

# JAPA Happenings

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## President's Corner

As this year is coming to a close, it is with a grateful heart that I thank all of you for supporting this wonderful organization with your time, talents, dedication and friendship, which all combine to create the firm foundation of sisterhood needed to be a successful Alumnae Panhellenic Association. As sorority women choosing to work together, we promote a positive sorority experience to each other and to our community. Our work in scholarship, philanthropy and community service ensures the future of JAPA. As we celebrate our 105<sup>th</sup> year, we could not have achieved this benchmark without having the vision to lead, inspire, and provide programs and projects that are current, relevant and meaningful. Collaboration is key. Let us continue to thrive by giving, serving and encouraging one another, and remembering to have fun along the way.

We surpassed our membership goal with 127 members, including 10 first time members. The directory advertising goal was also exceeded with \$600.00 raised. Scholarships will total \$9,000.00 this year, with one Mary Louise Herr collegiate recipient, presented in March, and 5 graduating high school recipients who will be presented at our Spring Luncheon. Our external philanthropy Salvation Army was supported in many ways this year including a food drive, Christmas stockings, donations for the Celebrity Chefs silent auction, and cupcakes to be delivered this June for a special recognition event. Many, many volunteer hours have been given in service, and yet not all hours have been reported, so please log in right away so that we can finish our year with a perfect score.

I look forward to seeing you at one or all of our events still to come this month: Derby Day, our May 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, and our Friendship and Fleur de Lis Spring Luncheon. Please join us as we install our new elected officers, and celebrate this wonderful year together.

In the Firm Foundation of Sisterhood,  
Brandy Hibbard



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## JAPA Events



### General Meeting

When:

Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.

Location:

Haskell Building  
111 Riverside Avenue  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Co-hosted by:

Delta Zeta, Phi Mu, and Sigma Sigma Sigma

Special Opportunity:

Spring Luncheon Drawing Tickets on sale \$5 each or 6 for \$25 to benefit next year's Scholarship Fund.



### Board Meeting

When:

Monday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

Location:

Home of Mary Jo Marjenhoff

Co-hosted by:

Brandy Hibbard and Wendy Mueller

Details:

This is a potluck for old and new board members. Additional info will be e-mailed to incoming and outgoing officers.

### Dinner Group

*Kentucky Derby Theme*

When:

Saturday, May 4, 5 p.m. (race begins at 6:25)

Location:

San Jose Country Club

Details:

Friendly wagering; bring \$1 bills

### Lunch Bunch

When:

Saturday, June 22, 12 p.m.

Location:

Coop 303  
303 Atlantic Blvd.  
Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

R.S.V.P.:

Cathi Underwood [ztaunc@ymail.com](mailto:ztaunc@ymail.com) or  
904.613.2116

### Spring Luncheon

*Friendship and Fleur de Lis*

When:

Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

Location:

Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club  
1131 Queen's Harbour Boulevard  
Jacksonville, Florida 32225

Details:

Please contact Paige Hayes (316.4700) if you have not yet sent in your R.S.V.P.

Please allow extra time to check in with the guard at the gate upon arrival, with your driver's license ready, to minimize delays.

All Past Presidents are reminded to please bring your scrapbooks to the Luncheon.

### JAPA Calendar at a Glance

- 5/4 Dinner Group, San Jose Country Club, 5 p.m.
- 5/14 JAPA General Meeting, Haskell, 7 p.m.
- 5/18 Spring Luncheon, Queen's Harbour, 10:30 a.m.
- 6/10 JAPA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 6/22 JAPA Lunch Bunch, Coop 303, 12 p.m.

## Sorority Calendars

### Alpha Phi

#### Happy Hour Gathering

May 15, 5:00p.m. at Cheddar's  
Located at 4954 town Center Parkway

#### Business/ Potluck Meeting

June 1, 11:00 a.m. at Donna Libal's  
632 Wyndham Court, Orange Park, FL

### Zeta Tau Alpha

#### Luncheon for UNF Chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

May 5, 10:30 a.m.  
Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club

### Jumbo Shrimp Baseball with Golden Isles Alumnae

May 19, 7:00 p.m.  
\$9.00/ticket. Venmo payment to  
@chelseaalexisbrown to RSVP.  
Family and friends welcome to come.

### Delta Delta Delta

#### Kentucky Derby Party

May 4, 5-8 p.m.  
Location TBD

Wear your finest duds and hats for the big race. Bring a dessert or a side dish, adult beverage, and date.



## From our Fundraising Committee

Dear JAPA Sisters,

*On behalf of JAPA's 2019 Scholarship recipients, thank you, the JAPA Membership, for your role of putting the FUN in Fundraising!*

*The support of the membership was phenomenal!*

*Whether it was ideas, jewelry donations, prize donations, graphic arts, cashiering, assistance with set up and take down, encouragement of family, friends and neighbors to donate to and participate in events, the enjoyment of books purchased at a bargain price from Martha Van Der Mallie, financial donations, or very importantly, participation in the events, **close to \$3000.00 was raised** for scholarships. That does not include monetary donations made separately to the Scholarship Fund.*

*The FUN JAPA had will benefit six collegiates in the next academic year!*

*We hope you had FUN putting the FUN in Fundraising!!!*

*We certainly did!! Let the FUN continue to benefit collegiates in the future!*

*Loyally,*

*Paige, Martha, and Barbara*

## Speaker of the Month

As one of N.E. Florida's well known nature and wildlife photographers, **Craig O'Neal** has captured thousand of photos within a few miles of our beaches area. His insight as a Florida Master Naturalist allows him to capture images of Florida's creatures in their natural state.

Many of O'Neal's photographs have been published in local newspapers and licensed to national publications such as The National Wildlife Federation, Discovery magazine, the State of Florida and Georgia, UF, UNF, The Travel Channel, and the GMTNERR (Guana Matanzas Tolomato National Estuary Research Reserve) to name a few. In 2011, O'Neal was named one of our communities "local heroes" for his commitment to our environmental resources by The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra and the Ponte Vedra Recorder.



### Welcome First Time JAPA Member

Kay Carmicino Gamma Phi Beta

## Panhellenic Updates

The annual Capitol Hill visits by fraternity and sorority collegiate and alumni members are one of the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition's (FGRC) most visible advocacy efforts. Below is a recap of this year's activities:

- Welcomed nearly 90 guests for a networking reception for Panhellenic women who work on Capitol.
- Lobbying: More than 250 fraternity and sorority alumnae and collegians visited Capitol Hill on April 10 to meet with legislators and their staff.
- FSPCAC Dinner and Fundraising update:
  - This year, the NPC member organizations recognized for having the most FSPAC donors were Delta Gamma (1<sup>st</sup>), Delta Zeta (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Alphi Phi (3<sup>rd</sup>).
  - The NPC member organizations recognized for raising the most money overall for the FSPAC and the Fraternity and Sorority Action Fund (FSAF) combined for the 2019-2020 election cycle were Alpha Chi Omega (1<sup>st</sup>), Delta Gamma (2<sup>nd</sup>), an Kappa Alpha Theta (3<sup>rd</sup>).

## Reminders

### Volunteer Hours

Click [here](#) to submit your hours May 2018 through April 2019.

### Relay for Life of Southeast Jacksonville

Support Relay for Life on Saturday, May 4, 2-10 p.m. at Adventure Landing in Jacksonville Beach, FL