

## *The Prospect*

### Women of the Year

*"Focus on Philanthropy: Making a World of Difference"*



**11:30 a.m. March 29**  
**Tulsa Country Club**  
**701 N. Union Ave.**

- The theme of TAAP's third annual award luncheon and auction is a reflection of the volunteer work and support given by our sorority groups
- The event is a chance to recognize outstanding community leaders among our alumnae
- Honorees come for various walks of life, including successful businesswomen, long-time community volunteers and dedicated public servants
- TAAP member sororities support more than 35 national and local nonprofit groups
- The event raises money for college scholarships and the Tulsa Public Schools' eyeglass fund for low-income students

#### **2010 Honorees**

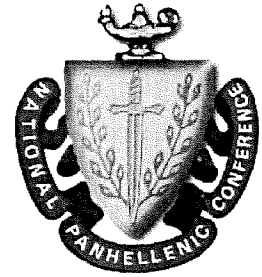
**Kathy Huang Knight**, Alpha Chi Omega  
**Ruth Ann Morton Willsey**, Alpha Delta Pi  
**Kelly Lucas Davenport**, Alpha Gamma Delta  
**Mary Rawlings Martin**, Alpha Omicron Pi  
**Dorry Morgan Efron**, Alpha Phi  
**Marilyn Ramsey Garbee**, Alpha Sigma Alpha  
**Jill Shrontz Tenzythoff**, Alpha Xi Delta  
**Terry Nostrand Dupree**, Chi Omega  
**Peggy Varnadow Helmerich**, Delta Delta Delta  
**Carol Roof Bethell**, Delta Gamma  
**Dianna Grattopp Buck**, Delta Zeta  
**Terri Pulliam Baker**, Gamma Phi Beta  
**Frances Herndon Chandler**, Kappa Alpha Theta  
**Cindy Blewitt Mayes**, Kappa Delta  
**Marilyn Maloney Riggs**, Kappa Kappa Gamma  
**Barbara Constantini Carrell**, Phi Mu  
**Debbie Patrk Vinyard**, Pi Beta Phi  
**Barbara Eiseman Fyffe**, Sigma Sigma Sigma  
**Pebble Stone Moss**, Zeta Tau Alpha

Cost is \$35 per person. To make a reservation, contact your TAAP delegate or Connie Hamernik Doverspike at 7222 E. 65th St., Tulsa, OK 74133-7541, e-mail at [cdoover3@cox.net](mailto:cdoover3@cox.net) or call 918-492-1979. Please include the sorority or honoree name and note any food allergies or special needs.



## *President's Corner*

*Ginnie Netherton Graham  
Alpha Phi*



With half of the TAAP year complete, we are excited to announce a profit from our annual poinsettia sale and look forward to our luncheon fundraiser, recruitment event and announcement of our scholarship winners.

Our theme this year has been a focus on the philanthropic projects sorority chapters support and the volunteerism our alumnae contribute. The October forum touched on how our chapters can use philanthropy to make a stronger tie between alumnae and with the community.

The Women of the Year luncheon and auction continues with that in mind. The chapters are honoring amazing women who have shaped our community and continue to make an impact. This is a time to say thank-you and raise money to support the TAAP philanthropies—college scholarships and the Tulsa Public Schools' eyeglass fund for low-income students.

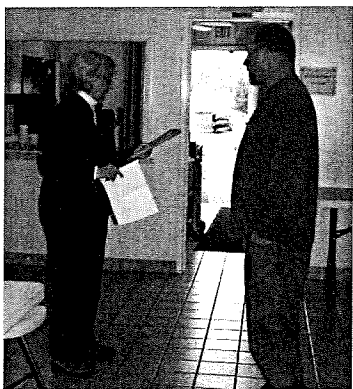
The recruitment event is to inspire young women into sorority life not just through their college years, but for its life-long friendships. Our scholarship committee will be announcing our award winners in the spring.

With a recession hitting our state even more severely in the next year, our philanthropic efforts are even more important. We thank our supporters in allowing us to continue with these initiatives. We are also proud of the volunteer and nonprofit support to which all our alumnae contribute.

## **Poinsettia Sales**

Treasurer/Ways and Means Chairwoman Katie Nelson led our annual poinsettia sales with many volunteers adding to its success. The sales support the TAAP philanthropies and continues to be our main fundraiser.

This year, TAAP made \$4,800 from the sales.



Katie Nelson checking an order



Volunteers during a shift at the poinsettia sale.

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### **TAAP Officers/Directors 2009-2010**

President – Alpha Phi, Ginnie Netherton Graham  
Vice President – Chi Omega, Laurie Brumbaugh  
Treasurer/Ways and Means - Delta Delta Delta, Katie Nelson  
Secretary – Delta Gamma, Carolyn McGee  
Scholarships – Phi Mu, Pam Von Rhee  
Recruitment – Alpha Gamma Delta, Maggie Brown  
Publicity – Pi Beta Phi, Katherine Castleberry  
Procedure – Alpha Chi Omega, Karen Purgason Tracy

## 100 years of OU Thetas

The University of Oklahoma's Alpha Omicron chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta celebrated its centennial anniversary with a luncheon at the Norman Renaissance Hotel on Oct. 2. More than 750 alumnae attended and speakers included Dr. Nancy Mergler, OU Provost, and Tulsan Frances Chandler, honoree for the TAAP Women of the Year luncheon.

A memory shared by Frances was the "Theta Bond Ballyhoo" she organized in the fall of 1944 as social chair-woman. The sorority sold 25-cent war stamps for entrance to a carnival and auction. The event offered a floor show and kisses to purchase from the football queen. It raised \$730,000, which was enough to buy a B-29 aircraft.

The centennial event featured a video presentation of the chapter's history, a 12-piece band playing hits from the 1960s to present, a skit by active members and an ice sculpture depicting the house on Chautauqua Avenue.



*From the left:* Gene White Terrell, Frances Herndon Chandler, 2009 Tulsa Theta of the Year and 2010 TAAP Woman of the Year honoree for Theta; her daughter and former First Lady of Oklahoma, Cathy Heller Keating; Cathey Harned, 2001 Tulsa Theta of the Year; Celia Rosenberger Horkey and Rosalie Riddle Yearly. In front, Marcia Gelwick Swift and Lynda Burris Linscott, 2007 Tulsa Theta of the Year.

## In Memory



Past TAAP President Marilyn Maloney Riggs, 85, died from flu complications on Oct. 23. She was known as a successful entrepreneur, civic leader, musician, traveler, mother and beloved wife.

As a Kappa Kappa Gamma, she served as province director, chapter advisor and alumni association president. She was chosen to be this year's Woman of the Year honoree for her chapter. She served as TAAP president in 1977-78 and also supported the Tulsa Boys Home, Junior League of Tulsa and the local arts community and educational philanthropies. She is survived by her daughters Debora Riggs Grillot (TAAP president 2004-05), Eileen Riggs deCastro and Nancy Riggs; a sister, and two grandchildren.

## Christmas Parties

### *Alpha Phi*



*Front:* Sonja Silva, Deanna Allred Howard, Connie Hamernik Doverspike, Tippi Holappa Young, Keeli Hand Droege  
*Back:* Ginnie Netherton Graham, Perri Crawley Catey, Leslie Hinds Pelton, Michella Estrada Isaacs.

### *Alpha Gamma Delta*



*Back:* Maggie Brown, Sara Bingman Phoenix, Amy Hern, Emily Turner Colburn  
*Front:* Jacque Zehren Gaylor, Acacia Irvine, Jennifer Gallo Moore, Kelly Lucas Davenport



*From right:* Betty Jane Bailey (Alpha Delta Pi), Dixie Reppe (Delta Gamma), Joyce Saunders (Gamma Phi Beta), Helen Hooper Malone (Alpha Sigma Alpha), Sue Stranahan Kessey (Kappa Delta) and Elaine Perett Hanner (Kappa Kappa Gamma)



*From right:* Jill Stewart Corey (Zeta Tau Alpha), Jo Candy (Sigma Sigma Sigma), Gwen Moss McKeeman (Delta Zeta), Christy Southard (Chi Omega), Julie Laudon Twilley (Kappa Alpha Theta), Peggy Knox Orr (Alpha Omicron Pi) and Sabina Wheeler Bourland, who accepted the award on behalf of her mother Patricia Anne Gattney Wheeler (Delta Delta Delta) given posthumously.

### **What it's all about . . .**

Last year's Women of the Year luncheon and auction, "Greek Women are Academic," honored 19 community leaders and raised about \$3,000 for college scholarships and support for the Tulsa Public Schools' eyeglass fund for low-income students.

Money is raised at the event through a silent auction of baskets and items donated by member chapters, local businesses and sorority alumnae. Advertising is available in the program for \$100 for a full-page ad and \$50 for a half page. Past auctions baskets themes have included children's books, wine and cheese, barbecue kits, university spirit items and spa gift certificates.

To donate a basket or item or place an ad, please contact [vicepresident@tulsapanhellenic.org](mailto:vicepresident@tulsapanhellenic.org).

## *Women of the Year 2009*

Held on April 20, 2009 at the Tulsa Country Club.



*From right:* Shelli Holland-Handy (Alpha Chi Omega), Connie Hamernik Doverspike (Alpha Phi), Marcia Mobley Mitchell (Pi Beta Phi), Lynne Stanley Caroon (Alpha Xi Delta), Sharon Carlisle Brolick (Phi Mu) and Michelle Gresham Hassell (Alpha Gamma Delta)

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# Building Stronger Chapters

## October Fall Forum

*"Sorority Strength: Improving the Health of Alumnae Chapters"*

The educational forum opened the door to other possible discussion topics. The event focused on how alumnae chapters can increase participation.

Panelists Elaine Hanner (Kappa Kappa Gamma), Diana Busch Hartley (Alpha Phi) and Annabel Jones (Gamma Phi Beta) spoke about how shorter initiation times, working women and varied interest groups impact alumnae activism. Moderator Debby Hampton, president and chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, encouraged groups to find meaningful activities for women and report back how their work impacted events.



*(From right):* Debby Hampton, Elaine Hanner, Diana Busch Hartley and Annabel Jones

About 40 participants shared ideas during a working lunch at the Tulsa Historical Society on how to bolster involvement. A summary of the event has been made available on our Web site. We are seeking input on topics for future forums. Please e-mail [treasurer@tulsapanhellenic.org](mailto:treasurer@tulsapanhellenic.org) with ideas for next year's event.



## Recruitment Event

2:30 p.m. Feb. 21, Hardesty Library

### Know Someone Who is Thinking of Going Greek?

If you know someone who is headed off to college in the Fall and has a million questions about what to expect, here is a place to get some answers. For anyone thinking about going through sorority recruitment, this program is a chance to find out all about the process, see examples of what to wear, learn more about Greek life, and ask all those questions they probably have.

## Scholarship Applications Due March 1

The TAAP scholarship program offers three types of awards.

*The collegiate scholarship* is available to Tulsa-area women attending a college, except TU, is a member of a sorority and has completed 60 hours of college credit. The *University of Tulsa scholarship* is awarded to a TU student, who also meets the same criteria. Both are academic- and leadership-based.

The *alumnae award* is open to Tulsa-area women active in her local alumnae chapter, paid TAAP dues for at least two years and needs assistance with higher education or work-related training. This is based on financial need.

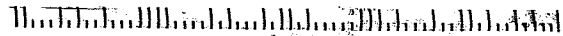
For applications and additional information, go to our Web site or contact the TAAP scholarship chairwoman at [scholarhips@tulsapanhellenic.org](mailto:scholarhips@tulsapanhellenic.org).

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