



The Anchor

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A Note from our Alumni President, Lyndie Aquila

Sisters-

Another school year has come and gone and I find myself counting down the days till October 12 when we will celebrate together 95 years of Alpha Chi. It seems like only yesterday I was a pledge even though it has been 16 years. I am excited to see all of you in October and reminisce about our great organization and make more lasting memories. Our agenda is light this year so we can celebrate our organization. I remember when we turned 80 and 85 and how much fun we had. We had serious business when we turned 90 and as a result of that we have worked really hard to tackle issues that affect our organization so we could break out the champagne and get the fuzzy feeling in October.

We have had two very successful rushes this past year and I am excited to report our AX house will be full next Fall. Specific details will be found in the year in review article by current active chapter president, Leo Hernandez. Leo and the VP, Kaitlyn Brown will be speaking to us at our meeting in October. We have recruited some great members many of whom are already in executive positions early on in their active chapter careers. We had very few pledge/house/active issues this year as a result of our recruitment. We are going to remodel the downstairs back bathroom on the left (it has two showers) change out some more windows upstairs and will need to fix a portion of the roof on the house next door due to some leakage. The actives who choose to work during the summer will tackle cleaning the house, carpets etc. We would love to do more remodeling but are in the process of saving as much money as we can in the house account. Jim and I have spoken several times regarding a plan for the house next door. It is our goal to have it completed by the Fall of 2018 which will coincide with our 100th anniversary.

We are all going to have to work together in order to accomplish this but I know we can do it! I have set a goal of saving a minimum of 3 thousand dollars per year for the next 5 years to help pay the mortgage for the year while we are redoing the house next door. This money is in addition to the money we use for expenses such as helping the actives with limos for rush, buying equipment, website cost, newsletter costs etc. Jennifer Miller Chavez has agreed to help with an auction at this year's event to help fundraise. Our donation plaques in the hallway of the house will help in addition to a plan to have bricks with donors names on the area between the house next door and the current AX house. We don't have all of the specifics yet but this is the main agenda item so please email me your ideas early so we can talk about implementation. I would like to learn about the ideas now so we can have a concrete plan in October. I can be reached at csuc2000@yahoo.com. Lisa Torney Morrill, our treasurer is working with Jim and I on the plan also. She can be reached at lp Morrill@sbcglobal.net.

I have been in Chico several times this year for functions and our new secretary Erin Coe has been helping with supervision duties in addition to sending out cards for marriages, births and deaths. Thank you Janelle for the idea. Chrissy Fullington Jordan has been keeping track of the database and completed all the labels for the save the date cards. Cyndi Denning Rachel's secret sisters program went off with a hitch and is in the middle of the third rotation already. We miss Kelley Rothrock Valentine but she is organizing the 95th anniversary celebration and cranked out the save the date cards.

President continued.....

Melissa Murray has chaperoned formal both times this year also. We greatly appreciate Melissa for all she does to help chaperone functions and for her connection to A and J Party center. She has donated all the chairs and tables for last year's celebration and this year's alumni weekend. A special thanks to Janelle Leon Weil for her help finding the caterer for the 95th. I heard the food is outstanding. Jim Davis is at his usual best with the active chapter. He never ceases to amaze me with the hours he puts in and the ideas he generates that more often than work really well. Thank you to all who help in any way you can. Don't forget to book your hotel room now and all dues paying alumni will receive the newsletter in the mail. In closing, I can't wait to see you all in October and thanks for another great year. It is great to lead a ship who makes it through any storm that comes its way.

Love in AX and mine,
Lyndie Aquila
Spring '97

Reserve Your Hotel Now...

There are several hotels in Chico to choose from for Alumni weekend. We didn't reserve any hotels this year however here is a list of the hotels we commonly stay at. Please book early rooms go rather fast due to many other events that take place in Chico.

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

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

Hotel Diamond
220 West 4th Street
Chico, CA
866-993-3100

..... *Alumni Weekend 2013*

Hello Sisters!

It's hard to believe that we are celebrating 95 years of tradition and sisterhood in a few short months. In order to make sure that our 95th Alumni Weekend is enjoyable and goes off without a hitch we want to remind you to please RSVP early. To encourage early RSVP this year, the price of the event is tiered based on when you pay.

Here is the breakdown:

Pay by August 15, 2013 - \$30.00

Pay by September 15, 2013 - \$35.00

Pay by October 1, 2013 - \$40.00

Pay at the door - \$45.00

****Please note that these prices are for the event, not including AX Alumni Dues****

The cost of the event is higher than years past as we are doing a bigger celebration for the 95th. This year we will have a catered lunch and we will be at The Methodist Church around the corner from the AX House. Kelley Rothrock-Valentine and the 95th Alumni Weekend Committee have some great things planned. I am looking forward to a great weekend with my sisters!

Our plan over the last few years has been to keep the cost low for the "off year" (91, 92, 93 etc.) and boost the big ones (95 and 100). We look forward to seeing everyone this year!

Plans are still being finalized for the events of the weekend but here are a few highlights:

Meeting at 10am

Lunch at 11:30

Time at the AX House after lunch – aka KOP (may include)

Vice President Continued...

Auction hosted by Jennifer Miller Chavez

Photo Booth – great chance to bring back your favorite AX look from years gone by

Evening Bar Crawl hosted by Joan and Kayla Mora

Specifics about each portion of the weekend will be announced through the Alumni Listserv (yahoo group) and the Alumni Facebook page.

Please make sure you are a part of one or both of these groups for up-to-date information.

Here is the menu:

Wraps

Variety of salads

Cake

Ice tea, water, coffee

Vegetarian wrap will be offered (please note this on your RSVP form)**

As has been tradition at the bigger events, we will be having a souvenir available. It must be preordered. We are offering laser etched picture frames made and will be including a group photo from the AX front porch from the day of the event. The frame will cost \$8.00.

We know that life can make getting to Chico hard at sometimes (weddings, babies, work) so we want to offer an option for those who are unable to make the trip. If you are not able to attend but would still like to order a picture frame there is a shipping option thanks to the USPS and their flat-rate boxes. Shipping will be \$6.00 and all frames will ship the week after Alumni Weekend.

We also want to celebrate and give thanks to those women who have paid dues faithfully over the years. We have names listed in the newsletter so check to see if you have made the list. Thank you ladies for paying dues regardless of your ability to attend the event. You really do keep our ship sailing!

Please contact me with any questions or comments about Alumni Weekend. I look forward to hearing from you!

Cyndi (Denning) Rachel – Fall '00, Alumni Vice President

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Our Active Chapter Update.....

Dear Alpha Chi Alumnae,

The 2012-2013 school year has brought our chapter many new sisters as well as memories. Starting with the fall semester, our rush has continually been successful. The chapter always gives it their all, but during rush there is always that extra mile or two we take as a chapter to only better ourselves. This year our continued progress has successfully paid off. We gained 14 new wonderful sisters who jumped right into the sisterhood. Then in the spring we opened our sisterhood up to 16 more women. Totaling our numbers in the 60s, making it the biggest the sorority has been in the last couple years or so. This is very motivating and exciting for not only the chapter itself, but for our sisterhood! All of our new sisters are women to admire and we only hope to gain more bonds within our sisterhood.

We have consistently participated in community events throughout the year and have gained a sense of fulfillment through these events. In the Fall the chapter has continued their support and admiration for our philanthropy, the American Heart Association. We have continued to take make the trip down to Sacramento annually for the Heartwalk, not only volunteering, but walking for the cause. Locally we have continued to look for events in which we give back to our community. The actives volunteered at the first Gnarly Neon 5k in Bidwell Park, through throwing paint at willing victims all in support for local charities. Along with the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, we donated our time to help our local Boys and Girls Club with their Halloween festivities. In the spring semester we volunteered in the Yellow Door Fun Run, helping build awareness of autism in our community.

Other events we participated in ranged anywhere from sisterhood events to sports. This past year our sisterhood chairs always kept the spirit of sisterhood burning strong throughout the chapter. Whether it was learning to Hula dance or get a scoop of ice cream we always looked forward to another sisterhood event. We participated in intramurals, having had a volleyball team and kickball team this past year. As always we continue to value our sisterhood and move forward.

Both Fall and Spring semester brought out the best of our chapter, but it could not had happened if it was not for the next the three ladies. As always we continue to recognize those sisters who go above and beyond for the best of the chapter. For Most Outstanding in Fall, Leonela Hernandez and in the Spring, Leilani Norton. For Most Inspirational the two sisters that have inspired the best out of us and are the ideal Alpha Chi girls are in the Fall Cassie Thomas and in the Spring, Leilani Norton. These women have contributed greatly to our chapter and are true examples of Alpha Chi ladies.

As the year wrapped up we had many graduating seniors. In the Fall we had Stephanie Lehman and in the Spring we had Caitlyn LaHaie, Jacqueline Domine, Danielle Alvernez, Mackenzie Brown, Monca Contreras, and Kayla Mora. Along with two early Alumni Lizz Langile and Anabel Perez. All of these women have been in one way or the other great assets to our sorority. Some are staying, others moving forward, but we are very proud to call them our sisters and to say that they are our new alumni.

The ship, known as Alpha Chi, has continued to sail on thanks to our wonderful alumni. We appreciate all the guidance and knowledge passed down to us from our alumni sisters. Where would we be without our Advisor Jim Davis? Thank you both to our Alumni Executive Board and Jim for always supporting the crew through the storms and the calm seas. This upcoming year is only going to continue to bring more progress to Alpha Chi. We are more than thrilled for new sisters, but not only for that. We are thrilled to keep the ship going strong and steady for years to come.

Love in AX and Mine,

Leonela Hernandez
Fall 2013 President

Katelyn Brown
Fall 2013 Vice-President

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

⁶From our Alumnae Treasurer.....

Alpha Chi, Alpha Chi, sails the sea of blue. Silver spray seems to say, we are members true...
Members true!

You're singing along now, huh?

And you're smiling because you're reading the Anchor, huh?

And you're a little giddy with excitement because you know that when the Anchor comes out, it means October is right around the corner and your annual visit to the AX house for our alumnae love fest is fast approaching! Yippee!

Quick! Book your rooms! Arrange your travel! Get it all together because you won't want to miss this year for sure!

"Why?" you ask. "What's so special about this year?"

Well, ALPHA CHI IS CELEBRATING 95 YEARS THAT'S WHAT!

95 YEARS!

WAHOO!

Our ship is still sailing in large part because of the diehard support from you, our alumnae! A few years ago we initiated (pun intended) a donation campaign and we now have a permanent plaque displayed in the AX house acknowledging our sisters who contribute above and beyond our annual dues. A HUGE thank you goes out to the following 2012 donors:

BRONZE (\$50 - \$99)	SILVER (\$100 - \$174)
Diana Bennett Kingsley	Brianna Bryant Brown
Ashley Casey	Elizabeth (Betsy) Duling Shreiber
Janelle Leon Weil	Melissa Duque Murray
Ellen Peace	Carrie Izant Steffes
Catherine Reinmiller	Debbie Jones Tarke
Janet Torres	Jennifer Miller Chavez
	Lisa Torney Morrill
	Cathy Wells
GOLD (\$175 - \$249)	PLATINUM (\$250+)
Lyndie Aquila	Jenny Davenport Brooks
	Jim Davis

I am happy to report that in 2012, 78 sisters paid their dues, and while that's up 16 from 2011, with a database sitting around 450 sisters, that's a pretty low number...I know we can do (again, intended) better than that!

And another big thank you goes out to the following sisters who have paid their dues every year for the past four years (just wait and see what happens when you hit five years in a row!):

Lyndie Aquila S97	Stacy Lynn S00
Joan Bottum Mora S81	Caroline McHugh Fields S84
Brianna Bryant Brown S00	Gina McKeever S99
Ashley Casey F03	Jennifer Miller Chavez S95
Jenny Davenport Brooks F95	Ellen Peace F82
Cynthia Denning F00	Debbie Phillips Garcia S72
Melissa Duque Murray F04	Crystal Roberts S00
Holly Dussell Feeney F73	Kelley Rothrock Valentine F82
Chrissy Fullington Jordan F00	Lashaun Schwenk Byer F86
Alicia Gonzales S05	Torrey Slater Karlin F68
Carol Jessen Sprecher F87	Lisa Torney Morrill F88
Debbie Jones Tarke F83	Jennifer von der Lieth F03
Heather L'Amoreaux S05	Sophie Whelan Kirk F83

As we've mentioned in recent years, our house next door is in need of repairs...a Capital Campaign may be in order, unless...unless, we can locate our long lost sisters and encourage them contribute their annual dues! \$30 sisters. Just \$30! Come on, just due (last one, I promise) it!

Paying your dues and making a donation is SO easy!
You may send a check, made payable to the "AX Alum Assn", or, you may remit via PayPal to AX_Alumnitreasurer@yahoo.com (remember, depending upon your method of PayPal payment, our account may be hit with additional fees, so please be sure to gross up your payment so that your \$30 dues are received by us in full). Or, if you're a last minute attendee to our annual meeting, you may pay your dues in person of course!

For those of you who come often, we look forward to seeing you again! And for those of you who haven't been back in a while (or ever, for that matter), whatcha waitin' for? An invitation? THIS is your invitation! We'd LOVE to see you! And we know that YOU would love to see us, our letters, and our big, beautiful yellow house!
...day by day, in every way, Alpha Chi sails on!

Lisa Torney Morill,
Alumnae Treasurer, F88

Are you moving?

Did you get *married*?

Did you get a new cell number?

Don't forget to keep your Alumni Membership Chair up to date with your contact information: name change (married), mailing address, phone number (house and cell) and email address.

Send an email to **ax_alumnimembership@yahoo.com** or private message me on *Facebook: Chrissy Jordan*.

We are always trying to expand our database and any help with finding our lost sisters is always a huge help!

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.

Chrissy Fullington-Jordan
Alumni Membership Chair

What's New With Our Sister's....

Cyndi Denning Rachel (F'00) is expecting her first child with husband Greg

Laura Stever (Sp'04) has nutrition and culinary business and is offering a discount to any AX that maybe interested. Send her an email at stever.laura@gmail.com.

Janelle Weil Leon (F'06) Well I ran my first 1/2 since my accident where they told me I wouldn't be able to again. I also am working towards my BCBA degree and martial arts instructor degree

Becca Vestal-Croft (Sp.'02) married a Chico fraternity ZBT member, Jason Croft, in August of 2012, since the wedding they have purchased their own home in Napa, CA

Crystal Bennett(Roberts) Married her love in December of 2012

Lori Stockman: has joined the team at Travelzoo and want to encourage all the AX girls to sign up for the newsletters, their local deals and "like" Travelzoo on Facebook.

Ashley Wittwer (Johnson)(Sp. 04):We welcomed our little bundle of joy, Aubrey, on April 17th, 2013 8 lbs. 7 oz. 21 inches long, now we are enjoying being a little family of four. Hopefully both Shelby and Aubrey will pledge AX someday.

Missa Ritch(F'06): got engaged February 12 2013 to Erik Griffiths

Alicia Kirchner(Estrada): Married long time love Marty On May 25th, 2013

Heidi Tank (Matejka): recently had her two child, Gunnar born in March

Lindsay Thomas Dickerson - recently had baby Luke, born Christmas morning

Amber Adge-Viduya - recently had, baby Brooklyn Grace, born in March

Michelle Choat Sanders - is due in November 2013

Anastasia Billings Fernandez - is due in early Fall

Holly Brown (S'04): Was recently accepted to Humboldt State University to get her Masters Degree in School Psychology, its an intensive three year program. When completed she hopes to be a school psychologist at a high school.

Congrats to New Alumni:

Caitlyn Lahaie, Mackenzie Brown, Jackie Domine, Kayla More, Danielle Alvernez, Anabel Perez and Lizz Langlie

