

## Alpha Chi Alumni Newsletter

Dear Alpha Chi Sisters,

105 years ago, a small group of extraordinary women came together with a shared vision and a deep love for our community. As time has passed, Alpha Chi has grown and evolved, but one thing remains constant: sisterhood. It is a powerful bond that continues to provide strength and support to all who embrace it. I am eagerly anticipating the joyous reunions and heartfelt celebrations when we gather together this October.

However, I must bring a matter of concern to your attention. The active chapter is in need of our support. Since the return of students to campus, both Rush and Pledge Classes have remained small. Despite the creative efforts of our girls, recruitment numbers remain dishearteningly low. This is where we, as the brilliant women who have walked this path before, can make a significant difference.

In addition to the pressing need for fresh and innovative recruitment ideas, the Actives and the Alpha Chi House require financial support. With small pledge classes, there are fewer women able to live in the house, resulting in a strain on our financial resources.

While the Executive Board has been working closely with the Actives, we need more assistance. In a previous newsletter, I extended an invitation for alumni to become more involved. Regrettably, we have received only one response thus far. To ensure the smooth sailing of our beloved organization, we will need more of your support.

This October, I will be stepping down as President, making way for new leadership. Nomination are now open, and I am excited to see who will step forward to support and guide our organization. It has been an incredible honor to serve on the Executive Board for the past 20 years. Rest assured, regardless of the role I play, I will continue to support Alpha Chi wholeheartedly. The Big Yellow House will forever remain my home, and each and every one of you is the reason why Chico holds such magical memories for me.

If you have an interest in serving on the Executive Board, I encourage you to reach out to me (661-400-2019). Your dedication and involvement are vital to our continued success.

Together, let us strengthen the bonds of sisterhood, uplift the Actives, and ensure the bright future of Alpha Chi.

With heartfelt gratitude and love for AX,  
Cynthia Rachel  
Fall 2000  
Alumni President

Love in AX,

Cynthia Rachel, Fall 2000  
Alumni Chapter President  
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### Important Dates:

August- AX newsletter goes out  
9/29 RSVP to Ashley Green  
10/21 Attend Alumni Weekend!

### 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.

**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.



## Vice President's Message

Hello Sisters! Welcome to our 105th year of sisterhood! Wow, you look marvelous!!! Our annual AX Alumni Meeting is Saturday, October 21, 2023. YAY!! Looking forward to seeing you at the house. Here's an overview of the AX Weekend. AX Alumni Weekend Itinerary

### FRIDAY OCT. 20 | AX Finance Meeting | Alpha Chi House | 530

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. 21 | 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
- Approximately 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.*

### SUNDAY OCT. 22 | 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](mailto:rbrehmann@gmail.com) or text 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](mailto: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. 15. The collated list will be sent to Cyndi Thursday, Sept. 22. 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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[rbrehmann@gmail.com](mailto:rbrehmann@gmail.com) cell: 678.429.3848

**sis-ter-hood.**  
[sis-ter-hood] *noun* 1. unity and friendship among women  
2. a deep bond based on eternal love and respect 3. solidarity  
and support for a lifetime 4. the foundation of a sorority

### Treasurer's Message~ Ashley Casey Green

Last year the Alumni meeting it was approved increasing Dues to \$50. All of our dues go towards the Alumni association which pays for the website, insurance, Alumni activities with the actives, to help support active events or incentivize actives when needed, and restoration support for the houses when needed. All expenses coming from the alumni account are approved by the Executive Board and last alumni meeting it was requested that all amounts for projects that are going to cost over \$5,000 we will obtain at least 3 bids. We will go over in detail the spending of the Alumni and House accounts at our Budget and Finance meeting which will be the Friday before Alumni Weekend at 5:30pm at the sorority house. Please contact me if you have any questions.

This last year we were able to do an Alumni Big Sister sponsorship for the actives covering 13 pledges in the fall and 3 pledges in the spring. The alumni sponsor paid for the active members required items to be a big sister. The required items covered their Anchor, Necklace Chain, Jersey, Lavalier, and Sweatshirt totaling \$110 which was given directly to Jim on behalf of the Active as all items were purchased from his store and they would just have to pick up the items. An additional \$40 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 \$150 and thank you to the following sisters who chose to be apart of the Alumni Big Sister program.

Love

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**Alicia Estrada Kirchner S'05 (partnered), Ashley Casey Green F'03, Becky Lorenzo S'04 (sponsored 2), Chantel Richards Jaeger F'11, Connie Marker Ives F'78, Gabriella Pecora F'86 (partnered), Jackie Domine F'10 (sponsored 2), Jennifer Lukins F'00, Keriann Brennan S'00(partnered), Kim Pflueger Sansoni S'99, Kristin Ingeman F'86, Lashaun Schwenk Byer F'86 (partnered), Nicole DiLorenzo O'hehir S'13 (sponsored 2), Shannon Miller F'13, and Sharon Culbertson Andersen S'04.**

Loyalty

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We met with the Actives at the end of the year and with the small group they truly felt appreciated and supported by the Alumni. Please contact me if you would like to commit to being an Alumni Big Sister for the 2023-2024 school year. Feel free to continue to provide a \$75 partnership or \$150 sponsorship per pledge to allow them to focus on continuing to grow the sorority. Other active sponsorship this last year was to replace the active executive board chairs costing \$644.

Leadership

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Last year the Alumni Board 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. Actual cost was only \$18,209.23. Other costs we recently approved was for a new commercial washer and refrigerator totaling \$1,669.13 as they went out right before school ended. Jim will have an update on all other summer repairs made this year at the Alumni Meeting.

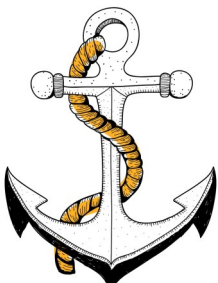
Justice

Going into the fall our active numbers are low due to low recruitment and actives graduating this past year. They are estimating we will only have 13 members. Katie and I will be joining the actives at retreat in Reno August 12<sup>th</sup> to help support them and we will update the alumni on how you can help with rush in the fall for the active chapter. This year there will be only 5 actives and 4 non-actives who will be living in the house this 2023-2024 year. Last year there were only 10 actives and 3 non-actives living in the house which is below the number we need to reach to make our breakeven quota. I would like to thank the active Patricia Hernandez for helping post on the Chico student housing as well as college pads for getting the additional girls to live in the house. We will continue to post in hopes that we can get additional girls to live in the house for the next semester as well.

Last year at 6/30/2022 our house asset accounts were at \$89,125 and this year at 6/30/2023 there is only \$64,898. In our Alumni account we went it from \$54,128 at 6/30/2022 to \$42,885 at 6/30/2023 as we paid for house repairs out of our account for 2023. We are expecting the AX House and House next door revenue to be \$59,850 and expenses to be an estimate of \$86,000 bring us to an estimated loss of \$26,150. Our fixed costs for Property Taxes, Insurance for Workman's Comp, Fire & Liability, Property & Casualty, and Professional services for CPA and Management are expected to be \$34,500 alone. If we can assist as an alumni group in any way to cover any of these fixed costs we can help keep the house afloat until we can get the house full again. If you would like to donate specifically for the house this year please denote that on your annual response.

**THANK YOU** to those who gave above and beyond their dues last year as we had \$4,720 in monetary donations on top of the \$2,660 which was received for our Alumni Big Sister donations. 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 2022-23 Donors later in the letter.



Our ship is still sailing in large part due to the diehard support from you, our Active Alumnae! See below 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 [AXAlumnitreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:AXAlumnitreasurer@gmail.com). I have created an easy QR code that takes you straight to making a donation. Please click the box to cover the fees.

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.** <https://forms.gle/axYvkKY4kEb7bMHq6> 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 RSVP by Friday, September 29, 2023.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at my email [axalumnitreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:axalumnitreasurer@gmail.com).



Love in AX and mine,  
Ashley Casey Green, CPA, Fall 2003  
AX Alumni Treasurer, 2014-23

A big thank you goes out to the following sisters who have paid their dues every year for the past **FIVE** years! Thank you for your unwavering support!

**Special shout out to the FALL 2001 pledge class– you have the most with five!**

<p>Alicia Gonzales Spring 2005 <b>Amber Adge Viduya Fall 2001</b> Angela Raggio Fall 1987 Annie Dupont Spring 2012 Ashley Casey Green Fall 2003 Ashley Johnson Wittwer Spring 2004 Bonnie Hoover Gerlach Spring 1973 Brianna Bryant Brown Spring 2000 Carla Camerotto Roope Fall 1981 Carol Jessen Sprecher Fall 1987 Carrie Izant Steffes Spring 1995 Chantel Richards Jaeger Fall 2011 <b>Cindy Rupp Fall 2001</b> Cyndi Denning Rachel Fall 2000 Debbie Jones Tarke Fall 1983 Debbie Phillips Garcia Spring 1972 Delee Carrere Beavers Spring 1957 Doreen Duplissee Smith Fall 1985 Dorothy Miller Aicega Fall 1971 Ellen Peace Fall 1982</p>	<p><b>Erica Carone Blanke Fall 2001</b> Heather L'Amoreaux Spring 2005 Heidi Matejka Tank Fall 2002 Holly Dussel Feeney Fall 1973 Jackie Domine Fall 2010 Janelle Leon Weil Fall 2006 Janet Warner Wichman Fall 1982 Jennifer Alejandro Navalle Fall 1998 Jennifer Miller Chavez Spring 1995 Jennifer Von der Lieth Tinkelenberg Fall 2003 Jenny Davenport Brooks Fall 1995 Jill Erbland Spring 1991 Joan Bottum Mora Spring 1982 Julie Moreno Laskin Fall 1980 Katie Ferrera Siegmund Spring 2004 Kayla Mora La Rosa Spring 2010 Kelley Rothrock Valentine Fall 1982 Kelly Staley Spring 1984 Kelsey Fernandes Spring 2014 Lashaun Schwenk Byer Fall 1986 Lori Snarski Dalton Fall 1987</p>	<p>Lisa Bridges Spring 1990 Lisa Torney Morrill Fall 1988 Liz Yonge Goodrich Fall 1986 Lori Newcomb Smith Fall 1974 Lori Schach Stockman Fall 1983 Lyndie Aquila Spring 1997 Melissa Duque Murray Fall 2004 <b>Michelle Choat Sander Fall 2001</b> Nicole diLorenzo O'Hehir Spring 2013 Niki Davis Jones Spring 1995 Rolawn Brown Evans Fall 1973 Roxane Maness Gillan Fall 2003 Sharon Culbertson Andersen Spring 2004 Sheila Crawford Carney Spring 2004 Shivon Riley Meblin Fall 1975 Sophie Whelan Kirk Fall 1983 <b>Stacey Grimm Lopez Fall 2001</b> Susan Peckham Horstkamp Fall 1981 Teri Harbour O'Keefe Spring 1980 Winona Mclean Lee Fall 1991</p>
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**Shout out to the Alumni donors from 21-22! Thank you!**

**Platinum \$250+**

Dorothy Miller Aicega F'71  
Julie Moreno Laskin F'80  
Nicole DiLorenzo O'Hehir '14  
Shivon Riley Meblin F'75  
Teri Harbour O'Keefe S'80  
Winona McLean Lee F'91

**Gold \$175-249**

Carol Jessen Sprecher F'87  
Heidi Matejka Tank F'02  
Jenny Davenport Brooks F'95  
Lisa Torney Morrill F'88

**Silver \$100-174**

Becky Lorenzo S'04  
Bonnie Hoover Gerlach S'73  
Brianna Bryant Brown S'00  
Carrie Izant Steffes S'95  
Chantel Richards Jaeger F'11  
Jennifer Lukins F'00  
Katelyn Brandt F'14  
Jennifer Miller Chavez S'95  
Jennifer Blagg Porter F'03  
Laurel Snarski Dalton F'87  
Mary Bowes Tobol S'92  
Michelle Choat Sander F'01  
Shelly Larson Schlenker F'83

**Bronze \$50-99**

Alicia Gonzales S'05  
Ashley Johnson Wittwer S'04  
Catherine Reinmiller S'95  
Christine Peterson Sayer F'91  
Corinn Crowley F'86  
Doreen Duplissee Smith F'85  
Gabriella Pecora F'86  
Holly Combs Paget F'81  
Krissy Mueller Dove F'86  
Lashaun Schwenk Byer F'86  
Liz Yonge Goodrich F'86  
Rolawn Brown Rehmann F'73  
Sheila Crawford Carney S'04

### Membership Message~ Katie Brandt

Hello my fellow Alphies. I hope that you're all doing well and that 2023 has treated you well so far. I am very excited 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 **Kayla Norton, Isabella Otis, Annie VanArk, Miranda Lowe, Fawn Allen, Daisy Chavez, Arianne Harvey, and Jody Oxkerman!** We all would like to welcome you to the Alpha Chi Alumnae Association! We are so proud of you and your big accomplishment and all your hard work as an Active during your time in Alpha Chi.

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](mailto: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 and working as they should. 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](mailto:ax_alumnimembership@yahoo.com) or privately message me on Facebook or IG (Katie Brandt or Katie\_2.0

### Provide the following information:

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

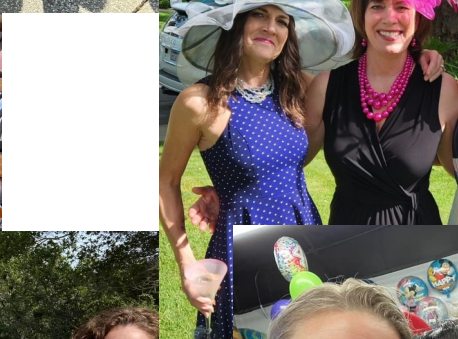


MY SISTERS  
remind me, by  
their very  
steadfastness,  
that truth, beauty  
and goodness exist  
in the world, and  
that, no matter what  
there are and always  
will be people  
loving people  
THROUGH THICK  
AND THIN.

### Alpha Chi Active Chapter Update:

Spring of 2023 was a difficult but eventful semester for our sisters in Alpha Chi. Rush went off in a bang as our Rush Chair Alisa Cruz set sail with some great rush parties with house tours, casino, and even a smores night. We recruited some great girls but as life gets in the way with some, we had only 3 remaining pledges left to do the process. This was really hard on everyone after all the hard work people put into rush, we didn't let it get to us and this allowed us to become even more motivated for next semester. This allowed us to take a more hands on approach with the girls and think about what ways we can change or improve for next fall. There were many events we held such as our Give a Dog a Bone drive with the Butte Humane Society, as well with frequent trips to Mineral Lodge at Mt. Lassen, Phantom Falls, trivia, makeup nights, and a whole new assortment of activities. The Alphies even volunteered their time at NAKLAND to do face paintings for the boys and girls club. Overall, with our limited number of new girls this semester, this also gave us the chance to bond more as a chapter and become closer than ever.

~AX Active Chapter~



# Alpha Chi Alumnae Database Update/RSVP Form 2023

Please return this RSVP form OR fill out the google form online, ASAP (by 9/29/23)

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](mailto:alphachialumnae1918@googlegroups.com)? (circle) Y / N

Are you interested in being an Alumni Big Sister?!? Sponsorship is \$150 per semester, if there are eligible pledges. We cover the basic required expenses to help support the actives to take a little sister as there are only 13 current active members. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes!

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AX Alumni Annual Business Meeting - Saturday, Oct. <sup>21st</sup> 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?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! Count me in for the Business Meeting and the KOP at the AX House.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO... sadly I can't make it but please email the link that allows me to attend virtually if that option is available

I am enclosing payment for:

My payment includes the following (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 AX Alumni Dues

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Sponsor an active to be a big sister to a new pledge for one semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Partner with another alumni to sponsor an active to be a big sister to a new pledge for one semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ Donation amount specifically to support the AX house

\_\_\_\_\_ Other general donation

Payment type:

\_\_\_\_\_ Check. Make payment to: AX Alumni Association

\_\_\_\_\_ PayPal ([axalumnitreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:axalumnitreasurer@gmail.com)) - Please be sure to include your name and pledge class and select pay for fees.

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=XK4RRAT7DTW7S&source=qr](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=XK4RRAT7DTW7S&source=qr)

\_\_\_\_\_ Venmo (@AshleyCaseyGreen) - Please be sure to include your name and pledge class.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pay in person at the AX House

Annual Alpha Chi Alumnae Dues \$ 50.00

Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP online <https://forms.gle/R3e5fJQH4m8cmZq9> Please respond by no later than Friday, Sept. 29th

Mail form & check to: AX Treasurer Ashley Green, 4504 Romano Dr., Stockton, CA 95207 no later than Sept. 29th if you plan on attending the meeting.