



KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL FLORIDA Winter 2012

President's Message

Happy Holidays!

As I was preparing the mid-year financial report for The Fraternity, I was so happy to see how many paying members we have this year. I am proud to say that we have nearly *tripled* our dues paying members in one year! With your dues, we are able to send a representative to events like Convention and Province and we are able to purchase baskets of goodies for the local chapters to enjoy during the stressful final exam days. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

When I first moved to the Orlando area in January 2003 and was faced with the daunting task of making new friends, I was surprised at how difficult that was in my married, working full time, not-a-college-student-anymore life. After a few months in our new city, my husband said to me, "You need to make some friends!" I tried a few volunteer organizations but didn't quite fit in. Then I saw on Facebook that one of my pledge sisters was an Adviser for a KKG chapter in Texas. Light bulb! I went in search of the local Kappa alumnae association! I was welcomed with open arms at the very first spring tea that I attended... And now, 5 years later, here I am serving as the AA President.

If you haven't ventured out to one of our events yet, I highly encourage you to do so. We are a group of ladies from many different schools and a wide range of ages. Each event that I attend allows me to catch up with the ladies I've come to call my friends AND to meet one or two new Kappa ladies. I am so grateful to have found the alumnae association and this wonderful group of Kappa sisters.

We have had lots of Kappa fun this year! Beginning with our Fall Kick Off BBQ to start the 2012-2013 year. I'm pretty sure I collected more dues on that evening than all of the previous years combined! 'Gotta love technology, smart phones, and the Square! Thank you to Crystal Holic for hosting this event. That was followed by an evening at Creative Canvas and Wine in Altamonte Springs, our Founders Day Brunch at White Wolf Café in Orlando, and a Pinterest Craft Night in Sherry Fisher's home in Longwood. We also had our first Kappa book club gathering.

The start of 2013 has many events to look forward to: the January Spa Party, the February chocolate party, and the April Spring Tea. The 2013 Province meeting is being hosted by UCF on February 15 - 17. There also will be a formal AA meeting later in the spring that will include the election of new officers. The coming year will offer many opportunities for Kappa girl time and I hope to see all of you at these events!

I need to take a moment to specifically thank a few stand-out members of the AA board. Bethany Gerber has planned all of our fantastic monthly events, choosing a wide range of interests and locations. Amanda Jones created a wonderful Fall newsletter and post card and is always quick to help and host whenever needed. Shannon Tarrant has taken on the task of spearheading the Book Club and reviving the Kappa Happy Hour. Without these ladies and the many other board members and association members who give of their time and talents, we would not be the group that we are.

We are always looking for new Kappa ladies who are interested in playing an active role in the association. Whether it is hosting an event, holding a position, or just sending us new ideas, we would love to have any or all of you get more involved.

Thank you again for the privilege and honor of being your President.

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Carol Mueller Cadfy