



# **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

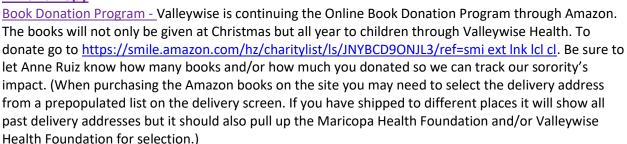
The Waste Management Phoenix Open is on and will need volunteers according to Phoenix Panhellenic. Naturally the official word may change but you can still register now and change later if necessary.

If you have any questions contact Chris LaBarge or go directly to Panhellenic at philanthropy@phoenixpanhellenic.com.

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

- 1) WMPO info is in purple block
- 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**



<u>Foundation</u> - Another way to contribute to Sigma Sigma Sigma is to set up your Amazon purchases to go through Amazon Smile with 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.

# 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.

# 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

20th (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

# 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

Ex-officio

PanHellenic Representative Chris LaBarge
Alternate PanHellenic Rep Olivia Del Viscio

Your Chapter Committees/Chairs

Programming:

Event Calendar Rena Cruse

Social Media:

Facebook Judy Alspaugh Instagram Lauren Leif

Membership:

Member Recruitment Chairopen positionRelocation Member OutreachOlivia Del ViscioMember OrientationMaryellen BaxterMember OutreachLiz HoffertSenior Sigma SistersMaryellen 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