona for her mother's health. They were on a westbound train when Mattie became so ill that they had to stop in Abilene. Mattie's health improved so much that the family decided to make the west Texas town their home. It was here that Jewel would meet her husband, Dallas Scarborough.

Jewel and Dallas were married on June 4, 1908. Dallas was a renowned attorney, and "at one time he tried every murder case from Abilene to El Paso," according to Jewel's daughter-in-law,



*Jewel Davis in 1902, just before she entered Wesleyan*

Mozelle who is an alumna initiate of Zeta chapter at Southwestern. The couple had two sons, Davis and Charles Lawrence "Larry." Davis was just four years old when his mother became National President and he accompanied her to several conventions.

Jewel and Dallas' home at 726 Amarillo Street was built as a wedding present for Jewel from her father and husband. The home remains in the family, having served, for a time as the residence of Jewel's son, Davis, and his wife, Mozelle. Jewel's grandson, Charles, and his wife currently call it home.

Jewel's antiques still fill the home. A mantle in the library was brought from the family home in Pittsburg. Jewel's personal library contained over one thousand books and she stamped each one with her personal mark. "She was an avid reader and collected books,"

Charles said. Her bookshelves also hold the four-volume set, *Southern Kith and Kin*, which she authored about her family.

The dining room features a table that was Jewel's mother's first table. A large breakfront contains exquisite glassware and china. Jewel acquired the breakfront by trading with an antique dealer.



*Jewel's piano, which remains in the family home today, was accepted by her husband as payment for a legal fee. (c. 1915)*

Jewel went upstairs and returned with a pair of her husband's false teeth. "False teeth of the day were heavy and fit poorly, so it was common to have more than one pair," Mozelle explained.

Sometime later Dallas was looking for the missing teeth and asked Jewel if she knew where they were. She replied that she did not. Her young son, Larry, piped up and said, "Yes you do Mama, you traded them to the man for the silver pieces." Jewel calmly replied, "Larry, I said I don't know where they are now. I knew where they were at one time."

Jewel and Dallas were both very involved in community affairs and politics. "They were often on opposite sides in an election, but this did not seem to bother either of them," recalls her grandson Frank Dallas Scarborough. "They shared a

"She was always trading antiques," Mozelle said. "She wasn't much on selling things, but she loved to trade." A sideboard holds a silver service that also involved Jewel's passion for trading.

Antique dealers knew she loved to trade and they would visit her home to do business. "One dealer showed her four of the pieces that sit on the sideboard and she expressed an interest in them," according to Mozelle. "He said he would like to trade them for gold as that was what he needed."

great love of life with an intellectual approach to it."

The feisty couple certainly wasn't shy about their differences of opinion. In fact, they often wrote opposing editorials in the newspaper. During one campaign, Jewel supported "Ma Ferguson," who would become the first woman governor of Texas. Ma's husband had been governor, but was convicted of selling pardons and sent to prison. Dallas supported the candidate who was opposing Ma. Dallas wrote an editorial proclaiming that he could not "support a candidate for governor that was married to a convicted felon." In her opposing editorial, Jewel wrote that she could not support anyone who "hides behind a sheet," referring of course to Ma's opponent's participation in the Ku Klux Klan.

Jewel worked tirelessly for suffrage and helped secure the vote for women in 1919 Texas. She "was an individualist and a liberated woman at a time when West Texans didn't recognize such a thing," Frank recalls.

Jewel's list of civic activities is staggering. She organized several organizations in Abilene, including the League of Women Voters, Child Welfare Association, YWCA and DAR. She was the first woman to be elected as county chairman of the Democratic Party and she twice served as a presidential elector from Texas. She was the first woman to serve on the Abilene Parks & Recreation Board, and for thirty years she was the presiding judge in her election precinct.

Jewel died September 2, 1968 while taking an afternoon nap at the age of eighty-one. She is buried in the family plot in the IOOF Cemetery in Abilene.



*Jewel's list of civic work in Texas is staggering. (c. 1960)*

## Presidents

### Irene Patchett Smith

1917 ~ 1921

Irene Amy Patchett grew up on her family's 2,200-acre ranch on California's rugged northern coast. "I was born in redwood country," she would often say. And indeed, the redwood stand tall along side native oak, just a stone's throw from the mighty Pacific, in tiny Annapolis, California.

Born on July 5, 1887, she was the fifth of ten children born to John A. Patchett and Mary Olive Carpenter Patchett. She would be the first of her siblings to attend high school much less college. The absence of formal education was not due to a lack of valuing higher learning. In fact, Irene's mother attended Oberlin College in Ohio. No, the problem was a geographical one. Quite simply, Annapolis was sixty-five miles from the nearest high school.

So it was in this most beautiful, yet isolated area, that Irene spent her childhood. A strong love of animals and nature was born. "She had a pet pig as a child that she loved," her daughter Fredricka "Freddie" Smith recalls. "She loved animals throughout her life. Especially dogs."

A large herd of sheep also made their home on Irene's family ranch. And, after shearing, the wool was transported a few miles down the road to the Pacific Ocean where bags of wool were hooked onto cables and transported to a ship waiting to carry it to San Francisco. One of Irene's chores as a child was to help pick and then dry apples from the family's apple orchard. Supervised by her

mother, she also worked along with her siblings to make, by hand, the bricks that form the foundation of the large barn that still stands on the ranch today.

Across the road stands the family's two-story home where Irene grew up and just down the road is the one-room Horicon School where she attended elementary school. After Irene finished her schooling in the tiny school, she left for Napa where she lived with a "strict" aunt and worked her way through high school.

Next came Berkeley where she lived with a professor's family and worked her way through the University of California aspiring to become a physician. While in graduate school, she filled in for Dr. R.O. Moody giving a series of lectures on "social hygiene." So successful were her lectures that she was soon asked to take over the classes.

Irene's life turned a corner when she took an anatomy class from Dr. Philip E. Smith. The two fell in love and became lifetime partners on December 22, 1913, just a few weeks after Irene was initiated as a charter member of Psi chapter.

A native of South Dakota, Dr. Smith was an acclaimed endocrinologist. He spent his professional career primarily moving between Stanford and Columbia Universities. In conjunction with his work at Columbia, the Smith's spent six months in Europe, including three months in Vienna where Dr. Smith conducted research. Irene assisted him with his



Passport photo of Irene with her husband and daughter (c. 1928)



research throughout his career. She typed and edited research papers and especially enjoyed caring for the research animals.

The Smiths were avid outdoors people, spending weeks on end camping in the wilderness areas of Yosemite National Park and the Sierra Nevada. On one such trip, Irene's youngest sister, Docia, who also was a member of Psi chapter, was crushed by a falling boulder. For seven days, they carried her for help on a stretcher they made from their clothes.

"Three days on the trail after the accident, we met a doctor who gave her some morphine. Until then, she had nothing for pain," recalls Freddie who as a young girl was along on the trip. After months in the hospital, Docia recovered the use of her crushed legs. She and Irene remained close throughout their lives, living next door to each other in their later years.

In addition to Freddie, who is a retired pediatrician, the



*Irene (center in white dress) is the fifth of ten children and the first to attend college. (c. 1897)*



Smiths had one son, Philip B. Smith, who is a retired physicist and has lived most of his life abroad.

While National President, Irene said that her "hobby" was scholarship and she constantly encouraged chapters to excel in academics. In her personal life, her "main hobby was politics," according to Freddie. An advocate of suffrage, Irene served as president of the League of Women Voters in the Bronx and with other New Yorkers was a significant driving force in the revolt against corruption in the famous Tammany Hall scandal. She also was president of the Bronx YWCA and active with the Sierra Club. "She was very out-going and very social," Freddie recalls. "She also wrote poetry for special occasions, and she was quite good at it."

Irene died on January 21, 1989 at the age of 101. She had moved to a nursing home at age 99, but "she was always alert and she always knew me," Freddie said. "She had a wonderful life." Irene's ashes are buried in the family plot of a secluded cemetery behind the Annapolis church, next door to the old Horicon School, and just a couple of miles from her beloved childhood home.

*Irene on her family farm on California's rugged coast (c. 1905)*

## Presidents

### *Mabelle Fuller Sperry*

1921 ~ 1927

Mabelle Fuller was born July 26, 1892 in Calvert, Texas. She was one of nine children born to Louis T. Fuller and Mary J. Rice Fuller. Mabelle's father was a businessman and during her childhood, the family lived in Calvert, Dallas and Houston.

Mabelle entered the University of Texas and was initiated into Delta chapter in 1910. After graduating, Mabelle taught high school science in Houston and continued her Alpha Delta Pi involvement. In 1917, she was appointed to serve as a Province President, which was a National Council position at the time. She was elected Vice President in 1919 and then National President in 1921.

In early 1923, Mabelle married Marcus E. Sperry in Houston. The couple made their home in St. Louis where he was editor of *LUMBER*, a trade publication.

Mabelle was expecting their child and did not attend the 1923 convention in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Mabelle was reelected to serve a second term as President even in her absence.

She gave birth to her only child, Edith, on November 21, 1923. When their daughter was only six weeks old, Mr. Sperry died suddenly at their home on January 4, 1924. The new mother was a widow after having been married only one year.

Mabelle and Edith moved back to Houston where Mabelle resumed her teaching career. She would take Edith with her



to many sorority meetings and conventions during her remaining three years in office. "I know I went on several trips that she took in relation to Alpha Delta Pi, but have only vague memories of being in Canada and Seattle. I was awfully young—two or three," Edith said.

Edith presented an evening bag to the Archives that Mabelle beaded with her own hands to use at one convention. "I can remember her working on the little beaded bag. As you can imagine, it was quite a task and she was elated when she finished," Edith said. "She was not a seamstress."

Just four years after leaving office, Mabelle contracted tuberculosis and she had to leave her eight year-old daughter to spend the next four years living in a sanitorium. When Edith was in high school, Mabelle had to return to the facility.

When Mabelle was well, she and Edith would travel in the summer. "Several summers she and I went on trips with some of her teacher friends, to Colorado, Wyoming and to Canada to visit various national parks or we stayed at guest ranches to get away from Houston and the heat," Edith recalls. "We did some hiking, but no actual mountain climbing," she said. "I also swam and rode horseback with anyone available.

"Mother was an environmentalist, a real nature lover," Edith said. "She enjoyed gardening and having her own

home with a nice yard. Mabelle was a member of the National Audubon Society and, when her health allowed, was active in church work and several other organizations, many of them related to education.

She was a member of the Texas Academy of Science, American Association of Biology Teachers, National Educational Association and the American Association of University Women. She served the Houston branch of the



*Mabelle with her only child, Edith (c.1925)*

A.A.U.W. in many capacities.

Mabelle cherished Alpha Delta Pi throughout her life. After returning from the 1917 convention, she along with five other sisters founded the Houston Alumnae Association. When she moved back to Houston, after her husband's death, she became involved again and was Houston's delegate to the 1948 convention. There she proudly marched with Grand Council in the Adelphean Processional, and spoke at the closing banquet on behalf of other former Grand Presidents.

*Adelphean* Editor Virginia Lee Nelson would write about it in the September issue of the magazine:

"President from 1921 to 1927, this tiny little lady from Texas, speaking with good humor of her years 'on the shelf' talked on the subject of Royalties and promised that the officers of past years are also looking forward to the Centennial."

However, Mabelle would not attend the Centennial Convention because in 1951, she was one of three women from the United States chosen to attend the British Federation of University Women meeting in Oxford, England. Mabelle had made the commitment to travel to England before the dates were set for the Centennial Convention. The dates conflicted and Mabelle sent a letter expressing her regret that she could not attend the celebration in Macon.

Mabelle took an active interest in Gamma Psi chapter at the University of Houston and attended their installation activities in 1956.

When Mabelle retired she moved to Kerrville and volunteered at the public library there. Mabelle died in February 1968 at the age of seventy-five. She is buried in the Fuller family plot in Hollywood Cemetery in Houston.



*Mabelle grew up in a large Texas family. (c. 1900)*

## Presidents

*Irma Tapp*

1927 ~ 1931

A native of North Carolina, Irma L. Tapp attended what would become Duke University and was initiated into Omicron chapter on February 10, 1912. She was elected chapter president and served as the voting delegate to the 1913 Chicago convention where the decision was made to change the sorority's name to Alpha Delta Pi.

After graduating from Duke, Irma taught high school in High Point, North Carolina in 1915. She then spent ten years as a business-woman, working in the tobacco industry in North Carolina and Kentucky, "often visiting the warehouses in Kinston, North Carolina."

During the summer of 1929, Irma moved to southern California at the urging of her fellow National Council member Dorothy Pierpont Shaw. Irma accepted a position as a business administration teacher at Fullerton Junior College, a position she held for thirty-one years.

A champion of education, Irma obtained a Master of Science degree from the University of Southern California and took further graduate work at Whittier College.



Irma started her service as a national officer shortly after her graduation from Duke when she was appointed a Province President in 1917. At that time the province officers were members of the National Council. In 1919, Irma became the national Inspector and served in that role until 1923 when she was appointed NPC Delegate.

In 1925, Irma was elected Vice President and Alumnae Secretary, which was one combined office. The busy Irma remained as the NPC delegate as well for that biennium. She was then elected National President in 1927 and remained as the NPC delegate throughout her presidency and until 1938.

Through the rotation system, it became Alpha Delta Pi's turn to assume the chairmanship of National Panhellenic Conference in 1928. Irma was installed on March 1, 1928 in Boston. She was chair-

*Irma Tapp serves as National President and chairman of National Panhellenic Conference simultaneously. (c. 1928)*



*Irma travels to the New Hampshire summer home of her fellow council member Minnie Allen Hubbard for a reunion in 1950. From left: former Executive Secretary Mary Kelly Shearer, Minnie and Irma.*

man when the New York City Panhellenic House was formally opened in Beekman Towers on October 1, 1928. When Irma left office in 1930, more than seven hundred women attended the final banquet in Denver, the largest gathering in the history of NPC.

Irma led her Alpha Delta Pi sisters back to her native North Carolina for the 1929 convention at the Mayview Manor in Blowing Rock. Irma, who enjoyed playing bridge, had scheduled a bridge party on the convention program for one evening. The delegates used the new Alpha Delta Pi playing cards that were issued during Irma's term as president.

Irma led the crusade to establish chapters in Canada and during her presidency, chapters were installed at the University of

Toronto, the University of Manitoba and the University of British Columbia. In total, seven new chapters were installed under her leadership and Eta was reinstalled at the University of Alabama.

Irma was actively involved with the International Society for Business Education. She often traveled abroad for their meetings, visiting Sweden, Austria, France, Switzerland, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and Brazil, as well as attending many sessions in Canada and the United States.

She was a member of Delta Pi Epsilon and Theta Alpha Delta, honorary business organizations. She remained active with the groups even after her retirement and served as national treasurer of Theta Alpha Delta.

When Irma retired she moved back to Kinston, North Carolina where she was a steward in the Methodist Church. She also served on the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Irma died on October 5, 1970. She is buried in Kinston.

"In her many years of service to Alpha Delta Pi, she personified always a lady of dignity and charm of the Deep South," wrote Grand President Emeritus Maxine Blake at the time of her death. "Gentle, poised, considerate and deeply loyal, Miss Tapp's concern was always for others."



*A champion of education, Irma teaches at Fullerton Junior College for thirty-one years. (c. 1935)*

## Presidents

### *Minnie Allen Hubbard*

1931 ~ 1938

A direct descendant of Ethan Allen, Minnie Allen was born in East Boston. Her family was an "old New England railroad building family." Minnie attended Boston University where she was initiated into Rho chapter in 1912.

Minnie taught school in East Boston before she married Dr. Joseph B. Hubbard on October 2, 1920. After their marriage the couple lived in Washington, D.C. until 1922 when they moved to Cambridge where Dr. Hubbard became a professor of economics at the Harvard School of Business Administration.

Minnie was appointed to serve as a Province President at the 1927 convention aboard the S.S. Trinity on the St. Lawrence River. She was elected National Vice President in 1929 and then became President in 1931.

"I might be called the Depression President, for the Great Depression lasted throughout my seven years in office," she recalled. "In 1931 when I took office there were thirty-five alumnae chapters and forty-four city clubs. In 1938 the roll call had grown to eighty-three chartered alumnae chapters and forty-three associate chapters. These figures all tell the story of alumnae work during the difficult years and give a



*Minnie Allen Hubbard, the Depression President (c. 1935)*

reason why Alpha Delta Pi came through the Depression years stronger than ever."

Minnie traveled to Macon in 1936 for Wesleyan's Centennial to dedicate the sorority's gift, a large marble fountain, designed by early Council member Emily Langham. She later wrote about it:

"An amusing but nearly tragic thing happened to me at the Wesleyan Centennial. In Macon the 1851-52 rivalry between Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu was intense. At one of the Centennial functions both the president of Phi Mu and I were to speak so we were to be on stage side by side. As I came down the stairs of Mrs. Stewart's home to go to the function, I noticed the consternation on the faces of the local alumnae. I discovered that my pink lace dress was the Phi Mu color. To my intense relief I found, when I arrived at the affair, that Miss Merritt, president of Phi Mu, had on a pale blue dress. So all was serene for both sororities."

Minnie was the first President to wear the diamond encrusted President's Badge. It was a gift to Minnie from her dear friend Ethel Thayer who for many years served the sorority as Custodian of the Badge. Minnie recounted the story:



*Minnie Allen Hubbard presents a check for War Relief to the British Ambassador to the United States, Lord Halifax, while Lady Halifax looks on. (c. 1941)*

“Ethel sent for me a few days before she died and gave me her cherished diamond jeweled pin which her mother and sister had given her as a Christmas present. Ethel expressed the wish that it might become our President’s Pin. Mr. Balfour changed the tiny Rho guard to a gavel as a tribute to his long friendship with Ethel, and now the pin is passed on to each new president as she takes office.”

It was during Minnie’s service that the title of National President was changed to Grand President. When Minnie retired from the presidency, she immediately became NPC delegate, serving from 1938 to 1946.

In 1946, the Hubbards moved to Montclair, New Jersey. They also had a summer home in Freedom, New Hampshire, where Minnie enjoyed entertaining her sisters from across the country.

With Minnie’s heritage, it seems natural that she loved antiques. She furnished her homes with beautiful Victorian pieces and on a sideboard always set a sterling silver “Allen Coffee Set and Tray” which was a family heirloom. The set was especially precious to Minnie because the legs were fashioned in the shape of a lion’s head.

Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin would speak of Minnie and the silver set at the 1983 convention:

“Before her death in June 1958, I visited Minnie in her home in Montclair. At that time she presented me with the Allen Coffee Set and Tray which was a family heirloom. How fitting that the legs are lion heads.

“I have used it at many Alpha Delta Pi affairs, so at this time, I would like to present it in memory of Minnie Allen Hubbard to the Grand President of Alpha Delta Pi. It is my wish that this beautiful coffee set and tray be passed on, in turn, to successive holders of the office of Grand President.

“I feel this Allen coffee set, appropriately inscribed with the Allen “A,” can also serve as a fitting Adelphean memorial to one of our great past officers, and it is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I make this presentation to the newly elected Grand President, Jane Madio.”

Jane accepted the set on behalf of the Presidents and would later write these words:

“Although it was Mrs. Van Akin’s expressed desire that this set be used by the Grand President in her home, due to its valuable nature it has been put on display in Executive Office.”

In 1958 after her husband’s death, Minnie sold her home in Montclair and was in the midst of a move to her summer home in Freedom when “death came, very suddenly.” Minnie “was busily selecting antiques” to be sent to Headquarters at the time of her death. Many of her beloved Victorian pieces are displayed there today along with the silver service.



*Minnie’s sterling silver coffee set is on display in Memorial Headquarters.*

## Presidents

### *Caralee Strock Stanard*

1938 - 1948

Caralee Strock was born in King City, Missouri, where her father, Samuel Bell Strock, was editor and publisher of the weekly newspaper. Caralee "grew up with printer's ink in her veins, learning early about type faces, printing presses, obtaining and writing news stories," her dear friend Maxine Blake would later write.

In 1913, Caralee entered the University of Missouri in Columbia and followed her plan to study journalism. Near the end of her sophomore year in 1915, she met National Vice President Gladys Tilley Chambers who was on campus to install Alpha Gamma chapter. Caralee later said that Gladys was her idea of the "ideal woman" and she knew when she first met her that she wanted to be an Alpha Delta Pi. Caralee was initiated on October 12, 1916.

"My sorority contribution was in Panhellenic which I adored; and...I was elected secretary," Caralee said. "No one wanted to keep the minutes and I could type them!"

When Caralee graduated in 1917, she moved to be with her family who had relocated to Bethany while she was in college. She had lived there for only two weeks when she received an offer to work as a reporter for the *Peoria Morning Transcript*. Caralee was off to "play Peoria," Illinois for two years until the admired reporter was lured away to the big city and a position at



*Caralee at the 1946 Convention in Estes Park, Colorado*

*The Star*. It was at work that she first met Sidney R. Stanard who was in a "fast rising career." The two were married and both enjoyed long journalism careers at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* where he became news editor.

From 1932 to 1960, Caralee was the fashion writer, using Sylvia Stiles as her pen name. She would travel to New York to attend fashion shows so she could report the latest styles to her loyal readers. Caralee arranged to do most of her writing from her home office so she could attend to the home and her daughter, Caralee Sydney, who in 1955 also became a member of Alpha Gamma chapter.

After Caralee left the *Post-Dispatch*, she joined Webster University where she taught journalism and served as a publicity editor. She then served as publicity editor for the Loretta Hilton Theatre from 1962 to 1968.

Caralee's leadership was always apparent. During World War II, while serving as Grand President, she served on the five-member Board of Jefferson Barrack's Camp and Hospital Service of the American Red Cross, which was headed by her good friend Gladys. She twice served as president of the local chapter of what would become Women In Communications, Inc., and served as their national Director of Expansion and as National Alumnae Vice President. She was twice president of the St. Louis



Fashion Group and was honored by the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce in 1947 as a "Woman of Achievement."

Caralee loved her sisters and loved to work for the sorority on every level. She served for years as president of Alpha Gamma's House Corporation; she helped organize the first St. Louis alumnae association. She also was the sorority's representative in the City Panhellenic and served as its president.

Nationally, Caralee led the sorority wisely as Grand President for ten challenging years that included the World War II era. After she left the presidency, she would serve another ten years as NPC Delegate. She served as *Adelphbean* Editor twice, 1936-1938 and again 1962-1980. When she retired, she was named Grand Editor Emeritus.

Caralee's legacy to her sisters is rich. She originated the Adelphbean

Processional that has been a convention tradition since 1941. It was Caralee who designed the stunning diamond-shaped display box for awards that has become the traditional backdrop at the final banquet. In 1942, she coined the phrase, "Pride in the Past—Faith in the Future," which would become the 150th Anniversary convention theme.

But, there is no question that her finest legacy is "The Creed of Alpha Delta Pi" which she authored and first presented as part of her speech in 1948. She started it with these words:



*Caralee and her daughter, Caralee Sydney, at home in Webster Groves, Missouri (c. 1938)*

"I Believe in Alpha Delta Pi. I Believe that my sorority is more than a ritual or a symbol, that it is a way of life."

No one lived her life truer to the Creed than Caralee. She exemplified the high ideals she expressed in it. Caralee was well loved by generations of sisters. In her later years, collegians would form long lines at conventions to get her autograph on a copy of *The Creed*. Caralee would sign for hours while keeping them entertained with her quick wit and delightful sense of humor.

Caralee's command of the microphone was as solid as her writing. When Caralee went to the podium, the crowd listened. Sisters never knew what to expect. Sometimes she would inspire with eloquent words and lofty phrases. And at other times, she would leave the crowd "laughing 'til they cried" over her

comments. As *Adelphbean* Editor, her conference and convention workshops were always popular as she could keep the crowd entertained while getting her points across.

Caralee remained active with her St. Louis sisters her entire life. The alumnae association and Alpha Gamma chapter commissioned a portrait that hangs in Memorial Headquarters. Caralee passed away on August 28, 1988. Her ashes are entombed, next to her beloved Sid's, at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis.

## Presidents

### *Maxine Blake*

1948 ~ 1977

Maxine Uraine Blake was born on January 6, 1904, in Bellingham, Washington, to Eugene A. Blake and Eliza Ann Tatro. She grew up in Seattle with one sister, Inez, who was eight years her junior.

Maxine attended the University of Washington where she majored in journalism. She was initiated into Alpha Theta chapter in 1924. "Max," as she was often called, served the chapter in several offices, including President and NPC Delegate. During her senior year, she was editor of the university's yearbook and associate editor of the university's daily newspaper.

Upon receiving her B.A. degree, Maxine told her parents that the Dean of her College had sent some of her writings to New York critics where they were highly rated. The Dean had offered to secure a job for her with the *Toronto Star*, but really felt she should see Europe. Her parents "were aghast," Maxine remembers and her father insisted she return to school to get a teaching certifi-



*Maxine Blake at eighteen years of age (c. 1922)*

cate. She spent a year obtaining the teaching certificate, "which to this day has never been used," and then another year in a master's program, studying English literature. Then, she realized her long-held dream and made the first of her many trips to Europe.

Her family saw her off in Vancouver where she boarded the Trans-Canada railroad for a trip to Montreal. She sailed the Atlantic and went to the South of France, staying with a family with whom she had corresponded since her freshman year in high school. After several months there and traveling the countryside, she was back in Paris to get a ticket to sail across the English Channel to visit London. While standing in line, she met "a handsome young American aviator in the line opposite me." He suggested she fly. And, just five years after Lindbergh first crossed the Atlantic, Maxine took her first plane ride.

"When I saw the plane at Le Bourget, I felt faint," she remembers. "It looked like an oversized egg crate. You stepped up two or three stairs to enter, but first they weighed you in, and then your luggage."

Maxine fell in love with England and with flying. As Grand President, she estimates she flew a half million miles.

Maxine's long Alpha Delta Pi career began with appointment as a Province President soon after her graduation.

About 1936, the Dean of Women at the University of Washington asked her to become Executive Director of Panhellenic. It was in this position that she developed the Quota system for rush that became the standard across the country. She would later serve as chairman of the NPC committee that developed the Quota-Total system.

Maxine served Alpha Delta Pi as NPC Delegate and Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters before becoming Grand President in 1948. She would serve in the sorority's highest office for twenty-nine years.

During the first seven years as president, Maxine also had a full-time career as a copywriter for a leading Seattle advertising agency. In 1955, she became full-time Grand President.

Maxine has many fond memories of her presidency which she recorded in various documents contained in the Archives. She remembers the fun of working with Grand Council member Ettamae Branson Reed who "lived in the little crossroads Oklahoma town of Morrison where the 'main' downtown corner looked like a red sandstone movie set out of a western. Ettamae was known by everyone as she and her husband owned the bank," Maxine explains. "The telephone operator apparently sat where she had a commanding view of Morrison because when we phoned for Ettamae, if there was no



*The highest award a chapter can receive is renamed the Maxine Blake Golden Lion Hall of Fame Award in 1999.*

answer, the operator would come on the line with the explanation, 'I saw her go to the country club, or to church'."

As Grand President, Maxine led the sorority through many challenges and celebrations. She presided at the Centennial Convention in 1951 and the 125th anniversary festivities held at the 1976 Leadership Conference. She worked toward establishing a permanent Central Office and saw that dream realized when she dedicated Memorial Headquarters in 1955.

She led during the turbulent '60s and '70s when anti-Greek sentiment ran high. When the existence of fraternities and sororities,

as single-sex organizations, was threatened, she was appointed to NPC's Title IX Committee and worked with her dear friend, NPC Delegate Virginia Friese Jacobsen, to block the move.

Seventy-five collegiate chapters were added to the chapter roll during her years in office. When she retired from council, the sorority named her Grand President Emeritus and thanked her for her service with an extended vacation to Europe where she once again enjoyed her beloved "hot scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam."

Maxine's involvement was not done. She authored *Loyally III*, which was published in 1985. At the 1999 Convention, which would be her last, the name of the highest award a chapter can receive was renamed the Maxine Blake Golden Lion Hall of Fame Award.

She passed away June 14, 2004 and is buried in Bakersfield, California.

## Presidents

### *Virginia Rosenberg Stafford*

1977 ~ 1983

Virginia Frances Rosenberg was born February 21, 1927 in Burlington, Iowa, to Niels Alfred Rosenberg and Florence Cecelia Johansen Rosenberg. When Ginny was six her mother became seriously ill and Ginny went to live with her mother's sister and her husband, Marie Johansen and Paul Freeman Chant. It was in their home in Burlington that Ginny grew up.

"Burlington is an old town on the Mississippi River with 'the crookedest street in the country—Snake Alley.' In the summer, excursion boats including the Capitol, the J.S. and the President came to the dock for boarding. In the winter there was skating on Lake Starker," Ginny remembers.

"I took piano lessons, and vividly recall my last recital in a hot church basement when a fan blew away the music being used by my duet partner Sarah Ellen Stubbs, and me. That was the end of piano lessons."

An avid outdoors woman throughout her life, as a child she loved picnics in the park, swimming and attending Camp Eastman on the Mississippi. "One of Aunt Marie's friends was a director of Cheley Colorado Camps in Estes Park and helped me get a summer job there during high school."

Ginny and her high school friends worked together to open, The Spider Web, "one of the first, if not the first, youth



centers for high school students in the country."

Ginny was a member of the high school Debate Team and they won the state title both years she was on the team. The state individual speaker award was presented to Ginny, along with a scholarship to the University of Iowa.

During her freshmen year "there were few men on the wartime campus—we had leadership opportunities that were unique for women students, and formed close ties." Ginny and five of her dorm mates from Currier Hall have remained lifelong friends and continue to meet for summer weeks together for activities that vary from white water rafting on the Colorado River to taking High Tea at The Empress Hotel on British Columbia's Victoria Island.

Pledged as a sophomore during open rush, Ginny was initiated into

Alpha Beta chapter on March 23, 1946. She served the chapter as activities chairman and scholarship chairman.

She was continuing her summer work as a counselor at Cheley, and in 1946 attended convention for a day, performing the role of "Miss February" in her province's Stunt Night skit. "That convention changed my life," Ginny recalls. "I needed a ride back to camp and a young man who also was a counselor and knew some of my sisters offered to give me

a lift. His name was Bob Stafford.”

Ginny and Robert William Stafford were married on August 29, 1948. The couple made their home in Des Moines where Bob was in the insurance business and Ginny substitute taught English, speech and history until 1951 when the Iowa Air National Guard was called to active duty. A veteran of World War II, Bob was back in the service and they lived at five bases from Bangor, Maine to Alexandria, Louisiana between 1951 and 1954.

After his service, they returned to Iowa where they made their home in Ames with Bob serving as President of the First National Bank and now Ames National Corporation until his death in 2009. Together they raised their four children in the outdoor lifestyle they enjoyed. All their children, and their ten grandchildren have made several visits to Cheley camp, as campers, counselors or both. Bob and Ginny have been life-long hiking enthusiasts, as well as enjoying both cross-country and downhill skiing. Ginny has broken legs three times but still returns to the slopes as soon as they mend.

Traveling is another hobby they enjoyed. They have skied and hiked in Colorado and Europe. They made biennial trips for Bob's Air Force 94th Bomb Group reunions. They celebrated the millennium, in London with a Stanford University Travel/Study trip which continued around the world, ending in Hong Kong studying Dimensions of Time: A Global Celebration of People and Cultures, with stops in “many civilizations and countries, always with attention to time, and how it is perceived by many peoples, past and present.”

A Haviland collector, Ginny is a student of its production and distribution and has made many trips to France and other destinations with the Haviland Collectors Internationale Foundation.

The leadership roles Ginny has served in Alpha Delta Pi and her community could fill a book. She has organized and served as president of just about everything from the Ames Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Association to the Ames Foundation, which began as a goal of the Ames Bicentennial Committee which Ginny chaired.

Ginny also remains loyal to her alma mater, serving the University of Iowa as a member of the President's Club and currently is serving on the Dean of Liberal Arts Advisory Committee. She also has co-chaired two endowment campaigns and served as president of the Friends of the University Libraries.

As an international officer, she has served the sorority as a State Membership Chairman and chairman of both the Membership Selection and Pledge Education Committees. She was

Grand Secretary and Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters before becoming Grand President. She then served on the NPC delegation for many years, and was a member of the 150th Anniversary Committee.

Ginny continues her sports and goes to water aerobic classes on the Iowa State campus early most mornings when she is in town. She continues to play the piano “for my own enjoyment only.” There have been no more recitals in hot church basements for our devoted Ginny.



*Ginny, center, has been an outdoors woman her entire life. She and five friends from the University of Iowa often incorporate sports into their annual reunions as they did on a 1999 white water rafting trip down the Colorado River.*

## Presidents

### Jane Fiedler Madio

1983 ~ 1989

Jane Ellen Fiedler was born on Halloween Day in 1944. She was the youngest of three children born to Anna Belle Comp and Joseph John Fiedler. Jane grew up in her birthplace of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, "living in the same house until I married my husband, except for my time away at school."

As a child, Jane spent summers at Camp Nawakwa, a Lutheran Church Camp. She went first as a camper and later as a counselor. As a teenager, Jane's first job was as an admitting clerk in the emergency room of the local hospital. "It was in this position that I truly learned about life, and because of this I learned to value every day."

Jane had not reached her eighteenth birthday when she entered Susquehanna University and pledged Gamma Omicron chapter. She was initiated in May 1963.

While at Susquehanna, the five-foot one-inch tall Jane met Daniel James Madio, who towers over her at six foot three inches. They met "in town" and he needed a ride back to campus. Jane gave him a lift in her 1956 Nash Metropolitan. The two married while still in college on January 11, 1964.

"As married students, we were on a strict budget. We had it figured that a bag of groceries cost five dollars," Jane remembers. "While we were shopping we would estimate how many



bagsful we had in the cart, because we knew we couldn't afford more than four bags. We had twenty dollars a week for groceries." Their children, Daniel James, II, and Kathryn "Kathy" Anne came along soon.

After Dan graduated, they made their home in Harrisburg until 1969 when they moved to State College where Dan worked in food service sales, dealing primarily with Penn State University.

It was here that Jane's Alpha Delta Pi involvement really got rolling.

"We moved up into the mountains right after Thanksgiving," Jane remembers.

"It snowed there every day for six weeks. I hated State College. I hated the house. I hated winter. I hated everything."

Then one blustery day, Jane's winter issue of *The Adelphean*

arrived and it made her think of getting in touch with an alumnae association. She hooked up with the local group and she hasn't stopped since.

"They were my support group throughout that first winter," Jane says. "Then, when spring came, things didn't seem so bad anymore. Now, we wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

Jane was soon involved as a chapter advisor for Delta Kappa chapter at Penn State. She served as president of the Pennsylvania

State Alumnae Association from 1972 to 1974, at the same time as she was serving as national Pledge Education Chairman. She then served as a Province President for five years before being elected Grand Treasurer in 1979. She was elected Grand President in 1983.

Jane says one of her most treasured moments came when she conducted her first initiation as Grand President. Kathy was a pledge at Eta Beta chapter at Allegheny College and “begged” her mother to attend. Jane said she had a conflict and there was no way she could be there. All the while, Jane knew that she was scheduled to conduct the ceremony. Kathy had no idea until she heard her mother’s voice as the ceremony began. A small delay was experienced as Kathy burst into tears of joy.

During Jane’s first year as president, she instructed the Traveling Collegiate Secretaries to call her at home every Sunday evening. Dan usually answered the phone and he became well acquainted with the group. They nicknamed him “Grand Dan” and added the “Grand” to Jane, as well.

As a surprise to Jane, Dan arranged for the group to come to their home at the end of their travels. “We had a wonderful time,” Jane says. “They practiced their skit for conference on our deck and pretty soon all the neighbors were setting up lawn chairs to watch.”

Upon her retirement as Grand President, Jane agreed to serve as Grand Treasurer again for four years. Jane is the only sister to have served as president of the sorority and four of its related corporations, A.D.P. Purchasing, Gift Mart, National Housing Corporation and the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. She was Foundation president and chairman of the 150th Anniversary Committee. In addition to her responsibility for the overall celebration, she has provided invaluable support and assistance to the preparation and production of *Sisters*.

The busy Jane has enjoyed a successful career in commercial banking. “She started working as a teller just to have something

to do, and she worked her way up to one of the highest ranking women in the banking field,” says the proud Dan.

Her church and community service records also are impressive. Honors for her service include being named Woman of the Year by the Pennsylvania’s Business & Professional Women in 1984 and being honored by Pennsylvania’s Governor in 1998 as one of the “Best Fifty Women in Business” in the state.

The Madios’ hobbies include spending time with their three grandchildren as well as faithfully attending Penn State athletic events, especially football and basketball.

They also enjoy traveling, and have visited the great wine Chateaux of France on two occasions. Needless to say, they are connoisseurs and have an extensive private collection. They particularly enjoyed a six week tour of Australia and New Zealand in 1999 to celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Another memorable trip came in 1991 when Kathy graduated from medical school. As a graduation present, Jane and Dan presented Kathy and her husband, Fraser, with a trip to England and Ireland for the four of them. Shortly before they were to depart, Dan broke his hip and wrist when he slammed into a wall while playing racquetball.

The trip had been planned and Dan wasn’t going to change it. He saw the great castles and other sites from a wheelchair which the other three cheerfully maneuvered. The Madios’ days of counting bags of groceries were long gone, but their shared love for Alpha Delta Pi remains strong. That love was evident on April 9, 2011, when Jane attended the initiation of her granddaughter, Jessica, at Theta Delta chapter at Delaware. Kathy was there and more tears of joy were shed.



*Jane and Dan visit New Zealand during a 1999 trip to celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.*

## Presidents

### *Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy*

1989 ~ 1991

Margaret Anne MacDonald was born on December 13, 1942 in St. Joseph, Missouri. She was the only child of Margaret Seher and John Marion MacDonald. Her father's career in management with Swift & Company took the family to several locations during Margaret Anne's childhood.

She attended high school in Bay Village, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. "My experiences, friends and life in Bay Village had a profound effect upon my outlook on life as well as my standards and goals," she would later write. Margaret Anne was "challenged academically" and also had the opportunity to study piano at the Cleveland Institute of Music for five years with an outstanding French pianist, Jacqueline Marcault.

"She spoke French almost exclusively so I had an opportunity to speak French on a regular basis. I also was a member of the high school choir and two smaller groups that toured the Cleveland area."

After graduation, Margaret Anne attended Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. Margaret Anne's parents moved back to Missouri and it was on a trip home to visit them that she was introduced to Larry Bundy. After her sophomore year, she transferred to William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, to be closer to him. That decision dramatically changed her life for it was at William Jewell that she was first introduced to Alpha Delta Pi.

"I probably would not have had the chance to meet Alpha Delta Pi members, or ultimately join, had it not been for



Larry," Margaret Anne said.

Margaret Anne was initiated into Gamma Nu chapter in 1963 as a junior. She was immediately named Panhellenic Delegate, and the Panhellenic Council quickly elected her President.

After her graduation, Margaret Anne and Lawrence Bundy were married on June 27, 1964 with ten of her Alpha Delta Pi sisters in the wedding party. During their first year of marriage, they both taught in area high schools. Then, the couple moved to Lincoln where Larry was entering graduate school at the University of Nebraska. Margaret Anne accepted a position teaching French at the university, and authored six French curriculum courses during her service there.

The Bundys had Cornhusker football tickets and at the homecoming game, the queen was named. The announcer called the name of Pam Wragge, and proclaimed that she was an Alpha Delta Pi.

Margaret Anne remembers that after the game, she and Larry "followed the girls 'home.' I asked them if they needed any help and that's how I became pledge advisor." After two years in that role, she was named Alpha Epsilon's chapter advisor, a position she would fill until 1979.

It was while in Lincoln that Margaret Anne gave birth to the couple's two sons, Phillip "Blaine" in 1969 and Christopher "Blaire" in 1971. It was also in Lincoln that she met another young alumna who would become a life-long friend. Another



future Grand President Beth Gentry Mannle moved to town and the close friendship was born. Beth's oldest son was just three months older than Blaine. "They played together while Beth and I worked together," Margaret Anne remembers. "They went to nursery school together. I kept Jay at my house sometimes and other times Beth took Blaine."

While Margaret Anne was serving as chapter advisor, "Larry painted and built 'wishing wells' for rush parties and put up with numerous phone calls at dinnertime," Margaret Anne said. The phone calls would only increase when the couple moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1979 and Margaret Anne soon became a national officer.

She served as Province President from 1981 to 1985 at which time she was elected Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters. During the 1987-89 biennium, she served as Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance.

In 1989, Margaret Anne was elected Grand President. She accepted the role with a far-sighted vision for improving, and perhaps saving, the sorority world. Her life in academia kept her in tune with the thinking of university administrators. She knew that administrations felt that the steps Greeks were taking to address hazing and other abuses, diligent as they were, were simply failing to get the job done.

Her answer, her vision, was the Total Membership Education Program, which was implemented in all chapters in 1991. It eliminated pledgship, as it had been known, and raised academic standards. It provided a plan for increased relevant, educational programming. Once again, Alpha Delta Pi made history as, under Margaret Anne's watch, the sorority became the first to



*Margaret Anne is joined by good friends and sister Grand Presidents Ginny Stafford and Beth Mannle for a song at the 1999 Convention.*

institute such a program. The sorority world stood up and applauded, and then they sat down and started following suit.

After Margaret Anne left the presidency, she joined the NPC delegation and served in many leadership positions. She was a member of the 150th Anniversary Committee.

Cause-oriented, by her own admission, Margaret Anne continued to work for "those things that can make a difference in people's lives." She became a VISTA literacy volunteer when she left the presidency, working primarily with the large Hmong population in Wisconsin.

In 1996, that volunteer job led to a full-time position with the Wisconsin Technical College System where Margaret Anne assisted local literacy organizations and facilitated adult basic education classes. Her passion was working with Hmong women who she said, "have been left out" of the educational loop.

Another of her passions was spending time with her grandchildren. And, nothing aroused her emotions more than a Nebraska football game. Normally somewhat reserved, Margaret Anne took on a different persona during a close game.

Margaret Anne knew well that, as she said in her 1990 speech at Leadership Conference, "Alpha Delta Pi is more than lions on a sweatshirt." Later, she said that "somehow that thought stayed with me, and I wonder if it made anyone think as I hoped it would."

Margaret Anne, as your dear friend and sister Grand President Ginny Stafford might say, this is for the record, "You made us think."

Margaret Anne passed away on March 19, 2006, after a long battle with breast cancer.

## Presidents

### *Beth Gentry Mannle*

1991 ~ 1997

Harriet Elizabeth Gentry was born on March 28, 1943 in Nashville to John Kirkendoll and Harriet Paschal Gentry. Known always as "Beth," she was nearly four years older than her only sibling, Ruth.

The precocious Beth was a joiner and leader from early childhood. She started as a member of the Girl Scouts and Rainbow Girls and talked her way right onto the debate team and starring roles in high school plays.

She left home to attend the University of Chattanooga, which is now known as the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She was initiated into Beta Beta chapter in March 1962. While just a new member, Beth was reluctantly drawn into a role during Fire Prevention Week by "the Brown twins, Genevieve and Harriette," Beth remembers. They came to her dorm room and "Genevieve said, 'Now listen, Beth.' I soon learned that when Genevieve said, 'Now listen,' there was a project involved," Beth explains. The project was the campus Miss Flame contest and Beth was the only chapter member qualified to enter because she was the only sister with red hair, a pre-requisite for the competition.

Beth protested, but was told, the chapter would be there to help her and support her. "They did and they were," Beth remembers. "The night arrived and there I was in a dress from Mary Joyce, shoes from Carole, hair style compliments of Ann.



The 'pageant' was held in a school auditorium and when I heard the Master of Ceremonies call my name as the winner, I started my walk forward, and thirty sisters stood to their feet clapping and cheering as though I had just been named Miss America. I was dressed in borrowed clothes, but I felt like a Diamond Empress as I experienced the love and support of a group of people who believed in me simply because I had red hair. I never looked back. I was hooked, Alpha Delta Pi had just become my way of life."

While in college, Beth naturally served her chapter as Social Chairman, as well as Scholarship Chair. She was elected President of Panhellenic and named both outstanding Junior and Senior Woman on campus. And, she was eating up the stage in theatre productions. The

Mortar Board member was named Best Actress.

In the spring of 1965, Grand President Maxine Blake visited Beta Beta chapter. Beth and two of her best friends took her to breakfast on the day she departed. "That night I received a call from none other than Maxine Blake asking me to be a Page at convention in Miami Beach," Beth remembers. She accepted and while there picked up a coveted Dorothy Shaw Leadership Award. She also was given a life-changing proposition. Grand Council was looking for someone to work with Delta Sigma chapter at Ole Miss and they singled out Beth.

"They sent Executive Office Director Carol Dorton Asher to ask me to change my plans and go to graduate school there so I could work with the chapter. I did it in a heartbeat," she said.

While at Ole Miss, Beth met Henry Walter Mandle who also was a graduate student. She and Hank were married on June 10, 1967. Currently the director of the Criminal Justice Program at Tennessee Tech, his early work took them to Southeast Missouri State, Florida State and the University of Nebraska. There were Alpha Delta Pi chapters at every stop and Beth was spreading her wings as an advisor.

The couple have three children, John "Jay" Andrew, Patrick Henry and Sarah Elizabeth. In 1974, the family moved to Cookeville, Tennessee, where they would all become involved in the Children's Theatre with Beth serving as president and a member of the Board of Directors. She also served as president of the Tennessee Tech Faculty Wives Club and taught Sunday School at the First United Methodist Church.

In the meantime, she was earning a masters degree in educational psychology and currently serves as Tennessee Tech's Assistant Dean in the College of Education.

In 1978, Beth walked to the Leadership Conference podium as the new Chairman of Pledge Education. She took command with her stage skills, and her enthusiasm left the sisters impressed. Three years later, she was named a Province Director and in 1983 was elected to council as Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters. When the sorority was restructured in 1987, she became Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs. In 1991, she was elected Grand President.

Beth brought her warm personal style to the presidency,



*Beth's characteristic enthusiasm shows at the 1991 Convention.*

emphasizing training for officers that focused on personality types. She asked her good friend Former Grand President Jane Fiedler Madio to join her in presenting two in-depth officer workshops. Beth administered the Myers-Briggs test, and soon everyone was talking about what "type" they were. There was no question that Beth was the enthusiastic type that put sisterhood first.

In December 1992, Beth's oldest son was sent with his Marine Corps to Somalia where a conflict held the world spell-bound. Beth remembers the sisters' response as one of the most touching experiences of her life:

"Chloe Tonney, who was working at Executive Office at the time, asked me for his address. She sent out a memo asking people to write him. The response was overwhelming. He received hundreds of cards and letters, banners, composites, and packages from sisters all over the country and Canada. His comrades were all jealous."

By convention time that year, Jay was stationed safely at Camp Pendleton near San Diego. The entire family held a reunion during convention in Palm Desert and Jay charmed the crowd when he addressed a banquet thanking the sisters for their efforts.

Another touching moment came for Beth at the 1997 Convention, when she initiated her sister, Ruth. The planning and preparations had been handled by Grand Council who instructed Beth "just to sign the papers."

After serving as President, Beth was named NPC Delegate and served on the 150th Anniversary Committee. She currently serves as Ritual, Heritage and History Director Chair. She often takes to the stage and continues to receive standing ovations.

## Presidents

### *Chris Stecher Dickey*

1997 ~ 2003

Christine Ann Stecher was born on St. Patrick's Day in 1952 to Louis Roman and Charleen Viering Stecher. She has one brother, Mark, who is two and one-half years older. The family lived upstairs of their corner grocery store in Maplewood, Missouri. When she was two years old, they moved to Kirkwood, just outside St. Louis.

Chris went to first grade at a parochial school, but "it was not a good experience," and she entered public school the next year. "I was not a very good student until my third grade teacher, Selma Harris, told me she believed that I could do much better," Chris said. "She challenged me to move to a higher reading group and I was successful.

"It was also in third grade that I decided I wanted to go by the name 'Chris' rather than 'Christy.' I thought Chris sounded more grown up so I had my mother write a note to my teacher. When she read the note, Mrs. Harris pulled out my folder from her desk and together we changed my name," Chris said. "At the time it seemed like a big step in my life. It was probably the first big decision I made on my own."

When school was out, the family would take a three-week summer vacation every year. "My parents had not traveled before they were married so each trip was a new adventure," she said. "It was definitely a 'See the USA in a Chevrolet' attitude.

Chris says that as a child, she definitely was a tomboy. "We



would get the kids in the neighborhood together to play baseball and other games, ride bicycles or climb trees," she said. "I was always the girl that could throw the farthest in the softball throw."

Chris also started to work in the family business, Stecher Supermarkets, when she was five years old and was paid ten cents an hour. "When I was five, I would sort soda bottles and bag potatoes. By age seven, I was working with my Dad in the meat department. He would cut meat and I would wrap it and wait on the counter. At fourteen, I managed the front of the store, and I was making two dollars an hour."

The grocery business certainly put excitement in her life. Chris was robbed at gunpoint five times

between the ages of ten and twenty-two.

Chris attended Purdue where she was initiated into Gamma Epsilon chapter on September 29, 1971. She was appointed Assistant Pledge Trainer. "I had to resign because I didn't 'make grades.' This was devastating to me since I really wanted a leadership role. "I became very upset with Alpha Delta Pi. After being influenced by some very caring sisters, I realized that Alpha Delta Pi did not do this to me, but rather that I had not given my all to the sorority. I also realized that you don't have to be an officer to be a leader," she said. "So I worked hard on my scholastic standing and also got involved in every facet of the chapter."

Chris emerged as a leader and was elected chapter president. When she arrived at the 1973 Convention as the chapter delegate, she was told to go meet with Polly Robertson. "I was told to report to her because they thought I would be willing to sing in a skit with two other collegians. I was chosen for my willingness to be involved and not for my singing ability," she says. "It was a great experience and the beginning of a great friendship with Polly."

Chris' leadership was showing and she was selected to serve as a Traveling Collegiate Secretary for the 1974-1975 school year. After traveling, she returned to Kirkwood where General Foods hired her as the first woman sales representative in the division. She would, of course, be calling on grocery stores and making more than two dollars an hour.

About the first thing Chris did when she got back home was join the St. Louis Alumnae Association. They would elect her to serve in every office in the association.

"I believe that my involvement in my alumnae association has been the most satisfying aspect of all that I have done in Alpha Delta Pi. These women are my family."

In 1976, Chris was appointed State Membership Chairman. It was while serving in this role that she drove to West Palm Beach, Florida, to attend the 1977 Convention.

When Chris returned home, David Charles Dickey was standing in her driveway. The two had been dating for a year after being introduced on a blind date arranged by a Gamma Epsilon sister. Dave was there to ask Chris to become his wife. "I was so tired after convention and the long drive that I just started laughing and I couldn't stop," she said.

Chris and Dave were married on Tax Day, April 15, 1978. They haven't stopped laughing since. In fact, Dave Dickey may be the only person in the world with a more infectious laugh than Chris.

Dave constantly buys lions for Chris' collection that now contains more than 150 lions. "No matter where he is, he is looking for lion items," Chris said. The couple enjoys traveling, and has made many trips abroad. They also enjoy golfing together. And yes, Chris' wood covers are lion heads.

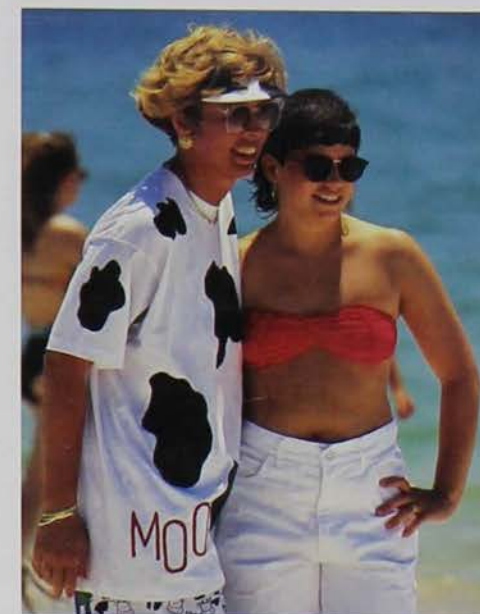
In 1984, Chris was appointed to the Pledge Education Committee, then in 1987 she was named Province Director. In typical-Chris fashion, she set out to make the serious assignment fun. Since she was assigned Mu province she adopted a "Moo" theme and cow spots started cropping up everywhere. While serving as Province Director, Chris colonized Eta Nu chapter at Saint Louis University.

In 1991, Chris was elected Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance, and then in 1997, Grand President. She would be the last Grand President as the title was changed to International President in 1999.

Chris and her council set out to develop the sorority's first-ever strategic plan. "We have made the strategic plan the driving force of everything we do," she said. "I am very proud of what we have accomplished."

Since her presidency, Chris has served on the NPC delegation and is an NPC Senior Release Figure Method specialist working with campuses to ensure maximum placement of women and level the playing field for all groups. She is a member of the Saint Louis University "Women in Leadership" speaking series and a Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

Chris' is always looking to the future. "My goal is to be a chapter advisor," she says. "I think that must be the most fulfilling volunteer position in this organization." Well Chris, when you're through serving as an international officer, I just bet that can be arranged.



*Chris, in one of her signature "moo" tee-shirts, gets the spirit rolling on the beach at the 1991 convention in Naples where she is first elected to Grand Council.*

## Presidents

### *Kathryn Peddy Goddard*

2003 ~ 2007

Kathryn Peddy was born in Amarillo, Texas, on August 10, 1942. She was the youngest of three children, and the only daughter, born to Aubrey and Elsie Mae Browder Peddy.

Kathryn grew up in the Texas Panhandle town of Gruver. "Population 813, but it grew to about 1000," Kathryn claims proudly. "We lived on the edge of town where we had 14 acres. We had horses and some cattle. We had a milk cow until my brother Byron and I became responsible for milking—our older brother, Don, was a really good 'milker,' but Byron and I weren't very committed so the cow dried up."

Luckily, Kathryn was more successful with other pursuits. "I went to school, grades 1 through 12 in one building." She was very active in that little school, playing basketball which was the only "girls sport" at that time. She was in lots of school activities. Playing in the school bands, she learned the clarinet, French horn, trombone and tuba.

"I also took piano lessons for years, but that talent skipped a generation—my mother was a great pianist and played for church. My daughter, Julie Anne, is a good pianist, but I am not."

Kathryn had a horse named Pistol and she and two friends were barrel racers in rodeos during high school. She was active in Girl Scouts and her church, attending camps with both groups.

Kathryn was 14-years old when her father died and after that she helped her brothers more with the farm chores. Her mother,



who had been a homemaker, took over her father's butane and gas dealership. "My mother was very independent and taught me to be independent."

After high school, she followed her "heroes," the Bort sisters from Gruver, to Southern Methodist University. "They are the reason I went to SMU and the reason I am an Alpha Delta Pi."

Kathryn served as Standards Chair and President. While Alpha Zeta President, her classmate Elisse Jones was Panhellenic President. The two started a life-long friendship that would later see Kathryn serving as International President and Elisse as NPC Delegate.

She and her fellow officers were to leave for a retreat on the day that President Kennedy was assassinated. "We had the retreat, but it was subdued and we spent time talking about the tragedy."

Intramurals were a big part of sorority activities at SMU, she recalls. "We had the best basketball team because we had several girls from the Panhandle who played basketball in high school. So, we always won." She served as President of the Intramural Association and worked to organize intramural sports.

Kathryn served two terms as a Traveling Collegiate Secretary, working closely with Grand President Maxine Blake and Grand Vice Presidents Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin and Joan Sutton Knox. All had a huge impact on her life, she says.

As a TCS, Kathryn also practiced another life-long habit—driving fast. "I visited Mississippi State many times when I trav-

eled. I always flew into Memphis, rented a car and drove to Mississippi State,” she explains. On one of these trips, she was caught in a speed trap in a small town.

“The highway patrolman made me follow him to a little wooden building to see the ‘judge’,” she recalls. “I had a Tennessee rental car, an Atlanta address, a Texas driver’s license and wrote a check on the Gruver State Bank. The judge looked over his glasses and said, ‘Little Lady, do you have any idea how much trouble you are going to be in if this check bounces?’ Needless to say, I was on the phone with my mother quickly so she could go to the bank on Monday morning to be sure there was enough money in my account.”

Kathryn moved to Lubbock to pursue a Master’s degree at Texas Tech after traveling. She served as a Residence Hall Advisor and as Assistant Dean of Women and Sorority Advisor. She founded a school for children with learning disabilities with Nita Baker Nunn Arwine, Delta—Texas.

While in Lubbock, she met David Jon Goddard, in a Sunday school class at the First United Methodist Church. “We had an ‘on and off’ dating relationship for five years,” she remembers. “In the course of that time, both of us apparently decided to change churches. During one of the ‘off’ periods we ran into each other at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, started dating again and got married on April 7, 1973.”

David and Kathryn moved to Friona, another small Panhandle town, in 1973 with a population of 3,389. They had two children, Jon Peddy and Julie Anne. Both followed their mother to SMU where Jon became a member of Kappa Alpha Order and Julie Anne joined Delta Delta Delta. Jon is parent to Kathryn’s three grandchildren, Charlotte, David and Suzanne.

David and Kathryn shared a love of music and the outdoors. “We sang in the choir together and attended symphony

performances. We loved the mountains and for twenty-two years, when our children were home, we spent a week to ten days at the same little cabin in Tres Ritos, New Mexico, near Taos.

“David was always very supportive of my work with the sorority and attended the convention in Houston for the final banquet. I would receive phone calls that were lengthy and involved ‘issues,’ and when I’d get off the phone, he would ask, ‘how do you put up with that stuff?’”

Kathryn has put up with the ‘stuff’ for many years. She has been a member of the Texas State Association since 1964. She was an advisor for Epsilon Epsilon at Texas Tech and on the House Corporation. She was a Province President before taking a break to raise her children. She then became a Province Director again and served as Leadership Director, Chair, before being elected International Vice President of Collegiate Membership in 2001 and International President in 2003.

In the first year of her presidency, David died unexpectedly on February 18, 2004. Kathryn says she was deeply touched when several Alpha Delta Pi sisters from across the country showed up for the funeral to support her and her family.

Elisse would later hear Jon tell her son, and Jon’s fraternity brother, Casey Freeman that “We didn’t know how to help my mother, but six ADPi’s swooped in and helped handle everything.”

While president, she became a Foundation Trustee, a role she continues today with her childhood hero and fellow Trustee, Peggy Bort Jones. After her presidency, she became National Panhellenic Conference Delegate. She will retire from that position in October, 2011, and she plans to “go fishin’.” We suspect there also will be frequent trips to Houston to see her grandchildren.



*Kathryn attends the 1966 Leadership Conference at Culver Military Academy as she finishes her second year as a TCS.*

## Presidents

### *Claire Brown Gwaltney*

2007 ~ 2011

Claire Brown was born to Clarence Myron Brown and Beth Martin Brown on November 30, 1948 in Dothan, Alabama, the Peanut Capital of the World. She is four years older than her only sibling, Jane Brown Teel, who also would become a member of Beta Omega chapter at Auburn University.

Growing up in Dothan, Claire traveled with her family throughout the Southeast, as well as Washington, D.C. and a trip to Texas to watch Auburn play in the Bluebonnet Bowl. She was in the Thespian Society and had the lead in her senior play.

Her father owned Brown's Men Store and Claire worked there on Saturdays and during the holidays as a cashier and gift wrapper. Perhaps it was there that she picked up her knack for wrapping beautiful packages and adorning each with a hand-made bow.

Claire was active in the First Baptist Church. When she was 12 years old, she spent the night with her Sunday school class at the home of their teacher, Mavis Gwaltney. Mrs. Gwaltney's 16-year old son, Milton, left for the night because "the babies were coming."

When Claire was 16-years old, they would "officially" meet at church on a Sunday night when he sat behind her. They started dating and he told his mother that "the baby grew up."

Claire left for Auburn after high school graduation and joined Alpha Delta Pi. She was newsletter chair and skit day



chair and remembers "rush" as an especially favorite time.

She majored in speech-language pathology with a minor in history, graduating in just three years. She and Robert Milton Gwaltney were married the week of her graduation on June 13, 1970, in the church where they met.

They lived for six years in Albany, Georgia, where Claire was a Speech-Language Pathologist. They moved to Vestavia Hills, a section of Birmingham, in 1976. Their eldest son, Robert Milton Gwaltney, Jr., was a baby.

"I didn't have friends in Birmingham, but there was an Alpha Gamma Delta that I knew from Auburn that invited us to her Sunday school class. I sat next to a woman who asked me if I was in a sorority and we discovered that we were both ADPi's. She was an advisor for Kappa chapter at Samford and invited me to go to the chapter with her."

"There wasn't an advisor position open, but she introduced me to Velma, Sally and Carolyn, and they made me assistant social advisor." Those three women—Velma Neal Griffin, Sally Blackburn Dozier, both Kappas, and Carolyn Clay Biggin, Beta Omega—Auburn, would become life-long mentors and have an important impact on her life.

Sally made a remark to Claire during her early advisor days that would stick with Claire. "You know that I've always



loved colorful shoes,” Claire begins the story. “Well, one year for recruitment I had this new pair of ‘really cute’ pink Pappagallos sandals—I didn’t have as many pairs back then so my whole wardrobe for recruitment was pink. At the end of the week, Sally came up to me and said ‘you sure have looked cute this week, but you sure have looked like a Phi Mu’.”

Claire continued to serve as an advisor while she and Milton, a Phi Delta Theta, raised Robert and welcomed a second son, Philip Myron Gwaltney, on July 24, 1978. “Milton has always been very supportive of my work with ADPi,” Claire says. “He made props for recruitment when I was an advisor and installed and repaired computers.”

In 1993, the busy mother and advisor received her recertification in speech-language pathology from the University of Montevallo and returned to work part-time in the Hoover City schools. She was president of the PTA and served on the Vestavia Hills School Board.

All along, she continued as an advisor, serving for eighteen years, with the last ten as chapter advisor. Claire was named a Collegiate Province Director in 1995 and the District I Team Director in 2002. She was elected International Vice President of Collegiate Membership in 2003. She became International President in 2007.

When she was first installed to Grand Council, she wore the dress that she had worn at Philip’s wedding. “It was pink and when I stood up, I thought Sally is telling me from the grave that ‘I sure look cute, but I sure look like a Phi Mu’.”



*Claire and Milton, both Auburn graduates, attend the National Championship football game in 2011.*

As President, Claire has racked up about 300,000 air miles. The heavy travel schedule is due largely to the successful expansion activities which found her installing eleven new chapters. Claire’s biggest packing challenge is finding room in her suitcase for the colorful designer shoes that remain her signature. She sent Milton to the mail store with a box filled with

shoes to ship to convention in 2009.

Church remains important in Claire’s life. She has taught Sunday school for second graders for 25 years and served in many other ways. She is active in Garden Club and in countless other community organizations.

When Claire is not traveling for Alpha Delta Pi, she enjoys spending time with her family. Robert and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Cothran, and Philip and his wife, Caroline Driggers, all live near Claire and Milton. Robert and Elizabeth are parents to their two grandchildren, Graham and Bennett, ages 5 and almost 2. Both Robert and Elizabeth served as chapter presidents while at Auburn—Robert as a member of FarmHouse and Elizabeth as an Alpha Omicron Pi.

The family, along with Jane and her husband, Jerry Teel, are avid Auburn football fans. They tailgate together before home games and have season tickets together.

Claire and Milton, as well as Jane and Jerry and their Beta Omega daughter, Elizabeth, attended the National Championship Game in 2011 where Auburn won the national title. And, yes, Claire traveled to the game with a suitcase full of colorful shoes.

# Grand Conventions

## Timeless Traditions

*A*lpha Delta Pi conventions are the supreme governing body of the sorority. The nineteen year-old president of Alpha chapter at Wesleyan College, Elizabeth Moseley, called the first convention in 1906. The young Elizabeth had wisely

realized that it was impossible for the sisters at Wesleyan to continue to serve as the governing body. Collegians and alumnae gathered in Macon at the "palatial home" of Eula Felton Willingham to attend to business.

The second convention was held in 1907 in New Orleans where the delegates decided to convene every two years rather than annually. Those plans have been altered four times in history. During the Great Depression, the convention scheduled for 1933 was postponed until 1934. In 1938, the delegates voted to delay until 1941 so conventions would be held on odd-numbered years, putting the sisters on schedule to celebrate the Centennial Convention in 1951, the true 100th birthday of the sorority. World War II kept the sisters from meeting for five years. The last time the schedule was interrupted was between 1948 and 1951 when it was again delayed for a year in order to celebrate the sorority's centennial in the 100th year.



*1953 Convention delegates in Banff, Alberta*

Conventions are steeped in tradition. At the very first one, toasts were offered to fraternity life, the Adelpheans, alumnae, Alpha Delta Pi and "our future." For many years, it has been customary to toast the British monarch and the President of the United States. In 1965, engraved silver toasting cups were added for every chapter, Grand Council, and many other officers. They continue to travel to each convention to be raised by the delegates.

An invocation has opened every convention. Founder Mary Evans Glass offered the first one. The Fifteenth Psalm was read at the 1911 Convention on board the S.S. Trinity on the St. Lawrence River and again in Quebec City in 1959 when it became part of the traditional program.

Favors have always been given at conventions. They have changed

with the culture, ranging from hatpins, artificial posies and autograph books to tee shirts, paperweights and glass jewelry boxes. At the 150th Anniversary Convention, the sisters received matted prints of Wesleyan College.



*The sisters return to Banff in 1975 and replicate the photo of twenty-two years before.*



*Delegates at the 1946 Convention in Estes Park, Colorado*

Model initiations have been conducted since the second convention in 1907. Before the new member period was shortened, presidents of colonies that were established in the spring of a convention year, were often initiated at convention. In recent years, convention initiates have included descendants of founders, mothers of members and special friends. A ritual review workshop has followed the convention initiation for many years.

Stunt night was added in 1915 and, under various names, one "fun" night is still planned. Old Timers night was started in 1931. The traditional favor for this night is a fan, printed with a list of convention locations, by year. The "Convention Song" is traditionally sung, to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb," during the Old Timers dinner to determine who has attended the most conventions. Grand President Emeritus

Maxine Blake was the winner for many years. She attended her first convention as a collegian in 1925. In 1999, she had attended 33 and that would be her last. Former Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford has received the honor several times since.

Singing is a constant at conventions. In addition to sorority songs, delegates sometimes gather by states to perform their state songs. Many also bring items to represent their heritage, such as corn cobs for Iowa and maple leaves from Canada. In more recent years, each District has a unique identifier that they proudly wave.

The Creed of Alpha Delta Pi was first presented by Grand President Caralee Strock Stanard in her 1948 keynote address. It has been read at every convention since 1965. In 1979, the lovely account of the sorority's founding from *Loyally, Volume I*,



*More than five hundred alumnae and collegians attend the opening session at the 1995 Convention in Cincinnati.*

was read at the opening session and it has remained on the program ever since that time.

As Grand President in 1941, Caralee Strock Stanard instituted the Adelphean Processional that today still finds sisters marching into the opening session in white dresses and blue ribands bearing our motto, "We Live for Each Other." At the end of the open-

ing session, the delegates recess for a convention group photo.

Started at the Centennial Convention in 1951, a candlelight recessional where delegates rise at the final banquet to the chapter roll call, then sing Alpha Delta Pi songs, is the traditional convention closing. In 1979, candles were exchanged for pen-lights. The moving closing remains unchanged.



*Long-time Convention Manager Dorothy Lundgren Lee, left foreground, and 150th Anniversary Convention Program Chair Maryann Friend Gillespie sing the "Convention Song" and wave the Old-Timers fans at the 1997 Convention in Tucson while Marilyn Benson King serves as convention pianist.*



*Panhellenic flags at the 1989 Convention in St. Louis.*



*Admiring the chapter flags at the 2007 Convention are NPC delegation member, Jana Andriano Clayton, Zeta Pi—San Diego and Delta Gamma—Arizona, and a collegian.*

Panhellenic luncheons have long been a convention tradition. Members of other National Panhellenic Conference groups are invited to attend. Since 1987, the luncheon opens with a parade of flags bearing the Greek letters of all twenty-six groups.

In the 1960s, the Chapter Roll Call which is held at the opening session became the Diamond Roll Call when a large wooden diamond-shaped display was added. As each chapter's name was called, the president placed a wooden block, containing the

## GRAND CONVENTIONS

DATE	LOCATION	SITE
1906	MACON, GA	Home of Mrs. E.J. Willingham
1907	NEW ORLEANS, LA	St. Charles Hotel
1909	GEORGETOWN, TX	Southwestern University
1911	ATLANTA, GA	Piedmont Hotel
1913	CHICAGO, IL	Auditorium Hotel
1915	BERKELEY, CA	Hotel Oakland
1917	WAUPACA LAKES, WI	Grand View Hotel
1919	NATURAL BRIDGE, VA	Natural Bridge Hotel
1921	ESTES PARK, CO	The Hotel Stanley
1923	MARBLEHEAD, MA	Hotel Rock-Mere
1925	MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, WA	Paradise Inn
1927	Aboard S.S. CAPE TRINITY,	St. Lawrence River
1929	BLOWING ROCK, NC	Mayview Manor
1931	LAKE LOUISE, ALBERTA, CANADA	Chateau Lake Louise
1934	SWAMPSCOTT, MA	The New Ocean House
1936	MONTEREY PENINSULA, CA	Del Monte Hotel
1938	MONTEBELLO QUEBEC, CANADA	The Seignory Club
1941	HOT SPRINGS, VA	The Homestead
1946	ESTES PARK, CO	The Hotel Stanley
1948	SPRING LAKE, NJ	Essex and Sussex Hotel
1951	MACON, GA	Wesleyan College
1953	BANFF SPRINGS, ALBERTA, CANADA	Banff Springs Hotel
1955	PORTSMOUTH, NH	Wentworth-By-The-Sea
1957	NASSAU, GRAND BAHAMA ISLANDS	Emerald Beach Hotel
1959	QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC, CANADA	Chateau Frontenac

Greek-letter name of the chapter, in the diamond display. At the 150th Anniversary Convention in 2001, a Parade of Flags was introduced. Chapter presidents carry a flag bearing their chapter letters into the session after other delegates and visitors have processed into the meeting. Flags of dormant chapters are carried by other collegians or alumnae who often have a connection to the closed chapter or the state in which it was located. At the 2009 Convention, delegates held their flags to form a canopy and

DATE	LOCATION	SITE
1961	PASADENA, CA	The Huntington-Sheraton Hotel
1963	HOT SPRINGS, AR	The Arlington
1965	MIAMI BEACH, FL	The Doral Beach
1967	VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA	The Bayshore Inn
1969	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	Mountain Shadows
1971	FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA ISLANDS	The King's Inn Country Club
1973	ATLANTA, GA	The Stouffer's Inn
1975	BANFF SPRINGS, ALBERTA, CANADA	Banff Springs Hotel
1977	PALM BEACH, FL	The Breakers
1979	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	Radisson South Hotel
1981	NASHVILLE, TN	Opryland Hotel
1983	PALM BEACH, FL	The Breakers
1985	DALLAS, TX	Registry Hotel
1987	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	Registry Hotel
1989	ST. LOUIS, MO	Hyatt International Hotel
1991	NAPLES, FL	Registry Hotel
1993	PALM DESERT, CA	Marriott Desert Springs
1995	CINCINNATI, OH	Omni Netherlands Plaza
1997	TUCSON, AZ	Westin La Paloma
1999	NAPLES, FL	The Registry Resort
2001	ATLANTA, GA	The Marriott Marquis
2003	HOUSTON, TX	The Westin Galleria
2005	PHOENIX, AZ	Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort
2007	DANVERS, MA	Sheraton Ferncroft Resort
2009	ORLANDO, FL	Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld
2011	PHOENIX, AZ	Arizona Biltmore

all others processed under the canopy into the meeting room. Previously, council had marched into the room first, but this was also changed in 2009 and they now enter just before the flags.

The Golden Lion Hall of Fame was established in 1973. This award is the highest honor that a chapter can receive. The awards were established under the leadership of Grand President Maxine Blake. And as was typical of her presidency, they were introduced with grace and dignity, and a certain

amount of fan-fare when costumed trumpeters processed into the banquet hall to the delight of the Convention body. At the 1999 Convention, to honor Miss Blake on the occasion of her 75th year of membership, this award was renamed the Maxine Blake Golden Lion Hall of Fame Award. Presidents of chapters who have been named Golden Lion chapters in previous years carry a banner into the banquet hall before the awards presentation at the final banquet.



*Allison Mokry, Delta-Texas, and Penelope Tucker, Iota—Florida State, carry their Golden Lion banners at the 2003 Convention.*



*The presentation of the Maxine Blake Golden Lion Hall of Fame awards highlights the final banquet. (2005)*



# Grand Councils

At the first convention in 1906 a Supreme Executive Council was established and charged with serving as the governing body between conventions. Through the years, the name has changed, but the basic responsibility of this group has not. The first name change came at the 1911 Convention in Atlanta when the word "Supreme" was dropped and the group was known simply as Executive Council. Then in 1915 the name became the National Council and all Province Presidents were added to the Council. At that time an Executive Committee was created that included the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Inspector. This Executive Committee was created to handle many major decisions because the National Council was so large. However, it was not until 1923 that the Province Presidents were eliminated from Council. The offices included on the Executive Committee changed during its existence and those who served on the Executive Committee are marked with an asterisk in the following list. At the 1936 Convention, the name of the Council was changed to Grand Council as it remains today. From 1936 until 1999, the titles of Council members included the word Grand; however, in 1999, the Convention body voted to replace the word "Grand" with "International" in the office titles.

## 1906-1907 SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*President*, Elizabeth Moseley, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Secretary*, Theodosia Davis Warren, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Reporter*, Dorothy Blount Lamar, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Treasurer*, Emily Humber White, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Historian*, Fannie Prescott Ross, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Inspector*, Lillian Moore, Alpha—Wesleyan

## 1907-1909 SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*President*, Newel Mason, Alpha—Wesleyan  
 (resigned 1908)  
*Vice President*, Louise Culbertson, Epsilon—Sophie  
 Newcomb (Acting President 1908-1909)  
*Secretary*, Jewel Davis, Alpha—Wesleyan & Delta—Texas  
*Treasurer*, Wildie Hibbler, Eta—Alabama  
*Historian*, Eleanor Hunter, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Inspector*, Lillian Moore, Alpha—Wesleyan



## 1909-1911 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*President*, Elizabeth Moseley Coles, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Vice President*, Caro Twitty, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Secretary*, Gladys Snyder, Zeta—Southwestern  
*Treasurer*, Rosa Longmire Williams, Iota—Florida State  
 (resigned in 1910)  
 Jewel Davis Scarborough, Alpha—Wesleyan & Delta  
 Texas (appointed in 1910)  
*Historian*, Eleanor Hunter, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Inspector*, Lillian Moore, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Editor*, Gladys Tilley, Alpha—Wesleyan

## 1911-1913 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*President*, Elizabeth Moseley Coles, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Vice President*, Jewel Davis Scarborough, Alpha—  
 Wesleyan and Delta—Texas

*Elizabeth Moseley Coles would serve as the first and third National President. (c. 1906)*



*Secretary*, Caro Twitty Martin, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Treasurer*, Grace Troutman Wilson, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Historian*, Newel Mason, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Inspector*, Gladys Tilley, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Editor*, Dorothy Richardson, Alpha—Wesleyan

#### 1913-1915 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President*, Jewel Davis Scarborough, Alpha—Wesleyan  
and Delta—Texas  
*Vice President*, Gladys Tilley Chambers, Alpha—Wesleyan  
*Secretary-Treasurer*, Ethel Thayer, Rho—Boston  
*Inspector*, Abigail Davis, Zeta—Southwestern & Nu—Randolph-Macon  
*Editor*, Hope Hallet Lang, Sigma—Illinois

#### 1915-1917 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President\**, Jewel Davis Scarborough, Alpha—Wesleyan & Delta—Texas  
*Vice President\**, Frances Morehouse, Sigma—Illinois  
*Secretary*, Irene Patchett Smith, Psi—UC at Berkeley  
*Alumnae Secretary*, Abigail Davis, Zeta—Southwestern & Nu—  
Randolph-Macon (died 1916)  
Enid Saecker White, Theta—Lawrence (appointed 1916)  
*Treasurer\**, Ethel Thayer, Rho—Boston  
*Inspector\**, Alpha Penn, Nu—Randolph-Macon  
*Editor*, Hope Hallet Lang, Sigma—Illinois  
*Registrar*, Claudia Brahm, Delta—Texas  
*Province Presidents appointed in 1916*: Fannie Kilgo, Omicron—  
Duke; Vivian Mayfield, Delta—Texas; Ida Moody, Rho—Boston and  
Gladys Rush, Pi—Iowa State  
*\* Members of National Executive Committee*

#### 1917-1919 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President\**, Irene Patchett Smith, Psi—UC at Berkeley  
*Vice President\**, Alpha Penn, Nu—Randolph-Macon

*Secretary*, Augusta Bond Smith, Sigma—Illinois (resigned 1918)  
Verona Hull, Psi—UC at Berkeley (appointed in 1918)  
*Alumnae Secretary*, Georgia Humphrey, Theta—Lawrence  
*Treasurer\**, Ethel Thayer, Rho—Boston  
*Inspector\**, Paula Garrison, Zeta—Southwestern  
*Editor*, Anne Walker, Omega—Louisiana State (resigned in 1918)  
Jessica North (MacDonald), Theta—Lawrence (appointed in 1918)  
*Registrar*, Claudia Brahm, Delta—Texas  
*Province Presidents*: Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke; Mabelle Fuller,  
Delta—Texas; Ruth Shafer, Chi—Wittenberg; Barbara Schlafer  
Haugen, Theta—Lawrence and Olive Kuntz, Psi—UC at Berkeley  
*\* Members of National Executive Committee*

#### 1919-1921 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President\**, Irene Patchett Smith, Psi—UC at Berkeley  
*Vice President\**, Mabelle Fuller, Delta—Texas  
*Secretary*, Verona Hull, Psi—UC at Berkeley (resigned in 1921)  
Vecie May Tillotson, Alpha Alpha—Colorado (appointed in 1921)  
*Treasurer\**, Bessie Mary Dudley, Nu—Randolph-Macon  
*Inspector\**, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke  
*Editor*, Jessica North, Theta—Lawrence  
*Alumnae Secretary*, Alpha Penn, Nu—Randolph-Macon  
*Registrar*, Claudia Brahm Little, Delta—Texas (resigned in 1920)  
Emily Langham, Psi—UC at Berkeley (appointed in 1920)  
*Historian*, Rosa Longmire Williams, Iota—Florida State  
*Province Presidents*: Willie Igou, Iota—Florida State;  
Beta Louise Nixon, Tau—Kansas (resigned in 1920);  
Virginia Boellner, Sigma—Illinois (appointed in 1920);  
Ruth Shafer, Chi—Wittenberg; Barbara Schlafer Haugen, Theta—  
Lawrence and Marion Underwood, Psi—UC at Berkeley  
*\* Members of National Executive Committee*

## Grand Councils

### 1921-1923 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President\**, Mabelle Fuller, Delta—Texas

*Vice President\**, Emily Langham, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*Secretary*, Marion Underwood, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*Treasurer\**, Bessie Mary Dudley, Nu—Randolph-Macon

*Inspector\**, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

*Editor\**, Jessica North MacDonald, Theta—Lawrence

*Business Manager of the Adelphean*,

Mary Kelly Shearer, Pi—Iowa State

*Registrar-Alumnae Secretary*,

Dorothy Shaw, Rho—Boston and Psi—UC at Berkeley

*Historian*, Rosa Longmire Williams, Iota—Florida State

*Province Presidents:*

Rosabelle Brown, Lambda—Brenau; Virginia Boellner Crandell,

Sigma—Illinois; Beatrice Hunter Cahill, Rho—Boston; Barbara

Schlafer Haugen, Theta—Lawrence and Gracie May McNeil,

Alpha Alpha—Colorado

\* *Members of National Executive Committee*

### 1923-1925 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President\**, Mabelle Fuller Sperry, Delta—Texas

*Vice President\**, Emily Langham, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*Secretary*, Marion Underwood, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*Treasurer\**, Bessie Mary Dudley, Nu—Randolph-Macon

*Inspector\**, Gracie May McNeil, Alpha Alpha—Colorado

*Editor\**, Jessica North MacDonald, Theta—Lawrence

*Business Manager\**, Mary Kelly Shearer, Pi—Iowa State

*NPC Delegate*, Irma Tappa, Omicron—Duke

\* *Members of National Executive Committee*



*Delegates to the Mt. Rainer, Washington, Convention elect the 1925-1927 leaders: (from left) Executive Secretary Mary Kelly Shearer, Vice President/Alumnae Secretary and NPC Delegate Irma Tapp, Historian-Registrar Dorothy Shaw, Editor Jessica North MacDonald and President Mabelle Fuller Sperry. Not pictured: Inspector Rosabelle Brown.*

### 1925-1927 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President*, Mabelle Fuller Sperry, Delta—Texas

*Vice President and Alumnae Secretary*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

*Executive Secretary*, Mary Kelly Shearer, Pi—Iowa State

*Inspector*, Rosabelle Brown, Lambda—Brenau

*Editor*, Jessica North MacDonald, Theta—Lawrence

*Historian-Registrar*,

Dorothy Shaw, Rho—Boston and Psi—UC at Berkeley

*NPC Delegate*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

### 1927-29 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

*Vice President*, Esther Cox Rider, Chi—Wittenberg

*Executive Secretary*, Mary Kelly Shearer, Pi—Iowa State

*Inspector*, Kathleen Sutton Rowe, Lambda—Brenau

*Editor*, Jessica North MacDonald, Theta—Lawrence

*NPC Delegate*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke



*The 1929-1931 National Council gathers upon arrival at the 1931 Convention at Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. From left: President and NPC Delegate Irma Tapp, Inspector Esther Cox Rider, Executive Secretary Mary Kelly Shearer, Former Council member and 1931 Convention Marshall Dorothy Shaw, Editor Jean James and Vice President Minnie Allen Hubbard.*

#### 1929-1931 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

*Vice President*, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Rho—Boston

*Executive Secretary*, Mary Kelly Shearer, Pi—Iowa State

*Editor*, Jean James, Alpha Xi—Ohio State

*Inspector*, Esther Cox Rider, Chi—Wittenberg

*NPC Delegate*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

#### 1931-1934 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President*, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Rho—Boston

*Vice President*, Evelyn Hix, Kappa—Samford

*Executive Secretary*, Mary Kelly Shearer, Pi—Iowa State

*Editor*, Jean James, Alpha Xi—Ohio State

*NPC Delegate*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

#### 1934-1936 NATIONAL COUNCIL

*President*, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Rho—Boston

*Vice President*, Evelyn Hix, Kappa—Samford

*Executive Secretary*, Eleanor Abrott Harris, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*Editor*, Jean James, Alpha Xi—Ohio State

*NPC Delegate*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

#### 1936-1938 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Rho—Boston

*Grand First Vice President*,

Olive Cameron Murch, Xi—Ohio (resigned in 1937)

Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington (appointed in 1937)

*Grand Second Vice President*, Evelyn Hix, Kappa—Samford

*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Eleanor Abrott Harris, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*NPC Delegate*, Irma Tapp, Omicron—Duke

#### 1938-1941 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri

*Grand First Vice President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington

*Grand Second Vice President*,

Dorothy Warthen Candler,

Lambda—Brenau

*Grand Secretary Treasurer*, Eleanor Abrott Harris, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*NPC Delegate*, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Rho—Boston

*Historian*, Evelyn Hix, Kappa—Samford



*Caralee Strock Stanard, who would later author The Creed, is elected to her second term as Grand President in 1941 at the Convention at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. Standing behind her are other members of Grand Council: (from left) Grand First Vice President Maxine Blake, NPC Delegate Minnie Allen Hubbard, Grand Secretary-Treasurer Eleanor Abrott Harris and Grand Second Vice President Virginia Bishop Browder. Not pictured: Historian Evelyn Hix.*

## Grand Councils

### 1941-1946 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri  
*Grand First Vice President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington  
*Grand Second Vice President*,  
 Virginia Bishop Browder, Kappa—Samford  
*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Eleanor Abrott Harris, Psi—UC at Berkeley  
*NPC Delegate*, Minnie Allen Hubbard, Rho—Boston  
*Historian*, Evelyn Hix, Kappa—Samford

### 1946-1948 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri  
*Grand First Vice President*, Janet Strong Shipman, Tau—Kansas  
*Grand Second Vice President*, Helen Newton Murray, Sigma—Illinois  
*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Eleanor Abrott Harris, Psi—UC at Berkeley  
*NPC Delegate*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington

### 1948-1951 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington  
*Grand First Vice President*, Lilita Wilson McCorkle, Alpha Zeta—SMU  
*Grand Second Vice President*, Helen Newton Murray, Sigma—Illinois  
*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Helen Glenn, Beta Sigma—Mercer  
*NPC Delegate*, Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri

### 1951-1953 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington  
*Grand First Vice President*, Lilita Wilson McCorkle, Alpha Zeta—SMU  
*Grand Second Vice President*, Ruth Pretty Palmer, Sigma—Illinois  
*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Helen Glenn, Beta Sigma—Mercer  
*Director of Chapter Finance and Housing*, Ettamae Branson Reed,  
 Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State  
*NPC Delegate*, Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha  
 Gamma—Missouri

### 1953-1955 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine  
 Blake, Alpha Theta—  
 Washington  
*Grand First Vice  
 President*, Lilita Wilson  
 McCorkle, Alpha  
 Zeta—SMU  
*Grand Second Vice  
 President*, Ruth Pretty  
 Palmer, Sigma—  
 Illinois  
*Grand Secretary-  
 Treasurer*, Helen Glenn,  
 Beta Sigma—Mercer  
*Director of Chapter  
 Finance and Housing*,  
 Ettamae Branson  
 Reed, Alpha Omicron—  
 Oklahoma State  
*NPC Delegate*, Caralee  
 Strock Stanard, Alpha  
 Gamma—Missouri

### 1955-1957 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington  
*Grand First Vice President*, Lilita Wilson McCorkle, Alpha Zeta—SMU  
*Grand Second Vice President*, Ruth Pretty Palmer, Sigma—Illinois  
*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Helen Glenn, Beta Sigma—Mercer  
*Director of Chapter Finance and Housing*,  
 Inez Backman Carr, Alpha Eta—Kansas State  
*NPC Delegate*, Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri



*The 1953-1955 Grand Council enjoys the popcorn and peanuts snack during stunt night at the 1955 Convention in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Standing, from left: Director of Chapter Finance and Housing Ettamae Branson Reed, NPC Delegate Caralee Strock Stanard and Grand First Vice President Lilita Wilson McCorkle. Seated: Grand Secretary-Treasurer Helen Glenn and Grand President Maxine Blake. Not pictured: Grand Second Vice President Ruth Pretty Palmer.*

## 1957-1959 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington

*Grand First Vice President*,

Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin

*Grand Second Vice President*,

Catherine Leslie Iten, Alpha Beta—Iowa (resigned in 1958)

Mary Currier Allen, Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville

(appointed in 1958)

*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Eunice Lewis, Delta—Texas

*Director of Chapter Finance and Housing*,

Inez Backman Carr, Alpha Eta—Kansas State

*NPC Delegate*, Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri

## 1959-1961 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington

*Grand First Vice President*,

Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin

*Grand Second Vice President*,

Mary Currier Allen, Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville

*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Virginia Neal Blue, Alpha Alpha—Colorado

*NPC Delegate*, Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri

*NPC Delegate*, Helen Glenn, Beta Sigma—Mercer

(appointed Winter 1959)

## 1961-1963 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Joan Sutton Knox, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,

Katherine "Kitty" Bolt Wilson, Alpha Kappa—UT at Knoxville

*Grand Secretary-Treasurer*, Virginia Neal Blue, Alpha Alpha—Colorado



Pasadena, California, hosted the 1961 Convention where the 1961-63 Grand Council takes office. From left: *Grand President Maxine Blake*, *Grand Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapters Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin and Joan Sutton Knox*, *Grand Vice President of Alumnae Katherine "Kitty" Bolt Wilson*, *Grand Secretary-Treasurer Virginia Neal Blue* and *NPC Delegate Helen Glenn*.

*NPC Delegate*, Helen Glenn, Beta Sigma—Mercer

*NPC Delegate*, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington

(appointed Winter 1961)

## 1963-1965 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Joan Sutton Knox, Psi—UC at Berkeley

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*, Fay Kennedy Cannon,

Zeta—Southwestern

*Grand Secretary*, Isabel Bandy Jochems, Tau—Kansas

*Grand Treasurer*, Betty Braun Pitzer, Chi—Wittenberg

*NPC Delegate*, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington

## Grand Councils



*Installed at Convention in Freeport, The Bahamas, the 1971-73 Grand Council includes: (from left) NPC Delegate Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Grand Secretary Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Grand Treasurer Betty Braun Pitzer, Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Lucille Barksdale Renner, Grand President Maxine Blake, Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin and Grand Vice President of Alumnae Lois Poulson Staker.*

### 1965-1967 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters,*

*Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters,*

*Mary Currier Allen, Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville*

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*

*Lois Poulson Staker, Alpha Xi—Ohio State*

*Grand Secretary, Isabel Bandy Jochems, Tau—Kansas*

*Grand Treasurer, Betty Braun Pitzer, Chi—Wittenberg*

*NPC Delegate, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington*

### 1967-1969 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters,*

*Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters,*

*Mary Currier Allen, Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville*

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*

*Lois Poulson Staker, Alpha Xi—Ohio State*

*Grand Secretary, Isabel Bandy Jochems, Tau—Kansas*

*Grand Treasurer, Betty Braun Pitzer, Chi—Wittenberg*

*NPC Delegate, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington*

### 1969-1971 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters,*

*Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters,*

*Lucille Barksdale Renner, Alpha Zeta—SMU*

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*

*Lois Poulson Staker, Alpha Xi—Ohio State*

*Grand Secretary, Isabel Bandy Jochems, Tau—Kansas*

*Grand Treasurer, Betty Braun Pitzer, Chi—Wittenberg*

*NPC Delegate, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington*

### 1971-1973 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters,*

*Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters,*

*Lucille Barksdale Renner, Alpha Zeta—SMU*

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*

*Lois Poulson Staker, Alpha Xi—Ohio State*

*Grand Secretary, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Alpha Beta—Iowa*

*Grand Treasurer, Betty Braun Pitzer, Chi—Wittenberg*

*NPC Delegate, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington*

#### 1973-1975 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*, Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
Lucille Barksdale Renner, Alpha Zeta—SMU

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,  
Lois Poulson Staker, Alpha Xi—Ohio State

*Grand Secretary*, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Alpha Beta—Iowa

*Grand Treasurer*, Betty Braun Pitzer, Chi—Wittenberg

*NPC Delegate*, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington

#### 1975-1977 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Maxine Blake, Alpha Theta—Washington

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
Lucille Barksdale Renner, Alpha Zeta—SMU

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Alpha Beta—Iowa

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,  
Mary Bull Mason, Alpha Chi—UCLA

*Grand Secretary*, Helen Burkhart Prehn, Omega—LSU

*Grand Treasurer*, Betty Braun Pitzer, Chi—Wittenberg

*NPC Delegate*, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington

#### 1977-1979 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Alpha Beta—Iowa

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
Lucille Barksdale Renner, Alpha Zeta—SMU



*Retiring Grand President Maxine Blake, seated at left, is named Grand President Emeritus upon her retirement at the 1977 Convention in West Palm Beach. Incoming Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford also is seated and the other new 1977-79 Council members are standing: (from left) Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Mary Currier Allen, Grand Vice President of Alumnae Mary Bull Mason, Grand Secretary Helen Burkhart Prehn, Grand Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapters Lucille Barksdale Renner and Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, NPC Delegate Virginia Friese Jacobsen and Grand Treasurer Betty Braun Pitzer.*

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
Mary Currier Allen, Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,  
Mary Bull Mason, Alpha Chi—UCLA

*Grand Secretary*, Helen Burkhart Prehn, Omega—LSU

*Grand Treasurer*, Betty Braun Pitzer, Chi—Wittenberg

*NPC Delegate*, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington

## Grand Councils



*A surprise skit by the 1981-83 Grand Council was a hit at the 1983 Convention in West Palm Beach. From left: Grand Secretary Mary Lee Newton Baysinger, Grand Treasurer Jane Fiedler Madio, Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters Mary Currier Allen, NPC Delegate Vicki Mathews Lilly, Grand President Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Grand Vice President of Alumnae Joan Perry Boatright and Grand Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapters Joan Safarik LeBarron and Marilyn Mayer Long.*

### 1979-1981 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Alpha Beta—Iowa

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Mary Esther Hedley Van Akin, Alpha Mu—Wisconsin

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Mary Currier Allen, Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Janet Landers Morelock, Beta Omega—Auburn

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,

Joan Perry Boatright, Alpha Beta—Iowa

*Grand Secretary*, Mary Lee Newton Baysinger, Alpha Eta—Kansas State

*Grand Treasurer*, Jane Fiedler Madio, Gamma Omicron—Susquehanna

*NPC Delegate*, Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington

### 1981-1983 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Alpha Beta—Iowa

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Mary Currier Allen, Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Joan Safarik LeBarron, Alpha Lambda—Oregon

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Marilyn Mayer Long, Epsilon—Sophie Newcomb

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,

Joan Perry Boatright, Alpha Beta—Iowa

*Grand Secretary*, Mary Lee Newton Baysinger, Alpha Eta—Kansas State

*Grand Treasurer*, Jane Fiedler Madio, Gamma Omicron—Susquehanna

*NPC Delegate*,

Virginia Friese Jacobsen, Alpha Theta—Washington

(resigned in 1981)

Vicki Mathews Lilly, Tau—Kansas (appointed in 1981)

### 1983-1985 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Jane Fiedler Madio, Gamma Omicron—Susquehanna

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Joan Safarik LeBarron, Alpha Lambda—Oregon

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Marilyn Mayer Long, Epsilon—Sophie Newcomb

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,

Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT, Chattanooga

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,

Joan Perry Boatright, Alpha Beta—Iowa



*Grand Secretary*, Mary Lee Newton Baysinger, Alpha Eta—Kansas State  
*Grand Treasurer*, Ann Johnson Havenhill, Tau—Kansas  
*NPC Delegate*, Vicki Mathews Lilly, Tau—Kansas

#### 1985-1987 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Jane Fiedler Madio, Gamma Omicron—Susquehanna  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*, Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy, Gamma Nu—William Jewell  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
 Joan Safarik LeBarron, Alpha Lambda—Oregon  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapters*,  
 Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT at Chattanooga  
*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,  
 Betty Clapsaddle Riley, Gamma Kappa—West Virginia Wesleyan  
*Grand Secretary*, Sheila Kelly Cameron, Alpha Chi—UCLA  
*Grand Treasurer*, Ann Johnson Havenhill, Tau—Kansas  
*NPC Delegate*, Joni Knight Burke, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee

#### 1987-1989 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Jane Fiedler Madio, Gamma Omicron—Susquehanna  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance*,  
 Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy, Gamma Nu—William Jewell  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs*,  
 Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT, Chattanooga  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Development  
 and Expansion*, Maryann Friend Gillespie,  
 Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville  
*Grand Vice President of Alumnae*,  
 Betty Clapsaddle Riley, Gamma Kappa—West Virginia Wesleyan  
*Grand Secretary*, Joan Safarik LeBarron, Alpha Lambda—Oregon  
*Grand Treasurer*, Ann Johnson Havenhill, Tau—Kansas  
*NPC Delegate*, Joni Knight Burke,  
 Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee



*At the St. Louis Convention in 1989, the new Grand Council includes: (from left) Grand Vice President of Alumnae Betty Clapsaddle Riley, Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance Vicki Messmer Hye, Grand Secretary Joan Safarik LeBarron, Grand Treasurer Jane Fiedler Madio, Grand President Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy, NPC Delegate Joni Knight Burke, Grand Vice President of Chapter Programs Beth Gentry Mannle and Grand Vice President of Chapter Development and Expansion Maryann Friend Gillespie.*

#### 1989-1991 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President*, Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy, Gamma Nu—William Jewell  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance*, Vicki Messmer Hye, Alpha Eta—Kansas State  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs*, Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT, Chattanooga  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Development and Expansion*, Maryann Friend Gillespie, Alpha Kappa—UT, Knoxville

## Grand Councils



*Charles Essington Walton, IV, convention photographer since 1981, poses with the 1995-97 Grand Council at the Cincinnati Convention. From left: Grand Vice President of Alumnae Anne Veale Pogson, Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance Chris Stecher Dickey, Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs Sally Beggs Thomas, our beloved Charles, Grand President Beth Gentry Mannle, Grand Secretary Pam Zimmerman, Grand Treasurer Pat Johnson Evans and NPC Delegate Joni Knight Burke.*

### *Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*

Betty Clapsaddle Riley, Gamma Kappa—West Virginia Wesleyan  
*Grand Secretary,* Joan Safarik LeBarron, Alpha Lambda—Oregon  
*Grand Treasurer,* Jane Fiedler Madio, Gamma Omicron—Susquehanna  
*NPC Delegate,* Joni Knight Burke, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee

### 1991-1993 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President,* Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT, Chattanooga  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance,*  
 Chris Stecher Dickey, Gamma Epsilon—Purdue

### *Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs,*

Sally Beggs Thomas, Beta Sigma—Mercer  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter  
 Development and Expansion,* Lindy Lutz, Chi—Wittenberg  
*Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*  
 Anne Veale Pogson, Alpha Zeta—SMU  
*Grand Secretary,* Joan Safarik LeBarron, Alpha Lambda—Oregon  
*Grand Treasurer,* Jane Fiedler Madio, Gamma Omicron—Susquehanna  
*NPC Delegate,* Joni Knight Burke, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee

### 1993-1995 GRAND COUNCIL

#### *Grand President,*

Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT at Chattanooga  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance,*  
 Chris Stecher Dickey, Gamma Epsilon—Purdue  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs,*  
 Sally Beggs Thomas, Beta Sigma—Mercer  
*Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*  
 Anne Veale Pogson, Alpha Zeta—SMU  
*Grand Secretary,*  
 Pamela L. Zimmerman, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee  
*Grand Treasurer,*  
 Charlotte White Lamborn, Alpha Lambda—Oregon  
*NPC Delegate,*  
 Joni Knight Burke, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee

### 1995-1997 GRAND COUNCIL

#### *Grand President,*

Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT, Chattanooga  
*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance,*  
 Chris Stecher Dickey, Gamma Epsilon—Purdue

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs,*

Sally Beggs Thomas, Beta Sigma—Mercer

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*

Anne Veale Pogson, Alpha Zeta—SMU

*Grand Secretary,*

Pamela L. Zimmerman, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee

*Grand Treasurer,* Pat Johnson Evans, Beta Omega—Auburn

*NPC Delegate,* Joni Knight Burke, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee

1997-1999 GRAND COUNCIL

*Grand President,* Chris Stecher Dickey, Gamma Epsilon—Purdue

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Performance,*

Elisse Jones Freeman, Alpha Zeta—SMU

*Grand Vice President of Collegiate Chapter Programs,*

Charlotte A. Taylor, Delta Delta—Arkansas

*Grand Vice President of Alumnae,*

Leigh Dozier Taylor, Kappa—Samford

*Grand Secretary,*

Pamela L. Zimmerman, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee

*Grand Treasurer,* Pat Johnson Evans, Beta Omega—Auburn

*NPC Delegate,* Joni Knight Burke, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee

1999-2001 GRAND COUNCIL

*International President,* Chris Stecher Dickey,

Gamma Epsilon—Purdue

*International Vice President of Collegiate Membership,*

Elisse Jones Freeman, Alpha Zeta—SMU

*International Vice President of Collegiate Membership,*

Charlotte A. Taylor, Delta Delta—Arkansas

*International Vice President of Alumnae Membership,*

Lil McKinnon-Hicks, Delta Sigma—Ole Miss

*International Secretary,*

Tracy L. Garner, Zeta Omicron—Georgia Tech

*International Vice President of Finance,*

Pat Johnson Evans, Beta Omega—Auburn

*NPC Delegate,* Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT, Chattanooga



*The 1999-2001 Grand Council checks out the snack bar at the Clarion Meridian in Oklahoma City during the first Volunteer Leadership Seminar. From left: NPC Delegate Beth Gentry Mannle, International Vice President of Finance Pat Johnson Evans, International Vice Presidents of Collegiate Chapter Membership Charlotte A. Taylor and Elisse Jones Freeman, International President Chris Stecher Dickey, International Vice President of Alumnae Membership Lil McKinnon Hicks and International Secretary Tracy L. Garner.*

## Grand Councils



*Elected at the 150th Anniversary Convention, the 2001-2003 Grand Council includes International Vice President of Collegiate Membership Kathryn Peddy Goddard, International Secretary Linda Welch Ablard, NPC Delegate Elisse Jones Freeman, International President Chris Stecher Dickey, National Panbellenic Delegate Beth Gentry Mannle, International Vice President of Alumnae Membership Lil McKinnon Hicks and International Vice President of Finance Pat Johnson Evans.*

### 2001-2003 GRAND COUNCIL

*International President, Chris Stecher Dickey, Gamma Epsilon—Purdue  
International Vice President of Collegiate Membership, Elisse Jones Freeman, Alpha Zeta—SMU  
International Vice President of Collegiate Membership, Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Alpha Zeta—SMU*

*International Vice President of Alumnae Membership, Lil McKinnon-Hicks, Delta Sigma—Ole Miss (resigned 2002)  
International Vice President of Alumnae Membership, Kirstin L. Dolan, Eta Beta—Allegheny (2002-2003)  
International Vice President of Finance, Pat Johnson Evans, Beta Omega—Auburn  
International Secretary, Linda Welch Ablard, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State  
NPC Delegate, Beth Gentry Mannle, Beta Beta—UT, Chattanooga*

### 2003-2005 GRAND COUNCIL

*International President, Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Alpha Zeta—SMU  
International Vice President of Collegiate Membership, Claire Brown Gwaltney, Beta Omega—Auburn  
International Vice President of Collegiate Membership, Jennifer V. Davie, Gamma Eta—University of Memphis  
International Vice President of Alumnae Membership, Kirstin L. Dolan, Eta Beta—Allegheny  
International Secretary, Paula J. Kendrick, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State  
International Vice President of Finance, Renee Bailey Iacona, Delta Upsilon—UT, Martin  
NPC Delegate, Elisse Jones Freeman, Alpha Zeta—SMU*

### 2005-2007 GRAND COUNCIL

*International President, Kathryn Peddy Goddard, Alpha Zeta—SMU  
International Vice President of Collegiate Membership, Claire Brown Gwaltney, Beta Omega—Auburn  
International Vice President of Collegiate Membership, Anne B. Charnock, Alpha Upsilon—West Virginia  
International Vice President of Alumnae Membership, Lorraine Alderman Testa, Epsilon Rho—UNLV  
International Secretary, Paula J. Kendrick, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State  
International Vice President of Finance, Tammie S. Pinkston, Zeta Nu—Clemson and Gamma Phi—East Tennessee State*

*International Vice President*, Rosalyn Doze Williams, Alpha Alpha—  
Colorado

*Executive Director*, Linda Welch Ablard, Alpha Omicron—  
Oklahoma State

#### 2007–2009 GRAND COUNCIL

*International President*, Claire Brown Gwaltney, Beta Omega—  
Auburn

*International Vice President of Collegiate Membership*, Anne B.  
Charnock, Alpha Upsilon—West Virginia

*International Vice President of Collegiate Membership*, Susan Swicord  
Mathews, Epsilon Pi—Georgia Southern

*International Vice President of Alumnae Membership*, Lorraine  
Alderman Testa, Epsilon Rho—UNLV (Resigned 2008)

*International Vice President of Alumnae Membership*, Paula J.  
Kendrick, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State (2008-2009)

*International Secretary*, Sydnee D. Jack, Alpha Omicron—  
Oklahoma State

*International Vice President of Finance*, Tammie S. Pinkston,  
Zeta Nu—Clemson and Gamma Phi—East Tennessee

*International Vice President of Organizational Relations*, Rosalyn Doze  
Williams, Alpha Alpha—Colorado

*Executive Director*, Linda Welch Ablard, Alpha Omicron—  
Oklahoma State

#### 2009-2011 GRAND COUNCIL

*International President*, Claire Brown Gwaltney, Beta Omega—  
Auburn

*International Vice President of Collegiate Membership*, Anne B.  
Charnock, Alpha Upsilon—West Virginia

*International Vice President of Collegiate Membership*, Susan Swicord  
Mathews, Epsilon Pi—Georgia Southern

*International Vice President of Alumnae Membership*, Renee Bailey  
Iacona, Delta Upsilon—UT, Martin



*The 2009-2011 Grand Council includes: International Vice President of Organizational Relations Rosalyn Doze Williams, International Vice President of Finance Tammie S. Pinkston, International Vice President of Collegiate Membership Susan Swicord Mathews, International President Claire Brown Gwaltney, International Vice President of Collegiate Membership Anne B. Charnock, International Vice President of Alumnae Membership Renee Bailey Iacona, International Secretary Sydnee D. Jack and Executive Director Linda Welch Ablard.*

*International Secretary*, Sydnee D. Jack, Alpha Omicron—  
Oklahoma State

*International Vice President of Finance*, Tammie S. Pinkston,  
Zeta Nu—Clemson and Gamma Phi—East Tennessee State

*International Vice President of Organizational Relations*, Rosalyn Doze  
Williams, Alpha Alpha—Colorado

*Executive Director*, Linda Welch Ablard, Alpha Omicron—  
Oklahoma State

# Custodians Of The Words

Editors & Historians

Alpha Delta Pi's Archives are rich in the written word. We have minutes from the year of our founding, 1851. We have copies of The Adelphean Society's first publication, *The Chronicle*, which date from the 1850s. The earliest custodians of the words were the members of the Adelphean Society. For more than fifty years, these schoolgirls saved the records. Amazing sisters with incredible foresight.

When the young sisters became a national organization, with the name Alpha Delta Phi, they soon elected national officers to serve on a Supreme Executive Council. The first board, elected in 1906, included six national officers and one was the Historian. She became the official keeper of the words. The Historian remained a council position until 1913 when it was removed for the

first time. Our records are unclear if anyone served as Historian between 1915 and 1917. But, in 1919, the delegates added the office to National Council once again. There is another gap between 1948 and 1951. If there was a Historian, we simply do not know who filled the post.

The sisters first published *The Adelphean* magazine in 1907. The editor was added to the Executive Council in 1909. Through the years, the Editors penned the words that document our history in precious detail. We have every issue of the magazine, bound together in priceless volumes.

In 1938, the word "Grand" was added to



Rosa Longmire Williams  
(c. 1910)

titles of the Historian and Editor. The Historian was serving on council at that time, but the editor's position had been removed in 1936. The Grand Historian was removed from council in 1946, but the word "Grand" was retained in both titles. In 1981, the convention delegates approved a motion, introduced by *Adelphean* Editor Linda Welch, to remove the word "Grand" from the editor's title. At the 1983 convention, the word was removed from the historian's title. The Grand Historian, Martha Emma Watson Anderson, was given a new title of Macon Heritage Chairman and she served in that capacity until her death in 1997.

There has been no official historian for nearly two decades. But, special assignments, such as Martha Emma's, have been made for specific

projects. Maxine Blake served in a special office while working on *Loyally III* until her death.

An Archivist has been on staff since 1983 when Jean Henninger Smith, Beta Iota—Queens, was hired. Karen Henzl Reece, Beta Sigma—Mercer, held the position from 1992 to 2008. Bonnie Neff Pennington, Xi—Ohio has served since early 2009.

This book simply could not exist if the sisters of the past had not been such diligent custodians of the words.



Mildred Othmer Peterson  
(c. 1919)



Virginia Lee Nelson  
(c. 1965)



Martha Emma Watson Anderson (c. 1994)



The Adelphbean Editors display the magazine at the 2000 Volunteer Leadership Seminar. From left: Alumnae Editor Jennifer McGhee Siler; Chapter Editor Susan Jervis Kennedy, Editor Linda Welch Ablard and Features Editor Ellen Long Liston.

### Historians

- 1906-1907 Fanny Prescott Ross, Alpha—Wesleyan  
 1907-1911 Eleanor Hunter, Alpha—Wesleyan  
 1911-1915 Newel Mason, Alpha—Wesleyan  
 1917-1918 Carolyn Tuggle Gall, Omicron—Duke  
 1918-1925 Rosa Longmire Williams, Iota—Florida State  
 1925-1927 Dorothy Shaw, Rho—Boston and Psi—UC at Berkeley (Historian-Registrar)  
 1927-1929 Jessica North MacDonald, Theta—Lawrence (Acting-historian while editor)  
 1927- Editor assumes duties of Historian  
 1938-1946 Evelyn Hix, Kappa—Samford  
 1946-1948 Helen Glenn, Beta Sigma—Mercer  
 1951-1957 Eunice Lewis, Delta—Texas  
 1957-1973 Virginia Lee Nelson, Alpha Beta—Iowa  
 1973-1983 Martha Emma Watson Anderson, Lambda—Brenau and Beta Nu—Georgia

### Adelphbean Editors

- 1907 Tatum Pope Happ, Alpha—Wesleyan  
 1908 Blanche Chapman, Alpha—Wesleyan  
 1908-1910 Odille King Dasher, Alpha—Wesleyan  
 1910-1911 Gladys Tilley Chambers, Alpha—Wesleyan  
 1911-1913 Dorothy Richardson Buell, Theta—Lawrence  
 1913-1917 Margaret "Hope" Hallet Lang, Sigma—Illinois  
 1917-1918 Anne Manon Walker, Omega—Louisiana State  
 1918-1928 Jessica North MacDonald, Theta—Lawrence

- 1929-1936 Jean James Demorest, Alpha Xi—Ohio State  
 1936-1938 Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri  
 1938-1939 Mildred Othmer Peterson, Alpha Epsilon—Nebraska  
 1939-1943 Vivian Hannan Keltner, Alpha Gamma—Missouri  
 1943-1946 Betty McCarty Niccolls, Alpha Gamma—Missouri  
 1946-1953 Virginia Lee Nelson, Alpha Beta—Iowa  
 1953-1955 Martha Emma Watson Anderson, Lambda—Brenau and Beta Nu—Georgia  
 1955-1959 Jeanne Posillico Hansen, Beta Alpha—Indiana  
 1959-1962 Ferne Gater Bonomi, Alpha Beta—Iowa  
 1962-1980 Caralee Strock Stanard, Alpha Gamma—Missouri  
 1980-2001 Linda Welch Ablard, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State; Alumnae Editor Jennifer McGhee Siler, Epsilon Tau—Middle Tennessee State, 1983-; Chapter Editor Susan Jervis Kennedy, Pi—Iowa State, 1982-2002; Features Editor Ellen Long Liston, Alpha Kappa—UT at Knoxville, 1986-  
 2001- Jennifer McGhee Siler; Features Editor Ellen Long Liston; Alumnae Editor Susan Jervis Kennedy, 2009-; Ann Parker Davis, Epsilon Sigma—Maine, 2006-. Also serving during this time: Susan McDonald Schwieterman, Beta Psi—Kentucky, 2001-2004; Whitney Wheeler Pickering, Kappa—Samford, 2002-2006; Mimi Mackeebe Moran, Alpha Kappa—UT at Knoxville; 2004-2008 and Annie Durant, Alpha Omicron—Oklahoma State, 2008-2009

# Memorial Headquarters & Executive Office

Built in 1910 as the Clyde King family home, Alpha Delta Pi purchased the Georgian-style mansion in 1954 to be our permanent Memorial Headquarters. After remodeling, a dedication was held in 1955. Fifty years later, it was dedicated again, in 2005, after extensive renovations and the addition of the new Executive Office building which sits directly behind Memorial Headquarters.



*The 18th Century parlor leads to the formal dining room. Sorority and Greek events are often celebrated here.*

*An efficient Executive Office building is now tucked behind historic Memorial Headquarters in Atlanta's historic Druid Hills. (c. 2009)*



*The Maxine Blake Loggia connects the historic Memorial Headquarters to Executive Office.*



*The Founders' Gallery as it appeared before Elizabeth's portrait was commissioned.*





*A timeline of history and other priceless artifacts welcome visitors to the Women's Studies Room.*



*Light abounds in the Executive Director's office and throughout Executive Office.*



*The Rex Van Akin fountain in Hubbard Memorial Gardens is restored during the renovation. The gardens are named in memory of National President Minnie Allen Hubbard. The fountain is named in memory of the husband of beloved former Grand Vice President Mary Esther Van Akin.*



*Grand Council, and other officer groups, meet in the board room.*



*A photographic history entices guests to walk this Executive Office hallway.*

# THE STORY OF SISTERS

## Acknowledgements Written for *Sisters* in 2001

When Chairman Jane Fiedler Madio called the first 150th Anniversary Committee meeting in early 1990, the original members, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Dakota Ehman Sterling, Joan Sutton Knox and Emily Lusby Mackebbee, set goals. One of those was to produce a new history book to be ready for the 150th Anniversary Convention.

In late 1992, Jane phoned and asked me to be the author. I told her "No." I told her that neither she nor I had any idea of what was involved in writing and producing a book of that magnitude. Never before had I ever said "No" to anything I had been asked to do for Alpha Delta Pi. I've never tried it again either because it didn't work.

Jane was sneaky about the way she roped me in. She asked me to come to the committee's January meeting to tell them what I did know about producing a book so they could start looking for someone else to write it. Unsuspectingly, I went to the meeting. Before it was over, I gave in.

I went home and started reading. I re-read Jessica North MacDonald's 1931 *History of Alpha Delta Pi*. Then, I dove into Virginia Lee Nelson's beautiful work in *Loyally*, Volumes I and II. In Jessica's book she wrote that her work "could never have been done without the accurate records of former Historians." Virginia added her thanks in her 1965 books. I thank them once again. Their work is invaluable.

And, I'd like to single out Grand Historian Martha Emma Watson Anderson who served for so many years and was always willing to meet me in Macon to help. She even rescued Photographer Charles Walton and me one day when our rented Lincoln, filled with Charles' equipment, decided to die in a most appropriate place, Rose Hill Cemetery.

In addition to the Historians, the Editors of *The Adelphean* gave us volumes of priceless information for this project. I thank them for meeting their deadlines for more than ninety years.

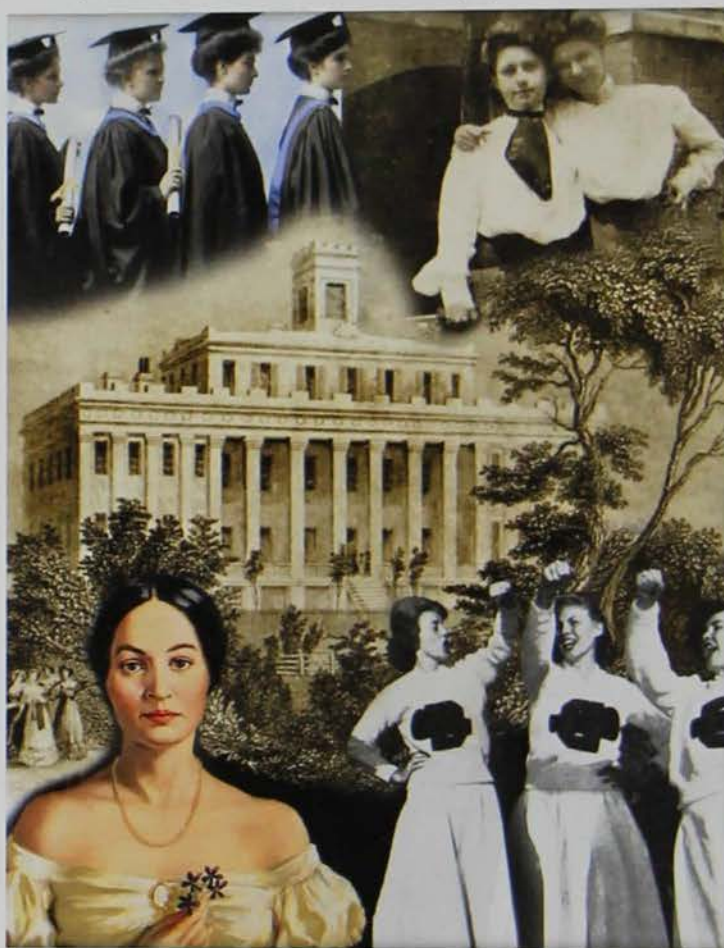
Several individual members contributed richly to our Archives. The papers of Elizabeth Moseley Coles and Jewel Davis

Scarborough provided hours of educational and entertaining reading. Elizabeth even saved a small hand-written note that you can read about on page 222. Jewel gave us a wealth of personal correspondence between herself and both Elizabeth and Newel Mason. She often wrote comments in the margins to ensure that her point wasn't lost. Reading her notes, I felt that Jewel was writing to me personally.

I will always treasure the day I spent in Abilene with her daughter-in-law, Mozelle, and her grandson Charles. Before a Dallas NPC meeting, I rented a car and pointed it west. Mozelle and Charles toured me through Jewel's home that is still filled with her antiques. They entertained me with Jewel stories. When I confessed to Charles that I admired Jewel because she appeared to me to be so strong, he turned and said with a proud grin, "She was stronger than dirt."

Mozelle and Charles accompanied me to Jewel's gravesite where I wanted to place flowers. The west Texas winds were so strong that I gave them to Mozelle instead. Later that day, Mozelle handed me some of Jewel's Alpha Delta Pi jewelry and other possessions that are now in our Archives.

Another unforgettable day came when my husband, Gary, drove at least two hundred extra miles so we could visit "Freddie," the daughter of National President Irene Patchett Smith. We picked Freddie up in Santa Rosa, California, and then drove up the mountains to the remote Annapolis where Irene



*The Archives in Memorial Headquarters in Atlanta are rich in documents, letters and historic photographs that have been lovingly preserved through the years by diligent sisters, historians and archivists who understand the importance of our rich heritage.*

spent her childhood. We saw the family home where Irene grew up. We looked at the barn that Irene helped build. We ate the picnic that Freddie had packed on the lawn of the one-room school that Irene had attended. After lunch, I wanted to place my ever-present flowers on Irene's grave. As Gary and I pondered how to get over the lovely, but gate-less and somewhat shaky looking, picket-fence that surrounds the family plot, the eighty-something year old Freddie lifted the flowers out of my hands and hopped over the fence. It was a magical day.

Meanwhile, I kept reading. In *Loyally, I*, Virginia Lee Nelson praised Jessica's earlier work by writing, "Until the work is attempted, no one has any conception of the work entailed in the production of a fraternity history." I read Virginia's warning, but it was too late. I was hooked. And, now it is my turn to thank Jessica and Virginia for their comprehensive work that made mine much easier. During the project, I called Virginia a few times for information. She knew what I needed. In addition to the facts, she always gave me an exhilarating dose of encouragement.

The 150th Anniversary Committee underwent changes in membership during my work on this book. Every single member always gave me support and encouragement. I list my fellow committee members here with my thanks: Jane Fiedler Madio, Joan Sutton Knox, Virginia Rosenberg Stafford, Dakota Ehman Sterling, Emily Lusby Mackebee, Maryann Friend Gillespie, Margaret Anne MacDonald Bundy and Beth Gentry Mannle. We grieved when Dakota passed away. We miss you, Dakota.

The Executive Office staff was always helpful during my annual research visit. Three directors were in the office while I worked on this book. Thank you, Charlotte, Lorie and Laurel. Office Manager Debbie Black always made sure I had sheets on a bed, food in the refrigerator and Diet Coke. Lots of Diet Coke!

The Archivists, first Jean Henninger Smith and then Karen Henzl for many years, have assisted in countless ways.



*Archivist Karen Henzl conducts research in the Archives Room. (c. 1999)*

Their knowledge, assistance and enthusiasm for the project is much appreciated. I wish Jean were alive to see the book.

Karen and I went together to the Southeastern Archives in Atlanta in our search for information on Founder Elizabeth Williams Mitchell. She taught me to roll the big wheel that maneuvers the microfiche readers. We didn't find Elizabeth, but we found Sophronia and learned that she had one child, a son who she named Eugenie, probably in honor of her sister Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald. It was a very good day.

Karen took time away from two family vacations to visit museums

and libraries to search for a photo and more information on Elizabeth. Even the series of professional researchers we hired "in search of Elizabeth," as we titled it in notices in *The Adelphean*, never turned up an image. But Karen found Elizabeth's grave in Georgetown, South Carolina, and a wealth of information, as well as other photos used in this book. She also solidified the "Founders Connection" as documented on page 28 by verifying Elizabeth's family's link to the families of the other Founders. Karen, thank you! We also want to thank Karen's husband, Mike Reece, and their small son, Spencer, for "going fishing" while Karen continued her fruitful search for Elizabeth.

Soon after Karen located Elizabeth's grave, Gary and I passed through South Carolina and we made just a small detour to visit a florist shop and then the gravesite. There was neither wind nor a picket fence. We left the flowers on behalf of all sisters. It was a poignant moment.

Data Base Coordinator Miriam Werner Witcher looked up every name listed in the index to check the spelling. She also provided the maiden names and chapters of affiliation for countless sisters. Miriam was a good detective when I would call and say, "I've got a Mrs. John Smith here. I wonder what *her* name is." There is only one mystery that we never solved. If anyone knows the first and/or maiden names, of Mrs. Irving Warmholts, Miriam and I

would like to hear from you.

After one 150th Committee meeting, Maryann Friend Gillespie and I drove to Athens, Georgia to visit Grace Wilson Waters, the great-granddaughter of Ella Pierce Turner. We both stood in awe as Mrs. Waters produced Ella's family Bible. My hands trembled as I read Ella's writing and copied the names of her twelve children, and their birth dates, onto my yellow legal pad.

Another sister, Wesleyan's Archivist Tena Roberts, deserves our gratitude as she provided facts when I was trying to sort out the history of our birthplace. She also made copies of many photos that we now have in our Archives.

My fellow *Adelpbean* Editors, Jennifer McGhee Siler, Susan Jervis Kennedy and Ellen Long Liston, all of whom have served with me for more than fifteen years, helped in countless ways.

Jennifer served on the team of reviewers along with Chris Stecher Dickey, Jane Fiedler Madio, Virginia "Ginny" Rosenberg Stafford, Maryann Friend Gillespie and Karen Henzl. The team was thorough and invaluable. I never knew how many opinions there are on the placement of commas.

Ginny and Jennifer worked with me to index the entire book. A boring job, but an invaluable one. Thank you, Ginny and Jennifer.

Ginny read copies of all the Grand Council minutes in our Archives. She highlighted the entries that she considered important and then typed up a year-by-year summary that she inserted before each year's minutes. They arrived at my house neatly labeled in three-ring binders that she had salvaged from old manuals. Incredible assistance!

In their books, Jessica North MacDonald and Virginia Lee Nelson stated that the chapter history sections were the most difficult. They were right, again. This book simply would not contain the chapter history section were it not for the work of Mimi Mackebbe Moran. We sent out requests for information to all the chapters and international officers. We were disappointed with the number of responses we received. But, we'd like to thank the many sisters who came through.

In the end, Mimi sat down to a bigger job than she expected. She started

researching every chapter and she wrote most of the histories herself. As we approached the deadline for chapter histories, she was assisted in the last thirty or so by Jennifer McGhee Siler and Mackenzie Blair, a Gamma Phi collegian from East Tennessee. Mimi also worked with Ginny and Jennifer to index the chapter history section. "Since I accepted this project, I have had three area codes and two children," Mimi said. We thank you, Mimi!

Jennifer and I, along with the other editors, Ellen and Susan, manned tables at the 2000 Volunteer Leadership Seminar to get more information. We gathered up the notes and I added them to Mimi's amazing work. I consulted Chris and Jane to come up with more names of the long-serving alumnae for each chapter. The omissions are not Mimi's, they are mine.

Somewhere in this adventure, I realized that we had only a fraction of the photographs that had appeared in our publications over the years. Again, Virginia Lee Nelson had warned of this in *Loyally I*, saying that many photographs had been thrown away prior to 1965. Unfortunately, even more were lost between that time and 1980 when a solid system was put in place. We needed the old photos that we once had, but the funds to have copies made were not in the book budget.

I called Jane and President Chris Stecher Dickey on a Sunday afternoon and told them of the problem. They both told me to keep writing and that we would "figure it out". Modern technology and Lee Mabrito, our long-time friend and printer liason came to our rescue. He scanned the old photos from *The Adelpbean* for our Archives and this book. Many of the images were "cropped" closer than we would have liked when they were originally published. We worked with what we had.

My thanks to Jane and Chris for all their support of all the sisters.

We have worked with Lee Mabrito on *The Adelpbean* for many years. It's been a distinct pleasure to work with Lee and he went many extra miles for this book, too. Alpha Delta Pi is more than a client to Lee, and I thank him on behalf of the Sisters.

Charles Walton. Oh, the things I could tell you about Charles. My old friend has



Author Linda Welch Ablard and Freddie Smith, daughter of National President Irene Patchett Smith, visit Irene's birthplace in 1998.

taken our convention and conference photos at nineteen meetings. This summer at the 150th Convention will make twenty. He's met me in Macon and Atlanta for countless sorority projects, including this book. He's never ever been paid a full fee. But, the sisters love you, Charles. When I arrive at the meetings ahead of Charles, I'm always asked one of two questions. It's either, "Is Charles coming," or from the sisters that understand he wouldn't miss it, "When's Charles getting here?"

Tom Ford has been art director for *The Adelphean* since I became editor in 1980. I was a young foods editor at *Southern Living* magazine at the time. Tom was Art Director of the prestigious magazine. I walked into his office and asked if he could help me with my sorority's magazine. He said "Yes."

I can't begin to adequately thank Tom for his work on the magazine and this book. His dedication and attention to detail are unequalled. He worked with shorter deadlines than I promised and turned out a product that was better than I ever imagined. He and his wife, Tommie, were on a morning walk when Tom spotted the woodland violets that appear on the endsheets in this book. Tom went back home for his camera and the beautiful pages are the result. That's just one small example of Tom's extra efforts.

Tommie has worked with us for years on the magazine and the book. She types in corrections, faxes proofs and handles a million details. And, she is the best proofreader I have ever worked with. She can find an errant comma that was missed by me and the entire reviewing team.

Alpha Delta Pi is certainly important in Tom's life. Tommie and his oldest daughter, Jennifer, have become members since we started working together. We'll be watching for Lindsey, next year when she graduates from high school.

And, I want to thank my husband, Gary. You can read about our flat tire adventure on page 272. But, believe me, Gary has put up with a lot more than a flat tire so I could work on this book. Thank you, Gary, for everything.

Jane Madio, thank you for coercing me into this project. It was



*Grand Historian Virginia Lee Nelson arranges items in the Archives Room. (c. 1971)*

a gift that I almost didn't open.

But, mostly I'd like to thank the sisters. In every single period in our history, they surprised me. Their strength and determination inspired me. With the Founders and Presidents, in particular, I feel that I got to know each one. And, I found myself not wanting to move on to the next one because I didn't want to say goodbye to the one I just finished. But, I soon realized that I wasn't leaving anyone behind. I will carry them with me, always.

Truly, I had a wonderful time getting to know our sisters. I threw back my head and laughed out loud many times at the pure joy expressed in their words about the simplest things. I stood up and cheered when a battle was won. And, I wept on several occasions. It was an emotional ride, and I'm so thankful that I didn't miss it.

Whenever possible, I tried to let the sisters tell their own story, in their own words. They enriched my life. I hope their stories will do the same for you.

My sister, my friend, and our International President Chris Stecher Dickey told me I should leave a message for the sister that will write the next history volume. First, I would say, I hope it's done sooner rather than later. The sisters are moving too fast to wait too long.

As for a message, let me reprint from the *History of Kappa Kappa Gamma* as published in 2000. The book quotes May Whiting Westermann, who authored their history from 1870 to 1930. May said, "Buy the History. Read the History. Never write a History."

May, I wish I had known you because I understand your words and I confess that I have muttered them to myself many times during this project. But, now that *Sisters* is finished, I would offer these words:

If ever you are offered the opportunity to write a sorority history, seize it! If it is at all possible for you to do it, don't shy away. Grab it and Go. Your life will be enriched. I promise.

Loyally,  
Linda Welch Ablard

# The Story of *More Sisters* More Acknowledgements

This book started on a dare in the basement stairwell in Memorial Headquarters. That's the truth, but there is more to the story and I will get to it. But first, if you are reading this, but haven't read "The Story of Sisters," that starts on page 310, then I hope you will stop and read that before moving on with this one. I thanked a lot of sisters and friends there and I thank them all again.

Now, back to the "dare."

In a nutshell, *More Sisters*, is an update of *Sisters*, that was published for our 150th Anniversary in 2001. It has the following passage on page 27 about Founder Elizabeth Williams Mitchell.

*"We were unable to locate any living descendants or a photograph*

*of Elizabeth Williams Mitchell. However, the search for Elizabeth continues, and perhaps before the next volume of history is published, a photograph can be found."*

My one disappointment with *Sisters* was that we were unable to

find her picture. I could never let it go and I never gave up hope.

Karen Henzl Reece, who was Archivist at the time and until late 2008, and I both searched for years. That story is told on page 311.

After I became Executive Director, my desire to "find Elizabeth" only intensified. When we built the new Executive Office building and renovated Memorial Headquarters, we created the Founders'

Gallery. We hung portraits of the other five founders there and every time I walked by them I would think that we have to "find Elizabeth."

I kept asking and Karen kept searching, utilizing the ever-growing internet search options, but nothing revealed a living descendant. One day in the stairwell, I passed Karen and casually asked about the search again. Without thinking, really, I said, "If you can find a picture, I'll update *Sisters*."

Shortly after that impromptu conversation, Karen came to my office and said, "I really don't know what else to do except start calling libraries in the area where she lived." I encouraged her to give that a shot, but I was almost out of hope.

Karen prepared the list of libraries and in 2008, picked up the phone and made her first call. Karen explained who she was searching for and the woman responded, "that would be my great grandmother."

The woman Karen was talking to was Jane McTeer Brown, the great granddaughter of Elizabeth. Family photos were obtained and Tom Ford worked with another artist to create a portrait that now hangs in the Founders' Gallery. Elizabeth has finally taken her proper place with the others.

Karen held up her end of the deal and now it was my turn.

I approached Tom, our long-time *Adelphbean* art director and the designer of *Sisters*, and he agreed to work his magic once again. I talked to Lee Mabrito, our long-time printer liaison, and he assured me that he had held on to the materials from *Sisters*, even though technology had changed.

We formulated a plan to update *Sisters* and add new material from the last 10 years. I took the whole scheme to Grand Council and they approved it in 2010. Thank you, sisters, for supporting this important project.

Now, it was time to get to work. I lined up a reviewing team that included the three presidents that served during the last 10



Linda and Bonnie Pennington check facts in the Jane Fiedler Madio Library in Memorial Headquarters.

years: Chris Stecher Dickey, Kathryn Peddy Goddard and Claire Brown Gwaltney. I signed up *Adelphbean* Editor Jennifer McGhee Siler and Archivist Bonnie Neff Pennington for their invaluable knowledge. EO managers and former Leadership Consultants Annie Durant and Tiffany Eisenbise, as well as former District Team Director Barbara Kinter Kunkel all offered to help and I took them up on their offers.

Barb emailed and offered to help with "anything else that I needed." It took me about 5 seconds to reply, asking her to take on the index. She agreed, but I'm not sure she knew what she was getting into. Barb is a recently retired General Motors librarian and had indexed other books. However, she had done them by computer. With its custom format, *More Sisters* would have to be done manually. Before it was over, she and her husband, Dennis, were working side by side on this big job. Thank you Barb and Denny. The sisters owe you big time!

Barb contributed in other ways. A history buff, she had authored "Pearls of History" for District Leadership Conferences for several years. She found new information and corrected some misinformation. She learned that Founder Eugenia Tucker Fitzgerald married in 1861, not 1853 as had always been published previously.

Bonnie, who had served with me as Associate Executive Director for four years before a former employer stole her away, "came home" to serve as our Archivist in early 2009 when Karen left to work at her son's school. Bonnie utilized the ever growing resources to discover some facts that we didn't know, including a son that was born to Founder Mary Evans Glass. She also learned that Mary's husband was killed at Gettysburg. Previously, we just knew he died in the Civil War.

On page 311 of this book, I wrote in 2001 that we never uncovered the first name of Mrs. Irving Warmholts who helped establish



*Charles Walton is more than a photographer to the sisters.*

Gamma Gamma at Florida Southern. For some reason, that always bothered me. Bonnie tracked her down and learned that her first name was Blanche and she was a member of the local that became Beta Eta at Michigan. Blanche was never listed in initiation records, as was sometimes the case when a local became an Alpha Delta Pi chapter.

Tom did indeed work his magic again and we have him to thank for the beauty of this book.

He cares about the sisters and didn't like to tell me if I needed to cut copy because he said "he liked reading about them all." Thank you, Tom.

His wife, Tommie, was invaluable once again. She remains the best proof reader I've ever worked with. This book would not be nearly as correct as it is without Tommie. I had the date of Margaret Anne Bundy's death listed as two different dates in the copy. Tommie caught that. And, lots more.

If you followed my advice and read "The Story of Sisters" before reading this, you know that I stated that they had an ADPi daughter, Jennifer. I also said that we'd be watching for their other daughter, Lindsey, when she went to college. We watched and I held my breath as she went through recruitment. Thankfully, she also became a Beta Omega at Auburn. We also had the privilege to work with her for a while at



*Tom and Tommie Ford work tirelessly from their Alabama home studio.*

Executive Office after college. I thank the entire Ford family for being wonderful and talented friends.

I want to thank all the sisters who have worked on *The Adelphean* in the last 10 years. They captured the history and I just



Printer liaison Lee Mabrito shows the 2003 Adelphean staff how things work at the plant. From left: Ellen Long Liston, Whitney Wheeler Pickering, Lee, Jennifer McGhee Siler and Susan McDonald Schwieterman.

retold it here. Jennifer, Ellen Long Liston and Susan Jervis Kennedy all have 20 to 30 years experience in capturing the sisters' adventures. Ann Parker Davis, who is now an editor, was Ritual, History & Heritage Director for many years and helped preserve the stories. Annie Durant, Mimi Mackebbee Moran, Whitney Wheeler Pickering and Susan McDonald Schwieterman all served with Jennifer as editors and we thank you all.

Our long-time photographer Charles Walton, IV, is much more than a photographer to us. Charles was a young food photographer and I was a young foods editor at *Southern Living* when I asked him to take our convention photos in 1981. We loaded my little red

Camaro down with his equipment and drove to Nashville. The sisters were hooked and so was he.

It took me a few years to realize just how much Charles truly cared about the sisters. He arrived at a convention and asked me where one of our older sisters was because he hadn't seen her yet. I told him that she had passed away. From the look on his face, I learned my lesson and I make sure he knows when a "beloved sister," passes. Thank you, Charles, for making us look good and being one of "us."

This job was bigger than I thought. The chapter history section was particularly time consuming as many housing situations had changed and there were lots of long-serving alumnae to add. I appealed to Grand Council and the District Team Directors for help in identifying them. Thank you all for sharing your knowledge. I apologize to those that I've left out.

I must thank my husband, Gary, again. The work on this book has consumed my evenings and weekends and he's given me nothing but support. Thank you, Gary.

And, as I said in "The Story of Sisters," on page 313, "mostly I'd like to thank the sisters." You made me laugh. You made me cry. I thank each sister for giving us Alpha Delta Pi and our rich heritage.

I know better than to say "never again," but truly, I hope the next time we write a history, that another sister gets the opportunity that I've now had twice. It truly is a gift and I'm still thankful that the sneaky Jane Madio tricked me into opening it the first time.

Linda

Loyally,  
Linda





# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

BY JANE FIEDLER MADIO

*150th Anniversary Committee Chairman*

*Written for Sisters in 2001*

Linda Kaye Welch was born October 20, 1953 to Ardella Ann Atwood and Aubrey Robert Welch, Jr. She joined an older sister, Shirley, and a brother, Robert. Three years later, the family welcomed Brenda and then Peggy. They grew up on the family farm and ranch in the Southwestern corner of Oklahoma.

Linda went through formal rush at Oklahoma State University in 1971 where she became an Alpha Omicron. Shirley had graduated that spring after having served as chapter president. Brenda and Peggy would also become Alpha Omicrons and Brenda would also serve as president when the chapter won the Golden Lion Award in 1977.

Linda served as chapter president and was named a Traveling Collegiate Secretary for the 1975-1976 school year with Chris Stecher serving as her Big Sister.

After her travels, Linda was immediately appointed to the national Membership Selection Committee. Professionally, she worked in the foods journalism field and became a foods editor at *Southern Living* magazine where she met Tom Ford, who designed this book, and Charles Walton who became our long-time Convention Photographer.

In 1980, Linda was playing golf outside Austin, Texas, at a *Southern Living* conference. "When I made the turn, there was a phone message on the clubhouse bulletin board. It read simply, 'Call Ginny Stafford.' I couldn't imagine what was that important."

Linda made the call "after finishing the round—first things first," she said. "Ginny asked me to serve as *Adelphean* Editor for an interim period until one could be hired to work at Executive Office." Linda agreed, but the Grand Council minutes, state that she "stressed that she expected her incumbency to be for two years only." Now twenty-one years and eighty-five issues later, Linda is retiring as edi-

tor after she finishes the 150th Anniversary Convention issue.

During her years as editor, Linda has lived in five states and Hong Kong. And, she spends her summers with husband Gary in Canada on one of Georgian Bay's thirty-thousand islands.

In the summer of 2000, Linda and Gary pulled one of their boats from Florida to Canada "primarily so I could take all my research material for the book," Linda said. "I had eight file boxes and two huge suitcases filled with books and files."

The Ablards, along with their dog, Boomer, were going through Rock Hill, South Carolina, when a tire blew on the boat trailer. "I remember sitting on the curb at the IHOP with Boomer waiting for someone to come fix the tire. All I could think about was how we'd ever get to Canada with all those books. When the man got there to fix the tire, he used his hydraulic jack to lift the boat and he said he had never seen a boat that weighed so much. Gary didn't mention the books, but I know what he was thinking," Linda said.

They made it, and with a lot of support from Gary she finished the book. Now, she says she hopes to spend more time playing golf. "And, tell Ginny not to call," she said.

Linda, sisters like you are priceless beyond words. Expect the phone to ring... it may not be Ginny, but we know your love for Alpha Delta Pi will not allow you to ignore the call.

Thank you for allowing me to "coerce" you into this project. Your love for and commitment to Alpha Delta Pi are so evident in every paragraph. You have brought our motto to life in a most compelling manner and we are grateful.

Linda became International Secretary in 2001 and Executive Director in 2003.



*Linda, Gary and Boomer on their island in Canada.*



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