

From the President ...

As the first year of my two-year term as president ends, I look back and believe I can call the year a success. With some of the new initiatives that were introduced this year, such as the Downtown Lunch Bunch, Moms & Tots and Craft & Chat groups, we have provided members with more variety and opportunities to be involved in the Richmond Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter. These groups continue and we hope to see many new members attend these events as well as our popular Restaurant Series dinners this summer. We also had a very successful philanthropy drive by collecting coloring books and crayons to donate to a local hospital; and a successful fundraiser through "Night Under the Stars" at Short Pump Town Center. I know that this success will continue because of the support and dedication of our wonderful members. Thank you all, and we hope to see you soon! Amy B. (Theta Phi)

Alpha Phi Calendar

The 7th Annual Summer Restaurant Series All dinners are open events; bring your spouse, kids, friends, co-workers! Please RSVP to the monthly Evites.

Thurs, April 30th, 5:30 p.m. BlackFinn Restaurant & Saloon N 1001 Haxall Point, Richmond 804 643-3466

Tues. May 19th, 5:30 p.m. Sine Irish Pub 1327 E. Cary St., Richmond 804 649-7767 Wed, June 17th, 5:30 p.m. Kitchen 64 3336 N St, Richmond, VA 804 358-0064

Tues, July 14th, 5:30 p.m. Stool Pigeon's Coop & Grill 115 S 15th St, Richmond 804 344-4490

Wed, Aug, 25th, 5:30 p,m, Baker's Crust 3553 W Cary St, Richmond 804 213-0800

Wed. Sept. 16th, 5:30 p.m. Champps Restaurant & Bar 9200 Stony Point Pkwy, Richmond 804 323-6053

Satellite Groups

Downtown Lunch Bunch

1st Thursdays 11:45 am

May 7 - Cha Cha's Cantina

June 4 – Mom Siam

July 9 – Bottom's Up

August 6 – Legends

September 3-3 Monkeys

October 8 - Capital Ale House

Craft N Chat, 2nd Thursdays 5:30 pm All at Café Caturra on Midlothian Turnpike May 14 June 11 July 9 August 13 September 10

Moms & Tots, 3rd Saturdays 10 am May 16 - Hugenot Park, Midlothian June 20 - Children's Museum of Richmond July 18 - Regency Mall Play Area, Richmond August 15 - Inflatable Palace, Mechanicsville September 19 - Wishing Well Park, Chesterfield October 17 - Gallmeyer Farms Pumpkin Patch,

Member News

- Congratulations to **Trish** (Epsilon Epsilon) and Allen M. who were married on April 18, 2008!
- Congratulations to **Kathy M.** (Delta Alpha) and husband Nick, who welcomed daughter Elizabeth Peyton on October 6, 2008!
- © Congratulations to our president **Amy B.** (Theta Phi) and husband Paul, who welcomed son James Edward on January 25, 2009! He joins brother Zach, 2.
- Congratulations to **Diana M.** (Eta Pi) and husband Donny, who are expecting their first child in mid-September.



- ❖ Do you know a woman who would make the perfect Alpha Phi? We invite nominations for alumnae initiates who embody the values and mission of our fraternity. Contact Krissie G. if you would like to nominate a potential future sister!
- ❖ Did you know that Alpha Phi International has its own blog? Check it out today at http://alphaphi.blogspot.com/.

Chapter News

- Our chapter was recognized as a Platinum Level alumnae chapter at Convention 2008. We were also awarded the Excellence in Membership Award at the 2008 Southeast Regional Conference. Thanks to the board and all members who made this possible!
- Our fall 2008 fundraiser, Night Under the Stars at Short Pump Town Center, was a success. By selling advance and door tickets, we raised more than \$550!
- In April, we donated coloring books and crayons to Memorial Regional Hospital in Mechanicsville. They will be put on the hospitality carts for patients or visitors. Thanks to all who donated.
- Golden Gift Certificates will be mailed in early May. Contact Lynn N. for mailing information. Each organization that submits points receives a percentage of the money Ukrops has set aside for the program.
- We are looking for new fundraising ideas. If you have any suggestions, please contact <u>Lynn N.</u>
- We are also in need of a Collegiate Liaison. If you are interested in serving on our Executive Board, please contact Amy B.

Remember to check the website for updated information about events and directions!

www.richmondalphaphi.com



2008-09 Dues Paying Members

Thanks to all of our local dues paying members, and congrats to **Debbie L.** (Epsilon Eta) and **Trish M.** (Epsilon Epsilon) who won our raffle for paying dues this year. Each received \$50 in gift certificates to a local restaurant.

Silver Level

Amy B. (Christopher Newport)

Suzanne C. (Duke)

Judy C. (Maine)

Kristina G. (Richmond)

Linda I. (Roanoke)

Ann J. (NC State)

Debbie L. (ODU)

Diana M. (Richmond)

Kathy M. (ECU)

Patricia M. (Longwood)

Lynn N. (ECU)

Sue R. (Longwood)

Nancy R. (Colorado)

Madeline T. (Longwood)

Katharine W. (Cal St-Northridge)

Bordeaux Level

Patricia L. (Richmond)

Marjorie P. (Longwood)

Meghan R. (Alumnae Initiate)

Kelly W. (Alumnae Initiate)