ANNOUNCING ALPHA CHI’S CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

A Century of Sisterhood: Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future

In the last three Theta Kite newsletters, you have read about assessments and work done by the Alpha Chi Facility Corporation to plan for updating and maintaining the Alpha Chi house. One of our key concerns has been the large mortgage held since the expansion of 607 Russell Street. With our centennial celebration approaching, we decided to explore solutions to these issues. With the encouragement of a feasibility study, we approached a small subset of our sisters to obtain pledge commitments so that we could go forward with a fundraising campaign knowing our goals are achievable. Their generosity has moved us to the next phase—approaching all of our Alpha Chi sisters for support. It is with great pride that we announce our campaign: A Century of Sisterhood: Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future.

In this issue, you will find a letter from the campaign co-chairmen, Ann Fawcett Murphy ’72 and Kay Murphy Yeomans ’64, along with details about the campaign, and a donor list from our initial phase. I am awed at the generosity of our sisters. Below are comments from two of our lead donors about what Alpha Chi has meant to them. In a few weeks you will receive a brochure and solicitation. We hope you will join us in this worthy endeavor.

Priority Projects in Progress

While our sights are on the campaign, we continue to be mindful of the critical issue of replacing what time and weather have deteriorated. Last summer’s work—caulking, tuck pointing, and sealing the exterior—was a big step. This summer we need to replace the casement windows installed at the time of the 1992 addition. We will use windows that are double-hung, reducing exposure to the environment and improving circulation. This is a costly project, but if the Facility Corporation has funds to do something more, we will move another step forward in making the basement bum room more habitable by adding dehumidification and new lighting, and possibly new seating.

Stay Connected

Thank you to all who returned the update form enclosed in the fall Theta Kite. We have printed a few of the updates on page 5. News from all of the updates is posted on our website at www.alphachithetas.org, along with photos from Founders Day. Please visit our website and like us on Facebook (Kappa Alpha Theta-Alpha Chi Chapter). We now have over 525 Alpha Chi Thetas on our Facebook page keeping each other up to date on Theta news. It is a great way to reconnect.

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Katie Goodwin Klingler ’54
Maintains KAΘ Pride

“Going back to 1954 when I pledged Theta, our house was located on Littleton Street between the Beta house and the Sigma Chi house. What fun that was! We moved into our new house at 607 Russell Street during my senior year. We were very proud and grateful to our alumnae who raised the funds for our new house.

“I have lived in St. Louis since 1961, been active in the Theta alumnae group, and worked on their annual fundraiser for years. Theta has always been an important part of my life. I have many wonderful memories of my sorority sisters. Our pledge class still keeps in touch with each other after all of these years! I strongly believe that all of us need to continue our Purdue legacy by supporting and giving to the capital campaign for our future Alpha Chi Thetas!”

Gloria Seddelmeyer Edwards ’59
Recounts Theta Memories

“My memories of 607 Russell are so positive. The sisterhood was, and continues to be, very important to me. Lifelong friendships were made in that house. Thinking back, one of my favorite memories is University Sing when we won first place. My pledge class remains very close, thanks to several sisters who kept the letters going before e-mail made it so easy. We have had many reunions, with the latest being on Kiawah Island.

“My West Coast life has been greatly enhanced by Theta friendships from other chapters. Without the Theta connection, I would never have met those important sisters in my life. Personal relationships are so very important in all our lives. Keeping the Alpha Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta strong is essential to assisting young women at Purdue in future years to have that same experience that so many of us treasure.”
Alpha Chi Chapter Ranked First in Panhellenic GPA
Theta Looks Forward to Another Successful Semester at Purdue

The start of the spring semester at Purdue brings with it the hopes of warmer weather and the reunion of students after a month-long break. The Alpha Chi Thetas are excited to be back under the same roof as we anticipate another successful semester full of academic excellence, leadership, and community service.

Alpha Chi Sets Bar for Academic Excellence
Kappa Alpha Theta has upheld its high academic ideals by continually remaining in the top three of sorority GPAs on campus. We are so proud to announce that for the fall 2013 semester, Alpha Chi Chapter was ranked #1! Everyone worked extremely hard, and it clearly paid off. In addition, Christina Burke ’10 received the Junior Scholarship Award. This award is based on scholastic success, quality and quantity of campus activities, and the benefits of these activities to the campus and community.

Theta International
Many Thetas have taken their academic experience overseas through Purdue’s study abroad program. Every year, the program recognizes one sorority and one fraternity with the most members who studied abroad. Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Kappa Psi were named the 2013 Global Greeks. With 46 travelers, our chapter shattered previous records!

Strong Showing for Philanthropies
Last semester, the women of Kappa Alpha Theta completed a total of 1,000 community service hours for the city of West Lafayette and surrounding areas. This service also managed to cross borders as three members traveled to Honduras over winter break with Global Medical Brigades, an organization that provides medical services to underprivileged villages and communities. We also hosted a bone marrow registration drive at the house, where many Thetas and other Purdue students entered the registry.

Actives Remain Involved with CASA
The annual Theta Grill-Off was held on October 13. Sororities and fraternities form teams (this year we paired with Fiji) to cook their signature dishes. Guests buy tickets to taste the food and vote, and trophies are awarded to the winning teams. The event was again a resounding success. We raised just over $9,000 for the Tippecanoe County CASA. We are also thrilled that Courtney Crane ’11 has joined Caroline Haywood ’10 and Casey Ross ’10 as a CASA volunteer. It is amazing to see Thetas getting so involved with such a worthwhile cause.

Thank You, Generous Alumnae
The active members of Alpha Chi Chapter are so excited to take part in the capital campaign. We are overjoyed with the support from our alumnae and the generosity from those who have donated. We cannot express our gratitude enough. I am honored to be the president of such a great organization that doesn’t end after four years in college. We are all truly Thetas for a lifetime.

Christina Burke ’10: Winner of the Purdue Panhellenic Junior Scholarship Award

Each year sororities nominate a candidate for the Panhellenic Junior Scholarship Award. The award is based on demonstrated scholarship, leadership, and service. Only one person is chosen. In spring 2013, the honoree was Christina Burke ’10.

Christina’s activities include serving as Health Science Student Council president; being the co-founder and vice president of Purdue Global Water Brigades, and serving on two missions to Honduras; serving as vice president external affairs for both the Purdue Foundation Student Board and the chapter; and serving as facility management director for a year and chief Panhellenic officer. She has also been on the dean’s list and was selected to the Gimlet Leadership Honorary and Mortar Board Senior Honor Society.

Christina is a senior this year and will receive her B.S. in health sciences with a concentration in Pre-medicine. After graduation, she plans to attend Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine in North Carolina. We wish her all the best. You can reach Christina at burke27@purdue.edu.

From left to right, Meagan Schneider ’11, Lauren Schmidt ’11, and Bri Bower ’12 enjoy time on the beach in Honduras where they spent a week volunteering with Global Brigades. Bri wrote, “While there, we helped with medical clinics in two communities located in the poorest region of the country. We had the chance to work with patients and assist doctors and dentists. It was truly humbling as we gained hands-on medical experience and learned about life in Honduras.”

The whole Theta chapter turned out to support the annual Theta Grill-Off in October.

Megan Johnson ’12 holds up Grill-Off hotdog and good sport Hannah Hendricks ’12.
First Phase of Campaign Raises More Than $765,000

We are so excited to be co-chairing our Century of Sisterhood campaign. There could not be a better time for it; in less than a year and a half we will honor 100 years of Alpha Chi sisterhood at Purdue University. We hope you have put the date aside—May 23, 2015—to join us at Purdue and celebrate.

Meanwhile, we are moving forward with a campaign to raise funds to reduce Alpha Chi’s $900,000 mortgage as much as possible and to have funds to accomplish some large projects that are much needed in the house. Projects include updating both the living room (which is heavily used by the actives and their guests) and the dining room (including adding in-floor outlets to accommodate laptop computers).

We need to raise at least $1 million to complete these goals. So far, the response and generosity of alumnae has been overwhelming and, as you can see on page 4, we have over $765,000 in pledges to date. In a few weeks, you will receive a brochure detailing the need for the campaign and the goals to achieve, along with a pledge form. Please help us surpass the $1 million goal. Your pledge can be spread over a two- to five-year time period with the hope that you will stretch as much as you can.

The members of our Executive Campaign Board, who have been diligently working since last summer, represent all decades of Alpha Chi. They are listed to the left. Also listed are Alpha Chi Thetas who have agreed to be class leaders for the campaign. More are needed; all hands are welcome.

The Theta house gave us memories to cherish for a lifetime. We want to ensure that future Alpha Chis will have that same special experience. We hope you will join us in our Century of Sisterhood campaign. Together we can reach our goal: Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future.

We thank you for your support.

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Don’t see your pledge class represented? We would welcome your help. Contact Peggy Fawcett Edwards ‘69 at pegwards@mac.com.
Thank You, Loyal Alumnae and Friends, for Committing More Than $765,000

Loyal sisters and friends have shown their generosity by contributing more than $765,000 to A Century of Sisterhood: Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future. These gifts positively impact Kappa Alpha Theta’s long-term future. It is our hope that more alumnae will join their Alpha Chi sisters and contribute to our Centennial Campaign so that we can reach our goal of at least $1 million. Your interest and involvement will make a real impact—today and tomorrow—on Alpha Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Contributors are listed below in initiation order.

Founders Society ($100,000 and above)
Mary Lincoln Campbell ’64

Loyalty Society ($50,000 to $99,999)
Katie Goodwin Klingler ’54
Gloria Seddlemeyer Edwards ’59

Black and Gold Society ($25,000 to $49,999)
Judy Kirkpatrick McKinney ’51
Linda Markins Sorensen ’60
Carol Straley Trimmer ’62
In memory of Virginia Huffman Straley ’36
Kathryn Murphy Yeomans ’64
Marilynn Bottomley Dammon ’66
Peggy Fawcett Edwards ’69 and Ann Fawcett Murphy ’72
In honor of the Snyder, McConnell, and Fawcett family legacy

172 Littleton Society ($15,000 to $24,999)
Beverly Starnes Gending ’51
Mary Jo Mohlman Risk ’61
Ruth Crane Uti ’62
In memory of Marian Crane Poole ’30
Lorna Gless Utley ’73
Susan Schafer Burke ’75
In honor of The Schafer Women

607 Russell Society ($10,000 to $14,999)
Anonymous
Meredith Golden Shoemaker ’43
Sara Lee Medl Hatlem ’50
In memory of Marty Brophy Jones ’51
Zoe E. Coulson ’51
Judith Life Ikpenberry ’54
Sue Bayless Nelson ’55
Sally Berner Hanley ’58
Margaret Bowman Ricks ’59
Judith Beckstrand Rush ’59
Judith Bernet Evans ’64
In memory of her mother, Mary Jane Bernet, Alpha Tau
Carole Behrens Shortlidge ’64
In memory of Dorothy Behrens
Kathryn Baugh Nielsen ’69
In memory of Lindy Baugh ’70, Joan Baugh Land ’48, and Lois Ham Baugh ’20
Ted and Zarie Rolles Larsen ’76
Fran Frick Bitzer ’79
In honor of Liz Bitzer ’12

Kellie Applegate Prusiecki ’79
Jennifer Watt Frenz ’85

Kite Society ($3,000 to $9,999)
Jane Sommers Lamm ’80
Jeanette Sommers Quilhot ’52
Sheryl Warnock Fredendall ’58
Carolyn Norman Hibben ’59
Marcia Erickson Weber ’63
Mary Kay Williams Chambers ’64
Carol Schilling Herrel ’69 and Erin Herrel Palmer ’01
In memory of Marietta Darnall Schilling ’39
Marta Mann Gerometta ’65
Elaine Wasch Haeli ’69
In memory of Janet Glatz Rush ’39
Jill Ellen Carnaghi ’72
Ann Barrows Satterfield ’78
Ellen Steenhausen Clapp ’81
Theresa Fehrnbach Coffey ’82
Brenda Maxwell Rittman ’85
In memory of Laura Cione Eddy ’84
Laura Hardy Noel ’87
In memory of Amy Wright ’84

Twin Stars Society ($2,500 to $4,999)
Martha Christian Hilboldt ’49
In memory of Carol O’Bryan Feltes ’48, Mary Kay Gildey Kirkpatrick ’49, and Tudy Golden Vaughan ’49
Meredith Hunter Horner ’51
Don Ward Mertz ’56
Crystal Ruskin Benbow ’58
Nancy Hitch Swearingen ’58
In memory of Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Hitch ’26
Susan Price Sterner ’59
In memory of Barbara Kessler Saph ’59
Jane Baur Merrill ’61
In memory of Edith Gregory Baur ’33 and Winifred Gregory Troyer ’36
Claudia Triax Merrill ’63
Marilyn Kurtz Parker ’64
Linda Gennett Irmscher ’65
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Claudia Truax Merrill ’63
Winifred Gregory Troyer ’36
Edith Gregory Baur ’33 and
In memory of
Barbara Puterbaugh Ballard ’86
Lisa LaRoche-Szczurek ’89
Kimberly McIntire ’93
In memory of Louise McLintyre
Brandi Bennett Burke ’00

Pansy Society ($500 to $999)
Judith Sargeant Lockett ’52
Suzanne Learning Davis ’57
Anne Sadler Budill ’59
In memory of Mary Alice Masters Sadler ’35
Ann Cuminns Daniel ’60
Kay Kenady Sanger ’62
Barbara Allen Berling ’65
Louse Cuminns Volpp ’65
Barbara Miller Annas ’67
In memory of Elizabeth Anne Miller, Beta Karen Woemer Leenheers ’79
Anita Nebesny Dauch ’85
In memory of Laura Cione Eddy ’84
Jennifer Meyer Brunette ’87
Mary Barnet Bierholt ’89
In memory of
Jacqueline Arcaris ’92
Dawn Page Auch ’92
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In honor of the Pledge Class of 1992
Rachel Farrington Back ’02
Sarah E. Arthur ’04
Maggie Wolfred ’04
Caroline M. Eberle ’09

Jennifer Graham Coghlan ’85
Emily King Conner ’03

Link Society ($1,000 to $2,499)
Trudy Johnson Bernet ’45
In memory of Gertrude Wilson Johnson, Beta Tau ’22
Martha Schroyer Hulow ’46
In memory of Catherine Oveta Schroyer ’17
Katherine Dittrich McMillin ’48
June Bode Dorman ’51
Martha Dittrich Smith ’52
Ruth Pence White ’53
Marilyn Eidmer Huseby ’57
Barbara Messersmith Ash ’58
MaryJane Kimmell Link ’59
In memory of Mary Jane O’Mara Kimmell ’32
Mamie Klingerman Stelzer ’66
Elizabeth Shanks Groeki ’79
Rhoda Rottschaefer Sherwood ’81
Dixie Bayliff McKean ’83
Jennifer Fritz Koerting ’84
In memory of Amy Wright ’84
Barbara Puterbaugh Ballard ’86
Lisa LaRoche-Szczurek ’89
Kimberly McIntire ’93
In memory of Louise McLintyre
Brandi Bennett Burke ’00

Sisterhood Society (Up to $499)
The Undergraduate Chapter 2014
Judith Barney Kless ’54
Edee Green Gresley ’59
Pamela Habich Rudy ’64
Lynne Toler Krantz ’72
Betty Bixley Bullion ’74
Mary Beth Oblinger Landgren ’76
Carol Seeger Teske ’76
In memory of Mary Ellen Meyer Seeger ’49
Julie Marsh Seminger ’77
Wendy Wolf Sauer ’90
Megan McCarthy ’97
In memory of Joan Baugh Land ’48
In honor of Carol Land McCarthy ’72
Katie Rutttiger Uremovich ’99
In memory of Melissa Morris ’99
Haylee Dickinson, Delta Omicron ’03
Casey Neff McDowell ’04
Jennifer Russell Wilkins ’04
Kristin Muccigrosso ’06
Maureen M. Shields ’07
Rachel Booze ’10
Christina Burke ’10
Kathleen German ’10
Melissa Lipscomb ’10
Margaret Neff ’10
Rachelle Rodenbeck ’10
Megan Nelson ’11
Anne Packard ’11
Lauren Schmidt ’11
Meagan Schneider ’11
Megan Magazine ’12
Kyle Kazanjian ’13
Lauren Peacock ’13

If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift or your name has been omitted, we sincerely apologize. Please contact Campaign Co-chairman Kay Murphy Yeomans ’64 at kayyeomans@optonline.net to make any corrections. Thank you for your support!
Theta Updates

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Judy Sargeant Lockett ’51 was joined by her four sisters at the Flagg Farmstead in Sherman, Ill., to celebrate her 80th birthday. All five are Purdue alumnae and the last three were Alpha Chi Thetas. From left: Judy Sargeant Lockett ’51, Cynthia Sargeant Shrier ’48, Sally Sargeant Reeves ’45, Nancy Sargeant H. Bishop, who transferred to the University of Kansas, and Barbara Sargeant Akin, who graduated in 1946 and earned her master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Purdue Cheerleaders Reunite at Homecoming

Every two years Purdue’s former cheerleaders are invited back for a reunion at Homecoming. Margaret Grein Grant ’44 joined two other Alpha Chi cheerleaders on the field during halftime of Purdue’s Homecoming game, September 28, 2013. Margaret is pictured with Linda Gennett Irmsher ’65 (left) and Marta Mann Gerometta ’65 (right).

At 88, Margaret is the oldest living former Purdue cheerleader. While she loved being a cheerleader, she said it was quite time-consuming. She has wonderful memories of her years at Purdue. “They were fun times and also very sad times, but they brought everyone together.” All the sororities helped wrap bandages for the war effort, and they all pitched in to help around their sorority houses because there was a shortage of manpower.

Margaret grew up in Evansville, Indiana, and majored in agriculture with the hope of working as a florist. She graduated and soon after got married. Her daughter, Candace, Delta Upsilon ’81, was a Theta at Eastern Kentucky, and her son, Hank, received his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Purdue and now teaches at the University of Oklahoma.
**Alpha Chi Celebrates Founders Day**

Founders Day is celebrated each year by Kappa Alpha Theta chapters across the country. This year, the Alpha Chi Purdue founders luncheon was held at the Lafayette Country Club. Fran Frick Bitzer ’79 chaired the celebration, which was attended by active members as well as returning alumnae, 169 in all. Members of the pledge classes of 1939 and 1964 received their 75- and 50-year pins, respectively.

At the head table, Alumnae Relations Director Payton Swan ’12 (left) began the readings and lit the first candle for Founders Day. Seated from left are Vice President Finance Laura Poletti ’12, guest speaker Noraleen Young, project archivist for Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, Facility Corporation Board President Mary Lincoln Campbell ’64, Chapter President Lauren Schmidt ’11, Ritualist Sam Pendleton ’12 Facility Corporation Board Vice President Judy Bernet Evans ’64, and Alpha Chi Facility Director Linda Doyle.

Two Thetas attended Founders Day whose roots go back to Alpha Chi’s beginnings. Ruth Frier Oliver ’41, above left, had two aunts and her mother as members of Phi Lambda Psi, the local sorority that became Alpha Chi. One of the aunts, Bernice Duryea Nicol 1915, graduated from Purdue and was accepted as a charter member of Alpha Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Nancy Crockett Ince, above right, was a Beta Theta at Indiana University. Her mother, Birda Faye Goslee Crockett, DePauw 1910, lived in West Lafayette and helped write the petition to Theta National in 1915 for Phi Lamb to become Alpha Chi. Birda Crockett worked tirelessly on behalf of the Alpha Chi chapter until her untimely death in 1932.

Members of the pledge classes of 1939 and 1964 received their 75- and 50-year pins this year. Above are seven members of the class of 1964 who attended the luncheon. After they received their pins, they serenaded the room with a song from their era. Back row, left: Kay Murphy Yeomans ’64, Judy Bernet Evans ’64, and Patricia Ellis Eckel ’64. Front row: Peggy Warner ’64, Jackie Maitless MacKenzie ’64, Mary Lincoln Campbell ’64, and Julane Kraay Ziegert ’64.

ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumnae and parents. If your daughter is still attending Purdue University, she will receive a copy at the chapter house. If she has graduated, please mail us her new address so we can update our records. Thank you.