Upcoming Events

> May 20  Theta Lunch Bunch at the Pueblo Harvest Cafe  - See page 5
> TBD      Triad Event
> September  Pansies and Potluck
> October 21  Make A Difference Day  - Roadrunner Food Bank

Check out our NEW website!!

http://albuquerque.kappaalphatheta.org

If you have something you would like to share with our group such as an event open to our chapter members, photos from an event or even just some good news, e-mail Susan Bowdoin at susan@bowdoins.com for that information to be posted to our website.

Find us on Facebook too...
Albuquerque-Thetas!

- Breaking News -
Albuquerque Thetas are Getting Greener!

This is the last Spring Newsletter that you will receive in the mail. From now on, our Fall Newsletter will be printed and mailed (unless you’ve signed up for the electronic version) but the Spring Newsletter will be sent out via email only. If you would like to receive only electronic versions of all newsletters, just send an email to: laurakaysmith@gmail.com with the subject “Going Green” and you’ll be placed on the list. It’s that easy!

To the 51(!) Thetas who have already decided to “Go Green”,

THANK YOU!
Reading Women
Theta’s online Book Club!

Reading Women is an online book club for Thetas. The club was created to connect members—both collegians and alumnae—from all around the world to share thoughts, ideas, and just generally engage with one another in a new and unique way.

The Reading Women Book Club announces its May 2016 book selection: The Pearl That Broke Its Shell by Nadia Hasimi. Start reading this book to prepare for the online discussion on May 11 at 8:30pm EDT.

Ideas for individual and chapter participation, as well as a link to the book club site, can be found on the Reading Women web page, http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/programs/reading_women.cfm.

Pansy Patch, Theta Foundation’s official Grand Convention fundraiser, has officially launched for 2016! For just $5 each, Thetas, their families, spouses, and friends give pansies in honor of the special women in their lives, which support the educational and leadership programs of the Fraternity. Purchasing a pansy in honor of a sister is the perfect way to brighten her day! For more information on this fundraiser, please visit www.PansyPatch.org.

Celebrating a Theta Author

On March 8, 2016 Thetas gathered to review The Conspiracy of Us by Maggie Bunting Hall (USC Theta, 2001). Maggie is an Albuquerque native and resident. As reported by USA Today.com, “This is such a fun, wild read...I recommend this for anyone looking for adventure, spice, forbidden romance and very powerful families who rule behind the scenes. Oh, and conspiracies, lots and lots of conspiracies.” The book is available at local book stores and on Amazon. The book is mainly set in France so French inspired treats were served! We picked our date for this event because Maggie’s second book in this series, “Map of Fates” hit the stands that day.

In photo (l. to r.): Sue Hutchison, Suzanne Verardo, Kaye Thompson, Karen Morgan
Photographer: Holly Flandermeyer
Lila Milligan Boyden Grant Endowment Fund

Did you know that a grant has been established in Lila's name with the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation’s Give to Lead, Give to Learn campaign?

- In order to have an endowed grant, the fund must reach $25,000 by November 2019.
- Her fund is currently at $14,000.
- Please consider helping us reach this goal by giving to the Foundation in memory of Lila.
- When you make your donation note that the gift is for the Lila Milligan Boyden Grant.

It is such an honor to have this grant in Lila’s name to continue her giving spirit and her love for Kappa Alpha Theta.

Lila was a Gamma Omicron Theta and President of the Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter for 3 terms. She was the Theta of the year twice. She was Alumnae District President for many years. She continued her service to Theta in Spokane, WA as President and was involved with the WSU and Idaho chapters.

Instructions detailing how you can honor Lila by contributing to the Lila Milligan Boyden Grant are outlined below:

For individuals donating online:
1. Please visit [https://www.givelototheta.org/give/](https://www.givelototheta.org/give/).
2. On Step 2, select “Educational Leadership Endowment” in the dropdown menu under Gift Information.
3. In the “Note regarding my gift” box, please note: “Lila Milligan Boyden Grant.”

For individuals interested in mailing in a check:
1. Please make the check payable to “Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.”
2. Note “Lila Milligan Boyden Grant” in the check memo line.
3. Mail the gift to:
   Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation
   8740 Founders Rd.
   Indianapolis, IN 46268

*Please note that your contribution to Theta Foundation in Lila’s memory is 100% tax deductible.

Silver Kite Pins

These beautiful pins are unique to our own Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter. Cast in sterling silver, these pins look stunning on a jacket and can be worn alone or as a border enhancement for your Theta badge. Measuring 2 ¼ inches tall by 1 ½ inches wide, they make a wonderful gift for any Theta, or even for you!

Order forms are available on the website at [http://albuquerque.kappaalphatheta.org](http://albuquerque.kappaalphatheta.org) or by contacting Jenison Klinger at jenison@att.net or (505) 856-3435.

The cost is $40, which includes shipping.

What a great way to support our chapter’s fundraising efforts!
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS!
Kappa Alpha Theta Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter Officers 2016-2017

President ................................................................. Holly Flandermeyer
Vice President Programs ........................................ Suzanne Verardo & Kaye Thompson
Recording Secretary ................................................ Mary-Ellin Brooks
Corresponding Secretary ......................................... Sue Hutchison
Treasurer/ Member Database ..................................... Laura Williams
Deputy Treasurer ..................................................... Tory Witt
Editor ................................................................. Jessica Montoya
Kite Pin Sales .......................................................... Jenison Klinger
Archivist .............................................................. Sara Bode
Bylaws ..................................................................... Elinor Dickson
Founders Day .......................................................... Jessica Montoya
Panhellenic Delegate ................................................ Julie Miller
Panhellenic Delegate ................................................ Karen Morgan
Recruitment Reference ........................................... Susan Lucas Kamat
Poinsettia Sales ...................................................... Danielle Meister
Pansy Sales ............................................................. Danielle Meister
Yearbook ................................................................... Vanessa Bush
Website ...................................................................... Susan Bowdoin
Permanent Alumnae Secretary ................................. Kathleen Anthony

Board Meeting Fun!!

Pictured from L to R, Back Row:
Vanessa Bush, Susan Bowdoin,
Kaye Thompson, Suzanne Verardo,
Julie Miller, Jessica Montoya,
Laura Williams
Front Row: Susan Lucas Kamat,
Holly Flandermeyer, Mary-Ellin Brooks,
Sue Hutchison.

Albuquerque Business Spotlight

Advertise your business and support our Alumnae Chapter! For only $50 your business card sized ad will be included in our directory and all Theta Newsletters. See the Dues Form on page 7.
Spring Greetings!
I am so thrilled to be serving as your new president of the Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta! We recently had our first board meeting of the year, and have a wonderful team of officers serving you for 2016! We have some really great things in the works including a brand new website launching soon, some fun Sisterhood Events planned, and 150 Days of Celebrating Service.

Did you know that Theta will celebrate her 150th anniversary in 2020? Did you also know that we’re beginning the celebration in 2016? Starting on Founders Day, we’ll be dedicating one year to each of our founders and the Theta ideals she epitomizes. We begin on Jan. 27, 2016, by celebrating Bettie Tipton Lindsey and her commitment to giving and sharing, volunteerism, and service. On that date, Thetas everywhere can begin 150 days of Celebrating Service. Watch your email closely as we sprinkle some fun local opportunities for Service throughout the year.

Lastly, if you are on Facebook, make sure to “Like” our page, Albuquerque Thetas. We’ll be posting events and photos there all year long!

Loyally in Theta,
Holly Flandermeyer

Theta Mix Deliveries!
With no Theta chapter in the state of New Mexico, Albuquerque alumnae are pleased every fall to reach out to new members in neighboring states. We send bags of Theta Mix, a fun mixture of candy corn, M&M’s and peanuts that taste like Snickers bars when combined, to Theta chapters! This year we also delivered Theta Mix to sororities on the University of New Mexico campus to celebrate UNM’s Greek Week!

Theta Lunch Bunch
Theta Lunch Bunch meets the third Friday of every month at 1:00 pm at a local restaurant. All Thetas are welcome!

Join us May 20th
Pueblo Harvest Café at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
Rsvp by May 18th
To Rsvp or learn our next location, contact Lynn Adkins at (505) 899-4557 ladkins@cybermesa.com
Alumnae Service Trip ~ New Orleans
By Susan Lucas Kamat
Zeta Mu / MIT ’92

Strong : Driven : Brave : Passionate : Confident

In February, Kappa Alpha Theta sponsored their inaugural Alumnae Service Trip in New Orleans. Twenty-one women, strangers to each other before the trip, gathered together for a weekend of service and sisterhood. Ninety-six hours is all it took for lifelong bonds to form and for a group of individuals to become a group of leading women working together to change the world for the better. It was a weekend of small actions and intentions: the faith that creating a clean and safe home for horses at a rescue ranch that works with at-risk youth would foster their personal growth; the hope that planting a tree would help reestablish a wetland, and the love to carry boxes of food and supplies through an unknown urban area would feed a family and help them flourish. Each action, small and large, given to the world for the greatest influence for good. The 21 women on the trip discovered we were more than the sum of our parts. Some reconnected to Theta and remembered why we had become sisters in the first place, some found their own strength and realized they could move mountains, others saw the world through new eyes and with a new vocabulary of privilege and access, some learned they were mediators, other realized they were elder stateswomen. Sisterhood is a never-ending journey. For me, I understood New Orleans in one perfect moment in Jackson Square. The jazz was playing, a spoken word poet was performing, buskers and artists were sharing their spirit and vision, beignets and chicory were served, the Spanish moss was quivering in the trees. And I had my sisters around me. In a moment you can become part of a place and understand it.

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.

~ Marcel Proust

Thank you!!!

These members are dues paid as of April 1st, 2016. Is your name on the list?

2016 Dues-Paid Thetas

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Kappa Alpha Theta
Albuquerque Alumnae Chapter

2016 DUES FORM

Why pay dues? Membership benefits you with new and rekindled friendships, business networking, social media event invitations, FREE membership directory, chapter newsletters, and we keep your information current with Headquarters.

Help us keep our records current; please take the time to legibly complete this form.

Name __________________________________________________________________________________

(Last) (First) (Maiden) (Spouse)

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

Street ______________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip ______________________________________________________________________________

Phone (H) __________________________ (C) __________________________

Email ______________________________________________________________________________________

Occupation __________________________________________________________________________________

Chapter __________ School _______________ Initiation Year ______

Legacy Information: My sister, daughter, or granddaughter will graduate from high school in 2016. Her name is ______________________________

Standard communication will now be sent via e-mail. However, should you be unable to receive your newsletters and other information, we will send hard copies to dues paying members.

_____ Please send my communication via hard-copy.

DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Alumna $55 $_________

Contributing $ 75 $_________

Business Card Ad (include Card) for Directory AND Newsletters $50 $_________

Mail check payable to Kappa Alpha Theta with memo marked 2016 Dues with this form to:

Laura Williams
1918 Quail Run Dr NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

You may also pay dues through PayPal online at http://tinyurl.com/abqdues