



# PLANO-RICHARDSON ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC

2007-2008 FALL NEWSLETTER

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## *From the President. . . . .*

We are off to another exciting year! PRAP is on a roll. Thanks to our members and local alumnae associations, we were able to educate over 350 high school mothers and daughters at our Recruitment Forum. We hosted close to 100 ladies at our spring fashion show at Gleneagles and raised over \$4000 to provide scholarships for four outstanding college-bound girls. If you were at our May gathering you had the opportunity to meet these young ladies. This is one of the most exciting ways to see what an impact PRAP has in promoting Greek life in the community.

This summer has been an exceptionally busy summer for our fraternity education and recruitment representatives. We currently have 337 college-bound freshman registered with PRAP. As a result, our PRAP ladies have been writing recommendations and advising young girls and frantic mothers as they try to complete the recruitment process. We are constantly trying to improve our methods and are always looking for suggestions as well as new members to help advocate the joy of sorority life.

Fall is right around the corner and we'll be kicking it off with a mystery dinner, membership contest, and our famous holiday auction. Although we work hard in PRAP, there are plenty of opportunities to play, laugh, eat and meet new friends. Just ask me! I had so much fun being the PRAP president last year, I signed up to do it again!

Please consider getting more involved in PRAP this year! You can make such a difference in a young girl's life by your participation – big or small. We are currently forming committees and need your help. If you would like more information, contact me at (972) 381-8152. We look forward to seeing you in September...bring a friend!

Yours truly,  
**Phoebe Chenoweth**  
**President, 2007-2008**

## *Membership News*

You are invited to join the Plano Richardson Alumnae Panhellenic Association for our 2007-2008 activities and events. Plano Richardson Alumnae Panhellenic is affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). Membership is open to all Plano and Richardson area alumnae of any of the 26 NPC sororities. We strive to have as many representatives from each of the member sororities as possible. We hope you will be one.

The purpose of our organization is to promote awareness, friendship & collaboration of Greek letter organizations. We educate potential new members about the benefits of sorority membership by holding an annual College Sorority Recruitment Forum for High School Senior girls and their mothers. We host a Style Show Luncheon & Silent Auction each year featuring fashions appropriate for College Sorority recruitment. We also award Scholarships each year to Senior girls from the Plano or Richardson area who are interested in participating in College Sorority Recruitment.

If you are a prior member or someone who has been recommended by a friend or sister, the enclosed membership form has been pre-filled for your convenience in renewing your membership. Please take a minute to verify that all information is correct & provide any missing information. This is the information that will be listed in our annual member directory. **Please be sure to include a valid email address** so you will receive our monthly Evite meeting reminders and occasional email blasts during the year. Our only communication with members outside of meetings is via email.

**Our dues have increased to \$25 per year**, still a bargain in this day and time. Please return the form along with your dues in the enclosed pre-addressed return envelope. **Your dues must be received by October 5<sup>th</sup>** for your name to be included in our 2007-08 directory.

**Our meeting date has been returned to the third Wednesday** so as not to conflict with several sorority chapter meetings.



*Meet & Greet Wine & Hors d'Oeuvres*  
*Wednesday, September 19, 2007 7:00 pm*  
*At the home of Phoebe Chenoweth*  
*5112 Fairglen, Plano, TX 75093 Mapsco: 656T*

*It's time to kick off the 2007-2008 year with hors d'oeuvres and a lovely glass of wine!*  
*Come join your Greek friends and hear about all of the exciting events we have planned!*

## 2007-2008 Calendar of Events

September 19, 2007, Wednesday 7:00 pm

*Meet & Greet Wine and Hors d'oeuvres*  
Hostess – Phoebe Chenoweth– 972 381-8152  
5112 Fairglen, Plano 75093  
Mapsco 656T

October 17, 2007, Wednesday 7:00 pm

*Mystery Dinner*  
Hostess – Kimberly Criscuolo – 972 907-1027  
2800 Crested Butte Dr, Richardson 75082  
Mapsco 9M

November 28, 2007, Wednesday 7:00 pm

*Wine & Ornament Fund Raiser*  
Hostess – Betty Detrich – 972 867-8447  
3336 Landershire Lane, Plano 75023  
Mapsco 657G

January 16, 2008, Tuesday 7:00 pm

*Premier Wines*  
4709 W. Parker Rd, #420, Plano  
Mapsco 656L

February 2008

*College Sorority Preview Recruitment Forum*  
Date, time and location: TBD

March 19, 2008, Wednesday 7:00 pm

*Programming and Recruitment Ideas Exchange*  
Hostess – Tiffany Blankenship – 972 680-2646  
15611 Trails End Drive, Dallas 75248  
Mapsco 5X

March 29, 2008, Saturday 11:00 am

*Scholarship Luncheon, Style Show & Silent Auction*  
Doubletree Hotel near the Galleria  
4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas 75244  
Mapsco 14P

May 21, 2008, Wednesday 7:00 pm

*Salad Dinner*  
*Scholarship Awards & Officer Installation*  
Hostess – Kristine Holstine – 972 250-1239  
5420 Grasmere Dr, Plano 75093 Mapsco 656S

### Alumnae News

Sandra Holman is moving to the UK.  
We are going to miss her!

**Welcome to Phi Mu to PRAP!**

## Meeting Details

### October – A Mystery Dinner

Arrive promptly for an informative meeting and mystery dinner. The End! That's why it's called a "*mystery!*"

2007-2008 directories will be available for distribution to all dues paid members at this meeting.

### November – Wine & Ornament Fund Raiser

Come for a holiday evening of wine and fun!! More than a wine tasting, you will have an opportunity to bid on a bottle of your favorite wine or a Christmas goodie of your liking. Please bring either 2 bottles of wine (one to taste and one to auction) or a Christmas goodie (ornament, cookies, or decoration) that we will auction off to the highest bidders! Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund. *Come for an evening of good food, wine and fun!*

### January – Premier Wines

Join us at Premier Wines in Plano for a fun and informative wine tasting class. The cost is \$7.00 per person for fabulous varietals tasting and a lovely cheese platter.

### March – Programming and Recruitment Ideas Exchange

Come prepared to discuss some of your sorority's most unique programming and membership recruitment ideas with other Greek sisters. Feel free to bring old newsletters and directories. You are sure to gather some valuable information and ideas that you can share with your organization.

### May – Officer Installation and Scholarship Presentations

We will end the year with our traditional savory salads and desserts at our Salad & Dessert Dinner. Board members will bring the salads and members will bring the desserts. We will have the opportunity to meet our Scholarship winners and their mothers. We will also install our new officers for 2008-2009.

The Plano-Richardson Alumnae Panhellenic would like to recognize our first "Woman of the Year" award winner. PRAP has become the strong alumnae association because of this lady's dedication and service.

Please join us in honoring our very own

**Judy Zurlis**

And watch for our 2007-2008 Women of the Year election coming later this coming year!

## RECRUITMENT TEAM NEWS

### COLLEGE NIGHT

The Plano-Richardson Panhellenic Recruitment Team will have representatives at the College Night for our Plano High Schools to promote the Recruitment Forum that will be held in February 2008. Pass the word to any Senior girls you know to be sure to stop by our table.

#### Plano ISD College Nights

Plano East Senior High School  
Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
6:30-9:30 pm

Plano West High School  
Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
6:30-9:30 pm

The **Richardson ISD College Night** will be Saturday, September 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on the University of Texas at Dallas Campus. However, the Fair has become so successful that they have been forced to limit invitations to attendees of only degreed institutions and the military, so PRAP will not be able to attend this year.

### COLLEGE SORORITY RECRUITMENT FORUM

Senior girls and a parent should attend  
*Coming in February 2008*  
More Details to Come!

### Congratulations to our 2007 Scholarship Recipients

Grace Adams – Lake Highlands High School  
University of Arkansas

Bonnie Orch – Richardson High School  
University of Texas

Kathryn Manza – Plano West High School  
Vanderbilt University

Christina Svedeman – Lake Highlands High School  
University of Texas

### SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

#### STYLE SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, March 29, 2008

11:00am to 1:30pm

Doubletree Hotel

Near the Galleria

4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas 75244

\$25 per person (\$27 at the door)

Be sure to mark the date on your calendar and invite your friends! This is a great event for a mother-daughter afternoon. Plano-Richardson area Senior girls will model recruitment appropriate fashions. Our Silent Auction will feature many items, some of which will be geared for college-bound Seniors. Our table centerpieces will also be available for sale. Funds will be used for scholarships for graduating seniors.

### *Your help is needed to make our Style Show and Silent Auction a success!*

#### *Models*

We would like our members to identify Senior girls to be our models. If you have a Senior daughter or acquaintance attending PISD, RISD, or a Private School and living in the PISD or RISD attendance zones, who would like to model in our Style Show, please give us her name and contact information.

#### *Silent Auction Items*

We are requesting items to be donated for the Silent Auction we need theme baskets and other items or services suitable for a Silent Auction with a retail value preferable between \$25 and \$75. You can start planning and assembling your baskets now. We will begin collecting the auction items in January.

#### *Raffle Raffle Raffle*

As one of our fundraising adventures this year, we will have a raffle with the winning ticket to be drawn at the Style Show. Tickets will sell for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The fabulous prize package is currently being assembled, and they will be nice!!! Tickets will go on sale at the November Fundraiser. We would like for each Sorority's Alumnae Association to sell a minimum of 20 tickets. The winner need not be present to win!!! If you have a donation for the raffle or silent auction, or would like to volunteer to help, contact:

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## Membership Drive Update

Last year we began a serious membership drive in an effort to return our membership to its former healthy numbers. Although we have welcomed many new members and our active participation has increased, our overall membership numbers have not increased. The following is a report of last year's membership numbers compared to the previous year and to the all time highest membership per sorority in a single year over the past 20 years.

Sorority	2006-07	2005-06	20 year high
Alpha Chi Omega	2	2	5
Alpha Delta Pi	3	3	13
Alpha Phi	3	3	12
Alpha Gamma Delta	2	3	3
Alpha Omicron Pi	2	2	3
Alpha Sigma Alpha	0	0	1
Alpha Xi Delta	1	1	4
Chi Omega	4	7	21
Delta Delta Delta	5	3	15
Delta Gamma	2	4	11
Delta Zeta	2	2	7
Phi Mu	0	0	5
Gamma Phi Beta	2	1	4
Kappa Alpha Theta	3	1	12
Kappa Delta	5	5	6
Kappa Kappa Gamma	3	3	10
Pi Beta Phi	5	4	21
Sigma Kappa	3	3	7
Sigma Sigma Sigma	2	1	2
Zeta Tau Alpha	7	8	17

We are an open membership organization and would love to have many representatives from each sorority. The main purpose of our organization is to educate potential new members about the benefits of sorority membership, but we also have fun and educational meetings for ourselves as you can see from our program calendar for the coming year. Additional newsletters and membership forms are available for download from our website, If you think your sorority isn't properly represented, then spread the word to your sisters and Greek friends to join. You could be the winner of our membership drive contest!

### Membership Drive Contest

Be the one outstanding member to recruit the most new dues paying members and enjoy a wonderful meal on us! The member who recruits the most new members will win a \$100 gift card to Roy's Hawaiian Fusion Restaurant in Plano! The winner will be announced at our November meeting so you have the opportunity to bring in new members to our first three meetings. Good luck and go get 'em!!.

## 2007-2008 Officers and Chairmen

### President

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