

TRI Δ DELTA

Cornell Alpha Beta Alumnae

Alpha Beta Data

Fall 2017



Happy Fall to Alpha Betas Everywhere

To our sisters at Cornell University and to those across the world who are in school or shepherding young children, teenagers, or young adults through the start of school... congratulations! You made it through the start of the 2017-18 school year! Here's to another year of adventure, challenges, productive learning, mind-stretching, and working to make our world a better place.

If you visited the Chapter House for our June reunion or during Homecoming, we hope you have seen some positive changes! The front landscaping has been beautified and should help manage the water and drainage issues the Chapter House has been facing. The interior has seen some updated painting and continued maintenance by our outstanding partners, including Dave Ruff and his team. We've been navigating city inspections, ensuring fire safety for the sisters and house manager, and continue to balance maintenance of our lovely historic house with our budget. Be sure to take a peek in the living room and check out the new furniture. We hope this space is a welcoming, comfortable spot for our undergraduates and alumnae.

This year, Alpha Beta welcomed our new house director, Sheila Ryan. She is a wonderful addition to 118 Triphammer Road and has already demonstrated support and accountability in her role. The house officers who interviewed and selected Sheila for the position feel she is a perfect fit for the Chapter House and its culture.

For those who may be unaware, Cornell inaugurated Martha Pollack, its 14th president this year. Martha's welcoming statements to students on the opening day of school are worth repeating:

"It's going to be a busy and exciting year for Cornell as we work together to shape the university's future; a future with limitless potential, grounded in our enduring commitment to diversity and inclusion that is the legacy of Ezra Cornell's and Andrew Dickson White's founding principle of '...any person...any study.' My hope is that we can come together as a community, committed to supporting one another and unified in rejecting hatred, bigotry and supremacy. There are so many forms of bigotry –

sexism, racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, ableism and, unfortunately, more. We must repudiate them all and thereby demonstrate what it means to be a place where 'any person' is welcome."

A tremendous thank-you to **Robin Secord '85**, who leads the property committee, and her team for their tireless and thoughtful work this year! If you know Robin, be sure to send her a note of thanks at rsecord1@verizon.net. You should also connect with her if you are considering joining the property committee. New committee members are welcome at any point during the year!

Thank you to the outstanding committee members and House Corporation board who help us keep the lights on at our beautiful Chapter House. Special thanks to **Terry Petracca '76**, our treasurer and head of the finance committee, who has been meticulous in helping us navigate ongoing expenses of keeping the house in shape against the performance of our investments and our budget. Please email her at terry.petracca@dollarshaveclub.com if you are interested in helping out the finance committee.

Special thanks to **Marianne Passarelli '82**, who captures our conversations as the board secretary and will also lead our nominating committee work this year. We have some busy, busy alumnae who have had to step away from our board and we're always seeking interested alumnae to fill those seats. If you are curious, please feel free to reach out to Marianne at marianne.passarelli@yale.edu.

Enjoy the shortening of days and lengthening of nights over the next few weeks. May it bring you time for reflection, moments to revel in the comfort of your family and friends, and peace.

Delta Love,
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A New Look for a Beloved Living Space

Alpha Beta Chapter House's living room facelift has been nearly two years in the making. This summer, the room was repainted with lovely, fresh colors. We purchased new window treatments, a sectional sofa, chairs, a rug, an ottoman, and recovered the cushions around the crescent. The room should provide more seating when the undergraduates hold chapter meetings, and will be a warm, inviting space for visitors and initiates. Many thanks to **Robin Secord '85**, who spearheaded this project, and to **Carol Benson Antos '77**, **Janeth Hendershot '77**, and **Deborah Lathrop Lechner '77** for their work on the property committee.



ALUMNAE DONATIONS HELP MAKE THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

We are especially thankful for the generous contributions to the Alpha Beta House Corporation made by the following alumnae in spring 2017. You make a difference in the future of Alpha Beta at Cornell University. Your gifts helped us tackle interior maintenance and painting of the house last fall. Donations sent this spring will go toward new living room furniture for all to enjoy. To give online, please visit www.cornelltrideltaalumnae.com.

Below is a list of our spring 2017 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, Melissa Lisher, at (785) 843-1661. Thank you, again, for your loyal support.

Clara Mosmann Staehle '43
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Marianne Gardy Passarelli, M.D. '82

Wendy Burdick Stummer '83
Kimberly Miller Beres '95
Lauren Henderson '03
Rosalie Cincotta Boothe '05

Alumnae Visit Chapter House After 40 Years

Tri Deltas from the 7s and 2s enjoyed the open house at the Delta Delta Delta house at 118 Triphammer Road on the Saturday of Cornell's Reunion Weekend. Three sisters from the class of 1977 are property and communication committee members and met early to finalize plans for the living room's redecoration. **Pia Laaster Graham '77**, **Alison Dick '77**, and **Jean Jacobs Marcus '77** were all attending their first reunions and hadn't seen the house in 40 years! They admired the new tables and chairs in the dining room and enjoyed wandering around upstairs looking for their old bedrooms.

Deborah Lathrop Lechner '77
Communications Committee



Women Supporting Women

Andrea Foster '96 on Finding Fulfillment through Sisterhood

Andrea Foster '96 was first drawn to sorority life in high school and never debated whether she would become a Greek in college. "I knew I wanted to be recruited by a chapter," she stated. "I felt a kinship with the sisters I met at Alpha Beta Chapter." To Andrea, the sisters were smart, personable, and fun. They were diverse and made her want to become a part of the Tri Delta sisterhood.

As an active member in Alpha Beta, Andrea served as the vice president of membership during her junior year and lived in the Chapter House. She was later elected the vice president of recruitment and extension for the Panhellenic Association, which put her in charge of recruitment for the entire Cornell campus the following year.



"Some of my favorite undergraduate memories are of the spontaneous late-night talks with other Alpha Betas at the dining room table," revealed Andrea. "We would have philosophical conversations, fascinating debates, recaps of our days/evenings, and share stories, laughter, tears, and dreams." Those pleasant and life-enhancing moments with Tri Delta sisters are what Andrea recalls most when revisiting her years with the active chapter.

Andrea credits her learning experiences and involvement in Alpha Beta with helping her to be an effective leader in her present-day career. "The sisterhood provided me with a great support system back then and also now, especially as my career and personal life have evolved." She believes it's vital for new classes

of Tri Delta sisters to not be afraid to try new things. "Get out of your comfort zone," suggests Andrea. "Don't fear failure, embrace it; use it as an opportunity to learn and grow."

As the senior vice president of development for Marcus Hotels and Resorts, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin-based company, Andrea is able to fulfill and her lifelong passion for the hospitality industry. She was once the managing director of PKF Consulting/CBRE Hotels, running the firm's New England practice, and has served as vice president of business development and marketing for Miraval. Her career has included additional leadership roles in hotel operations on both the east and west coasts.

Keeping connected with other Tri Delta alumnae is important to Andrea, who said,

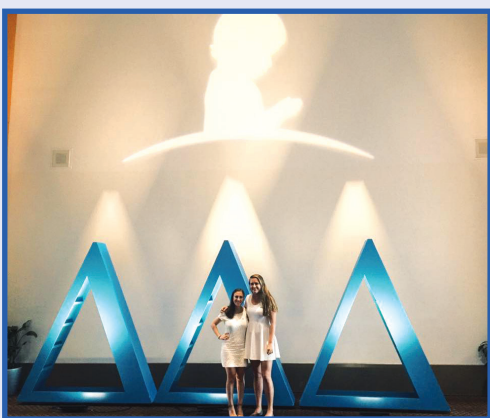
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AN ENRICHING FALL FOR ALPHA BETA

Body Image 3D and Fat Talk Free Week Planned



We miss our class of 2017 graduated seniors and wish them all the best!



Philanthropy Chairman Anna Brzozowski '19 and Chapter President Lauren Goldman '16 attend the inaugural St. Jude Tri Delta celebration in Memphis, Tenn

When summer came to an end, Alpha Betas everywhere felt bittersweet knowing that it was time to resume the classes and stresses that come with a new academic year, while building up excitement to return to campus to see our sisters once again. The summer brought lots of amazing internships, fabulous foreign travels, and plenty of Delta love as sisters excelled all over the world. Alpha Betas met up while studying abroad in Italy, lived and worked in New York City together, and traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to camp and hike. These are just a few examples of how Tri Delta provides a continuous bond of friendship for sisters.

FIRST ANNUAL ST. JUDE TRI DELTA CELEBRATION

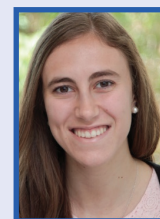
Philanthropy Chairman **Anna Brzozowski '19** and I had the opportunity to attend the first annual St. Jude Tri Delta Celebration. We spent an emotional, enriching, three days in Memphis, Tennessee, hearing from patients, touring St. Jude's campus, and learning more about the historic partnership between Tri Delta and St. Jude. Our incredible sorority is the single largest contributing partner to St. Jude! Anna and I felt immense pride that Tri Delta has already raised \$27 million in three years toward our 10-year \$60 million pledge. Anna, along with Assistant Philanthropy Chairman **Emma Ungar '17**, are gearing up

for an exciting year filled with innovative philanthropic endeavors and a renewed sense of passion for giving back to our local Ithaca community and St. Jude.

BODY IMAGE 3D AND FAT TALK FREE WEEK Body Image Coordinator **Majelia Ampadu '19** planned our annual Body Image 3D and Fat Talk Free Week campaigns for the week of October 16. Our sisters pride themselves on promoting healthy living and body positivity at Cornell, and we love covering campus with post-its of affirmations that everyone is beautiful. Member Development Chairman **Madeleine Tom '19** has coordinated a variety of fun happenings throughout the semester. Our sisters will enjoy flower picking, hiking, and a backyard tea party.

We have had an enriching and exciting semester so far and we are glad to be back on campus with our sisters! Thank you to all of the alumnae who continue to support us. We look forward to seeing you at 118

Triphammer Road anytime you're in Ithaca. Alpha Beta's doors are always open!



Delta Love and Mine,
Lauren Goldman '19
Chapter President
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Alumnae Update

ALUMNAE NEWS

Betty Oakes Muka '48 shares, "Although I pledged Tri Delta at Oklahoma University's Theta Gamma Chapter in 1947, I came to Ithaca, N.Y., in 1951, and met Arthur Muka, who I married on September 6, 1952. Having given birth to five children by 1962, I visited the Alpha Beta Chapter at Cornell in its rented house adjacent to the campus, and found that they wanted a Chapter House of their own. I became active in the local Alpha Beta alumnae chapter, which had saved dues moneys for many years. I persuaded them to buy a house on a lot near Cornell—in my name. A few months later, Kappa Alpha Theta closed its active chapter and put its chapter house on the market. I told the alumnae chapter and they bought it at 118 Triphammer Road in 1965. I am responsible!" Betty and Arthur have five children and live happily in Ithaca.

Jane Wilson '51 was delighted to take a 56-day cruise this year, which took her from Florida to the Mediterranean. She's proud to share that she has crossed Croatia and Venice off of her bucket list! Jane enjoyed a luncheon in June with her ΔΔΔ roommate, **Jean Lanigan Lenahan '54**.

Jane Moore '65 is enjoying retirement, family, and a great deal of travel. She's looking forward to the ΔΔΔ reunion in 2018!

Nayla Rizk '80 retired as a partner at executive search firm Spencer Stout almost five years ago. She has traveled extensively, renovated her home, and now advises startups in Silicon Valley, where she lives. She enjoyed attending her son Peter's wedding in June. Nayla keeps in touch with **Laura Hitt-McCann '79** and **Nina Kondo O'Connor '82**.

Michele Mayer Ladner '91 remarried five years ago and has three beautiful daughters, ages 17, 15, and 13. She works in Manhattan and enjoys living in Long Island near the beaches. Two years ago, she started playing soccer for a ladies league—her first time ever playing soccer! "It's competitive but fun," she shares. E-mail: mmariemayer@optonline.net

Rosalie Cincotta Boothe '05 says, "After a few years in the hotel industry, my husband, Kevin, ended a nine-year NFL career with the New York Giants and Oakland Raiders. Our family has called northern New Jersey home ever since. I'm raising our three children and dealing with our life after the NFL transition." Rosalie volunteers for Cornell as a 2005 class officer and vice president of the annual fund. She was Alpha Beta's 100th reunion campaign chairman in 2015. Rosalie continues to volunteer her time and resources to many charities in New York City and New Jersey, and loves baking, visiting family in Boston and Florida, and reconnecting with her Cornell classmates. E-mail: rosalieboothe@gmail.com

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Women Supporting Women

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"Some of my dearest friends are Alpha Betas." In each city she has lived in, Andrea made a point to reach out to sisters in the area, attending alumnae chapter events whenever possible. "I was president of the Los Angeles Westside Alumnae Chapter when I lived there, and I attend alumnae events in Milwaukee today."

Andrea enjoys mentoring, traveling, time with family and friends, and engaging her inner "foodie" by dining out. She likes spinning, rowing, TRX, and Bikram yoga in her leisure time, noting, "When I am physically healthy and strong, my intellectual and emotional health strengthens." Andrea volunteers, is heavily involved with the Cornell Hotel Society and the Cornell Club of Wisconsin, and serves as co-chairman of the Marcus Corporation's United Way campaign. She returns to campus at least once each year, and last visited the Alpha Beta house in 2016 for her 20th class reunion.

Women supporting other women is a fiber of Andrea's moral foundation, and she emphasizes how being surrounded by sisters with the same values is a regular source of inspiration in her life. "You get as much, if not more, from your Tri Delta and Alpha Beta Chapter sisterhood as an alumna (pansy) as you do as an active (pine), provided you put your heart into it," she said. "Get comfortable being uncomfortable to live a truly fulfilled life. Lean on your sisters, and let them lean on you." You can connect with Andrea at andrea.k.m.foster@gmail.com

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Welcome, New Members

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Lauren Park '20, transfer from Gamma Beta Chapter at Villanova University

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Alumnae Update

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DECEASED

Sheila McMullen Ready '54 passed away on May 5, as a resident of Wisconsin.

Norma Edsall '58 passed away on January 31, as a resident of Ghent, N.Y. She served on the dean's staff at Denison University and then at the University at Albany as director of student residences. Norma entered the management training program at the then-State Bank of Albany in 1970. She worked as a teller, branch manager, and eventually as a human resource specialist at what became

Fleet Bank. She was active as a volunteer in the Austerlitz community through the fire company auxiliary, Spencertown Academy, town and planning board, and the Austerlitz Historical Society. Norma enjoyed reading, music and travel.

Karen McChesney Smith '73 passed away on April 18, at the age of 66. After graduating from Cornell, she spent time working in New York City and traveling the world as a production and import manager. Karen is survived by her husband of 43 years, Fred.