



## President's Yearly Recap

*and look ahead to the coming year...*

We have had another great year here in the San Mateo Alumnae Chapter. Our support for CASA of San Mateo County has grown with four San Mateo Thetas on the CASA Auxiliary and our financial support of our National Charity has grown as well. The 2012 CASA Garden Party was a huge success raising over \$80,000 for the local CASA!

We had a great time with our sisters this year. Our Founder's Day luncheon was a delightful success at Green Hills Country Club. Our special guest speaker was the daughter of our own member, Laura Hubbard. Our annual Gourmet Potluck dinner was full of great food and laughs all provided by our members. The Mad Hatter Tea Party and Pansy Brunch rounded out the spring with great food and sisterhood.

This year we are looking forward to the transition to the regular calendar year. We began our fall activities with a desert event and getting to know you bingo. On October 14th we will be heading out to Livermore for wine tasting and a Barbeque. If you've not received the evite please let us know. Our Holiday Party is always a hit and a fantastic time.

In 2013 we'll be having a joint Founder's Day with the Palo Alto and South Bay Alumnae Chapters. We'll also be heading to Boquets de Art at the DeYoung Museum. Along with our annual Gourmet Potluck, Mad Hatter Tea Party and Pansy Brunch. Looking forward to seeing you all in the coming year!

Loyally, Jenny Keleher and Katie Holloway

### *Communication*

We continue to move our group into the cyber world, and most of you will receive our newsletters and invitations through your email accounts. Therefore it is important to update us if you change your email address. If you are not receiving our meeting reminders via evite, please let us know as that means we need to correct your information in the evite system. If you would rather receive a reminder call, let us know and you will be added to the calling list. Be sure to check out our website [www.sanmateoethetas.org](http://www.sanmateoethetas.org), where you can find our calendar, link to the National Website and contact information for our officers.

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### NITE KITES

Our Nite Kite group (recently graduated Thetas) has been having a lot of fun this year. We try to get together at least once a month for an informal gathering. This past year we had a Taco Tuesday, went to Happy Hour at Joya in Palo Alto and went bowling. This year we are looking forward to joint events with the San Francisco Alumnae Chapter. We often make an annual trip over to the Saddle



Rack in honor of Founder's Day. There are always great stories to tell! All are welcome to join in our events, regardless of when you graduated! Outings are usually on the last Friday of the month, except when holiday weekends interfere. If you're interested in joining the Nite Kites bunch please email Seena Kallingal at [seena.t.k@gmail.com](mailto:seena.t.k@gmail.com).

## 2012 - 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wine Tasting and BBQ**

Sunday, October 14th - 11:30

Hostess Betsy Johnston 1746 Hansen Rd. Livermore

BBQ and Wine tour

Committee: Katie Holloway, Suzan Pheley, Seena Kallingal

**Holiday Party**

Sunday, December 2nd - 5:00 to 8:00

Hostess Wendy Bolton 2260 Forest View Ave. Hillsborough

Committee: Sydney Tyler-Parker, Vicky King, Diane Mathews, Laura Hubbard, Betsy Johnston, Jo Murphy, Susan McKenzie

**January Founder's Day Luncheon**

Sunday, January 27, 2013

Michaels at Shoreline in Mountain View

Co-Chairs: Bev Shelton &amp; Sara Garnick

**Gourmet Potluck Dinner**

Tuesday February 12 or 19 or 26th 6:30

Hostess TBD

Committee: Cathy Stannard-Stockton, Carolyn Hodges, Nancy Gilchrist, Leslie Smith, Susan May, Barbara Carlisle

**Field Trip - Bouquets to Art, DeYoung Museum, S.F.**

March 19

**Mad Hatter Tea Party Lunch**

Saturday, March 20, noon

903 Tournament Dr. Hillsborough

Hostess Angela Norton

Committee: Denise Kilpatrick, CeCi Jorritsma, Julie McHenry, Sheryl Fleming, Anne Goulding, Cara Daw, Michelle Hostrup

**Pansy Brunch**

Saturday, May 18nd 11:00 am.

Hostess Nancy Turner 124 W. Santa Inez Ave. Hillsborough

Committee: Gina Marconi, Teal Backus, Jenny Keleher, Joan Riggs, Jennifer Giese, Barbara Shell, Colleen Haesloop

RSVP or Questions to Anne Goulding [annegould26@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annegould26@sbcglobal.net), or 341-2093

Calendar of Events for the year can also be located on our web site

<http://www.kappaalphatheta.org/chapters/alumnae/sanmateo>

## Fundraising and Friendraising...

### CHICOBAGS!

This year we will be selling Chicobags as a fundraiser. As you know many cities are transitioning away from paper and plastic bags and requiring us to bring our own. Using the online code (to be provided soon) when you order, San Mateo Theta Philanthropic Fund will receive 50% of all monies spent! Feel to forward to all of your friends and family!

### CASA GARDEN PARTY

It's never too soon to plan for a fun time. The annual CASA of San Mateo Garden Party will be Sunday, August 25th, 2013. To be held in a lovely private garden in Hillsborough. This year we raised over \$80,000 and hope to beat that total next year. We hope

you'll be able to join us. More info. can be found at [www.casaofsanmateo.org](http://www.casaofsanmateo.org).

### FRIENDSHIP FUND AND LIFE LOYAL

Kappa Alpha Theta supports sisters in need through the Friendship Fund. While donations are traditionally collected at Founder's Day, they can be sent all year long. Also, you can become a life loyal member through the nation website, [www.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.kappaalphatheta.org).



### GIVING TO CASA

If the company you work for does matching donations, please consider giving to our local CASA, CASA of San Mateo County. Also consider asking your company to become a corporate sponsor for our local CASA. Additionally if you know of any family foundations looking for an organization to support, keep CASA in mind.

Finally, please save the date for next year's fabulous Garden Party, Sunday, August 25th, 2013.



**CASA & KAO**

SPEAKING UP FOR CHILDREN

## ODDS AND ENDS

### THETA NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

On Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday, October 19th, Theta will celebrate it's Annual National Day of Service. We encourage you to look for local volunteer opportunities to celebrate with Theta's around the nation.

### NEW COLLEGIATE CHAPTER AT USF

In the Spring of 2012, Kappa Alpha Theta colonized at The University of San Francisco. To support the new chapter we gifted a President's Pin to the chapter to be passed down yearly. They are always looking for Alumni involvement; if interested please contact Katie Holloway at [katiekins473@gmail.com](mailto:katiekins473@gmail.com).

### PANSY FUN, via Houzz.com

Planting Pansies is a great way to remember Theta. There is a great article on Houzz.com all about just that. Click the link below for some pansy fun! <http://bit.ly/ODIijc>

