

Sigma Star



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From the Sigma Housing Corporation



Hello Sisters,

What a busy time it has been for the Housing Corporation! We

held our annual meeting in October and I wanted to update you all on who our members are now. Aside from myself, our current members are **Leticia Pickens '01** (Treasurer), **Jaime Vallone Long '94** (Vice-President), **Leslie Freeman '95** (Secretary), **Claire Munaretto '11** (Campus Liaison), **Amy Hornat-Kaval** (Personnel Director), **Katie Johnson '05**, **Kelsey Miller '08**, **Yesenia Garcia**, **Katherine Zilmer**, and **Anna Miller**. Two chapter advisors also serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of our corporation - **Marissa Claxson '00** (Alumnae Relations) and **Jamie Postlewait '06**. And finally, we always have the current Chapter President, Finance Vice-President, and Property Manager as well.

These members come from a variety of backgrounds. Some of them are Sigma alumnae and others are not. Some live near Champaign-Urbana, and some do not. In fact we even have one member who is not an ADPi! It's a very diverse group with a variety of backgrounds and life experiences working together to ensure our chapter home remains a safe and beautiful place for our sisters to enjoy this part of their college experience.

Of course, we also continue to find ourselves facing a variety of challenges that stem from maintaining a house that is this old and has this many people living in it. Over the summer we completed a number of projects like getting a new water heater, replacing and repairing ALL the windows, and completing a few small updates to

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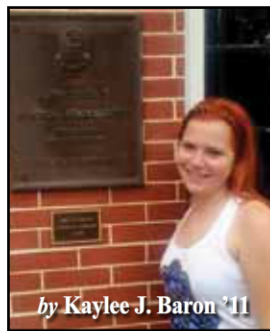
Sigma Love

A Collection of Stories About our Beloved House and Being a Sigma

1202 W. Nevada is so much more than a mailing address; to me, it is Alpha Delta Pi. The Sigma Chapter home will forever have a special place in my heart, especially after this year.

Beginning in June, I stepped into the role as House Director (colloquially "House Mom"). Having always loved this house as a collegian, I knew being able to oversee our home would be the most amazing way of being involved with the chapter as an alumna. The position of House Director is extremely rewarding as I have the ability to work with our members everyday! Even if it's just sitting and chatting with the women at meals, it feels great to be involved and see them grow within Alpha Delta Pi.

Since my transition into this role, the house itself has seen some changes! Over the summer I worked with the Housing Corporation and we did repairs on the first floor, such as repairing old plaster in the formal



by Kaylee J. Baron '11

living room and alcove. Also with the alcove, over the summer we discovered many silver awards, bowls, and plates hiding in a closet. Alumnae helped polish and reorganize the display cabinets in the alcove and now all of our beautiful awards are on display! In regard to the first floor, it would be fantastic to have donations towards painting the dining room and formal living room as well as buy new furniture in the formal and informal living rooms; these are projects I would love to see accomplished within the next few years.

Maintaining a 21,000 square foot property means there is always something that can be done! The Housing Corporation and I have been working on many long-term maintenance projects as we work to ensure the longevity of the home. We have made tremendous strides and I am excited to see what else we do in the 2015-2016 year. I look forward to Sigma welcoming many more Alpha classes to welcome into our historic home!

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The séance the '05's had in the attic and weekend brunches by Chef Dan! *Megan Y. Thornton '01*

Coming back to the house after barn dance when Mama Sue would order us all pokey sticks!

Danielle J. Krabbe '11

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Chapter News

From the Chapter President
Alex Rabadan



Hello Sisters!

This fall has been quite an eventful one for Sigma. In just a few short months we were able to bring new, but very exciting aspects to our chapter. From inviting a variety of guest speakers such as the Urbana Fire Department to talk about fire safety, to hearing the Leadership Center present on what it means to be a team player Sigma has truly been utilizing our campus resources.

This semester we were able to present the first annual chili dinner benefitting the Ronald McDonald House Charities along with the Alpha Delta Pi Foundation. We were very pleased to raise over \$3,000! This semester has been a great example of what happens when a group of strong women come together to make a difference.

As I bring my term to a close I cannot help but reflect on how much I have grown because of Alpha Delta Pi. If it were not for this sorority I would not be where I am today, and if it were not for this chapter house I would not have gained the memories that I hold near and dear to my heart.

To think that this chapter holds over 100 years of memories fills me with such joy and it brings comfort that I will be able to come back at any time to reminisce on my time here. I look forward to enjoying the rest of my time in the Chapter House and I encourage you all to come back and remember what it means to be a Sigma.

L&V,

Alex Rabadan



Chapter Spotlight: *Anna Kaszuba*

Editor's Note: Representing the chapter as Spotlight is Legacy *Anna Kaszuba*. From the hometown of Long Grove, IL, Anna is on track to graduate this spring as an English major with a minor in Secondary Education. She has served the chapter as Social Enrichment, and is active on campus as a FYCARE Facilitator, Rape

Awareness and Prevention Committee member, and serves on the It's on Us Task Force. With a student teaching position starting next semester at Buffalo Grove High School Anna is preparing for a future in education. For fun she enjoys the outdoors, hiking, snowboarding, and reading.



What led you to join the chapter?

My sister, **Ewa Kaszuba '10**, was a member of the chapter as I was going through recruitment and I was at a crossroads after preference, choosing between a chapter I liked and the chapter my sister was a part of. I read a letter that she wrote me during that final round and that I still have to this day. She expressed that although life can be tough sometimes, she found sisters in Alpha Delta Pi who were always there to help her. Ultimately, these are the bonds I was searching for and I knew I wanted to be with my best friend.



Vice President Biden and Anna after her speech given at the It's On Us rally.

How did you get involved with the Rape Awareness and Prevention Committee?

I have a very personal connection to this issue and it's especially important to talk about on a college campus

where alcohol is involved. I took a class that I am now the Teaching Assistant for that prepares you to become a FYCARE facilitator (First Year Campus Acquaintance Rape Education Program). It got me thinking about how the organization of a college campus can contribute to and effect rape culture. No one should ever have to go through something like that so I was determined to be as involved as possible in the fight against rape.

Which program do you feel that you have had the biggest impact on campus with?

During my time working with sexual assault on this campus we have created two programs, ICARE, which addresses bystander intervention and GUARD, which focuses on Greek life. The latter is one I am particularly proud of because I believe it to be engaging and impactful. It is a daylong seminar that asks

the men and women of the different chapters around campus to come together and have an honest conversation about what rape culture is and what that looks like in our Greek system. We train them to become liaisons for their chapter and help keep each other safe.

What inspired you to pursue a career in education?

Teachers are so important. High school can be a really trying time for students, as it was for me. It's a time where students are trying to figure out who they are and what their goals are in life. The amazing teachers I had in high school taught me more than U.S. History or Shakespeare, they taught me who I was, what my strengths were, and how to overcome obstacles. My dream is to do that for someone else, to inspire students to learn and to show them how much they are capable of.

What are your hopes for the future?

I hope to continue to build sexual assault awareness and prevention far past Urbana-Champaign. My wish is to educate others on how to support survivors and how to create an inclusive and safe space for all. I want to incorporate this into my future classrooms and cultivate young adults who compassionate, informed and prepared to handle differences they might encounter outside of school. My dream is for the students in my classroom to move on confident in their abilities, ready for new situations and earnest to do more and learn more.



Anna with her two sisters, Ewa and Marta, on a snowboarding trip.

Alumnae News



Mary Jo Mulcahy '57 (pictured left) - Currently, I am mentoring a lid collecting project which I proposed to our Green Team at First Congregational Church of Western Springs. When we get 400 pounds of caps and lids, we will take them to Green Tree Plastics Co. (www.greentreeplastics.com) in Evansville, IN. They will be transformed into a 6 foot Denali park bench, which will last a lifetime. Tom and I just celebrated our 54th anniversary with tapas and profiteroles at Emilio's Tapas bar in June! Here I am in a photo taken this past Mother's Day 2015. My son, John, in University Park, TX, sent me the pretty white roses. Life is good!

Arlene P. Schamberger '58 - (pictured right) 53 years of marriage and I never went anywhere alone. I recently went to Poland with my church and visited a few other Eastern European capitals. I was accompanied by my

daughter (she is an RN) for support. She helped talk me out of being nervous about leaving Hermann home alone! My daughter has triplet girls who are 21 and a son who is 20. They are at 4 different colleges in 4 different states. It was a much needed break for both of us.



Mary Jo pictured with roses from her son, John.

Arlene enjoying time with family during Christmas 2014.

Amy Laughhunn '60 - I've begun celebrating my "diamond jubilee" (75th birthday earlier this year in June). In honor of that I've decided to use this as a renaissance year, a year of starting over and attempting to re-invent myself to better prepare for whatever lies ahead in my "home stretch." I'm trying to get back to painting. Pictured

below is a recent oil I did for a friend. It's her group she calls her supper club during their visit to her beach place on the coast.

A big congratulations to Alpha Beta chapter Advisor **Erika Ehlers '06** who was wed recently in September to her husband Brad. Pictured Right, Erika stands with our other chapter Advisor, **Jamie Postlewait '06**.



Amy's oil painting of a friend's supper club.



Have Alumnae News?

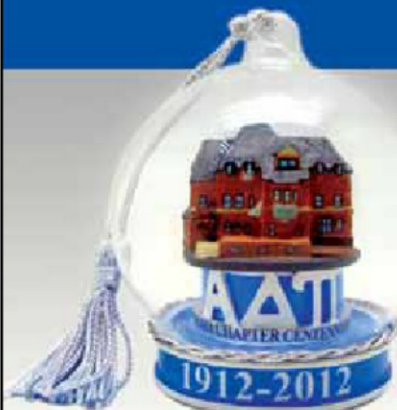
We want to hear from you! Send your personal updates, accomplishments, adventures, and photos to our Account Manager Kasey Breedlove at kbreedlove@thelaurusgroup.net, or simply fill out the tear-away form at the bottom of your cover letter and return it in the mail. We want to share it in the next issue of *The Sigma Star!*



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Snow Globe Sales



Don't miss your chance to own a piece of Sigma history! These limited-edition memory globes were the commemorative gift at our Centennial banquet – and now you can own one, too! The globe features a custom-made replica of the chapter house – and once they're sold out, they're gone forever! Cost is \$15 plus shipping. Email Shannon at shannonsandoval@mac.com to reserve yours today! Checks can be made out to Alpha Delta Pi Sigma Chapter.

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This year marks 15 years since I initiated into Alpha Delta Pi. When I think back to my time in college, 1202 W. Nevada was a huge part. Nothing can compare to living in a house with 60 other women - always having someone to talk to or watch your favorite show with, someone to get ready with, someone's closet to raid. I remember serious things about the year I lived in - like sitting on

the couch with my sisters watching the second tower come down on 9/11 - but I also remember all of the fun times we had. Even after I moved out, we used to meet at the house on Sunday mornings to eat brunch and recap our weekends. As an alumna, every time I step back inside 1202 those memories come flooding back and it just feels like home.

by Marissa G. Claxon '00



I was fortunate enough to live in the Sigma chapter house for a year and a half. I initiated fall of my sophomore year, moved in the following spring, and lived in for the entirety of my junior year. My favorite part of living in the house was the random dance parties that often broke out



the next 10-15 minutes "dancing

in our rooms when studying/school work became too much handle for one night. My roommates and I would turn the music up (often blaring 90's boy bands) and spend

it out" until we were laughing so hard we could no longer dance. Often times the ladies in the room next to ours would burst through the door and join us too. The ability to turn a study session into a dance party will always be one of the first things I remember when reflecting on my time at 1202 Nevada.

by Jamie C. Postlewait '06

This is my opportunity to brag about my best friends: the barn. Some of you may have heard of the barn, or even lived in the barn, but you have no idea what the barn is. Margot, Katie, Megan and I are the barn. It is not a room in the house, it is the obsession shared between four people who could not be more amazing. They made my experience at Sigma absolutely wonderful and I could not imagine college without them. I will never forget the times we spent piling on top of each other while Margot questioned the



meaning of life, the never ending nights we spent together, and feasting on enough food to feed the house. We were loud; we were fun, but most importantly we were in love. Thank you girls for the best four years of my life.

by Danielle Arnold '90

The best part of the ADPi house while I was on campus was that no matter where I lived, I always felt most at home at ADPi. My favorite time in the house was decorating and setting up the tree for Christmas. As an alumna, I still feel just as comfortable at the house as I did when I was in school. I love seeing the younger girls enjoying ADPi as much as I did!



by Carli A. Smith '10

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the House Director's suite. They are a lot of things that needed to be done but of course aren't the things the members can really *see* as changes. THOSE are on the future wish list. As you can see, we have raised only \$3665.00 to date, and we need your support. Our goal of \$10,000 is actually quite modest and will pay for a portion of our communications program. You will also read about our current needs in the main article about the house in this edition.

We've recently hired a new accountant, re-signed contracts with several of our bigger vendors, and are still conducting a search for a new full-time House Director for the 2016-2017 school year. We've been very blessed by our interim House Director **Kaylee Barron '11**, who is a Sigma alumna and current graduate student on campus.

I would also be remiss if I didn't single out board Treasurer Leticia Pickens for the extraordinary amount of work she has put in to straightening out our financials, including finding and hiring a new accountant, developing (and sticking to!) a strong budget, completing the paperwork to renew our mortgage for the kitchen remodel, and on and on and on. Leticia has been tackling all of this while also working in budgeting for the state of Illinois (not an easy job!) and she has been an amazing asset to our corporation board.

Virtually everyone on our board was new just a few months ago and I'm amazed at how far we've come. There is always a need for more volunteers at the chapter - whether for the new Sigma Strong alumnae group, the chapter itself, and our board. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or are interested in jumping in!

Love and Violets,

Shannon
Shannon Sandovol '94



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