TRI DELTA
Cornell Alpha Beta Alumnae

Alpha Beta Data Fall 2016

ALPHA BETA COMPLETES MAJOR RENOVATIONS, WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

What a remarkable year at 118 Triphammer! The House Corporation completed a substantial number of improvements to the house over the past year. Spearheaded by **Cathy Chang Ko '76** and the property committee, **Carol Benson Antos '77**, **Deborah Lathrop Lechren '77**, and **JoAnne Tomczak '75** this work included:

- Improvements and repairs to the house from the property condition assessment report.
- Implementation of energy audit recommendations to improve energy efficiency (including improved thermostatic temperature control of boilers, switching to use of LED lights, and installation of hot water pipes and low flow faucet aerators).
- Repainting the exterior brick at several places on the house.
- Installation of improved lighting in the parking lot.
- Most significantly, the house will now have a dry basement, as the water infiltration in the basement and roofs has been fixed by installing a comprehensive underground drainage system and gutters. Trees that were causing the water drainage problems on the sun roof were removed.

A tremendous thank-you to the extraordinary board members from the 2015-16 school year: **Cathy Chang Ko '77**, **Jan Hendershot '77**, **Barb Wooten Chamberlain '78**, **Sharon Hayner '84**, and **Jessica Beidelman '12**. These women really did yeoman's work to rebuild the board, tackle a number of house improvements, and increase our presence and communication with Chapter members. Three board members from last year will continue forward: **Heather Britt '93**, **Hayley Easton '08**, and **Robin Secord '85**.

We're also delighted to welcome our new board members for the 2016-17 school year: **Kim Miller Beres '95**, **Marianne Gardy Passarelli '82**, and **Terry Schuster Petracca '76**. Welcome to the team! Together, we aim for a special year in service to the home and sisters of Tri Delta at Cornell. Kim will serve as our communications committee chairman; Robin will serve as our vice president and chairwoman of the property committee; Terry will serve as our treasurer and chairman of the finance committee; and Marianne will serve as our secretary. Please join me in congratulating these board members and thanking them for their willingness to serve.

As always, if you are in Ithaca, please stop by and see the house and all of the improvements! We are always looking for volunteers, so contact me if you would like to get involved. We'd love to have your expertise on a project basis or longer term, whichever matches your lifestyle. You don't need to live in Ithaca to help! Happy fall to everyone!

Yours in the Bonds,
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If you would like to join the House Corporation Board or a committee, please e-mail us at alphabetahc@gmail.com.

Judy Barth '66, Tri Delta National House Corporation President

JUDY BARTH '66 THANKFUL FOR A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP IN TRI DELTA

Before she even attended Cornell University, **Judy Barth '66** knew she was destined to join a sorority. "I knew I would find friends and gain benefits through joining a group of women who would empower me and make me feel like I was truly part of something bigger than myself," she says. "Tri Delta really impressed me during recruitment, and after connecting with many of the members, there was no question that I wanted to be part of this amazing sisterhood."

As the corresponding secretary and marshall for Alpha Beta, Judy gained invaluable leadership experience that would make a profound impact on her professional career. "Having the privilege to serve as a leader in Alpha Beta was very rewarding and left me with a sense of gratitude every day. These positions helped me grow as a leader and gave me the confidence to pursue opportunities I didn't think were possible."

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THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNAE, FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are especially thankful for the generous contributions to the Alpha Beta House Corporation Board made by the following alumnae since our spring 2016 appeal. You make a difference in the future of Alpha Beta at Cornell University. Your gifts help us complete house projects over the summer including water remediation and landscaping. Donations sent in this fall will go towards a living room redecoration project. To give online, please visit www.alphabetaddd.kintera.org/donate.

Below is a list of our spring 2016 contributors. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving records are needed, please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Thank you, again, for your loyal support.

Jean Schultheis Brechter '49
Ruth Schanze Casey '53
Jane Barber Wood Smith '54
Jane Gregory Wilson '54
Deborah Lathrop Lechner '77
Lauren Henderson '03

Alumnae News

Jane Gregory Wilson '54 spent the summer visiting friends and family in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. "I made a special trip to Arlington National Cemetery to visit my husband, Lynn, on his birthday. I especially enjoyed a tour of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C." Jane left in October for a 48-day cruise from Boston to the Western Mediterranean, then back to Sun City Center, Fla. She had a nice lunch with **Jean Lanigan Lenehan '54** in June.

Karen Randolph Davis '79 lives in Perry, Ohio, and enjoys retirement. She reports, "After several years of not feeling well, I was finally diagnosed with a couple of autoimmune diseases: thyroiditis and ankylosing spondylitis, which involves chronic inflammation mainly in the spine but also in all of my ligaments and tendons. It has been quite a path, but I'm finally feeling better with a new hip and thumb joint surgery. Overall, I'm doing better!" She and her husband, Larry, have a dog, Cooper, who is the latest addition to the family. Karen looks to reconnect with Alpha Beta sisters and says, "To my fellow sisters, I'm on Facebook if you would like to join me in my adventures! Good health, prosperity, and safe travels. Here's to the past, present, and future!" E-mail: karen71684@yahoo.com

Maria Isabel Guerrero '00 has been running her own law practice for nearly five years now in Albany, N.Y. She also works with clients in New York City, and works with businesses and entrepreneurs on various contract and litigation matters. She would love to hear from fellow sisters! E-mail: mariaisabel.guerrero@nyattyatlaw.com

JUDY BARTH '66 THANKFUL

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Her involvement in Alpha Beta inspired Judy to continue her service to Tri Delta not only in college, but for the rest of her life.

As an alumna, Judy has been even more involved with Tri Delta, on both a local and national level, than she was as an undergraduate. One year after graduating from Cornell, Judy was asked to serve as an advisor for Alpha Beta, a position she held for eight years. In addition, Judy has served in offices with three alumnae groups, Ithaca, Fort Collins, and Tucson; held offices in three different House Corporations; and has been a national volunteer for Tri Delta for the past 25 to 30 years. She was recently elected as president of the Tri Delta National House Corporation and looks forward to the plans the board has set for the upcoming year. "This has been a new and exciting experience for me," she says.

Judy's dedication to Alpha Beta and Tri Delta has not gone unrecognized, as she received her Golden Circle this year for her 50-year membership in the sorority. "Tri Delta helped me become a better woman and leader than I would've been able to accomplish on my own. I will be forever grateful for the opportunities, memories, and friendships I've been afforded all these years."

Through gifts of time, talent and treasure, Judy pays it forward to Tri Delta. She encourages alumnae to remember the place that gave them so much and play an active role in Alpha Beta's continued success at Cornell. **"It takes a strong alumnae support system to further the excellence of any chapter. Alpha Beta is comprised of strong women who are committed to success in recruitment, membership, academics, and all other aspects of the collegiate experience, and the Chapter needs an alumnae base that is indicative of this success. If you're able to give back to Alpha Beta, you'll find it to be just as satisfying as your undergraduate experience in the Chapter."**

Judy serves as the director of operations for Colorado State University Extension, where she handles human resources and fiscal operations. When she is not hard at work, Judy enjoys reading, skiing, camping, spending time with her four grandchildren, and having Sunday dinners with her family. Judy has two sons, Jason and Dustin, and lives with her partner of 20 years, Jim, in Fort Collins, Colorado. You can contact Judy at judith.barth@colostate.edu.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Alumnae are encouraged to keep us up to date on personal news about your family, career, activities, and contact information. As sisters of Alpha Beta, we want to utilize "Alpha Beta Data" as a way to stay in touch. Please send information to our new alumnae relations coordinator at mlisher@penningtonco.com with Pennington & Company in Lawrence, Kansas.

Undergraduate Legacy Member Inspired by Big-Little Bonds

Since joining the Alpha Beta Chapter of Tri Delta in 2015, I have already made so many incredible friendships and memories that I know will last beyond my four years at Cornell. However, through all the fun that has been the past two years, I can't say I have been surprised. Before and after joining Tri Delta, my mother, **Marianne Basarab Marcott '78**, and my sister, **Jackie Marcott '11**, prepared me and excited me for what amazing adventures and relationships would come out of my time with Tri Delta.

A consistent thread between my mother's and sister's fond memories of Cornell Tri Delta is the strong relationships they formed with their Littles. My mother's Littles, **Lynda Hershey Spalding '80** and **Debra Teelon Siegert '78**, and my sister's Little, **Amarilice Young '12**, are still people who my mother and sister consider to be key parts to the unforgettable love and joy Tri Delta has given them.

Now, after almost a year, I have gotten the chance to understand how rewarding and fun it is to have a Little. My Little, **Isabel LaRaia '19**, attends Cornell's School of Hotel Administration, just like me. Even after everything my mom and sister had told me, I would have never expected to become best friends with my Little, but I have. In Isabel, I have found someone who I can mentor and can mentor me in life and in school. Because we are both hotelies, we are fortunate enough to frequently see each other for lunches and in the halls of Statler in between classes. In our friendship, we would both drop everything we are doing to help the other and support each other through the bumpy and wild ride that is college. I feel very fortunate to have joined Tri Delta and to have found a lifelong friend in my Little, just like my sister and mother did with theirs.
–**Jen Marcott '18**

SPONTANEOUS ADVENTURE BRINGS SISTERS CLOSER TOGETHER

New York City: the city everyone dreams to move to after graduation and the city of ridiculous prices. After receiving a job offer in NYC for the summer, I knew I needed to live in the dorms to make it work. I had lived with strangers in Washington, D.C., the previous summer and found it rather lonely. Knowing I wanted to live with Tri Delts in the city, I found a roommate in **Amy Morrison '17**. Amy and I had known each other for a while, as we were in the same pledge class, but not that well.

It is safe to say that I no longer feel that way. After a week in the city, we were on a mission. We had list upon list of ideas for ice cream shops to visit, stores to shop, and landmarks to go see. The list was great and when we were too tired to explore, we would just watch Disney Channel original movies.

My favorite summer memory was when we both came home from work exhausted one night and decided to go try one of the light-up Indian restaurants on First Avenue and Sixth Street. We walked from our apartment, got a table, and realized it was cash only. As soon as we realized that, we both looked up in panic. Emptying our purses on the table, we found that we had a combined total of $33. Not quite enough for an elaborate NYC dinner, but we could make it work. We selected what we wanted on the menu, calculated out the total and added the tip, and realized we even had a few extra dollars for an appetizer.

The meal was amazing and when the bill came, we laughed, laid every penny we had to our name on the table, and went home. It was a spontaneous adventure that I will always remember and cherish, seeing as I am always reading NYC menu prices first anyway.

Tri Delta claims to create perpetual bonds of friendship, and this summer I found a lifelong friend in one of my sisters who I didn't know that well before. I hope all of you reading this story can think of a similar event that brought you close together with one of our sisters and led you on an adventure!
–**Alana Askari '17**, VP Administration

DELTAS IN THE WOODS

Annie Leiman '17, Cassidy Clark '17, and Maddie Klaff '17 soak up Ithaca's beautiful fall weather.

Before summer turned to a blink of fall and settled into the depth of Ithaca winters, my sisters and I looked for one last blast of outdoor fun.

Alex Evnin '18, **Claire Liu '19**, and I became friends before recruitment, during training to be guides for Outdoor Odyssey, Cornell Outdoor Education's pre-orientation trip for freshmen. When we returned from leading trips in the Catskills and Finger Lakes in August, we spent just a few days on campus before itching to get back out again. My Big, **Orla "Luey" MacLean '18**, decided that a lineage trip was just what we all needed and, before we knew it, we were packed into two cars and headed toward Alex's favorite spot on the Finger Lakes Trail, just a half an hour drive from Cornell. **Maddy Foley '18**, Alex's Big, and Luey had never been backpacking before so

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Welcome, New Members

Members of Pledge Class '16 celebrate Homecoming together.

Nicole Alimena '19 / *Eastchester, N.Y.*
Majelia Ampadu '19 / *Rochester, N.Y.*
Kathleen Anderson '19 / *Columbia, Md.*
Hannah Angle '19 / *Arroyo Grande, Calif.*
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Alexandra Evnin '18 / *San Francisco, Calif.*
Hannah Fuller '19 / *Portland, Ore.*
Yasaman Gaminchi '19 / *Los Angeles, Calif.*
Chrissy Garvey '19 / *Westport, Conn.*
Olivia Gauck '19 / *Wantagh, N.Y.*
Lauren Goldman '19 / *Morristown, N.J.*
Weng Kei Heng '19 / *Queens, N.Y.*
Molly Huber '19 / *Pelham, Mass.*
Margaret Jones '18 / *Cazenovia, N.Y.*
Julia Kang '19 / *Wayne, Pa.*
Snigdha Kasi '19 / *Plainsboro, N.J.*
Elizabeth Kelley '19 / *New Canaan, Conn.*
Isabel LaRaia '19 / *East Hanover, N.J.*
Gabrielle Leung '19 / *Berwyn, Penn.*
Sarah Lieberman '19 / *Lawrence, Kan.*
Claire Liu '19 / *Palo Alto, Calif.*
Aliza Maki '19 / *Harvard, Mass.*
Madelyn May '18 / *Austin, Texas*
Shreya Nalubola '19 / *Ellicott City, Md.*
Natasha Nanji '19 / *Toronto, Ont.*
Jacqueline Poglodek '19 / *Brick, N.J.*
Samantha Roemer '19 / *Wantagh, N.Y.*
Samantha Sruba '18 / *Orinda, Calif.*
Victoria Straub '18 / *Colts Neck, N.J.*
Holly Tapani '19 / *East Aurora, N.Y.*
Madeleine Tom '19 / *Washington, Md.*
Rachel Wenger '19 / *New York, N.Y.*
Hannah Wu '19 / *New York, N.Y.*
Sophia Yackel '19 / *Madison, Wis.*
Lauren Yeaman '19 / *Honolulu, Hawaii*
Deniz Yilmazer '19 / *Istanbul, Turkey*
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Sisters of Pledge Class '14 have a blast at Slope Day at Cornell.

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we took an easier route to Foxfire Lean-to, a structure made for overnight hikers like us. Once we set up camp that afternoon, we went out in groups and took day hikes in the surrounding area on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

It was especially fun for me because I was surrounded by some of my favorite women at Cornell, but we were doing something that was so out of the stereotypical sorority experience. I am always amazed by Tri Delta and the different things everyone in our Chapter is involved in. Sharing our experiences and skills in the outdoors with our lineages was such a treat. My Big-Big, **Rachel Farrow '17**, is also an instructor for Cornell Outdoor Education and she became even more of a role model for me when we were sharing another thing we were both passionate about. It was also a great way to get away from campus one last time and explore Upstate New York before the year began. I am so thankful for my sisters and experiences like this that make our Chapter unique and our time in Tri Delta so memorable. –**Hannah Fuller '19**, New Member Educator