



**Sigma Sigma Sigma**  
**Phoenix Alumnae Chapter**  
**Spring 2021 Newsletter**



**President's Corner**

As I write this, pandemic cases and deaths worldwide are increasing and all the graphs for Arizona are going in the wrong direction. Despite this we are able to see some hope now with the possibility of vaccine distributions.

When we look back upon these times it is hoped that we can say that we not only survived but that we thrived! As Tri Sigma Sisters we have been able to continue to reach out to each other, have fun and lend support. We are making it through this!



**Chapter Announcements**

- **Please keep your contact information current with Kathy Jackson for our local roster and on the TriSigma.org website.**

It is important to keep your email information current so you receive all evites and other announcements. The TriSigma.org website also needs to be kept current and edited by you when there are changes so that other sisters can locate you.

- **Are you in need of help?**

Please feel free to reach out if you are in need of assistance during this pandemic. We have outreach committees and sisters ready to assist as needed. We are here for each other!

- **Chapter Officers for 2021-2024**

Are you feeling bored and stifled during pandemic quarantines and lock downs? Are you an active dues-paying member or want to be? Do you strive for qualities of being respectful of others, empathetic, accountable, organized, accurate, courageous, honest, patient, stable, flexible, committed, a good listener, open-minded, visionary, or moderately technical?

Your Phoenix Chapter has a suggestion! Maryellen Baxter is leading a committee seeking nominations for a slate of Officers to present to the Chapter for vote in March.

Just let her know if you are interested in serving as an Officer or being on a committee for our Phoenix Chapter. Look for an emailed form to complete and send back to Maryellen.

- **Programming Ideas Needed**

We are looking for hosts and ideas for online events. Have you participated in some fun and creative online events through other organizations? If you have, we would like to hear about it. Please let Anne Ruiz know of any ideas.

- **Panhellenic Alert**

The Waste Management Phoenix Open is on and will need volunteers according to Phoenix Panhellenic. Naturally the official word may change but you can still register now and change later if necessary.

If you have any questions contact Chris LaBarge or go directly to Panhellenic at [philanthropy@phoenixpanhellenic.com](mailto:philanthropy@phoenixpanhellenic.com) .

To volunteer, please go to this link: <https://www.phoenixpanhellenic.com>

- 1) WMPO info is in purple block
- 2) Before you click on to register, go to the lower right corner of the purple block. Download and print out: wmpo\_2021\_directions.pdf. These are directions on how to register.

### **Philanthropy**

**Book Donation Program** - Valleywise is continuing the Online Book Donation Program through Amazon. The books will not only be given at Christmas but all year to children through Valleywise Health. To donate go to [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/JNYBCD9ONJL3/ref=smi\\_ext\\_lnk\\_lcl.cl](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/JNYBCD9ONJL3/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl.cl). Be sure to let Anne Ruiz know how many books and/or how much you donated so we can track our sorority's impact. (When purchasing the Amazon books on the site you may need to select the delivery address from a prepopulated list on the delivery screen. If you have shipped to different places it will show all past delivery addresses but it should also pull up the Maricopa Health Foundation and/or Valleywise Health Foundation for selection.)

**Foundation** - Another way to contribute to Sigma Sigma Sigma is to set up your Amazon purchases to go through Amazon Smile with Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation as your charity of choice. That way your dollars can serve more than one good cause! Fry's is also sharing a percentage of purchases with our Foundation if you sign up for Sigma Sigma Sigma through your discount membership card.

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### **In honor of our Tri Sigma Sister – Kathryn Ann Halbert (Ann)**



We are sad to share that we lost our sister Ann Halbert to Covid-19 on December 24<sup>th</sup> 2020. Ann was a treasured member of our Phoenix Chapter for many years including after she moved to Idaho a few years ago. We were privileged to be able to connect with her online on Zoom this last year and in person whenever she visited the Phoenix/Scottsdale area in years past.

Ann was born July 1, 1937 and attended Western Michigan University where she received her bachelor's degree in education. She taught many grades but found her home at Mohave Middle School in Scottsdale where she taught seventh grade math for 20 years. She was honored with a student-nominated Silver Apple award in 1999.

Ann was a member of the Beta Rho Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma and of the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter. Her obituary states “it may have been through her sorority, or it may have just been Ann’s nature, where she learned the importance for giving back. Recently she proudly enjoyed the designation of Golden Violet, which means she was a Tri Sigma for 50 years. In the early years she served as a national officer.”

“Ann was never one to be idle. She participated in garden club, book club, bible study, card making afternoons, and always enjoyed meeting friends for lunch. She was the organizer of the neighborhood ladies dinners, loved birthday lunches, and had special girls lunch with her granddaughters. One of Ann’s pleasures was traveling with Rambling Rovers because she was able to see and experience the world both abroad and closer to home.”

“Ann was community minded and gave her time and treasure freely. If you are inclined to remember Ann, in lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice, tip your servers well, or send someone a handwritten note.” If you donate to Tri Sigma in her honor please let her daughter Katie Snow know about it at [ktsnow26@gmail.com](mailto:ktsnow26@gmail.com).

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## Planned Events for 2020-2021

At the time of this newsletter all events are being planned as virtual. *Be sure to check official evites and emails for most current event details.*

### January

19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Happy Hour and Book Club

### February

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday – Sunday) Waste Management Open  
25<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Pound Party (fundraiser to benefit Foundation)

### March

6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Feed My Starving Children  
9<sup>th</sup> or TBD (Tuesday) Happy Hour/Game Night  
20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Spring 2021 Chapter Business Meeting on Zoom

### April

TBD March for Babies  
TBD Founders Day

### May

TBD Chapter Planning Meeting  
TBD Happy Hour  
TBD Officer Transitioning

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## PHOENIX ALUMNAE CHAPTER 2020-2021

### Your Chapter Officers

President	Chris Ahlstrand
VP Programming	Anne Ruiz
VP Membership	Sandy Beutler
Treasurer	Mary Schneider
Secretary	Kathy Jackson
<u>Ex-officio</u>	
PanHellenic Representative	Chris LaBarge
Alternate PanHellenic Rep	Olivia Del Viscio

### Your Chapter Committees/Chairs

#### Programming:

Event Calendar	Rena Cruse
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#### Social Media:

Facebook	Judy Alspaugh
Instagram	Lauren Leif

#### Membership:

Member Recruitment Chair	open position
Relocation Member Outreach	Olivia Del Viscio
Member Orientation	Maryellen Baxter
Member Outreach	Liz Hoffert
Senior Sigma Sisters	Maryellen Baxter

#### Administrative:

Bylaws/Parliamentarian	Mary Webster
Financial Review	Stephanie Babb/Natasha Paris Donaldson

#### Sisterhood:

Ritual	Colleen Stangl
Character Counts	Maryellen Baxter/Mary Webster
Crafts	Mary Webster
Photographer	Rachel Stewart

#### Tri Sigma.org:

Awards	Chris LaBarge
Triangle	open position
Website	open position

#### Special Events:

Founders Day	Vicki Corrigan
Joint Tucson Lunch	Amy Corsi

#### Philanthropic Committee:

Co-Chairs	Mary Schneider/Anne Ruiz
Walks	Marlene Olsen/Sue Smith
Grants	Mary Webster/Sue Smith
Feed My Starving Children	Sky Larsen
Raffles	Sky Larsen/Joni Perisho