

SIGMA KAPPA

*Southwest Florida
Alumnae Chapter*

FALL NEWSLETTER *September 2022*

Year in Review

The 2021-2022 chapter year was such a breath of fresh air after a year of social distancing and virtual events! We enjoyed Sigma Kappatizers on the patio at PF Chang's and Founders' Day in Venice in the fall, and then had a full spring with a smashing successful Badge Day Brunch at Skillet's in Naples and a Sisterhood Tea at the Wisteria Tea Room in downtown Fort Myers. It was great to see some familiar faces and so many new ones, too! Our programming efforts earned us recognition by the National Panhellenic Council and we hope you'll join us for another wonderful year.



Founders' Day

Mark your calendars for November 12th for our annual Founders' Day celebration with our sisters from the Sarasota Alumnae chapter. This is our year to host and we're excited to have them with us in Lee County. We are working hard to firm up details so please keep an eye out for an evite within the next couple of weeks.

Mark Your Calendar



Our beloved sorority was founded in 1874 and we

are thrilled to be honoring 150 years of sisterhood in 2024. To kick off a year-long celebration we're going to Convention in Boston from July 10-14, 2024. There will be an optional side trip to Colby College, too, so start making plans now to attend!

Chapter Leadership

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FALL 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Information for each event will be sent via Evite to your email listed on file.
Please be sure to RSVP by the date on the invitation and note the time and location!

SIGMA KAPPATIZERS

September 8, 2022 | 4:30-6:30p | Fort Myers

Join us for our ever-popular kick-off event at PF Chang's in Gulf Coast Town Center!

Our chapter will cover the cost of appetizers but bring your checkbook -
this will be a great opportunity to renew your chapter membership!

10081 Gulf Center Drive | Gulf Coast Town Center | Fort Myers, FL 33913

FOUNDERS' DAY

November 12, 2022 | 11:30am | Fort Myers

Each year we are pleased to celebrate our sorority's founders with our alumnae sisters from the
Sarasota chapter. This year it's our turn to host in Lee County!

Location To Be Determined | Please look for an evite soon

WALK TO END ALZ

November 19, 2022 | 8:00a | Naples

Join a walk close to home or come spend a morning walking with your sisters!
This year our chapter will be supporting the Collier County END ALZ effort. Sister Carolyn Tieger
has graciously agreed to host our group for brunch in her home after the walk.

Join our team or donate here: tinyurl.com/SWFLSKENDALZ22

50 Riverside Circle | Baker Park | Naples, FL 34102

HOLIDAY HOUSE OF FORT MYERS: *CHRISTMAS IN THE SUNSHINE*

December 15, 2022 | 6:30p | Fort Myers

Join us for a decades-old local tradition at the beautifully decorated historic Langford-Kingston home in
downtown Fort Myers. We'll all grab dinner at a restaurant in the river district after our tour!

2500 First Street | Langford-Kingston Home | Fort Myers, FL 33901

SPRING 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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GNAP SPRING FUNDRAISER AND STYLE SHOW

January 21, 2023 | TBA | Naples

Celebrate GNAP's Diamond Jubilee! Tickets will be \$70 which will include a lovely lunch and style show by Casual Connection. There will be silent and bucket auctions as well as three grand prizes to be announced at the event. Our new venue provides a larger space and lovely golf course views.

4784 Naples Lakes Boulevard | Naples Lakes Country Club | Naples, FL 34112

VALENTINES for ALZ

February 4, 2023 | 11a | Naples

In 2021 and 2022 we sent valentines to local Alzheimer's patients and they were so appreciated.
Join us for brunch at Nancy Bicket's home as we continue this new tradition!

Details forthcoming after the holidays

INTERNATIONAL BADGE DAY BRUNCH

March 4, 2023 | TBA | Naples

This was such a fun event last year we've decided to do it again this year! Join us at Skillets at the Strand for a brunch to celebrate our lives as sorority women. Don't forget your badge!

5628 Strand Boulevard | Skillets at the Strand | Naples, FL 34110

SECOND ANNUAL SISTERHOOD TEA

April 29, 2023 | TBD | Naples

There's nothing like a tea party and a fascinator to cap off a wonderful year!

RSVP will be required so watch for details to be emailed this spring.

340 Fifth Avenue South | Brambles English Tea Room | Naples, FL 34102

Convention Report



Chapter president Molly Phennicie represented Southwest Florida Sigma Kappas as our delegate at this year's convention in Colorado. This is what she brought back to share with us:

The biggest undertaking was a complete redo of our national bylaws, including a revised purpose statement and shift in governance models. You can find details about the changes at sigmakappa.org.

During the honor initiation of Anna Burke, MD the convention body got to go through the updated Sigma Kappa ritual. It was very moving!

Sigma Kappa is digitizing our archives! You can find nearly 150 years of stories, photos, and more at SIGMAKAPPA.HISTORYIT.COM

Five Colby Awards were presented: Valerie David, Cosette Gutierrez, Susan McNabb, Dr Linda Caldwell Stancin, and Dr. Maria Yang

Each of our values were celebrated with a themed meal!

There was much more so please ask Molly to share when you see her! Our **150TH ANNIVERSARY** will be celebrated at convention in **BOSTON** so mark your calendars and make plans now to attend July 10-14, 2024!

Panhellenic News

The National Panhellenic Council has recognized both the Greater Naples Alumnae Panhellenic and the Lee County Alumnae Panhellenic associations with awards for Programming Excellence and Merit in support of collegiate panhellenic efforts. Only 42 of nearly 3500 area associations received both awards!

In other news, GNAP has a new website! Be sure to visit **NAPLESPANHELLENIC.ORG**

Connect with us

Last year our chapter website got a new web address!

SWFLSIGMAKAPPA.COM

We invite you to find us on social media and connect virtually, as well; **LIKE** us on Facebook specifically because that's where we share the most up-to-date information!



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Please update your address book!

Current Paid Members

Paying dues helps to support our local chapter as well as Sigma Kappa on a national level. National dues are \$35 per year and local dues are \$30 annually; as alumnae we are encouraged to pay both every year. Fill out the membership form on the next page to and send it in with your dues to be added to this list today!

Megan Barrett	Mary Greenplate	Patricia Petrow
Nancy Bicket	Sandra Hess	Molly Phennicie
Donna Burns-Russell	Cheryl Huber	Patricia Scott
Ann Dahl	Whitney Kearns	Carolyn Tieger
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Doreen Futhey	Judy Novak	
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2022-2023 DUES

National Dues (Per Capita Fee)	\$ 35
Local Chapter Dues	\$ 30
Donation to local chapter (optional)	_____
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Make your checks payable to

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END ALZ WALK 2022

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH | NAPLES, FL
BAKER PARK



DID YOU KNOW that over 5.8 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's disease and **ALMOST TWO-THIRDS** of those patients are women? Beyond that, **SIXTY PERCENT** of all caregivers for people with Alzheimer's are women; this is a disease that is disproportionately affecting us all as women. Over more than three decades of unwavering commitment to the cause, Sigma Kappa sisters have raised and donated more than \$9 million to the Alzheimer's Association and **WE'RE NOT DONE YET.**

Support our Southwest Florida Sigma Kappa Alumnae Chapter team

tinyurl.com/swflskendalz22

You can join our team and walk with us or you can Walk From Home in your neighborhood using the Alzheimer's Association's mobile app. This year the Naples walk is being held in Baker Park at 50 Riverside Circle. Registration begins at 8 with the opening ceremony at 9 and the walk itself commencing at 9:30. If you wish to participate in person, please reach out to any of our chapter officers; Carolyn Tieger has graciously offered to host us at her home for brunch afterward. Most importantly, we encourage you to **DONATE AT OUR TEAM PAGE** even after the walk is over and spread the word far and wide - it's a fundraiser, after all!

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