

# The Scoop

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**Angel Watson, Sharyn Pittman, Ryann McCall, Anne McChesney, Amanda Richardson, Hannah Bonetti, Dodi Williams, Susan Cole, Amanda Gossett, Becca Mathis, and Anna Grey Morgan** display their ornaments after the swap.

## Annual ornament swap event is a favorite

We play to win, but we play fair. If the annual ornament swap had a tagline, that might be it!

Alumnae gathered on December 8th for what is unquestionably the most competitive event on the social calendar, and this year was not an exception. But all is fair in true love and

decorating, and no one is what kicks off Christmas. walked away empty-handed.

"We do strive to 'seek the noblest,' but at this event, we are encouraged to steal! But it's all in fun, and we come home with a new special ornament for our tree," said **Anne McChesney**.

For many sisters, this event

"The ornament swap is my favorite party. We sample the best food from all the sisters, and the swap is a terrific ice breaker for new members," said **Dodi Williams**, "I wanted the Chick-fil-A ornament. Luckily, I had the last number and was able to snag it!"

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### Alumnae sit on career panel at Theta Zeta Advice to undergrads: keep an open mind

Before their weekly chapter meeting started on November 30th, sisters from Theta Zeta got together to hear from members of our alumnae chapter about their career experiences, suggestions, and advice.

**Parker Sherrill** said she wanted to participate so that she could help the undergrads navigate this time in their lives.

"Graduating college is exciting and intimidating all at once. The 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' question is a tough one to answer," she said.



**Susan Cole, Amanda Richardson, Alexa Pack, Noel Kinard, Ryann McCall, Ashley Langley, and Parker Sherrill** answered questions from the sisters of Theta Zeta chapter at Wofford.

Our alumnae shared some great advice and many funny stories. The most prevalent suggestion? Keep an open mind!

end up, but they are happy they kept an open mind and pursued opportunities that became available to them even when .



Most of the alumnae on the panel agreed that where they've landed in their careers is not anywhere near where they thought they'd

"I enjoyed hearing about others career paths and what lead them to pursue it," said Parker, "I think this was such a valuable panel to have for the chapter. I wish we had it when I was in their shoes!"



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## Couples' Campfire A night that was lit

Good food, good friends...and we even let our other halves attend. The annual couples' campfire was a success again this year thanks to everyone's contributions and **Amanda Richardson's** skills as hostess par excellence.

"The Couples' Campfire is always an event that I look forward to in the fall," said **President Ryann McCall**, "I love inviting husbands and significant others into the mix for even more fun and fellowship. Amanda's house was the perfect setting and we all had such a fun evening together. I'd love to do more family-oriented events in the future!"



**The Pittmans** and **the Gossetts**



**The McChesneys**



**The McCalls** and **Ellen Vermilya**



**The Richardsons**

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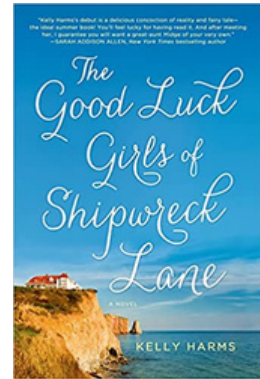
### **Book Club:** a South Carolina murder mystery podcast and a novel that looks at education today

Since the last edition of "The Scoop" our chapter's book club has met twice. In November, they discussed the "Murdaugh Murders" podcast and in December *The Gifted School* by Bruce Holsinger was the assigned novel.

"I don't always have a chance to finish the books we read before

we meet, but nobody seems to mind," said **Alexa Pack**, "Being a part of this group keeps me motivated to read and try new books that I might not have otherwise read."

All are welcomed at each book club meeting. The next will take place at Dray Bar on January 24th at 5:30pm.



Selection for January



**Amanda Richardson, Sharyn Pittman, Susan Cole, Ginny Fowler, Becca Mathis, Angel Watson, Ryann McCall, and Alexa Pack** (not pictured) met to discuss the "Murdaugh Murders."

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## Save the Dates

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# Spring 2022 Schedule Announced

If you've been reading about all of the fun that our chapter had this fall and wishing you could have attended, fret not! There are big plans for more adventures and gatherings straight through to summer. Pencil\* in these dates and options now, and look for official announcements to arrive soon by email. Remember: our chapter uses Evite to manage events and RSVPs. If you haven't been receiving yours, [please let us know!](#)

### January

**20th at 6pm**



It's back! The Favorite Things party will take place at Ryann McCall's house.

**24th at 5:30pm**

Book Club is meeting at Dray Bar to discuss *The Good Luck Girls of Shipwreck Lane* by Kelly Harms.

#### Service

Stock the laundry room of Cleveland Elementary! Bring detergent to the Favorite Things party or [email Ryann](#) to arrange drop-off.

### February

**11th at Noon**



Galentine's Day lunch at a location to be named. [Email us](#) a suggestion!

**27th**

ZTA Day in Columbia, SC! You can [participate virtually](#).

#### Book Club



Book Club meets every month! The date and time for February are TBD.

### March

**8th** International Women's Day Celebration - Details to come!

#### Service

Join us for a blood drive!

#### Book Club

Book Club meets every month!



### April

**12th at 5:30pm**

Let's meet at Bond Street Wines for a Girls' Night Out!

#### Book Club

Book Club meets every month!

#### Service

Bag up those books that have been collecting dust on your shelves. Details about this book drive coming soon.

#### Officer Elections

Be thinking of a position you'd like to hold in our chapter!



### May

**4th**

Senior induction and social. Time and location TBA.

#### Book Club

Book Club meets every month!



### Summer

**TBD**



Bring your family for a night at a Spartanburgers game!



\*Please note that this is a tentative schedule which is subject to change. We welcome all feedback! If you have suggestions for events, please feel free to [contact us](#).

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# Member Updates

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**Cathy Voelker** and her family on election day.

Congratulations to **Cathy Voelker** on her election to the Spartanburg District 3 School Board! She said she ran because as a mother of a student and the wife of a teacher she is very invested in its success.

"I want to be their voice as well as every other parent. I want to see growth in our district and transparency with the changes," said Cathy, "I also want to make sure the education that is being taught is genuine and educationally based."

If you have a student in District 3, Cathy hopes you'll reach out to her. "I know this is going to be challenging as I am a mom and also work full time but I have amazing family support and am so excited to take on this new endeavor!" she said.

**Molly Owens** has accepted a new position as Tour Programs Coordinator at The Mint Museum in Charlotte, NC! She stayed with her ZTA little sister, Wells Osteen, for a couple of weeks as she looked for apartments and got settled in.

"I love being able to bring people into the museum, and hear from artists and curators about new exhibitions," said Molly, "Mikey [her husband] is in Spartanburg until the end of the academic year...We are hoping he will be able to move up to Charlotte in June to complete his rotations for his 3rd and 4th year of medical school!"



**Molly Owens** (right) with Wells Osteen.

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