

JAPA Happenings

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From the President's Desk

Please join us on February 13th for our General Meeting, our speaker is Anne Shaffer from Ballard Designs. We have many fantastic events planned in the upcoming weeks! International Badge Day is March 5th, wear your pins proudly! Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Si Senor on February 17th. Our Spring Fling "JAPA Tailgate" is March 24th. Rebecca Russo is the Chairman, if you would like to be on the committee please contact her. Our year wraps up with our Annual Spring Luncheon on May 19th where we will install our new officers and celebrate this year's achievements!

We will be announcing our Mary Louise Herr scholarship recipient soon and we should all be proud of the difference we are making in the lives of young women. We are part of an amazing organization supporting women's education, "paying it forward" to those continuing their academic endeavors. The scholarship form to nominate a graduating high school senior for our JAPA Founder's Scholarship is available now, the form is due March 30st.

JAPA's Interest and Commitment Form is included in this month's newsletter. I hope you will consider volunteering to serve on next year's board. Whether you are an elected or appointed officer, committee chair or member, it is an honor and privilege to serve our wonderful association, while at the same time creating lifelong friendships with our JAPA sisters!

Please remember to submit your community service hours to Lana Carlson. All hours volunteered with other organizations are eligible, not just JAPA. Our 28,000-hour goal is within reach! I would also like to thank everyone that participated in the #HearHerHarvard social media movement on Tuesday January 23rd. Whether you shared your story or wore your badge, NPC stands with the women of Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta and all sorority women on Harvard's campus as they stand up to the administrations views against single-gender organizations. We each have our own "without my sorority" story and it is important that all collegians are allowed to make their own choices regarding Greek affiliation or campus activities and honors.



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Reminder: International Badge Day is March 5, 2018

JAPA Events

General Meeting

February 13, 7 p.m.
This will be the last day to bring items to help the Salvation Army replenish their food stock after the holiday season. Please bring a non-perishable item or a Publix gift card with you to the meeting to be donated to help food those in need. Call Belinda Gallogly at 904-210-8724 with any questions

Board Meeting

February 26, 7 p.m.
Home of Emily Williamson
4651 Pinewood Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32207
Wendy Mueller, Monica Ferguson and Halli Bruton will be the co-hosts.

Sorority Calendars

Alpha Phi

Co-Host JAPA Meeting

February 13, 7 p.m.
Haskell Building
Please plan to arrive by 6:30 p.m. to set up.

Celebrate the Syracuse Triad

March 3, 11:30 a.m.
River City Brewing Company
In conjunction with Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Gamma Delta. Also in honor of the Frances E. Willard Day of Service, we are asking each member to bring gently used interview clothes and toiletries to donated to Hubbard House and also to 'Lend-A-Wing' at UNF for students needing interview clothes. During the month of March, Alpha Phis everywhere celebrate this day of service by dedicating their time volunteering to support other women in need. Please contact Kathy Lechner for more details: epictt@aol.com or 904-910-0722.

Annual Syracuse Triad Luncheon

March 3, 11:30 a.m.
River City Brewing Company
835 Museum Circle
Calling all Gamma Phi Betas, Alpha Phis and Alpha Gamma Deltas to our annual Syracuse Triad Luncheon. Our sororities enjoy this long-standing tradition of honoring our shared history of being founded at Syracuse University. Please RSVP to your sorority by February 24.

Phi Mu

Phi Mu at the Zoo

February 24, 9 a.m.
Jacksonville Zoo
Bring a friend or your whole family and join us for a guided tour by zoo volunteer and Jax Phi Mu alumna, Davron Cardenas. We will meet at the entrance at 9 a.m. to buy tickets and head in the zoo at 9:10 a.m. If you're running late, contact Davron at 904-607-2463.

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Wine Tasting Party

February 11, 2 p.m.
Home of Taylor Brown
Bring two bottles of your favorite wine to share. Please call Carol masters at 904-565-9975 or at camasters@aol.com for details.

Delta Delta Delta

Brewery Tour

February 24, 2 p.m.
Jacksonville Budweiser Brewery
111 Busch Drive
Meet us at the brewery for a free tour and a complimentary sample! The tour will include the story of Anheuser-Busch and what it takes a beer at the Jacksonville Brewery.

Manual of Information, 23rd Edition

The new edition of the Manual of Information (MOI) became available on Friday, January 12 on npcwomen.org. The MOI is no longer password protected. As the new web site was built, NPC's staff and Executive Committee determined that it was in everyone's best interest to make the newest and most accurate content more easily available to Panhellenic officers and campus professionals. Hopefully, now, those who use the MOI will more readily "reach" for the most current version instead of consulting older editions being shared across the internet.

Scholarship

NPC Foundation Scholarships

[The application for NPC Foundation Scholarships is now open.](#) NPC's Foundation is offering six scholarships this year, a combination of undergraduate and graduate awards. The application deadline is March 15. They will be promoting the scholarships via social media and our upcoming newsletters. NPC ask APH to share the application information with your members, chapters and/or campuses.

Zeta Tau Alpha Scholarships

Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae need our help in getting the word out about scholarship opportunities from the Clearwater and St. Petersburg Alumnae Panhellenic groups. The Clearwater group has one main philanthropy, the awarding of college scholarship money to Pinellas and Pasco County women who are enrolled in an accredited college or university and who are members of any NPC sorority. Since 1975, Clearwater Alumnae Panhellenic has awarded more than \$168,000 in scholarships to 155 college women. Recipients are selected based on their scholastic achievement, participation in chapter and campus activities, personal goals, initiative and financial need. Award decisions are based on applications received within the award year. The St. Petersburg group has a similar focus.

We are reaching out to you to help us in getting the information into the right hands of young women in Florida who would meet the eligibility requirements for either one or both of these opportunities. We would LOVE to see Florida Zetas receive these scholarships, of course, but at the very least want to make sure that ANY eligible Florida Greek woman knows of these opportunities. Please consider sharing this information within your sphere of influence (e.g. PPs share with collegiate chapters and General Advisors, Alumnae Presidents share with your chapter members who may know of young women meeting eligibility, etc.) If you would like a copy of the application or more information, please email japageneralinfo@gmail.com.

Philanthropy & Service

Towers at Center of Hope

Dining Hall Duty

February 22, 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Salvation Army

900 West Adams St

Join your JAPA sisters in volunteering to serve supper to residents at Salvation Army. Arrive at 5:45 p.m. and park in employee parking. Please wear comfy clothes and close toe shoes. Contact Belinda Gallogly at 904-210-8724 with questions or to RSVP.

Speaker Spotlight

Anne Shaffer



Anne joined the Ballard Designs team in 2016 with over 20 years' experience creating beautiful and functional spaces for her clients. While raising her young family, she started her own design business in Orlando where she designed model homes for developers, staged homes for realtors, and worked with numerous home owners with a variety of styles and budgets. Her projects have been featured in the Orlando Sentinel and have earned her the Golden Brick award from the Orlando Downtown Development Board. Skilled at creating spaces that reflect her clients' unique personalities, Anne excels at rearranging and repurposing existing pieces to blend with new items for a fresh aesthetic her clients can appreciate.

Anne earned her Bachelor's degree in interior design from Florida State University. As a former college cheerleader, she is a die-hard Seminole. She is married and her two boys are now in college – one a Seminole and one a Gator.

Omaha Steaks for Good

Our campaign with Omaha Steaks has been reinstated through December 2019. If you purchase a steak a portion will be given to JAPA for the scholarship fund. Go to steaksforgood.com/fundraising/charity/JAPA which takes you straight to the shopping page.

NPC Name Badge

Magnetic name badges are still available. They are \$15 and available to any NPC alumnae. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Contact Brandy Hibbard (904-868-6484, brandyhibb@aol.com) to order.

Volunteer Hours

Our goal this year is 28,000 hours. Remember to include any travel time to events, including JAPA meetings. Log all hours using the linked spreadsheet: <http://bit.ly/2rlCRc2>

Newsletter

Please send any images or articles you would like to include to japageneralinfo@gmail.com or bruton.halli@gmail.com by 4th Monday of the prior month.