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President's Letter

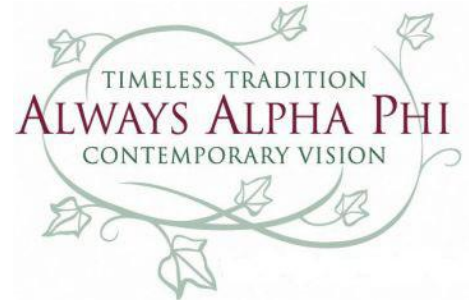
Fall is probably my favorite, although busiest, time of year. With school starting, family birthdays and annual autumn events like the county and state fairs, camping trips and apple picking, there's just so much to do! We hope that you'll find some time in your schedule to spend with us, because we've got lots of fun planned as well!

Our fall and winter calendar is packed with great events this year! We will continue our holiday tradition with our annual Cookie Tin Fundraiser and Holiday Party. This event helps to raise money for the Alpha Phi Foundation. We'll also go as a group to see the "Garden of Lights" at Lewis Ginter as a fun way to cap off the holiday season!

Bowling, dinners out, and volunteering at the Richmond Heart Ball are some of our events that make a yearly comeback. Bring family or friends along! We're also excited to try the new Escape Room phenomenon....I know that when we put our smart Alpha Phi minds together, we can solve the mystery!

Please don't hesitate to provide us feedback on how we're doing as a chapter, any suggestions you might have to improve your Alpha Phi experience with us, and ideas for new events. See you soon!

Alpha Phi love and mine,
[Diana M.](#) (*Eta Pi*)



2016-2018 Executive Board

Would you like to become more involved in your local alumnae chapter? Consider joining our Executive Board. Positions are for a two-year term. Our current Board was installed in April 2016 but we would love to have some "apprentices" to learn about the positions and train to take over!

Anyone (even yourself!) can nominate a sister for a board position. However, only Dues Paying Members are eligible for board positions, so make sure you pay your dues!

- ☞ President - oversees chapter operations
- ☞ VP Membership - focuses on recruitment, retention and recognition of members, coordinates mailings, meeting minutes, etc.
- ☞ VP Communication and Outreach – coordinates Evites for events, submits Quarterly updates
- ☞ Treasurer - oversees chapter finances
- ☞ VP Ways and Means - coordinates chapter philanthropic activities
- ☞ Panhellenic Representative - represents us at local alumnae Panhellenic events/meetings

Why support your local Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter?

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

- ☞ Support collegiate Alpha Phi chapters in Virginia.
- ☞ 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.
- ☞ 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.

All members who pay dues **by December 31** will be entered into a raffle for a surprise gift!

We need you! Be a part of our sisterhood!



✂ _____
 Please make check payable to **Alpha Phi Richmond Alumnae Chapter** and contact [Kerry O.](#) for her mailing address.
 Or pay online at Or pay online at www.paypal.com.

NAME: _____
 First Maiden/Middle (circle one) Last
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 COLLEGIATE CHAPTER _____
 YR OF INITIATION _____ YR OF GRADUATION _____
 HOME PHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____
 DATE OF BIRTH: _____

LOCAL DUES: Please join us at one of the following levels:

Ivy level - New grads: \$15	\$
Bordeaux level – standard membership: \$25	\$
Silver level – outstanding membership: \$35	\$
OR: define your own level of support	\$

TOTAL \$ _____

Please circle one: 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**

All dues paying members will receive a thank you gift and be recognized on our web site at www.richmondalphaphi.com. Remember Alpha Phi Lasts a Lifetime!

Upcoming Events

November 5, 9:00 am

[UVA Alpha Phi's 4th Annual Thankful 5K](#)

Charlottesville, VA

In loving memory of sisters Casey Schulman and Shelley Goldsmith, proceeds are donated to the Alpha Phi Foundation, the Casey Schulman Foundation (a scholarship fund for students in need), and the Shelley Goldsmith Memorial Scholarship. Packet pick-up starts at 9, race begins at 10. Register or make a donation at http://donate.alphaphifoundation.org/site/TR?fr_id=1161. Check the [Facebook page](#) for updates!
www.facebook.com/thankful5k

December 11, 2:00 pm

Cookie Party

[Sue R.'s House](#)
Midlothian

We'll be putting together our cookie tins for our Holiday Fundraiser (see details at right under Alpha Phi News.) Please bring 6-8 dozen cookies to contribute.

January 7, 5:00 pm

Lewis Ginter Garden Fest of Lights
[Lewis Ginter Garden](#)

1800 Lakeside Ave, Richmond

Join us for a holiday tradition featuring more than half-a-million twinkling lights, hand-crafted botanical decorations, model trains, firepit with s'mores and hot chocolate (for purchase), nightly family activities & more. Prices are:

\$13 adults

\$11 seniors (age 55+)

\$8 children (ages 3 – 12) Free for children under age 3

\$7 Garden members

\$5 Child on Garden Membership (ages 3 – 18)

Don't forget: **National Wear Red Day** is **February 3, 2017**. So wear your favorite red sweater, red shirt, red dress or your red dress pin!

February 25, 3:00 pm

Bowling

[Uptown Alley](#)

6101 Brad McNeer Pkwy., Midlothian

Bring your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon of upscale bowling. Visit the website at <http://uptownalleyrichmond.com>. Games are \$4.50 pp, shoe rental is \$4.

March TBD

Frances E Willard Day of Service
"Do something. Do everything."

In honor of the first Alpha Phi alumnae initiate, March has been designated as the month for annual service projects dedicated to women's empowerment. We will deliver our service, which we will collect throughout the year.

April 22, 4 pm

Volunteer at Richmond Heart Ball Science Museum

2500 W. Broad St., Richmond

This will be our 6th year helping to raise money for the American Heart Association. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact [Diana M.](#)

May 7, 2 pm

Annual Exec Business Meeting

[Krissie G.'s House](#)
Chesterfield

All current/interested exec members required; all other Alpha Phis invited. Wine and cheese will be served. This event is open only to Alpha Phi sisters.

July 26, 6:00 pm

Dinner

[Kabuto West End](#)

8052 West Broad St, Richmond

Join us for a Hibachi dinner experience, and ladies get 50% off entrees! Friends and spouses welcome!

August TBD, Time TBD

[Escape Room RVA](#)

7025 Three Chopt Road, Richmond

Challenge your mind as you work with your sisters through the most immersive and fast-paced hour you will ever experience! Clues, puzzles and other interactive games to solve as a team in a unique themed room – do you have what it takes to escape?

☞ *Remember, family, friends, co-workers, etc. are always welcome at our events unless designated as sisters only! What a great way to introduce others to Alpha Phi!!!*

Alpha Phi News

☞ Virginia collegiate chapters, sisters and alumnae brought home several awards from Convention 2016!

- Michaelanean Award:
Farrell J. (Zeta Iota-Virginia)
- Ursa Major Award: Amy Takayama P. (Eta Lambda- George Mason)
- Most Improved Recruitment: Theta Iota, James Madison
- Outstanding Facility Management: Zeta Iota, Virginia

☞ Our Holiday Fundraiser will again be our homemade cookie tin sales!

~ In the month of November, we will take orders for tins of homemade cookies, priced at \$10. Each tin will contain approximately 2 dozen small cookies.

~ Ask your family and friends to buy tins! These make great gifts.

~ Our December event will be a "cookie party!" We'll put the cookies in fancy tins and wrap them up as gifts. We will include a small note in each tin to thank the purchaser for supporting the Alpha Phi Foundation and women's heart health.

~ Order forms can be downloaded from our website: www.richmondalphaphi.com.

~ Contact [Lynn N.](#) for more information or if you would like to volunteer to bake cookies.

☞ Are you on Facebook? Look for our group page to find additional

information on upcoming events.
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/247786605232320/>

E-mail Updates

This could be your last newsletter! We are attempting to reduce our carbon footprint by going digital! If you received this in the mail, it means we don't have your e-mail address. If you have an e-mail address and still wish to receive our newsletter, please contact us at richmondalphaphi@gmail.com.

International Dues

Don't forget your International Dues to remain in good standing with Alpha Phi! You can pay \$38.44 (annual dues + Founders' Day pennies) or select Lifetime Dues (\$450) and pay once for the rest of your lifetime! Bonus gift: a 12-month subscription to SELF, Condé Nast Traveler, or Bon Appetit magazine! See the website at: <https://www.alphaphi.org/alumnae/alumnaedues>.

Craft 'N' Chat

1st Wednesday, held monthly, 6pm
Bring your knitting, cross-stitch, scrapbook, or any other project to work on! Contact: [Diana M.](#) to get on the email reminder list for this event and to stay updated on location.

Nov. 2

Dec. 7

Jan. 4

Feb. 8* (this is a change)

Mar. 1

Apr. 5

May 3

Jun. 7

Jul. 12* (this is a change)

Aug. 2