



PEARLS OF WISDOM

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY
SIGMA KAPPA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Spring 2017

CALENDAR

Sat. Mar 11th, 10 AM: Ultra Violet, Irvine Museum
Tue. Mar 21st, 7 PM: Movie SIG, TBD
Sat. Apr 8th, TBD: Day of Service Event
Tue. Apr 25th, 7 PM: Book SIG, Huntington Beach
Sat. Apr 29th, 10 AM: Tea with Sisters, Chino Hills
Thu. May 4th, 7 PM: Social SIG, Santa Ana
Mon. May 22nd, 6:30 PM: Care packages for Kappa Rho, Irvine

Have programming ideas for our alumnae group?
We encourage all of our members to suggest events for our calendar. Please email our group at OCSigmaKappa@outlook.com and share your ideas with us.

Catch us on Social Media!

Website: <http://ocsigmakappa.weebly.com>
Facebook: Orange County Sigma Kappa Alumnae
Instagram: @ocac_sigmakappa
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Ultra Violet: A Morning at the Irvine Museum
Saturday, March 11th, 10 AM
18881 Von Karman Ave, Irvine, CA 92612

Please join us for our 9th annual Ultra-Violet event at the Irvine Museum, supporting the Sigma Kappa Foundation and Alzheimer's research. The museum will be extending an early open for our group. Activities start promptly at 10am, and you won't want to miss them! Your \$25 admission is tax deductible, and it includes touring the museum, and educational program presented by the museum staff, free parking, continental breakfast, and an opportunity to access

literature and ask questions by a representative of the Alzheimer's Association. A silent auction will take place during our event, and winners will be announced at the conclusion. Parking is available in the adjacent parking garage. Please remember to bring your ticket inside the venue for validation.

If you are unable to attend this event, but you would still like to donate, please mail a check to our VP of Finance, Ellen French, 10346 Nightingale Ave, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 by March 25th. Your generous donations go towards supporting the Sigma Kappa Foundation and its support of Alzheimer's research.

Movie SIG

Tuesday, March 21st, 7 PM
Theater Location & Movie TBD

Join us for an evening at the cinema. Our Movie SIG Chair, Carol Hudson, will choose a theater and a new release for us to view. If you're available, meet early to enjoy dinner before the movie. Stay tuned for this quarter's film and restaurant location. Carol's contact information is 949-759-3648 or rspidea@aol.com.

Sigma Kappa's National Day of Service

Saturday, April 8th
Time and Location TBD

As a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, you know how important the value of service is to our Sorority. It is important for us to continue to find ways to positively impact our communities. To support our value of SERVICE, we are excited to announce our inaugural Day of Service beginning on April 1. We want to add some positivity to our world, and this will be a wonderful opportunity for collegiate chapters, alumnae chapters, and alumnae at large to participate in meaningful service projects in their communities.

Our VP of Programming, Kelsey Frasher, along with the VP of Philanthropic Service from Kappa Rho, Taylor Reese, are currently partnering together to select an event that we can participate in together as Sigma Kappa alumnae and collegiate women of our community here in Orange County. Stay tuned for details.

Book SIG**Tuesday, April 25th, 7 PM****Home of Phyllis Smith****8381 Sweetwater Cir, Huntington Beach, CA 92646**

At our quarterly Book SIG, we bring our favorite reads, make recommendations, and trade and borrow books from each other. If you have any questions about the event, please reach out to our Book SIG Chair, Phyllis: pmmsmith@verizon.net or 714-848-1356.



Members gathered for our annual holiday party and ornament exchange.

Social SIG: Osteria Vicario**Thursday, May 4th, 7 PM****1002 W 3rd St, Santa Ana, CA 92703**

Join us for an evening of authentic Italian cuisine. Osteria Vicario is a traditional Italian restaurant and delicatessen. It has received outstanding reviews on Yelp, Tripadvisor, and Google. We hope you can make it out to enjoy dinner or dessert and espresso. Your contact for this event is Kelsey Frasher: 760-221-3281 or kelsey.frasher@gmail.com

Care Packages for Kappa Rho**Monday, May 22nd, 6:30 PM****Home of Veronica Davis****45 Sacred Path, Irvine, CA. 92618**

Don't miss our ongoing tradition of making care packages for our sister collegiate chapter, Kappa Rho. We want to wish them "good luck on finals" and fuel them with goodies! Kappa Rho has approximately 100 women, so your thoughtfulness and generosity will make a difference. Please bring boxes of snack sized chips, candy, cookies, granola bars, etc. to contribute to the baskets. This is a great event to catch up with your sisters, while doing something wonderful for the women of Kappa Rho. If you cannot make this event, but you would like to drop off goodies ahead of time,

please contact Veronica at roni53@hotmail.com or 714-267-7067. You may also choose to help deliver the baskets to the chapter house in early June. Stay tuned for the exact date & time in our next newsletter.

SIGMA  **KAPPA**
Live with Heart

**NATIONAL SIGMA KAPPA
THE BIGGER PICTURE**

2017 marks the 10th year of Ultra Violet event fundraising. With that milestone, they have created an updated planning manual and resources to ensure continued success for its chapters. Because service and philanthropy are so important to Sigma Kappa, it is encouraging members to get involved in daily acts of service. To support our value of service, they have deemed April 1st as our official Day of Service.

Our National Council has completed its annual revisions process to the National Policy Handbook, incorporating changes to academic requirements and safety policies. Collegiate chapters use the National Policy Handbook frequently, while alumnae chapters reference it on a more occasional basis. The National Organization just concluded their series of Regional Leadership Conferences, where the executive officers of each collegiate chapter gather together for training, team building, and education on the Sorority's newest policies.



Alumnae participating at Kappa Rho's Casino Night Ultra Violet event at Strawberry Farms Golf Course.

CAPTIONS FROM KAPPA RHO**...our sister collegiate chapter at UCI**

Winter quarter has been pretty amazing for the ladies of Kappa Rho. The chapter gained 10 new members

through winter recruitment. The women participated in three fraternity philanthropies, and they won first place in two of the competitions (Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Kappa Phi)! The ladies also hosted a pajama movie night for one fraternity, where they watched scary movies and ate junk food. The chapter held a sisterhood event that began with group activities and craft projects, and they ended the day at a trampoline park. They have also been busy in a volleyball tournament against the other sororities on campus. In February, the ladies living in the chapter house enjoyed a brunch and decorated the house for Valentine's Day. Last but not least, the women have been busy planning their annual Ultra Violet casino night. Wow!

NEWS & MILESTONES

Let's celebrate **Cassie Salinas Lawrence** (Kappa Rho) and her husband James, as they are expecting a baby this July. They have yet to find out if they are having a future Sigma Kappa, so we'll keep our fingers crossed!

Congratulations to **Melissa Lopez** (Gamma Theta) who recently accepted a new position with Davita Dialysis at their corporate office. Melissa is serving as a Patient Account Specialist, handling billing and collections.

Cheers to **Shannon Shea** (Kappa Rho) on her acceptance into Louisiana State University. She will be getting her Masters in Social Work, with an emphasis in gerontology. She will be starting the program this July. Best of luck!



At the Annual Wine and Chocolate Soiree to raise donations for the Sigma Kappa Foundation.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

We always want our members to enjoy new and exciting activities together, but we also want to offer regularly scheduled events that our members can count on. You will see our regularly occurring SIG events on each calendar. Our SIG leadership is listed below. If you ever have a suggestion or request, please reach out to them.

SOCIAL SIG: Connect with your sisters in a social setting. **Contact: Kelsey Frasher**
Phone: 760-221-3281 E-mail: kelsey.frasher@gmail.com

MOVIE-GOERS SIG: Love movies and popcorn? Let's go together! **Contact: Carol Hudson**
Phone: 949-759-3648 E-mail: rspidea@aol.com

BOOK SIG: Share about recent read and swap for a new book. **Contact: Phyllis Smith**
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Visiting a senior care home resident and delivering calendars for Valentine's.