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RICHMOND & CENTRAL VIRGINIA ALPHA PHI ALUMNAE

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Pay your 2008-09 local alumnae dues online with PayPal! Click the link on our website or log in to <u>www.paypal.com</u>, select "Send Money", and enter <u>alumni@richmondalphaphi.</u> <u>com</u>.

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President's Letter

Amy B. (Theta Phi)

Now that the Fall has arrived, teachers and children are back in school, the leaves are falling and the weather is getting cooler, there is no better time to get involved in your local Alpha Phi alumnae chapter. We have lots of exciting events and opportunities for you to choose from such as attending the Founder's Day celebration, participating in our "Night Under the Stars" shopping fundraiser, or joining the executive board as the new Collegiate Liaison.

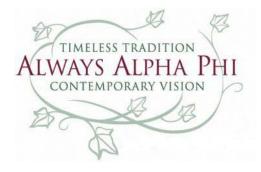
Richmond Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter is a diverse group made up of sisters from chapters all over the country of varying ages and backgrounds. Each member brings something special to the group and we appreciate your continuing support. With that being said, it is that time of year again to support your Alpha Phi alumnae chapter by paying your local dues. As an added incentive for paying your dues we will raffle off two gift certificates for dinner at area restaurants for you to enjoy.

Another exciting initiative this Fall is the collection of coloring books, crayons and books for the local hospital emergency rooms to entertain and distract the children while they are there. We will be collecting these items at our events and will deliver them to the hospitals in February as part of Heart Awareness Month.

We want to hear from you so please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the

executive board with your comments and suggestions. And don't forget to check the website (<u>www.</u> <u>richmondalphaphi.com</u>) regularly for event updates and details. I look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Fondly in Alpha Phi, Amy



Collegiate Update

The Alpha Phi women at **James Madison University** (Theta Iota) held their formal recruitment September 11-16, 2008. We showed our support and good wishes by sending handwritten cards of inspiration and love. We also anticipate participating in Initiation in November.

We are also pleased to announce that a local Richmonder, **Hunter C.**, received an invitation to join Alpha Phi during their first formal recruitement at the **University of Alabama**. She will be a charter member of the Beta Mu chapter.

Why support your local Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter?

In addition to your yearly dues to Alpha Phi International, your local Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter needs your financial support. Your dues allow the chapter to:

& Support collegiate chapters in Virginia.

𝔅 Keep in touch with Alpha Phi alumnae (you!) in the area with our newsletter and emails, and plan special events and activities in the Richmond area.

Send a delegate to the biannual National Convention and/or Alumnae Chapter College. With more dues paying members, we could even have a vote at Convention!

& Make an annual donation to the Alpha Phi Foundation.

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

****NEW FOR 2008!**** Any member paying dues <u>at the Silver Level or higher</u> will be entered into a raffle to win **\$50** worth of gift certificates from **Copeland's Cheesecake Bistro** at Stony Point Shopping Center. All members paying dues <u>by the Dec. 15 deadline</u> will also be entered into a raffle for **\$50** worth of gift certificates from **Avalon Bar and Grill** in Richmond.

We need you! Be a part of our sisterhood!

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Please make check payable to Alpha Phi Richmond Alumnae Chapter and mail to: Diana McKinney, 3406 Walkers Ferry Rd, Midlothian, VA 23112, by December 15, 2008.

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Alpha Phi News

R IMMEDIATE OPENING!!!

Would you like to become more involved in your local alumnae chapter? We are looking for someone to serve as the **collegiate liaison** to the Theta Iota chapter at JMU. The position entails communicating with the chapter via email and phone, keeping us up-to-date on their activities, and coordinating our support for the chapter. Contact **Amy** at <u>awbradshaw@hotmail.com</u> if you are interested!

- G For our February philanthropy activity, we will be taking donated coloring books, crayons and books to a local hospital for children to enjoy while in the waiting room. Please bring gently used or new items to any of our events to be collected.
- CRBe sure to check out our
special interest satellite groups,
meeting once a month around the
city. Details on page 4.
- Judy C. was recognized as the New Kent nominee for the 2008 Outstanding Volunteer Award who was nominated to be the New Kent Volunteer of the Year.
- CONGRATULATIONS to our expectant mothers, Kathy M. (due in October) and Amy B. (due in January)!
- A big WELCOME! to recent graduates **Debbie L.** (ODU) and **Jennifer I.** (Franklin & Marshall) who have attended some of our 2008 chapter events.

Image: CRMore information regardingthe Short Pump Town Centerfundraiser:

~ It is a special evening of private shopping for ticket holders ONLY, so get yours now by contacting **Lynn** at <u>lneese@vcu.org</u>.

~ All ticket sales (**\$5 each**) will benefit our chapter 100%, so please consider helping to sell tickets as well!

~ Most every store and restaurant will be open, with special onetime **sales and discounts** for ticket holders only.

~ Dozens of fantastic **door prizes** will be awarded, and special **entertainment** for adults and children alike make this a night to remember.

CR Don't forget to **pay your local alumnae dues** and be entered into a drawing for gift certificates to Copeland's Cheesecake Bistro and Avalon Bar and Grill! See page 2.

- Never attended a local alumnae event? Don't be shy! Come on out and meet your neighborhood sisters. We all share a common bond in Alpha Phi! Have questions? Call Amy at 804.687.2343.
- Do you know a woman who would make a great Alpha Phi? If she is not a member of any other NPC sorority and possesses the qualities that exemplify Alpha Phi, please consider her as an
 Alumnae Initiate! Check our website for more information and a link to the application form.

Fall/Winter Events

October 14 7:30 pm, The Melting Pot Gayton Crossing Shopping Ctr. Founder's Day Dessert

Join us as we honor our founders and enjoy some decadent fondue desserts. <u>PLEASE</u> RSVP NO LATER THAN OCT. 10. Contact Diana if you need directions.

October 25

1:30-5 pm, Short Pump Town Ctr. *Ticket Sales for A Night Under the Stars Event*

We'll be manning a table at the mall to sell tickets for the event on November 2. Please contact Lynn at <u>Ineese@</u> <u>vcu.org</u> if you can help.

November 2 (rain date Nov. 9) 6-9 pm, Short Pump Town Ctr. *A Night Under the Stars*

See info to the left. Shift workers may also be needed to sell tickets at the mall entrance. Contact Lynn.

December 6

10 am, All Fired Up, Carytown *Pottery Painting*

Indulge your creative side at this local paint-your-own studio. A great chance to make some oneof-a-kind holiday gifts!

January 9

7:30 pm, Krissie G.'s House Alpha Phi Game Night

We'll pull out some of our favorite games and have a great night of friendship, food and fun.

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February 16 Donation Basket Delivery

We will prepare baskets of our donated items for local hospitals. Donations will be collected until February 13th. See page 3 for more information.

March 8 3pm, Sue R's House Annual Exec Business Meeting

All exec members required, all other Alpha Phis invited. Wine and cheese will be served.

Evites will be sent to those on our email listing for all events. For more information, see www.richmondalphaphi.com.

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Special Interest Groups

Moms And Tots

3rd Saturday of each month Contact: Amy B. For you and your little ones to connect and play! Meet other Alpha Phi moms in the area and make new friends.

Oct. 18: CMoR, Pumpkin Palooza Nov. 19: Southside Playroom Dec. 20: TBD - Suggestions welcome Jan. 17: Kangaroo Jac's Feb. 21: Regency Mall's play area Mar. 21: Three Lakes Park Nature Center and Aquarium Apr. 18: Dorey Park

Downtown Lunch Bunch

1st Tuesday of each month

Contact: Kathy M. Oct. 7: Legend's Brewing Co. Nov. 4: Millie's Dec. 2: Sam Miller's Jan. 6: Kobe Feb. 3: Capital Alehouse Mar. 3: Comfort Apr. 7: Richbrau

Craft 'N' Chat

1st Thursday of each month Contact: Diana M. Bring your knitting, cross-stitch, scrapbook, or any other project to work on! All meetings are from 6-8 pm at Café Caturra, 13830 Village Place Dr., Midlothian. Oct. 2 Feb. 5 Nov. 6 Mar. 5

Dec. 4 Apr. 2 Jan. 8 (2nd Thursday)