



Sigma Sigma Sigma
Phoenix Alumnae Chapter
Spring 2019 Newsletter

President's Corner

This spring Sigma Sigma Sigma celebrates 121 years! It always amazes me that our Founders had the brilliance and determination to create a sisterhood so long ago that has withstood the test of time. On Sunday April 14th our Phoenix Alumnae Chapter will be celebrating Founders Day. This annual event is a great chance to have a lovely luncheon together as well as a chance to embrace our sorority and its values. We can be proud that together we are empowering women to change the world every day in our chapters and communities. Please plan on joining us as we honor Tri Sigma and our Founders.

April 14, 2019 1pm-5pm
Moon Valley Country Club Sky Room
151 West Moon Valley Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85023
(Adults \$35/ Children \$15)

Announcements

- **We are preparing to welcome a new sister!**



Marlene Olsen has completed her Tri Sigma training and initiation is being planned. The tentative date is April 6th. We hope you can join us to welcome Marlene!

- **New committee chair position available.**

Our chapter is in need of an event photographer and scrapbook digitizer. Through the years Jan Timmerman has done a great job of being historian but now we would like to have the photo albums available digitally. This chair will need to be very organized and have experience with indexing digital files. If you have an interest in this position please contact Chris Ahlstrand or Jan Timmerman.

- **Convention registration is now open!**

This year the 45th Sigma Sigma Sigma Convention is at the JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa. The link for information is <http://convention.trisigma.org/>

The cost may seem higher this year but it includes all the event banquets/luncheons instead of them each being a la carte. Also, if you register by 3/15 you can save \$50.00. Tri Sigma also receives a special hotel rate. Plus carpooling and roommates help keep the costs lower too!

Watch your email for a survey that is being developed by Sue Dusold in order to assess member interest and to explore various options for the chapter.

- **Please keep your contact information current for our roster.**
Kathy Jackson, Secretary, maintains the Chapter Roster and is the person to notify of all changes to your contact information. Email is still our preferred method of communication at this time so it is important to keep your email information current so you receive all evites and other announcements.
- **Did you know that the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter has a private page on Facebook?**
Upcoming events are posted to our page along with other announcements. Just search within Facebook for “Tri-Sigma Phoenix Alumnae” and make a join request.
- **Recent chapter events (with photos available posted on Facebook):**
January 5th – Walk at Tempe Town Lake and Lunch
January 10th – Happy Hour at Los Olivos
January 17th – Tea at the Phoenician
January 28 through February 2 – Volunteering at Phoenix Open
February 9th – Olive Mill Tour
February 16th - Luncheon with Tucson Chapter at the Francisco Grande in Casa Grande
February 23 - Climb to Conquer Cancer

Philanthropy

As you are aware, we have been raising funds for Phoenix Children’s Hospital over the past several years. This year we have expanded our charity efforts to include fundraisers for the children at the Maricopa Integrated Health System. We are busy applying for a grant from the Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation as well as participating in the fundraisers below:

- Dinner out at **Old Spaghetti Factory** on September 28th was a fun way to share dinner with sisters and friends/family while raising donations that were no additional cost to each sister. We received a donation of 15% of our spending from the Old Spaghetti Factory at both the Chandler and the Phoenix locations. To date we have been able to contribute \$350 and also set aside \$189 for calming kit materials that we plan to make for the hospitalized children at MIHS.



- **Schwann's Food Delivery Service** offered a percentage donation for all purchases during November and December and we continue to receive a 5% donation January through March. As of December 31, 2018 we had earned \$238 that was sent to MIHS.
- **Online Auction is coming this spring.** Watch your email inbox for information. So far we have nineteen items to auction but may be able to include additional valuable items. Contact Louise Sallquist if you have any questions.

Our chapter also contributes to Sigma Sigma Foundation and Walton House. Remember that we have set up a couple of easy ways for members (and others) to support our Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation:

- **Fry's Food Stores** will donate a percentage of purchases every time you use your rewards card. You must register your card online with the charity selected as "Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation". This is easy to do online yourself or with the help of the service desk at your favorite store.
- **Amazon** will donate a percentage of purchases when you purchase through AmazonSmile and select your charity as "Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation". This is a program for anyone across the US as long as they select us as a charity.



Upcoming Events

Our chapter has events planned with the intention of reaching all generations across a variety of interests. Just select those that most appeal to you. Please be sure to check your email and please reply to the evites even if not attending.

- ▶ Wednesday, February 27 - Pound Party
- ▶ Thursday, February 28 - Lunch Bunch at House of Tricks
- ▶ Saturday, March 9 - Volunteer Packing at Feed My Starving Children
- ▶ Tuesday, March 19 - Chocolate and Wine Party
- ▶ Saturday, March 23 - Business Meeting with Presentation from MIHS
- ▶ Saturday, March 30 - Bowling
- ▶ Saturday, April 6 – (tentative) Initiation Ceremony
- ▶ Wednesday, April 10 - Lunch Time Theatre at The Herberger
- ▶ Saturday, April 13 - March of Dimes Walk
- ▶ Sunday, April 14 - Founder's Day Luncheon
- ▶ Monday, April 29 - Wine Tasting Party
- ▶ Saturday, May 4 - Panhellenic Luncheon
- ▶ Wednesday, May 8 - Eddie Basha Art Gallery and Lunch
- ▶ Saturday, May 18 - Planning Session for Calendar of Events 2019-2020
- ▶ June 28 through July 1 – Tri Sigma Convention in Las Vegas at the JW Marriott in Las Vegas. See the link at <http://convention.trisigma.org/>



Tri Sigma Convention
Las Vegas, NV (June 28 - July 1, 2019)

PHOENIX ALUMNAE CHAPTER

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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
Event Planning	Gail Aibel
Facebook/Social Media	Judy Alspaugh
Newsletter	Brooke Noble

Membership:

Member Recruitment Chair	Amy Corsi
Relocation Member Outreach	Olivia Del Viscio
Member Orientation	Maryellen Baxter
Existing Member Outreach	Liz Hoffert

Administrative:

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

Sisterhood:

Ritual	Colleen Stangl
	Vicki Corrigan/Liz Hoffert
Character Counts	Mary Webster/Maryellen Baxter
Historian/Scrapbook	Jan Timmerman
Senior Sigma Sisters	Jan Timmerman
Photographer/Digitizer	(new) open

Tri Sigma.org:

Awards	Chris LaBarge
	Mary Webster/Maryellen Baxter
Triangle	Nic Weitzman

Special Events:

Convention 2019	Sue Dusold
Founders Day	Nic Weitzman
Tucson/Phoenix Luncheon	Vicki Corrigan

Philanthropic Committee:

Coordinating Chair	Sue Smith
Budgeting/Cash Management	Mary Schneider
Tri Sigma Foundation	Louise Sallquist
Convention Sigma Shop 2019	Mary Webster
Charity Walks/Runs	Sue Smith
Baby Crochet/Knitting	Connie Geyer
Grants	Sue Smith/Mary Webster
Walton House	Vicki Corrigan
Feed My Starving Children	Sky Larsen
Raffles/Baskets	Sky Larsen/Joni Perisho
In Kind Donations-Maggie's Place	Rena Cruse