

A MESSAGE FROM THE ALPHA BETA HOUSE CORPORATION

Update Regarding Cornell Closing Due to Novel Coronavirus

First for some good news. Alpha Beta welcomed 36 new members this spring, bringing our total membership to 146. This is great news for our chapter!

At a special meeting of the House Corporation Board, we voted to close the Chapter House no later than April 6. The university had moved up the closing date of classes on campus from March 27 to March 20. The Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life, along with the Panhellenic board, recommended sororities and fraternities close.

We selected the date of April 6 since that was when classes resumed online. That gave women, without primary residences to return to, time to find alternate housing, either in the dormitories or private housing off campus.

The House Corporation provided storage in a rental unit for items they could not take with them on such short notice. Live-in sisters had the option to leave their boxes and suitcases at the house. The luggage was taken to the storage unit and will be returned to the house at the start of the fall semester. Dealing with "all their stuff" was a major source of stress. While the uncertainty of the pandemic is beyond our control, managing "stuff" was something we could do.

We also rebated live-in sisters the balance of the room portion of their room and board. Fortunately, we do not have a mortgage so we can absorb the cost financially. However, it may impact the rate of improvements we can make to the Chapter House. The storm window project for this summer will not be impacted.

Thank you to all of you who worked quickly to resolve these issues. In some small way, we hope this has reduced the stress of forgoing the balance of the semester in one of the most wonderful places to spend one's college years.

Loyally,
Judy Fox '72
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WINDOW RENOVATION PROJECT CONTINUES

How Alumnae Can Pitch In

Our House Corporation is dedicated to making improvements to keep Alpha Beta's home an attractive option in a very competitive campus housing environment.

You may know that our Chapter House is located in the Cornell Heights Historic District. Therefore, our property must abide by the oversight of the Ithaca Landmarks Preservation Commission. Since windows are considered a "character-defining feature" of the house, the ILPC requires that they should be preserved and not be replaced unless they are more than 50% rotted away. In 2019, we began to address the repair of the most deteriorated windows. This past October, 15 windows were painstakingly repaired and/or rebuilt to their natural state at a cost of \$27,000, eliminating drafts and ensuring their future stability.



Before and after the renovation of a window at the Alpha Beta Chapter House.

We will add 75 interior storm windows in 2020, which is budgeted to be a \$33,000 project. VP Finance **Terry Schuster Petracca '76** and I have applied to Tri Delta National Housing Endowment Fund to help fund this second phase. We are thankful for the Alpha Beta alumnae who have already contributed \$6,315 toward maintenance and improvements of the House, but we have a long way to go! Donations can be made online at tinyurl.com/y9p8ptay or sent to Delta Delta Delta, Cornell University, Alpha Beta House Corporation, 410 Upland Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

These improvements will reduce heating costs, increase comfort, and provide a consistent look to the house exterior. Housing options are plentiful at Cornell and we want to maintain our chapter's home as an attractive, comfortable, and inviting place to live.

Loyally,
Robin Secord '85, Property Co-Chair
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Alumnae Update

ALUMNAE NEWS

Marian Young Bradley '48 lives independently in a two-bedroom apartment in a lovely retirement community in Black Mountain, NC. She keeps busy doing whatever she likes at 93. Two of her grandchildren live nearby. Email: marianbradley184@gmail.com

Jean Schultheis Brechter '49 and her childhood friend, Bob Edwards, appeared in a September 2019 article of the Shelter Island Reporter. They grew up together in Shelter Island, NY, where Jean lives today. Bob now lives in Houston, TX, but the article highlighted his recent visit and visits through the years.

Caryl MacLaughlin Brackenridge '61 and her husband, Jim, spend time between their homes in Long Valley, NJ, and Duck, NC. Their oldest son, Reed, and two grandsons live in North Carolina; their daughter, Valery, lives in New Jersey; and their son, Glen, lives in California. Email: carylrb@earthlink.net

Sandra Semon Carberry '66 retired four years ago, but still teaches computer sciences in the fall at the University of Delaware. The other half of the year, Sandra and her husband, John, live in Vero Beach, FL. This past summer, Sandra and John took two of

their grandchildren on an African safari. Email: carberry@cis.udel.edu

Christine Davis Chase '73 is winding down her career by serving as interim chair of the horticultural sciences department at the University of Florida. She is looking forward to retirement in a year or so. Christine's state-wide travels have given her the opportunity to visit with Alice Payton '74 in her great Naples location. Christine resides in Gainesville, FL. Email: ctdchase@gmail.com

Lesley Gudehus '78 began working for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in early 2019 and moved closer to their Memphis campus in May. Her lovely home is an apartment in the former Sears building. It was built in 1927 and renovated in 2017 to house restaurants, offices, shops, a theater, apartments, and more. Email: lesleygude@icloud.com

Denise DeConcini '82 was thrilled to attend the inauguration of Wendy Raymond '82 as president of Haverford College on September 7, 2019. She attended with her husband, Bob Ramin, and Nina Kondo '82. Wendy is the first non-interim woman president of Haverford. Denise lives in Silver Spring, MD. Email: ramindeconcini@comcast.net

Sandra Ventimiglia Ingram '85 can't believe her daughter, Katie, is already a sophomore in high school; she is starting to look at colleges already and has Cornell in her sights. Sandi hopes to meet active Alpha Beta sisters on their future college visit. She lives in Lake Villa, IL, with her husband, David. Email: sing131@comcast.net

Erica Angert '94 is a very busy mom. Her son, Oliver, is in eighth grade and had his Bar Mitzvah in 2018. Her daughter, Cecelia, is a high school junior and is looking at colleges—maybe even Cornell. Erica lives in Ardmore, PA. Email: ericaangert@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Beth Leder-Pack '80 passed away on March 30, 2019. She was a longtime affordable housing activist, having served as vice chairwoman on the Board of Directors of Community Corporation of Santa Monica for more than 10 years, vice chairwoman of the Ocean Park Community Organization, and as a member of the City of Santa Monica Housing Commission. A devoted and loving mother, Beth was known to bring along her young daughter, Anna, to many of these community organizing meetings, sharing with her a strong sense of social responsibility and civic engagement.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Julia Bernstein | Miami Beach, FL
Mari Camacho | Hilo, HI
Ayesha Chowdhury | Edina, MN
Jamie Dawson | Austin, TX
Claire de Cordova | Poughkeepsie, NY
Catherine Dyeovich | Princeton, NJ
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Jessica Johnstone | Burlingame, CA
Margaret Keymakh | Brooklyn, NY
Laura Kim | Paramus, NJ
Ella Knibb | Sag Harbor, NY
Lal Kosematoglu | Istanbul, Turkey
Kathryn McGarty | Staten Island, NY
Samantha Miller | Winter Park, FL
Miranda Mix | Denver, CO
Isabel O'Connell | Harrison, NY
Isabel Padilla | Bayamón, PR
Lauren Palmiter | South Abington Township, PA
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Why Live In?

Share Your Favorite Memories of 118 Triphammer

Many of you are aware of the changes in Greek life at Cornell announced by President Martha E. Pollack in 2018 ([tinyurl.com/vxsjasa](https://www.tinyurl.com/vxsjasa)) and 2019 ([tinyurl.com/t2txl49](https://www.tinyurl.com/t2txl49)), especially regarding recruitment policies, mandatory educational training requirements, training of sober monitors, and required live-in adult advisors for all chapters. In addition, leadership positions in residential Greek organizations must be held by junior or senior students who reside in the Chapter House.

Given the amenities in new dorms on campus and greater pressure from Collegetown landlords to sign leases a year in advance, it can sometimes be a challenge to attract upperclasswomen to live in the Chapter House. How different from the 1970s when demand was so high that we had a lottery for juniors and seniors who wanted to live in.

Those of us who resided at 118 Triphammer as collegians know how incredibly fortunate we were. We had to learn how to get along with all different kinds of personalities, problem solve, and be creative together. Especially as officers, we learned to make compromises and force coalitions. There was always

somebody at the Chapter House to talk with, laugh with, cry with, sing with, study with, and even share cinnamon toast with!

"While it may be cool to live in an apartment, the student has to take on the responsibility of taking care of their apartment—cleaning, paying bills, grocery shopping, cooking, washing dishes," **Cathy Chang Ko '76** said. "Who needs the work? The meals at Tri Delta are excellent with our terrific chef."

Katherine Stifel '85 added, "We all grew up together at Cornell. We learned about nonprofit governance and accountability, as well as academics. We made lifelong friendships and shared the high points and low points of our Cornell experience."

We invite you to send us your special memories of living in the Chapter House that we may share them with our collegiate sisters and include them in future newsletters. How did your live-in experience affect you in later career or personal moments? What lifelong lessons did you learn? Please send your special memories to **Carol Benson Antos '77** at carolantos@gmail.com or **Debbie Lathrop Lechner '77** at debbie.lechner@gmail.com.

REMEMBERING WHY WE JOINED TRI DELTA

Reunions Showcase Strength of Alpha Beta's Sisterhood

One of the best things about Tri Delta is that our bonds transcend time. That was evident at two Alpha Beta reunions last fall. The Class of 1991 and several sisters from the 1970s treasured their respective opportunities to share some of their favorite Tri Delta memories and made some new ones.

Anna Maria Island: 1970s Reunion

Bunny Horn Rusted '77 hosted a reunion for Cornell Tri Deltas of the 1970s October 10-14, 2019, on beautiful Anna Maria Island in Florida. Sixteen sisters kayaked through the mangroves, enjoyed the sunshine and sunsets on the Florida gulf, and renewed lifelong friendships. There was delicious food prepared by **Barb Ford '78** of Easy Way Gourmet, a lot of laughter, and fun. We've had 13 reunions in the past 18 years in every corner of the country.

Fifty Shore Is Nifty: Class of 1991 Reunion

"On September 20, 2019, 18 Alpha Beta Tri Deltas gathered in Avalon, New Jersey, at the beach house of **Denise Law LaGalia '91** to celebrate our 50th birthdays for the weekend. We called it our Fifty Shore Is Nifty weekend and enjoyed catching up with one another. We are so proud of **Zina Spezakis '91**, who is running for U.S. Congress in her New Jersey district. We had fun singing songs like "Rugged But Right," the new member pin song, and dancing and singing to recruitment skit tunes. We commented how our lifelong friendships allow us to pick up from where we last left off and are grateful for our strong sisterhood bonds." -**Cristina Moeder Shaul '91**



Debbie Lechner '77, Kathy Kelly '75, Louise Vacca Dawe '75, Lynda Roth Guenther '76, Alison Dick '77, Paula Boyer Kennedy '78, Barbara Wooten Chamberlain '78, Terry Schuster Petracca '76, Barbara Ford '78, Bunny Horn '77, Cynthia Shaw Brunjes '77, Carol Benson Antos '77, Jan Hendershot '77, Marie Contois Olson '76, Mary Caso Miller '76, and Bette Gichner Callen '75 during their 1970s Alpha Beta reunion on Anna Maria Island in Florida.



Susan Geringer '91, Debbie Best '91, Catherine Kim Kumaradas '91, Suzanne Schafer Skalski '91, Krista Heskestad Anderson '91, Liza Jones Hards '91, Jennifer Sampson McBride '91, Laurie Fronhofer Ceglowski '91, Ariane Schreiber Horn '91, Kim Martin-Epstein '91, Meredith Quigley Lambert '92, Amy Lawrence Flueck '91, Michelle Case Garcia '91, Elizabeth Baum Schmelzer '91, Zina Spezakis '91, Jennifer Taurus Twining '91, Denise Law LaGalia '91, and Crissy Moeder Shaul '91 celebrate their 50th birthdays at Denise's beach house in Avalon, New Jersey.

THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNAE

We are especially thankful for the generous contributions to the Alpha Beta House Corporation made by the following alumnae in our fall 2019 appeal. You make a difference in the future of Alpha Beta at Cornell University. To give online, please visit tinyurl.com/CornellTriDeltaDonate.

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Below is a list of our fall 2019 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.

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Alpha Beta Collegians Adapt to Extreme Changes

Undergraduate Sisters Excited for Future Opportunities



New members Maddy Peel '22, Mari Camacho '22, Miranda Mix '22, Sakura Eguchi '22, and Eva Spyredes '22 on Alpha Beta's Oops We DDDid It Again 2020 Bid Day.

The spring semester was exhilarating for the Alpha Beta undergraduate chapter. Many changes have been implemented internally following a new officer structure and closing of the Chapter House due to COVID-19 and externally across Cornell's Greek system. I am proud that our chapter has adapted and recognized the need for change. We also welcomed 36 new members during recruitment. We are excited to grow together and see their unique selves contribute to our chapter.

Cherishing Lessons from Collegiate Leadership Conference

In February, four officers and I attended the annual Collegiate Leadership Conference (CLC). We underwent extensive training to bring new knowledge back to Ithaca. Alpha Beta was one of the first chapters nationwide to adopt Tri Delta's new officer structure, which was an adventure that has brought us all together.

I previously attended CLC when I was the vice president of finance. My second CLC experience allowed me to reflect on what Tri Delta has meant to me. All the presidents sat for a moment to realize we all probably were there together because someone reached out to us in our earlier years and saw potential in us or influenced us in a way that made us strive for something. Not all of us started off knowing that we wanted leadership, but opportunities can fall in our paths for us to learn and

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Spring Alumnae Events Canceled

The Pansy Breakfast, which honors our graduating seniors, as well as the open house for alumnae during Reunion Weekend, have been canceled. We invite you to visit the Chapter House in the near future when our doors reopen to welcome you home again.



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grow from. A recent Alpha Beta alumna drove me in an uplifting direction and I see similar, life-changing relationships and memories being made in our chapter today.

Upperclasswomen Look to Make a Difference at Alpha Beta

Following President Pollack's new implementations on Greek life, two upperclasswomen and I will live in the Chapter House next year. We are excited to see the representation and presence of three MCs living-in, and to see the difference it will make at Alpha Beta.

A Virtual Philanthropic Vision

Many of our fundraising events, such as Sincerely Yours and ChoppeDDD, were canceled due to COVID-19. We are working on exciting new ways to fundraise virtually, including moving Sincerely Yours online. We will have an online donation link set up soon, which we will be sure to share with everyone. We are proud to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

New Executive Committee Takes Charge

Cornell has closed most of campus and encouraged students to return home, making classes virtual. The House Corporation decided to close the house for sisters' safety. The executive committee (new structure made of vice presidents) has been meeting over Zoom to prepare for next semester and complete our responsibilities locally. Not all of us had the chance to say goodbye to our seniors with change happening so suddenly, but we have been so lucky to be a part of their lives.

Thank You, Alumnae

I greatly appreciate the support we have received from you as loyal Alpha Beta alumnae. You all have contributed to make Alpha Beta the wonderful chapter it is today.



Delta Love,
Courtney Xu '21
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