

The Alumnae Link

"our chain is made of well-trying peerless links"

A Publication of the Nashville Kappa Delta Alumnae Association

Shamrock Project

Kappa Delta Sorority began supporting Prevent Child Abuse America through its nationwide Shamrock Event in 1981. Through this fundraising campaign, more than \$5 million has been raised to benefit child abuse prevention efforts across the country.

Our Alumnae Association has chosen to donate funds raised through our Shamrock campaign to the local Exchange Club Family Center.

Located in Nashville, the Exchange Club Family Center is a private, non-profit child abuse prevention center that serves over 15,000 individuals through parenting classes and support services.

The programs that the Exchange Club Family Center provides are vital to so many at-risk families in middle Tennessee.

For additional information about the Exchange Club Family Center, visit www.xcfc.org.

- We are hosted a **Build a Bear workshop** with a Girl Scouts troop on November 6th. The bears that were made were donated to families supported by the Exchange Club Family Center.

- We **adopted a family** from the Exchange Club Family Center this year. Alumnae Association members were asked to bring a gift for our adopted family to our annual Christmas party. These gifts were delivered to our adopted family so that they could have a better holiday season.

- **Spring Fundraising Campaign** Alumnae Association members will support the Wednesday's Child Dinner and Silent Auction benefiting the Nashville Exchange Club Family Center.

All funds raised through a letter writing campaign will be used to sponsor a table at the event. The Nashville KD AA will also donate a movie basket for the silent auction.

- **Dues.** The Nashville Alumnae Association uses a portion of members' dues to support this worthy cause. Please visit our web site for more details on becoming a dues paying member of our AA.



Alumnae Leadership Symposium

Kappa Delta has long been committed to developing the leadership skills of its membership. The Alumnae Leadership Symposium is one avenue that Kappa Delta has taken in providing alumnae members the opportunity to hone their skills and learn more about community involvement and networking.

The 2006 Alumnae Leadership Symposium, Leadership in Action, will take place on March 24-26, 2006, in Memphis, Tennessee, at Kappa Delta Headquarters. This two-day workshop provides participants with

professional training to increase the skills necessary to actively contribute to their local communities. Possible topics include leadership skill assessments, goal setting, community leadership, action planning and networking skills.

Cheryl Sizer, National VP-Alumnae says "attending the ALS has been an incredible experience; I've seen many talented women come in, have a great time and leave with even sharper skills than they had when they arrived." Participants are chosen based on their potential for future community

leadership. This is determined from information submitted regarding past community involvement and opportunities available for future involvement. All travel and lodging expenses will be paid by Kappa Delta for participants, including travel to the workshop, meals and lodging for the entire weekend. Selected participants are required to commit to attend the entire symposium.

If you are interested in applying for the Alumnae Leadership Symposium, please download the

application and return it by January 4, 2006, to Kappa Delta Headquarters. <http://www.kappadelta.org/Media/PDF/ALS.pdf>

Selected participants will be notified by February 4, 2006. You can also visit www.kappadelta.org to learn more about the Alumnae Leadership Symposium. You can find the information under "Events" on the www.kappadelta.org homepage.



Why Join an Alumnae Association?

The alumnae associations of Kappa Delta provide extensive opportunities to discover your hidden talents and put them to work to benefit you, your family, your sisters, local chapters, your community and yes, even the world!

Kappa Delta alumnae members are renowned for their leadership not only within their AAs, but in other National organizations like Girl Scouts of the USA and the Association of Junior Leagues International.

Do you remember when you first became a member of Kappa Delta-- how your new sisters became your family away from home, a familiar and comfortable place in which you found a sense of belonging?

That sense of belonging, trust, and confidence is still right there. If you have moved to a new community, there is no quicker way to help you adjust to your new surroundings than the helping voice and hand of a trusted sister.

Top 5 Reasons to join an Alumnae Association:

- 1) Stay connected to Kappa Delta
- 2) Dues provide support for our AA / Fun Events
- 3) Portion of Dues goes toward supporting our local Philanthropy
- 4) Support Local Collegiate Chapters
- 5) Meeting great people!

With a paid membership, you become an active member of our alumnae association. Membership privileges include receiving our correspondence, an

updated copy of the alumnae address list, a membership nametag for each event and access to the members' only section of our web site.

You may submit your membership application and pay your dues by visiting the "donate online" section of our web site at www.nashvillekdaa.com.



Nashville KD AA Upcoming Events...

January

Thursday, January 12th

Please join us for dinner at The Cheesecake Factory located in the Mall at Green Hills.

Cocktails begin at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

www.thecheesecakefactory.com

February

Tuesday, February 21st
6:00 p.m.

Please join us for Pizza and Pottery Painting at Brushfire Studio in Green Hills.

www.brushfirepottery.com



April

Don't miss the annual Panhellenic Luncheon and Silent Auction.
Saturday, April 1st at the Richland Country Club.

AA members will attend the Wednesday's Child Dinner and Silent Auction benefiting the Nashville Exchange Club Family Center. All funds raised through our Shamrock project will be used to sponsor a table at the dinner. The Nashville KΔ AA will also donate a movie basket for the silent auction. For additional information about the Nashville Exchange Club Family Center, please visit www.xcfc.org.

References for Recruitment

In January, many Kappa Delta chapters prepare for deferred recruitment (formerly Rush). As alumnae, we want to provide as many chapters as possible with recommendations for potential new members who would make great KDs on their respective campuses. We are in the process of writing recommendations on many girls in the Nashville area who will soon be participating in recruitment.

If you know of a girl who will be going through recruitment and would like the Nashville Alumnae Association to endorse a recommendation for her, please complete a [Kappa Delta Reference Form](#).

If a potential new member is also a legacy, please complete a [Legacy Introduction Form](#) as well.

These forms can be found on our website at <http://www.nashvillekdaa.com/references.htm>

Why should I submit a reference through my Kappa Delta Alumnae Association?

Although you may forward a reference on a potential new member directly to a chapter, your reference will carry more weight if it is submitted through your local alumnae association. A chapter will give a reference more consideration if it knows that

several Kappa Delta alumnae have considered a potential new member.

Contact the Nashville Kappa Delta Alumnae Association Recommendation Chair for additional information. Recommendation Chair Contact Information: Donna Jackson Nashville Kappa Delta

Alumnae Association email: recommendation@nashvillekdaa.com



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