



**Sigma Sigma Sigma**  
**Phoenix Alumnae Chapter**  
**Spring 2020 Newsletter**

**President's Corner**

Our Tri Sigma Phoenix Chapter continues to focus on celebrating what makes our sisterhood special. Membership Committees are establishing improved guidelines for membership with emphasis on lifelong commitment. More on this in the future!

We have also expanded some of our event programming procedures moving forward. Watch your emails for a new type of event called a "Pop Up" Event. During the year we have found that there are occasions where some sisters want events that had not originally been planned as part of the official calendar at the beginning of the year. These new "Pop Up" events will be announced by our Tri Sigma Phoenix email for all that are interested. We hope this ability to be spontaneous will allow for increased bonding opportunities among the sisterhood. You will not see the typical evite so be sure to follow all the instructions within the email as to responding, rsvp etc. Also work with Kathy Jackson about sending a chapter email if you wish to set up your own "Pop Up".

**Philanthropy** 



Sisters contributed a combination of feminine hygiene products at the August Salad Luncheon for women in need. Thereafter, Vicki Corrigan and Chris Ahlstrand met with representatives from Women4Women Tempe including Kay Wright, President, and Sandy Hume, Treasurer, to deliver the much appreciated donations.



November was the annual Leukemia Light the Night Walk where sisters showed support for our own Sue Dusold who is such a miraculous success story. Pictured from left to right are Frankie Johnson, Colleen Stangl, Sue Dusold, Scott Beutler, Sandy Beutler, and Marlene Olsen. Great fun and a great cause!

## Philanthropy Efforts for Valleywise Health

This year our Phoenix Alumnae Chapter is continuing to support children at Valleywise Health. Located in Phoenix, Arizona, Valleywise Health (formerly Maricopa Integrated Health System) has a proud tradition of being both the community safety net health care system, with a mission and commitment to serving the underserved and Arizona's only public teaching hospital. Valleywise Health consists of Valleywise Health Medical Center, the only Level I Trauma Center in Maricopa County verified by the American College of Surgeons to care for both adults and children, Arizona's only nationally verified Burn Center serving the entire Southwestern United States, the McDowell Healthcare Center, the largest provider of HIV primary care in Arizona, women's and pediatric refugee health services, the Arizona Children's Center, three behavioral health centers, and 12 FQHC sites throughout Maricopa County.



Last fall our members Colleen Stangl, Sue Smith, Rena Cruse, Maryellen Baxter, Anne Ruiz, and Kathy Jackson joined other volunteers to assist the Maricopa Health Foundation to help distribute filled backpacks. Other Chapter members made donations to the Foundation to help provide school supplies to help fill the backpacks. This annual event makes a real difference in children's lives in economically disadvantaged areas in Phoenix. The goal is for kids to show up to school healthy and ready to learn. Every child should start school with a backpack filled with the tools they need to succeed!

On January 15, 2020 sisters from the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter presented a grant check for \$4,403.54 from the Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation to Valleywise Health. The funds are from the Local Grant Program through the Foundation's Robbie Page Memorial Fund. Valleywise has already begun purchasing equipment to assist in the local play therapy program.

Along with representatives from Valleywise Health the following sisters are pictured (in purple): Mary Schneider, Maryellen Baxter, Kathy Jackson, Sue Dusold, and Chris Ahlstrand.



This spring we have additional ways YOU can help support the Valleywise Health causes:

- **Change Jars.** Please continue collecting your spare change in a jar for Valleywise Health (previously Maricopa Integrated Health System). We will be collecting change and emptying jars at events throughout the year.
- **Fun and fundraising for charity at the same time!**  
Please plan on joining us and bringing friends and family to the **Gong Auction on March 7<sup>th</sup>**. It is a great cause and a creative way to support a great cause!

## *Chinese Gong Auction, Silent Auction, and Luncheon*



**Auction Benefiting  
Valleywise Health  
Foundation**

**PRICE ~ \$50**

*Includes \$10 worth of Gong Auction  
tokens*

*More tokens available  
for purchase at the event*

*Sponsored by  
Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority  
Phoenix Alumnae Chapter*

*Auctioneer  
Sandy Beutler*

**Saturday, March 7, 2020  
at China Chili's**

*302 E. Flower St, Phoenix, AZ (3rd Street south of Osborn)*

*11:15 a.m. ~ No-host cocktails/Silent Auction*

*12:00 Noon ~ Luncheon/Gong Auction*

**Meal served family-style**

*Fresh and Crunchy Vegetable Egg Rolls*

*Master of the Sea Crab Cheese Puffs*

*Tangy Royal Orange Chicken*

*Garlic String Beans with Fried Tofu*

*Succulent Simmering Mongolian Beef*

*Sensational Singapore Rice Noodles*

*Melt in Your Mouth Honey Walnut Prawns*

*Savory Imperial Steamed Rice*

*Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Soda*

*Limited vegetarian meals available  
ONLY if reserved ahead*

**RSVP by Sunday, March 1, 2020**

*By check, to any Tri Sigma member OR  
By credit card to M. Schneider, 435-632-0045  
(Specify standard OR vegetarian meal)*



*\$25 of the ticket price will benefit Valleywise Health and may be tax-deductible*

## Chapter Announcements

- **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.
- **Improved Communication and Publicity for the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter needed.**  
We are hoping to expand our chapter's social media footprint to areas that may provide additional publicity for our charity efforts. So far we have had some suggestions that include Instagram and/or a public Facebook page.

Currently our chapter uses the following as communication tools:

- Email: phoenixtrisigma@gmail.com
- Facebook closed group: Tri-Sigma Phoenix Alumnae
- Public website through TriSigma.org: <http://phoenix.trisigma.org>

If you have an interest in helping this "Public Relations" area we would appreciate any ideas. You can email Chris at [TriSigmaPhxPresident@gmail.com](mailto:TriSigmaPhxPresident@gmail.com).

- **New ritual books are being published by Sigma Sigma Sigma.**  
We have postponed the originally scheduled January 2020 sisterhood event. The initial event plan was to review ritual books and songs for members but we decided to wait for the revised books from National at this point. Watch for a revised schedule for this sisterhood event in the future.

## Spring 2020 Events\*



<b>January 27-February 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	Waste Management Open Volunteering for PPA – Panhellenic Rep. Chris LaBarge
<b>February 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm in Phoenix:</b>	Chili Cookoff – Hostess Colleen Stangl
<b>February 22<sup>nd</sup> noon in Casa Grande:</b>	Joint Luncheon with Tucson Chapter at the Francisco Grande – Hosted by Tucson Chapter
<b>March 7<sup>th</sup> 11:15am in Phoenix:</b>	Gong Auction to benefit Valleywise Health – Chair Colleen Stangl
<b>March 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 11:00am in Mesa:</b>	Feed My Starving Children packing event – Hostess Sky Larsen
<b>March 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00am in Scottsdale:</b>	Business Meeting and Lunch – Hostess Chris Ahlstrand

- April 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00am in Phoenix:** Schermer Art Center –Art in the Garden and Sparkling Tea - Hostess Kathy Jackson
- April 11<sup>th</sup> in downtown Phoenix:** March for Babies – Hostesses Marlene Olsen and Sue Smith
- April 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30am in Phoenix:** Founders Day Luncheon at Moon Valley Country Club – Chair Vicki Corrigan
- April 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00am in Phoenix:** Phoenix Panhellenic 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Brunch at The Cambry – Panhellenic Rep. Chris LaBarge
- May 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30am in Scottsdale:** Annual Planning Meeting at Olive Garden – Hostess Anne Ruiz

*\*Be sure to check official evites for most current event details.*

### PHOENIX ALUMNAE CHAPTER

#### 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
Facebook/Social Media	Judy Alspaugh

##### Membership:

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

##### 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
Historian/Scrapbook	Jan Timmerman
Senior Sigma Sisters	Jan Timmerman
Photographer/Digitizer	<b>(new) open</b>

Tri Sigma.org:

Awards	Chris LaBarge
Triangle	<b>open position</b>
Website	<b>open position</b>

Special Events:

Founders Day	Vicki Corrigan
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Philanthropic Committee:

Chair	Mary Schneider
Gong Auction	Colleen Stangl
Baby Crochet/Knitting	Connie Geyer
Walks	Marlene Olsen/Sue Smith
Grants	Mary Webster
Walton House	Vicki Corrigan
Feed My Starving Children	Sky Larsen
Raffles	Sky Larsen/Joni Perisho

*If you are interested in a committee please reach out to Chris Ahlstrand. Your participation is always welcome whether as a leader or in a support position.*