



## 2018– 2019 Officers

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## Newsletter Editor

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## A Note from Gretchen

Happy new year! I look forward to 2019 full of enthusiasm and optimism for our alumnae panhellenic association. Delegates will reunite on Tuesday, January 8 to plan the second half of the year's social and charity events. Following is a summary of upcoming CAPA's events and ways you can participate to support our panhellenic association.

Grab a sister and join us on Wednesday, January 16 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm for the annual all-sorority happy hour at Shula's II in Independence. ALL sorority women are invited to attend this event to shake off the cold and reunite with friends. For more information about the social and to RSVP and pay (\$10) – go to: <http://clevelandpanhellenic.org/event/2019-all-sorority-winter-happy-hour/>

The Ways and Means committee are kicking off the new year with a Super Bowl squares fundraiser. Squares can be purchased for \$10 each at both January events. There are four chances to win at the end of each quarter with half of the proceeds paid to the winners. Not able to attend the delegate meeting or social but still want your chance to win? Don't miss out, just send in \$10 with your delegate to buy a square for you!

The 2019 scholarship application is now OPEN. Applications are due on February 28, 2019. Thank you to Sarah Wojciechowski and her committee for working hard to achieve an early release. Help spread the word to your sorority members, neighbors and friends to apply for this scholarship. For more information about qualifications and how to apply, visit <http://clevelandpanhellenic.org/services>

Speaking of the scholarship, have you reserved your seat for the 'Wild About So'ROAR'ities' scholarship luncheon on Saturday, May 18, 2019? Don't miss out on early-bird discount and register today by mailing in the flyer or online via link:

<http://clevelandpanhellenic.org/event/capa-scholarship-luncheon/>

The scholarship luncheon is a time to reconnect with friends, honor our scholarship winners and strengthen our association as we raise money to support CAPA and CAPEF for future scholarships. There will be a basket raffle, 50/50, and silent auction items including local sports and Cleveland orchestra tickets. Barb Stacy, Kappa Delta National Vice President of Collegians, who oversees 166 collegiate chapters will speak and provide insight into today's collegiate experience and how we can best support our collegians now and in the future as new alumnae. Enjoy FREE parking, FREE shuttle service to the event site AND FREE zoo admission after the luncheon. Make it a daylong event at the zoo with friends and family while supporting CAPA!

I invite you to participate in as many events as possible to keep the panhellenic spirit alive and well in the new year and beyond.

All the best,  
Gretchen Swasey  
CAPA President

## Anniversaries

Alpha Omicron Pi  
January 2, 1897

Kappa Alpha Theta  
January 27, 1870



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## All Sorority Happy Hour

January 16, 2019

5:30-8:00 pm

Shula's II

\$10 Cover Charge includes  
Appetizers/Snacks

To RSVP or pay online go to:

<http://clevelandpanhellenic.org/event/2019-all-sorority-winter-happy-hour/>

## News & Notes

The Cleveland Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter invites you to join us at our 4th annual Mad for Metro event! The event supports the pediatric and burn units at MetroHealth and will be Friday, **March 29th** at Vosh in Lakewood. See attached flyer for more details. Buy tickets online at <https://mad4metro2019.eventbrite.com>. To donate go to: <https://donate.metrohealth.org/mad4metro>.

## New Ideas: Bingo!

Considering CAPA's new program for delegates, held briefly after each meeting, we offer some ideas for sorority alumnae group attraction and retention.

Ashley Wohlwend, Phi Mu delegate and past CAPA president, details an attractive and fun event to keep sisters betting on each other for success. Bingo Night serves as Phi Mu's chapter fundraiser. Ashley notes that "The money raised could definitely go towards a philanthropy of the host chapter's choice" Phi Mu's Bingo Night is an annual event, having been held four years in a row in the Cleveland area. It's mostly attended by local chapter members and guests – about 50/50.

Yours truly Pat Magee, delegate from Alpha Gamma Delta planned to attend and cover the November 15, 2018 event, however, the bad weather kept this associate publicity chair away -- sad to say because Ashley stated in a follow-up email: "We had about 50 people last night and that was in awful weather!" She explains, "The event is two hours long and includes time to browse each of the vendors (there are 10 different vendors) and play 10 rounds of bingo. We generally start with a half hour of shopping, do five rounds and then take a 15-minute break or so to keep shopping and then do the remaining five rounds. "Each round is called by a different vendor and the vendor provides the prize for the winner of that round. Before each round begins, the vendor has a couple of minutes to introduce themselves and tell a little about their business," explains Ashley.

"We try," according to Ashley, "to have a variety of vendors - both to provide different shopping and so they're not competing too much with each other. This year we had Lularoe, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Scentsy, Thirty-One, two different jewelry vendors, homemade home décor, Norwex

cleaning supplies and essential oils.

**How it works:** If you make a purchase, that vendor provides an additional bingo card for you to use on one of the later rounds. We also generally hold it at a restaurant (it was at Melt this year) so attendees can order their own food and drink.

**The cost:** An entry fee of \$10 which includes the 10 rounds of bingo. Food and drink are a separate expense.

**The fun:** Absolutely anyone can attend! We don't have another one scheduled yet, but we usually hold it in November to allow people to shop for the holidays. Bingo!

## NPC News

### National Panhellenic Conference Announces New Organizational Structure

The NPC Board of Directors has approved revised governing documents that allow for the development of a new organizational and governance structure designed to make the Conference nimble and more responsive to the most pressing challenges facing students, campus partners and the greater Panhellenic community.

"The challenges facing students on campus today are more complex and require robust engagement from the professionals that serve the Panhellenic community," said Carole Jones, chairman of the National Panhellenic Conference. "Our ability to lead and effectively partner with our campus-based colleagues demands we equip ourselves as a stronger, more strategic ally," she added, citing the fight against hazing, alcohol abuse, sexual assault and diversity and inclusion, among other concerns.

The new governance structure will include:

1. A Council of Delegates, consisting of one representative from each of NPC's 26-member organizations and having primary responsibility for Conference membership and Panhellenic policies.
2. A new seven-member Board of Directors consisting of five members elected to service by the Council of Delegates and two directors appointed by their member organization (on a rotational basis). The Board of Directors will lead NPC and have authority and responsibility for

overseeing the affairs of NPC.

They will establish corporate policy, set the strategic direction, oversee and secure resources and monitor organizational performance. The Council of Delegates will also elect the NPC chairman.

The first Board of Directors to be established under the new bylaws will be appointed and elected by the Council of Delegates in May 2019 and will assume office on July 1. The new NPC chairman will be elected by the Council from the seven members who comprise the Board of Directors.

"The Panhellenic community is increasingly looking to us as a resource and a convener," said Dani Weatherford, executive director of NPC. "The 'Call for Critical Change' launched earlier this year exemplifies the type of work we must undertake. And our new organizational structure reflects our desire to further expand our capacity to serve such a role, and to do so in partnership with campus officials and other like-minded individuals and organizations who share our values." The new structure is also intended to ensure that greater resources and staff-level engagement can be brought to bear on priorities ranging from recruitment and membership growth, enhanced data collection and communications efforts advocating for the sorority experience. The NPC professional staff will continue to accomplish their work alongside the organization's volunteers.

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

Join us for Poseidon's Readers Book Club as we begin a new year of reading adventures. All are welcome - bring a friend! Organized by Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter - any questions, or if you would like to be added to our email list, contact Wendy Summer. Here is the schedule for the next three months:

**Jan. 6 at 2 PM**

"The Rain Watcher" by Tatiana de Rosney at Whole Foods in Rocky River

**Feb. 3 at 2 PM**

"Kitchens of the Great Midwest" by J. Ryan Strada at Wine Down and Sweets Café in Strongsville.

**March 10 at 2 PM**

"The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah at Aladdin's in Independence.

## Fall Philanthropy OhioGuidestone



[OhioGuidestone](#) was absolutely THRILLED with CAPA's holiday drive donations... "Wow, you really outdid yourselves this year!"

A huge thank you to all who donated items to ensure OG children and families in need have presents to open for the holidays!

## Stand Up to Harvard

Before Harvard announced sanctions that punish students in single-sex social organizations, one in four undergraduates belonged to sororities, fraternities or all-women's or all-men's final clubs—opportunities protected by Title IX and the First Amendment. Starting this fall, members of those organizations are, in a word, blacklisted—stripped of opportunities to hold leadership roles in Harvard organizations and athletic teams, and to obtain post-graduate fellowships and scholarships influenced or controlled by Harvard. This decision was made unilaterally and rubber-stamped by the self-selected Corporation board behind closed doors, ignoring protests from students, faculty, parents and organizations.

The impact on women's organizations has been devastating. As a result of this policy, almost all of the once vibrant sororities and women's final clubs open to Harvard women have either closed or had to renounce their proud status as women's social organizations. After membership soared to record highs in recent years, Harvard has erased the organizations designed to create opportunities, resources and sustainable networks built by women for women. Students deserve the right to shape their own leadership and social paths, and such decisions shouldn't be dictated to them by administrators. Mandated conformity cannot be in the

service or spirit of diversity. While Harvard's stated mission is to "educate the citizens and citizen-leaders for our society," under its paternalism, its first lesson is to surrender your rights.

On December 3, 2018, sororities, fraternities and students filed lawsuits in federal and Massachusetts court challenging the Harvard sanction policy that punishes students who join off-campus, single-sex social organizations. Learn more about the suits and sign a petition to support students' rights go to:

<https://www.standuptoharvard.org/about/>

## What is CAPEF? Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarships

The Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association was established in 1914 to create a closer relationship between fraternity women and the City of Cleveland. One of its first goals was to provide financial assistance to young women who wanted to attend college. Fundraising ensued quickly and the first CAPA scholarship was awarded for the 1917-18 school year to a young woman enrolled at Western Reserve University. The amount of the scholarship awarded, \$125, might not seem impressive today but at that time average college tuition was \$150-200 a year.

From the early 1920's through the mid 1950's most of CAPA's financial assistance was given in the form of tuitions loans which were interest free until the recipient graduated. All money was maintained in conventional bank accounts with a four-person scholarship committee overseeing collection. In addition, gift scholarships were occasionally given to high school seniors or college women based on character, need and scholastic ability.

In 1945 a separate fund solely for scholarships was established. Grants were to be given once the fund reached \$20,000 and money was invested in bonds, mutual funds and CDs. This is the start of the endowment fund we know today. The first recorded scholarships were given in 1955 for \$200 each. We know that in 1960 there were 11 scholarship recipients (\$2200) and 8 recipients in 1961(\$1600). In 1977 changing times caused CAPA to decide to make its scholarship funding only available to women who were active members and omit support to high school seniors. In 1997 the scholarship amount became \$1000 and grants were also made available to locally active alumnae. In 2007 grants

were increased to \$1500 and they reached the current amount of \$200 several years ago.

Throughout its history CAPA has continually worked to improve itself as an organization in order to allow us to continue to benefit our community. The establishment of the Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Endowment Fund (CAPEF and pronounced as "Cape") as a tax-exempt corporation in May of 1985 provided the opportunity for greater protection and oversight of our money along with tax and investment benefits.

Shortly after its establishment in 1985 CAPEF was accepted as a 501(C) (3) Private Foundation by the Internal Revenue Service. 501 (C) (3) foundations are a special class of non-profit organization which are established solely for charitable and/ or educational purposes. Along with being exempt from federal income tax, as are all non-profits, donations to these organizations are tax deductible, which is a huge fundraising benefit.

## 2018-19 Calendar

### Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Delegate Meeting  
Parma-Snow Library  
Social Time-11:30 a.m.

Business meeting-12 Noon

### Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Delegate Meeting  
Parma-Snow Library  
Social Time-11:30 a.m.

Business meeting-12 Noon

### Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Delegate Meeting  
Parma-Snow Library  
Social Time 11:30 a.m.

Business meeting-12 noon

### Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Delegate Meeting  
Parma-Snow Library  
Social Time-5:30 p.m.

Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Delegate Meeting  
Parma-Snow Library  
Social Time-5:30 p.m.

Business meeting-6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, May 18, 2019

CAPA Spring Luncheon  
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo  
Stillwater Conference Center

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## Stay in Touch With CAPA

Join our Facebook group:  
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