



The Anchor

Alpha Chi Sorority Newsletter



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A Note from our Alumni President, Lyndie Aquila

Another year has come and gone but Alpha Chi is 93 and going strong! Every year I get to this time and I think of all the great times I had in college and I become really excited hearing about the marriages, babies, job promotions, marathon running and PhDs that are happening to all my sisters. I can't wait to see you all in October so we can share our stories in person. We will be keeping the cost low to encourage more alumnae to attend and enable the actives and pledges to eat with us also. You will see in **Kayla Mora's** article the actives had a busy spring semester. Congrats to **Sara Johnson**, our newest alumnae. We look forward to seeing you on October 8th. The meeting will start at 10. Doors will open at 9:30. Please RSVP and pay early so we can have our meeting and enjoy stories and lunch with fellow alumnae, actives and pledges.

The execs have been less busy this year than in years past but still productive. We took our Corinthian discussion to heart and made some changes I think you will be glad we did. We reinserted the Corinthians back in but with some modifications. Pledges will be assigned one to memorize and recite word for word in front of the active chapter and will have to explain in their own words the meaning and how it relates to AX. This seemed to let the pledges spend a great deal of time on the bylaws and Constitution but still understand the emotional ties we all have to the Corinthians also. This change went into effect this spring and worked out quite well. The execs were at the major events and even cooked the active chapter spaghetti dinner in February when we were there. As we were in the kitchen browning meat, cutting veggies and mincing garlic I thought we should make an AX cookbook. Please be sure to submit recipes to **Cyndi** so we can make this happen. Thank you to **Melissa Duque Murray, Heather L'amoreaux** and **Kiersti Matejka** for chaperoning our formals this past year. We greatly appreciate the help. We will most likely meet up in Chico sometime this summer and I will be at retreat in **Reno in August**. The group of actives we had this year has been outstanding and have produced two amazing pledge classes of women. We should have around 35 actives to start the fall semester.

The house was thoroughly cleaned in June in addition to new carpet in some rooms and some new windows in room 9. The house is old but in great shape but we will be replacing windows each summer with dual pane windows. As some of you recall not all of the windows upstairs close tightly which leads to excess spiders and loss of heating and cooling. Jim is also looking into a tank less hot water system. The house is not full to capacity (38) but all the rooms are full and the girls are thrilled to move in. New carpet was installed in the front room along with new curtains. Jim is also pricing out couches for the front room and a new mantle for the fireplace.

Thank you to the alumni execs: **Cyndi Denning, Kelley Valentine, Lisa Torney and Holly Trentlemen Silveira** for another productive year. Their diligence year after year makes my job so much easier. As usual, none of this would be possible without the active chapter adviser, **Jim Davis** who spends hundreds and hours year in and year out to keep the actives on track, work with the girls, remodel the house, build floats, keep the alumni exec board informed etc. Thank you Jim.

Please contact me at **csuc2000@yahoo.com** with questions, comments or concerns. Email me by October 1 if you would like to run for an office or want something added to the agenda.

..... *Alumni Weekend 2011*

It's hard to believe another year has gone by. I guess the saying is true, "Time flies when you're having fun!" Around the Alumni Association we have been busy having fun. I enjoyed many opportunities to work with the Active Chapter this year. I love seeing the spark in the eyes of the new girls and the growths and maturity that has developed in the girls who have been with us for years.

Alumni Weekend is another opportunity for actives and alums to come together and celebrate the years of incredible experiences we have all had with Alpha Chi. We have enjoyed holding the meeting at the AX House for the last two years and plan to continue this year.

Last year we enjoyed homemade food and received a great response. As a result we will do the same this year. We have had a number of sisters come forward to help with food prep and to donate money towards the cost. We hope that this will help to keep costs down for all members – active and alumni.

In order to make this all happen we need you to RSVP by the deadline. Last year I lost sleep the night before Alumni Weekend because people were calling all evening to RSVP and wanting to have food. I don't want the people who are cooking this year to deal with this stress. As with any catered event it is essential to know accurate numbers well in advance to prepare the correct amount of food.

I, along with all AX Alumni Exec members, hope that you will be able to join us again this October to celebrate the traditions and new experiences within our organization.

-Cyndi Denning, AX Alumni Vice President

Reserve Your Hotel Now...

There are several hotels in Chico to choose from for Alumni weekend. The hotel rooms will go fast due to Parent's Weekend. We have made the process a little easier for you this year. We have a block of rooms available at two different hotels. When making your reservation request a room under the block reserved for **Alpha Chi Alumni/Lyndie Aquila**.

Quality Inn (Formerly Thunderbird)
715 Main Street
Chico, CA
530-343-7911

Rate -\$94

Vagabond Inn
630 Main Street
Chico, CA 95928
530-895-1323

Rate -\$50

Calling all Cooks, Bakers and Tasty Food Makers!



Alpha Chi is making a cook book – From My Sisters’ Kitchens. We are looking for members to contribute recipes that you enjoy making. The cookbook will include drinks, breakfast/brunch, baked goods, salads and soups, side dishes, meaty main dishes and vegetarian meals, and of course dessert!

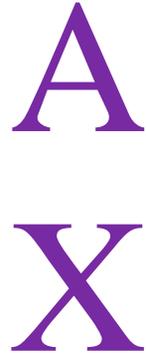
Please submit your recipes (as many as you would like) to:

Cyndi Denning
1980 Veronica Ct
Yuba City, CA 95993

Or by email to: cyndi_denning@yahoo.com

Submission deadline is September 1, 2011. I plan to have the cook book printed and ready for review at Alumni Weekend. At that time you can order a book and I will print them and mail directly to you. We hope that this cook book will also become a resource for the AX House Cook.

**If you know the nutritional value of the recipe, feel free to include it in your submission (Dietitians and health nuts—this is for you).



A Special Thank You.....

This year we want to recognize some outstanding members of Alpha Chi. Not only did they pay their dues they made an additional contribution to our sorority. When a member of Alpha Chi makes a donation their names appear on a plaque in the foyer of the house. Their names will remain on that plaque for one year. These donations allow the house to be updated and remain one of the most gorgeous homes among all sororities in Chico. The upkeep on the house allow the current girls to not only live safe and comfortably but it also adds to a successful rush for years to come.

Thank you again for your special contribution!



Platinum(\$250)

*Jim Davis
Catherine Reinmiller*

Gold(\$175)

Janice Conyers-Chambers

Silver (\$100)

*Debbie Jones Tarke
Jenny Davenport-Brooks
Julie Moreno-Laskin*

Bronze (\$50)

*Lisa Torney-Morrill
Lyndie Aquila
Stacy Lynn
Erin Coe
Jennifer Carter-Siddons*

Our Active Chapter Update.....

Hello AX Alumni!

Another great year has come and gone. This past semester we had 13 wonderful additions and 1 graduating senior. In the fall we celebrated our 92nd anniversary with a great alumni weekend. We hosted a Bunco night in the basement and all proceeds were donated to **The American Heart Association**. Bunco received a lot of positive responses from the alumni along with the active chapter. It was such a successful even we plan to host another Bunco night this upcoming alumni weekend.

We kicked off the spring semester with some really great sisterhood events like a murder mystery dinner. Our sisterhood chair, Miriam, went above and beyond by creating a night full of scandals and controversy. We turned the basement into **Casino Fatale** located in Paris where a scientist, who was receiving an award, was mysteriously murdered. Each character filled an important role that lead up to the discovery of the murderer. We spend nearly 3 hours investigating and interrogating each suspect before we were able to crack the case. The dinner was a blast! We all had so much fun we plan to do it again in the future.



In February we had a spaghetti dinner with the Alumni, **Lyndie Aquila, Kelley Rothrock-Valentine, and Cyndie Denning**. We had about 16 actives show up to the dinner. After dinner we sat in a circle and introduced ourselves and talked about our love for Alpha Chi and the memories we have created and cherish. The dinner was a really great opportunity for the actives to get to know some of the alumni and continue to close the gap between the two. I know the girls had a great time and it shed a new light on the importance on having a solid relationship so that we can continue to grow as a sorority.

In April we participated in NAKfest which is an annual carnival for children hosted by Nu Alpha Kappa. We set up a booth with games and popcorn. It was a hit to say the least, we had more than 15 girls participate and we had so much fun interacting with the kids. It also allowed us to get our name out into the community and develop stronger relationships with some of the other Greek organizations. We plan on participating in NAKfest next spring because it was such a blast!

Sara Johnson was our graduating senior this semester. She received her degree in Recreation. Sara pledged spring 2009 and held many positions in the Sorority. Her positions consisted of VP, President, Membership, and Pledge Caption. She plans to stay in Chico for another semester before moving and starting her career. Sara will be missed and we wish her the best of luck!

We have high hopes for next semesters and we look forward to some of the events we have planned! I look forward to seeing all of you at Alumni weekend!

.....Justice.....Loyalty.....Love.....Leadership.....

**A
Sister
Is a Gift
You Give
Yourself...**

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lease make sure that no matter if you're paying with a check or by PayPal you will still need to send in the form that clarifies what you're paying for.

All payments, if you're planning on attending Alumni Weekend, need to be in my hands by September 24th, 2011. That's 3 1/2 months to mail in your RSVP! In the past people have called/e-mailed/text messaged that they'll be attending-and it just gets too confusing. Please-get you're RSVP in the mail on time. We need a final head count for food by this time.

Please mail all checks to:

Lisa Torney Morrill

P.O. Box 682

Kentfield, CA 94014

If you want to pay with a credit or debit card please go to www.paypal.com and sign up for an account.

Message Board.....

K.I.T.

Keep in touch with your Alpha Chi Alumni! Send at anytime of the year to the Alumni Membership Chair a change in your database information: name (first, maiden, and married if applicable), pledge class, mailing address, phone (house & cell), and email address.

M.I.A.

As posted in the Yahoo Groups, this past spring save the date postcards were sent out for the meeting in October, and we received some back due to the post office being unable to forward. Also, the database is missing quite a few mailing addresses and other information Please check the file uploaded to the Alpha Chi Yahoo Group: AX Missing Info.doc post date of June 2, 2011 to see if your name is on the list (if you are reading this newsletter not in hard copy form).



Friendly Reminder: Information stored in the database is not given out, and it is there for the Executive Board to be able to communicate with everyone about Alpha Chi. You only need to send information that you feel comfortable in sharing. However, a lack of certain information will mean that our ability in ways to contact you will be limited.

For information changes send your contact information to Holly Trentleman-Silveira at salholly@yahoo.com and please put in the subject box AX database.

Alpha Chi Alumni Database Update Form 2011

We ask that everyone complete and return this form to insure that all of our alumni contact information is correct.

◇ Please check box if your contact information has changed.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Married Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Pledge Semester _____
 Contact Numbers _____
 Email Address _____

News to Share:

My Favorite AX Memory:

Outstanding Alumni Nomination:

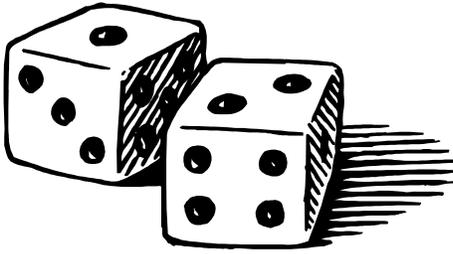
(Please nominate alumni who deserve this award during 2010-2011.)

Our meeting will begin at 10am (Doors open 9:30) on October 8th at the AX House lunch to follow

- ◇ Yes I will be attending
- ◇ My regrets, I will not be able to attend the alumni weekend.
- ◇ Please accept this donation to AX
- ◇ I will be paying by:
 - ◇ Check
 - ◇ Paypal
 - ***Sign up at paypal.com and make the payment to
ax_alumnitreasurer@yahoo.com
- ◇ Dues: \$30
- ◇ Lunch \$8

Total _____

Please respond no later than September 24, 2011
Lisa Torney-Morrill, Treasurer
P.O. Box 682
Kentfield, CA 94914



Lets Play Bunco!

Before we all hit the town on Saturday night please join us for a fun game of Bunco! Last year the Active Chapter along with the alumni raised \$200 for the sorority's philanthropy, The American Heart Association . All details will be posted on the Yahoo Group, Facebook and at the alumni meeting. Let the good times roll....

Alpha Chi
Sorority
Founded in
1918

What's New with Our Sisters.....



Melissa Duque Murray married the love of her life Benjamin Murray April 9, 2011 in Chico!

More engagements, weddings, and accomplishments.....

Gina McKeever-Spring 1999

I applied for a grant from my company and won!! Northwestern Mutual Financial Network donated \$50,000 to the Active 20-30 Club of Greater Sacramento #1032 and Sacramento # 1. We will use the money to benefit the special needs of children in the Sacramento community in several ways like: Back to School shopping sprees, a family picnic for kids with disabilities at FairyTale Town, a playground in Carmichael, and several local sustainable vegetable gardens on school campuses and community centers.

Also, this year I was named Woman of the Year by the Active 20-30 Club of Greater Sacramento #1032. This award is defined as: One of the highest awards bestowed upon a member, it is considered a "career" accomplishment and takes into account all of the member's activities throughout her active membership. I have been in the club for seven years, sat on the Board of Directors for three years, and plan to run for Vice President in 2012, and (if I win VP), run for President in 2013 in Chico.

Cyndi Denning-Fall 2000

Greg and I got engaged December 27th at the Palace of Fine Arts. We are getting married on May 5, 2012 in Chico.

Danielle Schmidt Cannarozzi –Fall 2001

I just got married!!

Sheila Crawford Spring 2004

earned her law degree from Santa Clara University

Rachel Rich-Spring 2000

I'm engaged to Chad Meyer and I also earned my PhD in Educational Administration!

Babies...Babies...and More Babies.....

Lindsay Thomas Dickerson-Fall 2001- Callie Grace on March 2

Ashley Johnson Wittwer-Spring 2004

Jenny Davenport Brooks Fall 1995

Becky Stout Marsolis (expecting a boy)

Brianna Bryant Brown Spring 2000

Heidi Matejka Tank Fall 2002(expecting a girl in August)

Erica Carone Blanke Fall 2001(expecting)

Joy Alkire Urtnowsky Fall 1999

Laura McClain Lukac

Katie Schneider Bennett Fall 2001

Alpha Chi Fun Snapshots.....



Stephanie Lehman, Erin Coe, Kayla Mora, Sabrina



Congratulations to our new Alpha Chi Sisters!!!