

The Anchor

2022 Ed.

Alpha Chi Alumni Newsletter

Hello Sisters!

Welcome back! Can you believe that this fall we are celebrating **104 years of sisterhood** through Alpha Chi? This year has zoomed by and I hope you have spent less time on Zoom than in the past couple of years.

As we head into the Fall semester, we will have 10 women living in the house (9 paying rent, 1 house mom). We will be looking for more women to move in this school year if the opportunity arises. With the current number in the house and the costs associated with the house, we are not breaking even each month. We need to look for opportunities for fund development to maintain the AX house and the property next door during times of low occupancy within the AX House. If you are in a position to provide additional financial support to the sorority it would be greatly appreciated.

With a small Active Chapter and a small number of women living in the house, we will need to be creative and flexible to grow our sorority and accomplish our goals as an organization. Collectively, we are a brilliant group of women. Make sure to mark your calendar for **October 15, 2022**, to be a part of moving the sorority forward and keeping our ship sailing.

The Exec Board will be attending the Active Chapter Retreat in August to learn more about the current challenges and how we can best support them in the Rush and Pledge Process. Over the past few years, it has become clear that the Greek Experience as well as the college experience as a whole is very different from the experience many of us remember from our time as Actives.

Thank you to all the **Exec Board** members for the countless hours of calls, meetings, and group texts to explore options. Thank you to **Jim** for being our eyes and ears locally, sharing updates and presenting ideas. Thank you to the **Active Chapter** for being flexible and creative, finding ways to host Rush Parties and regular semester activities including Sunday Night meetings and Sisterhood Events.

I am honored to serve as President and I am truly proud of the official work of our organization as well as the “work of life” you all have done to support each other as we navigate our lives. I love seeing the pictures of women connecting and reconnecting after years or even decades apart. The bonds developed through this organization are unique and long-lasting. Thank you all for being there for one another through the highs and lows of life. We have known that sisterhood was true all along and times like this strengthen that connection.

Love in AX,

Cynthia Rachel, Fall 2000
Alumni Chapter President
661-400-2019 cyndi.rachel@gmail.com

Alpha Chi Members Who Have Sailed On

Over the past few years we have unfortunately lost some Alpha Chi Sisters. Our hope is that they're sailing on in heaven and enjoying the good times once again. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones during their time of loss and grief. Their memory shall live forever in our hearts.

Sally Jeter Campbell who pledged in the late 1950's passed away on December 31st, 2018.

Tracy Wiseman who pledged in Fall 1984 passed away on March, 1st of 2019.

Kathy Hardin who pledged in Fall 1968 passed away in January of 2021 from a brave fight with cancer.

Laurel “Lori” Lusk Gary who pledged in Fall 1982 passed away in November of 2021 from a brave journey with cancer.

“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us.”
~ Helen Keller



Important Dates:

August- AX newsletter goes out
9/23/22 RSVP to Ashley Green
10/15 Attend Alumni Weekend!





Vice President's Message

Hello Sisters! Welcome to the post-pandemic world of 2022! Our annual AX Alumni Meeting is back to the 3rd Saturday of October. YAY!! Looking forward to seeing you October 15, 2022 at the house. Here's an overview of Alumni Weekend:

AX Alumni Weekend Itinerary

FRIDAY OCT. 14 | AX Finance Meeting | Alpha Chi House | 5P

This meeting provides a preview of the financial "nits & grits" of Alpha Chi. Yes, as always, we will review the financials on Saturday; however, the difference in Friday's meeting is the sole focus on financials. Financial-related questions are welcome. Attending this meeting will give you greater insight into our financials and allow you time to process the information before the business meeting Sunday.

Following the AX Finance Meeting please join me for an informal gathering at the "O" (Oasis) at 7P. The first four pitchers are on me! Look for the tables reserved for Alpha Chi with purple balloons. Please stop by and help us warm up the weekend at the Oasis, 1007 W 1st St., Chico 95928.

SATURDAY OCT. 15 | AX Alumni Business Meeting | doors open at 9am

- 9-9:45A— Pre-meeting Registration and Meet & Greet. This is your time to catch up with sisters and handle any business such as registration and/or dues. We will serve snacks, coffee, tea, and orange juice.
- 9:45A — Please take your seat. We need to begin promptly at 10A. It's a packed agenda and we want to ensure plenty of time for questions.
- 10A - Business Meeting
- Noon - Business Meeting adjourns | Lunch & AX House Tours begin:
 - *When the business meeting adjourns, the Alpha Chi House will be open for tours until 3P.*
 - *For lunch, we will provide iced tea, water, lemonade, mini sandwiches and fruit. You are welcome to bring your preferred beverage.*
- 1P - Special AX Memorial Event. A tree planting will take place on the CSUC campus in memory of Laurel Lusk Gary, Fall '82. Exact location is still pending. We will provide more details soon and at Saturday's business meeting.

SUNDAY OCT. 16 | Sunday Brunch | 10A | 6475 Apple Creek Dr., Paradise

Again, as usual, there are no organized sorority events on Sunday. However, I am extending an invitation to all my sisters to join me in Paradise, CA. for brunch. My Sunday Brunch for Alpha Chi's works like this:

- Brunch: 10A to 2P. (You are welcome to come early and stay late.)
- Menu: pancakes, assorted breads, fruit, eggs, bacon, coffee, juice and a special AX Brunch Punch.
- We are in a gated community so upon arrival please call me at 678.429.3848 to be buzzed in.
- RSVPs would be appreciated to rbrehmann@gmail.com or text [678.429.3848](tel:678.429.3848) to ensure I have enough for all.
- This is a rain or shine event.

ONE MORE THING — Agenda Items

Many Alpha Chi Alum ask about adding topics to the agenda. Email your agenda requests to me at rbrehmann@gmail.com I will gather all requests and send the list to our Alumni President Cyndi Rachel in the order of interest. Cyndi will make the final decision on what to add relative to what we have time to address.

Please send your agenda items by no later than close of business, PST, Friday, Sept. 9. The collated list will be sent to Cyndi Thursday, Sept. 15. This is your sorority and you certainly need to be heard. We will do all possible to honor your requests while also considering time constraints.

Big Alpha Chi "Socially-Distanced" Hugs to All!

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Treasurer's Message~ Ashley Casey Green, CPA, F '03

If you received a hard copy of this Anchor in your mailbox, you paid your dues for the 2021-22 year and are an active member of the Alpha Chi Sorority Alumni Association. If you received a soft copy of this Anchor in your inbox, please, pay your dues and become active. If you're reading this Anchor because you found it on our website, Facebook group, or because a sister shared it with you, that means your email or contact information is not current in our Alumnae Database, please contact our Membership Chair (Katie Brandt) to update your information and pay your dues. All of our dues go towards the Alumni association which pays for the website, insurance, Alumnae activities with the actives, to help support active events, and restoration support for the houses when needed. We will go over in detail the spending at our Budget and Finance meetings which are Friday's at 5pm before Alumni Weekend. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Love

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Loyalty

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Leadership

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Justice

This last year in the fall we were able to do an Alumni Big Sister sponsorship for 13 actives in the sorority and the alumni sponsor paid for the active members required items to be a big sister. The required items covered the Anchor \$13, Necklace Chain \$12, Jersey \$25, Lavalier \$13, and Sweatshirt \$42 totaling \$105 which was given directly to Jim on behalf of the Active as all items will be purchased from his store and they would just have to pick up the items. An additional \$25 was given directly to the active via Venmo or zelle for them to gather items for the initiation basket and pin box. The total cost of being a big sister was \$130 and thank you to the following sisters who chose to be apart of the initial Alumni Big Sister program.

Katie Brandt F'14, Roxanne Maness Gillan F'03, Chantal Richards Jaeger F'11, Jill Erbland S'91, Jackie Domine F'10, Brianna Bryant Brown S'00, Nicole DiLorenzo O'Hehir S'13, Jenny Zanone Jones S'01, Kelsey Fernandes S'15, Sydni DeAngelis F'06, Becky Stout Marsolais S'03, Michelle Choat Sander F'01, Lori Newcomb Smith F'74, and Winona McLean Lee F'91.

We met with the Actives at the end of the year and they truly felt a appreciated the support asking if this program can continue to be funded in the Fall and Spring semesters. Please contact me if you would like to commit to being an Alumni Big Sister for the 2022-2023 school year. Feel free to partner with another alumni as we would like to increase the sponsorship to \$150 per active to allow them to have additional funds for big sister and little sister activities. Other active sponsorship this year were to motivate and support actives to continue to live in the house by paying for their dues, formal, and two t-shirts required for rush each semester. Fall was for 10 girls for dues \$80, t-shirts \$30, and 7 girls for formal at \$47 for a total of \$1,429. Spring was for 7 girls for dues \$80, t-shirts \$30 and formal at \$34 for a total of \$1,008.

Starting 1/1/2022 the Alumni Board approved to transfer bookkeeping services to Merrell, Irwin & Associates for bookkeeping and on-line bill pay and/or preparing checks, costs to range from \$200-\$225 per month. This is our CPA who also performs our annual Tax return. The Alumni Board has also approved house repairs estimated to be \$20,000 to be paid from the Alumni account towards the cost of replacing the roof and the ansel system. We will have an update on all the repairs made this year at the Alumni Meeting.

THANK YOU to those who gave above and beyond their dues last year as we had \$7,770 in monetary donations which included our Alumni Big Sister donations. Our oldest active donor was Barbara Holland Chapman Spring 1964. I hope you all received your blessing in return. Our donation campaign resulted in a permanent plaque in the AX house listing those who contribute designated amounts over the annual dues for the following categories:

\$50 -\$99 = **Bronze** \$100-\$174 = **Silver** \$175-\$249 = **Gold** \$250+ = **Platinum**

Shortly after each annual meeting, our donor names are displayed until the next crop is revealed the following year! See recognition to our 2021-22 Donors later in the letter.

Our ship is still sailing in large partly due to the diehard support from you, our Active Alumnae! On the next page see the Alumnae who have continued to pay their dues for the last **FIVE** years. Paying your dues and making a donation is pretty easy. You may send a check made payable to the "AX Alumni Assn" or you may remit via PayPal to AX_Alumnitreasurer@yahoo.com (remember, depending upon your method of PayPal payment i.e. Pay for goods or services, our account will be hit with additional fees, so please be sure to gross up your payment so that your \$40 dues are received by us in full). Please process your PayPal payment "**Send money to friends and family**" we should not incur a fee. We are unable to create a Venmo for a nonprofit account and will incur fees for transactions. If you would like to pay via venmo you can send it to @AshleyCaseyGreen and I can make the transfer to our Alumni Bank Account. If you would like to pay in cash at the meeting that is accepted as well, but please bring exact amounts. **Please still preregister in advance of the meeting by fill out the google RSVP form or mailing the form in advance so we can know who to expect at the meeting and you can update your information for the database.** Please note do not mail payments a week prior to the meeting if you plan on coming in person to ensure we have received your dues to fully participate in any voting.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at my email ashleycasey85@gmail.com.



A big thank you goes out to the following sisters for their unwavering support year after year! These sisters have paid their dues consecutively **each year, for the past 5 years!!**

Alicia Gonzales **Spring 2005**
Annie Dupont **Spring 2012**
Ashley Casey Green **Fall 2003**
Ashley Johnson Wittwer **Spring 2004**
Brianna Bryant Brown **Spring 2000**
Carla Camerotto Roope **Fall 1981**
Carol Jessen Sprecher **Fall 1987**
Carrie Izant Steffes **Spring 1995**
Chantal Richards Jager **Fall 2011**
Cyndi Denning Rachel **Fall 2000**
Debbie Jones Tarke **Fall 1983**
Debbie Phillips Garcia **Spring 1972**
Ellen Peace Berens **Fall 1982**
Erica Carone Blanke **Fall 2001**
Heather L'Amoreaux **Spring 2005**

Heidi Matejka Tank **Fall 2002**
Holly Combs Paget **Fall 1981**
Jackie Domine **Fall 2010**
Janet Warner Wichman **Fall 1982**
Jennifer Alejandro Navalle **Fall 1998**
Jennifer Von der Lieth Tinkelenberg **Fall 2003**
Joan Bottum Mora **Fall 1982**
Jenny Davenport Brooks **Fall 1995**
Jill Erbland **Spring 1991**
Julie Moreno Laskin **Fall 1980**
Kayla Mora La Rosa **Spring 2010**
Kelley Rothrock Valentine **Fall 1982**
Lashaun Schwenk Byer **Fall 1986**
Laura Stever **Spring 2004**
Lisa Bridges **Spring 1990**

Lyndie Aquila **Spring 1997**
Melissa Duque Murray **Fall 2004**
Missa Rich **Fall 2006**
Nicole diLorenzo O'Heir **Spring 2013**
Niki Davis Jones **Spring 1995**
Roxanne Maness Gillian **Fall 2003**
Sheila Crawford Carney **Spring 2004**
Sophie Kirk Whelan **Fall 1983**
Stephanie Murphy Bennett **Spring 1998**
Susan Peckham Horstkamp **Spring 1980**
Teri Harbour O'Keefe **Spring 1980**
Winona Mclean Lee **Fall 1991**

Alumni Sponsors and Sponsor levels for 2021-2022

Platinum \$250+

Debbie Jones Tarke F'83
Deborah Green Padberg F'90
Julie Moreno Laskin F'80
Shivon Riley Meblin F'75
Teri Harbour O'Keefe S'80
Winona McLean Lee F'91

Gold \$175-249

Chantal Richards Jaeger F'11
Heidi Matejka Tank F'02
Jenny Davenport Brooks F'95
Lisa Torney Morrill F'88
Michelle Margolis Simmons F'90
Nicole Dilorenzo O'Hehir S'14

Silver \$100-174

Barbara Holland Chapman S'64
Bonnie Hoover Gerlach S'73
Brianna Bryant Brown S'00
Carol Jessen Sprecher F'87
Carrie Izant Steffes S'95
Dana Daniel Alvarez S92
Dorothy Miller Aicega F'71
Ellen Peace Berens F'82
Katelyn Brandt F'14
Kathleen Foley F'78
Jennifer Miller Chavez S'95
Mary Bowes Tobol S'92
Niki Davis Jones S'95
Sharon Culbertson Anderson S'04
Stacy Lynn Cissney S'00
Tamara Mirr F'87

Bronze \$50-99

Ashley Casey Green F'03
Brenda Mueller S'00
Erica Carone Blanke F'01
Gabriella Pecora F'86
Jennifer Lukins F'00
Jenny Zanone Jones S'01
Kelly Staley S'84
Lashaun Schwenk Byer F'86
Laura Stever S'04
Laurel Snarski Dalton F'87
Leanne Donellan Bourguignon S'91
Lisa Priapi F'82
Liz Yonge Goodrich F'86
Lori Newcomb Smith F'74
Megan McDermott Gwilliam F'95
Sheila Crawford Carney S'04
Sophie Kirk Whelan F'83

Membership Message~ Katie Brandt

Hello my fellow Alphies. I hope that you're all doing well and that 2022 has treated you well so far. I cannot wait to see you all in October and hang out on the porch! First off, I want to say congratulations to the recent Alpha Chi graduates and welcome to the Alpha Chi Alumnae Association! I've had the great pleasure of adding them to our Facebook, Database and Google Groups.

Please help keep the database up to date! If any of your information has changed over the years please let me know. We're also trying to further expand our networking with the Actives and Alumni! By asking what your occupation is and what your major was in college! This is a great way to make connections with people who are in the same industry as you or would like more information about the industry you're in!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me! My email is kbrandt425@gmail.com and my cell is 925-642-5847.

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. The Google Group email settings have also been updated. Replies to conversations are sent directly to the Google Group Admin not everyone in the group.

Have you moved? Did you get married? New phone number or email address?

Don't forget to keep your Alumni Membership Chair up to date with your contact information. Let's keep it up and do our best to find those long lost sisters. It's never too late to become alumni and the process is very simple. All you have to do is contact the alumni membership chair: ax_alumnimembership@yahoo.com or privately message me on Facebook: Katie Brandt.

Provide the following information:

**Full Name (Include Maiden) | Mailing Address
Phone Number | Email Address
Pledge Class (semester/year) | Occupation/Major**



Alpha Chi Alumnae Database Update/RSVP Form 2022

Please return this RSVP form OR fill out the google form online, ASAP (by 9/23/22)

First _____ Maiden _____ Married _____

Pledge Semester (circle) Spring / Fall Year _____

If any of your contact info has changed, please check the box at left and update below.

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: (circle) Home / Mobile (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address _____

Currently receiving AX emails from alphachialumnae1918@googlegroups.com? (circle) Y / N

Do you have any news to share?

Favorite AX memories:

AX Alumni Annual Business Meeting - Saturday, Oct. 15th at 10 a.m. Meeting is at the Alpha Chi House

Doors open 9am; business meeting starts 10am. Open House/KOP to follow culmination of business mtg.

Will you be attending Alumni Weekend? Please check all that apply

____ Yes! Count me in for the Business Meeting.

____ Yes! I am planning to hang out for the Open House/KOP

____ NO... sadly I can't make it but please email the link that allows me to attend virtually.

I am enclosing payment for:

Payment type:

____ Check. Make payment to: AX Alumni Association

____ PayPal (ax_alumnitreasurer@yahoo.com) - Please be sure to select "friends and family"

____ Venmo ([@AshleyCaseyGreen](#)) - Please be sure to include your name and pledge class.

Annual Alpha Chi Alumnae Dues \$ 40.00

Please accept my donation of \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

RSVP online <https://forms.gle/R3e5fJQHa4m8cmZq9> Please respond by no later than Friday, Sept. 23rd

Mail form & check to: AX Alumni Membership Chair- Katie Brandt, 5702 Marlin Dr., Discovery Bay, CA 94505
no later than Sept. 23rd if you plan on attending the meeting.