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KAPPA ALPHA THETA  
SAN ANTONIO  
ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER  
Spring 2011



## Message from the President

Dear Thetas,

Let me start by saying that it is a privilege to serve as President (*again*). I have been honored to lead our organization this year. I accepted the position as President because we have amazing volunteers serving our Theta Alumnae Chapter and I am proud of our chapter.

I would like to personally thank **Christine Tyng** for her phenomenal leadership this past year as President. She invested many hours organizing, leading and facilitating another great Theta year.

In 2010 - 2011, our First VP, **Caroline Decherd**, who will be the incoming President 2011 - 2012, has proven her passion for Theta. She is very organized! For the first time in our Chapter history, we had all our calendar and invitations in the mail in early Fall. In addition, she created a new Wine and Cheese Social this year. Thank you to **Diane and George Shaw** for hosting the event in their home.

We owe special kudos to **Allison Zeller** who has handled our finances for many years. She has passed the baton to **Susan Heineheimer**, our incoming Treasurer. Allison has led our Membership drive this year and we have officially DOUBLED our dues paying members! Allison worked very hard these past few years. In addition to her fantastic job increasing membership, she led our efforts creating a Directory this year. The data was very dated and required enormous hours collecting updated member data.

Our Bingo Luncheon was led AGAIN by **Dottie Cooper** and **Rebecca Flannery**. We held another great event on March 1st at the San Antonio Country Club. The event was a sell-out.

Our Holiday Tea in December was very well attended. We had more collegiates in attendance this year. **Hollye Marshall** hosted the event in her home on Terrell Road. We had Santa Claus, amazing treats and sweets and a crackling fire. We were all so grateful for Hollye's amazing hospitality.

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Bingo & Birdcages Luncheon held at San Antonio Country Club on March 1st, 2011  
Pictured above: Dottie Cooper and Rebecca Flannery

### Calendar of Events:

- April 19, 2011**, 10:00 a.m. - Officer transition, Home of Allison Zeller, 806 College Blvd 78209
- May 2, 2011**, 6:30 p.m. - Recruitment Meeting, Home of Caroline Decherd, 708 Wiltshire Avenue, 78209
- May 6, 2011** - Deadline for Panhellenic Registration
- May 7, 2011**, 11:00 a.m. - Panhellenic Scholarship Brunch, The Bright Shawl (Need 10 Thetas)

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## Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)

CASA is in full swing of recruiting new volunteers to assist with the ever growing need for children in crisis, currently there are 300+ volunteers and the San Antonio chapter of CASA would like to double that number.

Festival of Voices was held at Rio Cibolo Ranch (Marion, TX only 25 minutes from downtown) on April 2nd. Activities included a 5K

run/walk, 1 mile run, silent auction, free health screenings, live music and performances, children's games, barge and hay rides, general store and cowboy Olympics!

Breakfast of Champions was held at SACC on April 8th. This event is an informative breakfast with members of the volunteer core, staff, and a guest speaker who

herself was a CASA child and promotes our needs on a National level. Call Anne Folkes at 210.862.6345 or email [folkes4@swbell.net](mailto:folkes4@swbell.net) to get involved in CASA.

Loyally in Theta and CASA,  
**Anne Boyce Folkes**

## Theta Recruitment 2011

Thank you all so very much for your hard work last year to make Recruitment great! I am really looking forward to another great year!

Panhellenic is continuing with **electronic** Packets this year. **May 6, 2011** is the deadline to register with San Antonio Panhellenic. San Antonio Panhellenic website is [www.sapanhellenic.org](http://www.sapanhellenic.org). The Potential New Member registering with San Antonio Panhellenic will submit their resume, registration form, pictures and transcript (i.e.

"Packet") via **email**. It is a great way to easily get information for a Potential New Member when you need to write a Letter of Reference; just email me the recruits name/school and I can quickly get you a copy of her Packet.

We'll continue using the [SAThetaRecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:SAThetaRecruitment@gmail.com) account, password: [theta2011](#). When you click on the "documents" tab at the top of the page, it will take you to some great resources:

- List of all registered Potential New Members (plus who is writing the Letters, if we know)
- List of San Antonio Theta Alum Contact person for each School (who to turn your Letters of Reference in to, or who to contact with questions specific to recruitment at a particular School)
- Letter of Reference deadlines for each School
- Letter of Reference Form & Legacy Introduction Form

The Theta Recruitment Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm**. Your attendance will help make sure our outstanding SA girls have Letters of Reference.

Also, so you can help spread the word, San Antonio Panhellenic Registration Packets are due **May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks and let's have a great 2011 Recruitment!!!  
Erica Sloan



## San Antonio Recruitment Contacts

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### KAPPA ALPHA THETA RECRUITMENT MEETING MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011 6:30 P.M.

Caroline Decherd's House  
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## A Grand Time at the Theta Grand Convention! San Antonio Chapter awarded The Golden Kite Award.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Grand Convention, held in Tuscan, AZ, was an amazing experience. June 24th - June 26th, Thetas from all over the United States and Canada gathered for three days of education, by-laws amendments, inspiration and good old-fashioned Theta fun.

I was proud to watch such strong, smart women take pride and continued ownership in what they called being a "Theta for a Lifetime." The programs

varied from Membership Revitalization to Technology. We had lunches honoring the college chapters and even a CASA Starlight walk to raise money for our philanthropy.

I found the by-laws voting the most interesting part of the whole conference. They lined up all the voting members by chapter. We had a very large packet of by-law changes to discuss and vote on during our sessions. The issues were discussed very passionately. I

was pleased to see how much thought and time went into the creation of the by-laws changes.

On the last day, they gave out awards to the Alumnae chapters. I was VERY proud to accept, on behalf of the San Antonio Chapter, The Golden Kite Award. What an honor!

When I was on my way to the convention, I had no idea what to expect. In a nutshell, it was a

well-organized and inspiring three days in the desert! Being a "Theta for a Lifetime" has new meaning for me now. As a Theta, we really are connected to women, young and old, across our great nation. The bonds of Theta Sisterhood run strong and those Theta Sisters are constantly working on keeping Theta fresh and relevant to all members.

Loyally,  
Caroline Decherd  
Alpha Theta '93

### Volunteers Needed, Donations and Ways to Get Involved in Theta:

- Host a Theta Event – Please call Allison Zeller
- Donate to our Panhellenic Basket – Please call Beth Hittle (May 5, 2011 deadline)
- Attend the Panhellenic Luncheon and sit at the Theta Table – Please call Beth Hittle or Jill Ruggles
- Volunteer to serve on the Bingo Luncheon Committee – Contact Caroline Decherd, Amanda Bezner or Heather Nelson
- Volunteer to serve CASA – Contact Anne Folkes
- Pay your Dues and update your Membership information – Contact Dottie Cooper

### Membership and Dues

**Make your check payable to *Kappa Alpha Theta* and mail with this form to:**  
Dottie Cooper ♦ 125 Cloverleaf ♦ San Antonio, Texas 78209

Checks are due by July 1st. Directories will be mailed to dues paying members.

Dues levels are:

- Regular Member.....\$35
- Theta Angel.....\$50
- Twin Star..... \$100
- '10 College Graduate..\$0
- Theta 50+ years.....\$15 (pledged in 1961 or earlier)

Please print your contact information for the directory (to be used for Theta business only).

Name: Miss/Ms./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 University: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Initiated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your support!*



## President's Letter *(Continued from Page 1)*

Every event had the caring and loving words of Grace delivered by **Mary Lil Chappell**, Chaplin. Mary Lil is very special and the Thetas were blessed to have her this year.

Our Founder's Day was a lovely event this year, hosted by **Estee Kellogg**. The Argyle was a beautiful venue.

For years **Jessie Kardys** has volunteered and service our local group in many board capacities. She has served as our Archivist for so many years we have lost count. Thank you, Jessie.

Again, we have **Erica Sloan** leading our team of Recruitment volunteers. The time and energy required to manage the massive recruitment process is huge--a big thank you to Erica and our Recruitment Committee for their commitment to the program. Recruitment plays a significant role for our San Antonio Theta community. Erica is the proud mother of a baby girl "Aubrey Madison", born March 25, 2011.

Our Panhellenic dynamite duo, **Beth Hittle** and **Jill Ruggles**, have led our Panhellenic program for nearly a decade! We are so fortunate to have their involvement.

Last October, Thetas around the world started a "Theta Service Day". Thetas Are Cookin' has started one called "Cards for CASA". Thetas purchased gift cards for abused children for food, etc. It was a huge success. CASA was overwhelmed with our gift card donations! The National Theta Magazine featured our project in the Spring 2011 magazine.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year for our local Thetas. Please refer to our calendar and other information posted on the SA Theta website [www.sathetas.com](http://www.sathetas.com).

Loyally in Theta,  
**Michelle Eakin Parchman**  
*Alpha Omicron 1982, University of Oklahoma and President, San Antonio Alumnae Chapter of Kappa*

## Panhellenic

Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon  
"Celebrating San Antonio"

May 7, 2011

Bright Shawl

Tickets \$35 (table seats 8)

Chairman Cathy Hof

[www.sapanhellenic.org](http://www.sapanhellenic.org)

### HELP...

Each sorority provides a basket for the silent auction. We are using a "cookbook" theme. We would love for some donations or if you have another great idea we would love to hear from you. The minimum value of the basket is \$50.

Please call Beth Hittle to make a donation (gift cards, cookbooks, food items, etc.).

Thanks,  
Beth

For more information or to donate, contact:

**Beth Hittle**  
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[bethhittle@aol.com](mailto:bethhittle@aol.com)

## Bingo & Birdcages Luncheon benefiting CASA- Oversold Event!

Dottie Cooper and Rebecca Flannery chaired the Bingo luncheon again this year. The decorations, birdcages, linens and cupcakes were over the top! We had a record sell out (even over sold) event. We had over 330 in attendance and continue our pattern of raising more charitable dollars for CASA and Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Rick Cavendar was our Master of Ceremonies again this year and keeps our lively group entertained during Bingo.

We have a few table linens and birdcages available for sale and would love to raise more money for CASA. If you have are interested in purchasing an item, please contact Dottie or Rebecca.



Michelle Parchman, Rick Cavendar and Jill Ruggles



Guests at Bingo Luncheon



Caroline Cain's Table



## Founders Day 2011

We have a phenomenal Founders Day this year. We held our event at The Argyle, what a lovely venue! We have a record number with nearly 70 in attendance. Special thanks to Estee Kellogg for her amazing organization, coordination and menu/venue selection. In addition, our Treasurer, Susan Heinemeyer reported we raised a record number for the Friendship Fund this year.

The prestigious Theta of the Year was awarded to Dottie Cooper and Rebecca Flannery. They Chaired our Bingo Luncheon "two" years in a row with record breaking fundraising donations to CASA and Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. We are blessed to have their creativity, commitment and coordination for TWO years.

Our Twin Star Theta award was given to Allison Zeller for efforts with

Membership and the Directory. Allison DOUBLED our membership this year. Allison crafted the 2011 Directory, not an easy task since a Directory had not been done in several years. Thank you and congratulations to Allison Zeller.

Our other Twin Star Theta award was given to Caroline Decherd (incoming President). Caroline planned all the Theta Events and set the Calendar by August! This has never before been done in such a timely and organized fashion. She created all our Theta invitations, stuffed the envelopes, labeled and mailed our materials to our membership. Also, Caroline created a new event Theta Wine Night. Diane and George Shaw hosted the event at their beautiful home on Corona. The event was very well attended and several new Thetas joined our Alumnae club.

### Seventy-five year recognition 1936 – 2011

Kathryn Keelser McGanity, Eta  
Le Becca Willis Paddock, Alpha Theta



### Fifty year recognition 1961 - 2011

Frances (Betsy) Fergeson Bailes, Gamma Psi  
Mary Jane Ware Howe, Gamma Psi  
Trudy Hellem Rafelson, Gamma Lamda  
Patricia Hay Curphy, Beta Omega  
Martha Bailey Groos, Alpha Theta  
Carol Muir, Alpha Theta  
Merribell Parsons, Alpha Phi



### Twenty-five year recognition 1986 – 2011

Elizabeth Eller Herff, Alpha Theta  
Amy Herbold Booth, Epsilon Epsilon  
Gretchen Groos Broderick, Alpha Theta  
Catherine Coffey, Gamma Psi  
Laurie Frederick Soechting, Gamma Phi



**KΑΘ DAY of SERVICE**  
October 19



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KAPPA ALPHA THETA CELEBRATES LINKED HEART TO HEART DAY OF SERVICE ON OCTOBER 19. IN HONOR OF BETTIE LOCKE HAMILTON'S BIRTHDAY, THETAS ACROSS THE GLOBE MAKE AN IMPACT AND SPREAD THE WIDEST INFLUENCE FOR GOOD ON THIS DAY.

The San Antonio Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, combined our "Theta's Are Cookin'" Private Central Market Cooking event with a new day of service in October 2010. This year we reached out to Child Advocates San Antonio and let them know we were interested in their ideas for a service day. Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) volunteers purchase lunch, birthday gifts, and basic items for the abused children, using their own money. Our local alumni chapter joined together and we purchased gift cards from all over the city to suggested places. We donated over 30 gift cards from HEB Grocery Co, Target, Wal-Mart, Walgreens, McDonalds, Sonic, Whataburger, etc. Child Advocates San Antonio has a formal process to allocate these cards to volunteers. We are proud to know our service day will directly benefit abused children in San Antonio.

## 2011 – 2012 Executive Board of Officers – San Antonio Thetas

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### Event Photos

#### MOTHER DAUGHTER HOLIDAY TEA



Actives 2010



Actives 2010



## Event Photos

### MOTHER DAUGHTER HOLIDAY TEA



University of Texas Actives 2010



Pictured right:  
Christine Tyng, Santa, Michelle Parchman  
and Hollye Marshall



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### WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

