

Nu News

Nu Chapter and Greater Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta ~ Fall 2017



Pickle Mix 2017:

Join fellow alumnae, Nu Chapter, family, and friends for our live and silent auctions, some food and drinks, and an evening of fun! As always, all money raised will be used to award deserving Nu Chapter collegiate women with academic scholarships in the Spring. Our goal this year is \$3,500! Come mingle with the ladies you'll be helping.

Monday, November 6th 6:00pm - 8:30pm
at the UW Husky Union Building's (HUB)
South Ballroom (2nd Floor)

Registration opens at 6:00pm, Silent Auction begins at 6:15pm, Live Auction begins around 6:40pm.

Cost is \$10 per person; you can pay via cash/card/check at

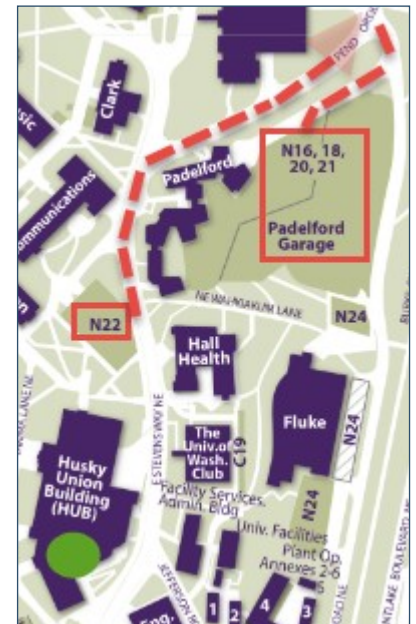
the event or pre-pay now via PayPal (visit <http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/Events.html>, click the yellow Donate button, and enter "Pickle Mix registration" in the comments section). We'll Provide hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and beverages. Feel free to bring a treat or snack to share in this small buffet!

If you are unable to attend and/or do not live near the Seattle area, you're certainly welcome to make a monetary donation or mail a gift card! We appreciate donations of all kinds and amounts. You can make a PayPal donation (go to <http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/Events.html>, click the yellow Donate button, and enter "Pickle Mix donation" in the comments section, specifying what you want the funds to go toward). We also accept gift cards or checks - they can be made payable to Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae Association and mailed to our Treasurer, Lisa Hackney, at 21226 Shell Valley Road, Edmonds WA 98026.

We're currently accepting items for both our live and silent auctions. If you'd like to donate an item, please email us at axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com or text Jessica at 253-275-8114 by Monday, October 30th with the following info: your name; the auction item, contents/a short description; estimated value; and your drop-off/delivery plan. Live Auction donations are typically worth over \$50 and may be tickets to sporting events, concerts, and performances, vacation stays, signed sports or music memorabilia, fun outings, gift certificates for unique experiences, or the like. Silent Auction ideas include homemade treats, handmade crafts, jewelry, Husky gear, crafting supplies, etc.

-Jessica Hall, Alumnae Board President

Event Parking: If you wish to pay \$5 to park on campus (after 4pm), stop at the gate house to pay and get a map if needed. See picture: the nearest handicapped parking is in N22, for others your best bet is the Padelford garage. Free street parking is available off campus. Be aware that Load/Unload zones are usually limited to 15 and 30 minutes but can be helpful to drop off large, awkward, or heavy donations! (The HUB's South Ballroom is shown by green circle in lower left of image to the right.)



Bid Day/FFR Giving Challenge: Thanks to our 36 generous alumnae, we raised \$775 for Nu Chapter's Formal Fall Recruitment and Bid Day in just one week!! With these donations, we were able to purchase 144 mason jars to use as cute drinking glasses for Preference Ceremony, 43 Bid Day shirts, and a back to school care package for the Annex. Thank you to all who donated! -From appreciative Nu Chapter Active Members!

Fall Recruitment Review

We had a successful Formal Fall Recruitment this year and **added 37 new members to our house!** This exceeded quota, which was set at 31. Our Bid Day theme was "UW Game Day" and the ladies had a blast dressing up for the occasion!! This was followed by a busy Bid Week that included an all-house retreat, serenades, volunteering for our annual Autism Speaks Walk, and various sisterhoods throughout the week. The week was capped off with Presentation the following Sunday with parents, family members and alumnae in attendance. We'd like to give a special thanks to Taryn Solie who celebrated her 15th and final year as a Recruitment Specialist for Formal Fall Recruitment! **Thank you Taryn** for everything you've done to make Nu a success! -Kristi Moore, New Member Orientation Chair Advisor



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What have Alums been up to lately?

Our alumnae have been having tons of fun over the last few months! Over the summer, we had representation at the National Convention in Chicago, our Board members met for happy hour at Ivar's to discuss the upcoming year, and we hosted our 2nd Annual Summer BBQ at the annex. In September, we got together for the Autism Speaks Walk at the Seattle Center and we grabbed dinner at The Ram for our monthly meeting. Other recent happenings (amongst many others): some beautiful weddings; baby announcements; a trip to Europe; countless job promotions; and our recent grads have entered the workforce - from a patient care technician at the UW Med Center NICU to Corporate and Public Affairs at Edelman to an AXiD traveling ELC!

- Jessica Hall, Alumnae Board President

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Nu Chapter Holiday Decorating Party

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 26th** for our holiday decorating party! We'll be joining forces with the Parent Committee to get the main Chapter house and annex decorated for the holiday season. We'll provide hot cocoa, coffee, cider, and music to get in the festive spirit! Feel free to bring some cookies to share. We'll start decorating at noon, but feel free to swing by any time between then and 3pm to join the fun!

Annual Alumnae Holiday Party

Kathy Reinke is hosting our Annual Alumnae Holiday Party again this year! Join us for dinner and drinks, a white elephant gift exchange, and sisterly company. This year's party will take on Tuesday, December 12th. Arrive and mingle ~6pm. Dinner starts ~6:45pm and the gift exchange follows. Kathy's home is located near Northgate: 11547 Corliss Ave North, Seattle, WA 98133. Please RSVP to Kathy: kandnreinke@comcast.net or 206-363-3834 (Facebook doesn't count!).

Dues Update:

Our annual alumnae dues cycle runs from September 1 through Founders' Day. \$20 in local alumnae dues covers Nu News mailings, decorations, and other event enhancements for Pickle Mix and Founders Day, fees incurred for smaller planned social events, subsidizing a rep for convention, and more. You can pay your local dues at Pickle Mix or Founders Day, pay via PayPal on our website (go to <http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/Events.html>, click the yellow Donate button, and enter "Dues" in the comments section), or mail a check (made out to Seattle Area Alumnae Association of Alpha Xi Delta) to treasurer Lisa Hackney at 21226 Shell Valley Road, Edmonds WA 98026.

National Fraternity Dues have just been raised from \$20 to \$25 this year, and are used to perpetuate fraternal growth while providing opportunities to foster intellectual, professional and personal growth

for all Alpha Xi Delta Sisters. You can pay by adding it onto your local dues payment for \$45 total (we will ensure that HQ receives their share) or pay directly to Nationals online at <https://www.alphaxidelta.org/pay-your-alumnae-dues>.

Please note the following policies: You are not considered an *active* Alpha Xi Delta alumna until you pay National dues. Order of the Rose/Pearl/Diamond recipients must pay at least their local dues to be eligible to receive the award at Founders' Day.

In order to recognize alumnae who have paid local dues, we will provide them a ribbon to wear next to their Quill at events. Additionally, we will be offering a choice of milestone gifts for those who pay a consecutive 5 years, 10 years, 25 years, and 50 years going forward! More details regarding gift options will be announced at Pickle Mix.

- Jessica Hall, Alumnae Board President

Autism Speaks—National Philanthropy

The 2017 Walk Now for Autism Speaks event happened on September 23rd at Seattle Center. There were over 1,000 participants there walking to support the advocacy and research that Autism Speaks provides to the community. There were more than 100 Alpha Xi Delta collegiates from Nu chapter there volunteering at the registration booth and along the walk route. The Seattle Area Alumnae and Friends team raised \$745, more than we have ever raised at this event! In total, the event raised close to their goal of \$160,000! We already can't wait for next year's event! - Ty Mahoney, Alumnae Board VP Membership



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<http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/>

Find us on Twitter or Instagram:
@AXIDSeattleAlum



National Convention Recap

This year's event was held in Chicago, Illinois right in the heart of downtown. The four-day experience was packed with fun and education, and it always leaves attendees proud to be an Alpha Xi Delta. This convention was attended by Devon Bedford (Chapter President and collegiate delegate), Nicole Arroyo (Vice President of Membership), Megan Gustafson Melloy

(Seattle Alumnae delegate), Janice Baumbach (Nu '41) and Kellie Kou (ELC Staff). The alumnae association received the Ruth Simmons James Award with Highest Honors, we celebrated Janice's 95th Birthday while there, and Megan Gustafson Melloy was installed as National Housing Director! Hope to see you all July 3-6, 2019 for the next convention here at the Westin in Seattle, WA!

-Megan Gustafson Melloy, National Housing Director

Overlake Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon

The OAPH Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**. The luncheon and program will be held from **10AM – 2PM** at the **Sahalee Country Club** (21200 NE Salahee Country Club Drive, Sammamish, WA). Immediately following is a Bridge Game Tournament for those who choose to play. We need at least four Alpha Xi Deltas and guests to attend, so if you are interested please contact Debbie Love (our Overlake Panhellenic Delegate) at Debbie.Love@Frontier.com and let her know you'd like to join! The more tickets sold, the more profit is made which provides scholarship funds to local area (Eastside) high school girls who will be attending a college or university in Fall 2018.



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Corporation Update

The Corporation Board was busy over the summer transitioning in new officers and making updates to both properties in preparation for formal fall recruitment and a new school year. In August the second annual Alumnae Barbeque was held at the Annex where Alumnae sisters got another chance to view the new property. Nu Chapter moved in to the Main and Annex at the beginning of September with the brand new Pledge Class 2017 soon to follow. Due to current campus chapter total, we don't quite have full rental revenues

coming in so are looking forward to embarking on some fundraising opportunities to make some much needed updates to these historic buildings. Our next project coming up will be replacing the 2,100 square feet of wood floors on the main floor of the annex. Visit seattlealphaxidelta.org if you'd like to donate to this project and look out for more opportunities coming soon! - Sarah Webb, Corporation Board President