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Richmond/Central VA Alpha Phi Alumnae Newsletter

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*You can now pay your dues online with PayPal!!!
Click on the link on our website or login to your PayPal account at www.paypal.com, choose "Send Money" and enter*

Alumni@richmondalphaphi.com

as the recipient, enter your dues amount and send in your payment!

A Word from Our President ...

Dear Alpha Phis:

As the wrath of hurricane season continues to pound the coastline of the U.S., I encourage you all to get involved in relief efforts in some way. Make time to volunteer, send a donation to the American Red Cross....any amount of support you can give will help those unlucky enough to be in the storm's way. These types of unavoidable natural disasters make me realize how lucky we are to have the lives we lead, and the friends we have made.

We can always depend on our Alpha Phi sisters for help and support in our own times of need. Our chapter continues to raise money for charity year-round, as we support the Alpha Phi Foundation and heart disease research. By becoming a part of the local Richmond alumnae chapter, you are joining a network of strength and loyalty with our focus on helping others in need. Consider joining the Executive Board this year~



our chapter is only as successful as its motivated members! Remember to send in your dues for the upcoming year...and be proud to be an Alpha Phi.

Diana

Diana C.

Eta Pi, Richmond

Helping Those In Need

We call upon Alpha Phi sisters to provide support to those affected by the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Here are some ideas of how you can help:

1. Contact the American Red Cross, the United Way, the Salvation Army or Habitat for Humanity to find out how you can help. All efforts should be coordinated through reputable

relief organizations. Visit www.give.org for Tips on Disaster Relief Appeals.

2. Donate to the Alpha Phi Foundation in honor of Hurricane Katrina victims (earmark the donation for the Foundation's Forget-Me-Not Fund).

3. Contact your local Wal-mart, Target, K-Mart, radio or television stations to see what efforts are already in progress.

4. Sponsor a drive to collect non-perishable food, cleaning materials, clothing, toiletries and other needed goods.

5. If you are near the areas affected, volunteer for clean-up efforts by coordinating with reputable relief organizations.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

Wed, Oct. 12 - 6 pm

Bubbles Bar & Martini
Kitchen (254-4904)

1911 W. Main Street
(old Main Street Beer Co.)

Founder's Day Celebration

Enjoy a martini and fabulous food as we celebrate the founding of Alpha Phi by our 10 Syracuse sisters. Wear your pin with pride and sample the new menu. 10-, 25-, and 50-year members are especially encouraged to attend. RSVP to Krissie at alumni@richmondaphialum.com.



Sun, Nov. 13 - 2-4 pm



All Fired Up (355-3412)
3311 West Cary St, Richmond, VA

Pottery Painting

Get a jump-start on Christmas gift making at our popular pottery painting event. Pick out the pieces you want, paint them and a week later, you have a beautiful work of art. Pieces cost between \$2 and \$20, and studio time will be \$7. RSVP needed by **Oct 31** to Krissie at alumni@richmondaphialum.com.

Sat, Dec. 10 - 1 pm

Carrie's house

Carrie's Craft Corner

Carrie Buckle will teach us how to etch glass. Bring one or two small clear glass ornaments [Michaels or Ben Franklin Crafts is your best bet] and \$5 to help Carrie cover the costs of the materials. RSVP to Carrie at alumni@richmondaphialum.com.

Sun, Jan. 8 - 2 pm

Diana C.'s house

UVA Care Bears

Help assemble goody baskets for the Alpha Phi chapter at UVA to get them through Rush. Bring individually wrapped homemade or store-bought non-perishable snacks (e.g. cookies, crackers, candy, granola bars, popcorn) to contribute to the baskets. Contact Diana at alumni@richmondaphialum.com.



Thurs, Feb. 16 - 6:30 pm

Lynn N's house



Book Swap/Chili

Bring a book or two to swap with your sisters while we warm up with chili. Contact hostess

Lynn Neese at alumni@richmondaphialum.com for directions.

Tues, March 14 - 6 pm

Rare Olde Times (750-1346)

10602 Patterson Ave, Richmond, VA

Irish Happy Hour

Join us for an early St Patty's Day celebration at one of Richmond's best Irish pubs. Have a pint and some traditional Irish cooking, or have a few pints and stay for karaoke. Contact Sandra at alumni@richmondaphialum.com



Cast Your Vote

Saturday, April 22 - 3 pm

Krissie G's house



Annual Wine & Cheese Business Meeting/Elections

Join your sisters in electing and inducting the new 2006-2008 Executive Board. All alumnae are invited to attend, but only dues-paying members can vote. Contact Krissie at alumni@richmondaphialum.com for directions. Positions are open to all dues-paying members in good standing. View descriptions of the positions on page 5 or contact Diana at alumni@richmondaphialum.com for more information. The slate will be published in the March 2006 newsletter and the official elections will be held at this meeting. Please notify Diana of intention to run by February 15.

Directions will be available in the Evites, on the website and in upcoming e-mails, or you can contact Diana or Krissie (numbers below).

*Need a ride? Contact Diana
or Krissie at
alumni@richmondaphialum.com.*

Our 2005 Lawn Sale Was A Huge Success!

Each year our major fundraiser is a Fall lawn sale. Proceeds generated from the sale are divided between chapter expenses and our annual Foundation donation. This year we raised \$340!

Our thanks to those who donated items and/or worked at the lawn sale including: **Amy B.**

(CNU), **Carrie B. (Wisconsin-Stout)**, **Diana C. (Richmond)**, **Judy and Perry C. (Maine)**, **Krissie G. (Richmond)**, **Ann J. (NC State)**, **Kathy M. (ECU)**, and **Lynn N. (ECU)**.

Our special thanks to **Suzanne L. (UWV)** for kicking off our 2006 col-

lection by donating over \$50 of items for our 2006 Lawn Sale.



As the next year rolls by, remember to bring your

lawn sale items to any of our events or contact Judy at alumni@richmondaphialum.com to arrange pick-up. If everyone who reads this newsletter were to donate just one item that generates \$5 or more in sales, we could more than *double* our proceeds.

Online Christmas Shopping

Get your Christmas shopping done early, without leaving the comforts of home!



Our Alpha Phi alumnae chapter has a link on its website to Barnes and Noble. By clicking on our website link to reach theirs, we get a referral

bonus should you make a purchase. You do not pay a penny more, and you get the same sales and discounts offered to all Barnes and Noble customers. Visit <http://www.angelfire.com/va/richmondaphialum> and click on the Barnes & Noble image on the homepage.

Current, Inc. has creative and unusual gifts, plus their high quality gift wrap available on their website: <http://currentfun.com/category.asp>. Once you proceed to checkout, you'll be asked to choose your state from a drop-down list. After you select Virginia and click next,

another drop-down list will appear. Point and click on Alpha Phi Richmond Alumnae and click next. A portion of each sale is then sent to our chapter. **Shop now, shop often for Alpha Phi!**



Initiation Anniversaries

Congratulations to our local and international dues paying members who celebrated initiation anniversaries this year, showing that sisterhood really DOES last!

55 Years

Barbara W. (Beta Kappa)

35 Years

Patricia W. (Epsilon Epsilon)

Nancy R. (Beta Gamma)

Linda I. (Delta Iota)

Katherine F. (Delta Mu)

20 Years

Joette C. (Zeta Iota)

15 Years

Patricia L. (Eta Pi)

Erin B. (Eta Lambda)

Laura G. (Eta Omicron)

10 Years

Catherine M. (Theta Iota)

Kari M. (Theta)

Amy B. (Theta Phi)

5 Years

Jennifer B. (Zeta Iota deuterion)

Susan M. (Zeta Iota deuterion)

Why support your local Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter?

Even if you cannot attend events or meetings, your local Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter needs your financial support. Your 2005-2006 dues will allow the chapter to:



Support collegiate chapters in Virginia.



Welcome Alpha Phi alumnae to the area with our newsletter and emails.



Send a delegate to the annual regional conference. With more dues paying members, we could even have a vote at convention!



Hold fundraisers for the Alpha Phi Foundation.



Recognize 25-, 50-, and 75-year alumnae in our area. Any 25- or 50-year member *who is also a dues paying member* of our alumnae chapter will receive Alpha Phi's 25- or 50-year pin with our compliments.

We need you!

Please make check payable to **Alpha Phi Richmond Alumnae Chapter** and mail to: **Krissie Gatti, 7206 Hotchkiss Court, Chesterfield VA 23832**, by October 31, 2005. Dues year runs Oct 1 through Sept 30.

NAME: _____
 First Maiden/Middle (circle one) Last

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER _____ YR OF INITIATION _____

YR OF GRADUATION _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____

LOCAL DUES: Please join us at one of the following levels:	
Ivy level - New grads - first year since graduation: \$15	\$ _____
Bordeaux level - standard membership: \$25	\$ _____
Silver level - outstanding membership: \$35	\$ _____
Optional chapter donation:	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

I am willing to host an event at my home: Yes / No

I am willing to bring food or beverage to an event: Yes / No

I would like to help out in the following way(s):

All dues paying members will receive a thank you gift and have their name posted on our web site at www.angelfire.com/va/richmondaphialum.

Upcoming Elections

2006 is an election year for the Richmond Alpha Phi Chapter. If you are interested in assuming a position or would like to nominate someone, please contact our current president, Diana Cichewicz at dianac4@verizon.net.

The following positions are available. You can contact the current board member or Diana with any questions about her position.

President

Diana C.

dianac4@verizon.net

- Φ Oversees chapter operations
- Φ Corresponds with Executive Office and completes paperwork required
- Φ Approves all chapter business and communications.

VP Membership

Krissie G.

kgatti919@comcast.net

- Φ Maintains and updates chapter databases
- Φ Keeps attendance records
- Φ Helps VP Communications create bi-annual newsletter.

Treasurer

Amy B.

awbradshaw@hotmail.com

- Φ Manages chapter finances
- Φ Collects yearly dues
- Φ Issues donations

VP Communications

Sandra Y.

Sandra.Yens@wachoviassec.com

- Φ Keeps minutes at official chapter meetings
- Φ Produce bi-annual newsletter

VP Programming

Kathy M.

KathyMedwid@marykay.com

- Φ Creates each year's calendar of events
- Φ Sends out Evites/e-mail invitations
- Φ Plans events

VP Ways and Means

Judy C.

jcog01@hotmail.com

- Φ Organizes the chapter's fundraising activities

Collegiate Chapter Liaison/MAP Chair

Madeline T.

map33@aol.com

- Φ Communicates with Virginia collegiate chapters to organize joint events, send donations, etc.

Panhellenic Representative

Sue R.

krbertson5@juno.com

- Φ Serves as our chapter's representative on the local Panhellenic Alumnae board.

Historian

Carrie B.

CABuckle@aol.com

- Φ Maintains chapter belongings
- Φ Creates scrapbook pages.

Information about each position will also be available on our website:

www.angelfire.com/va/richmondaphialum