

# Nu News

Nu Chapter and Greater Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta ~ Spring 2018

**Light It Up Blue 4/2** April 2, 2018 is WEAR BLUE day! Show your support for Autism Speaks (Alpha Xi Delta's National Philanthropy and the largest autism research and advocacy organization in North America) by wearing something blue and sharing **AUTISM AWARENESS** with others.



## Founders' Day!

Celebrate Alpha Xi Delta's 125th Birthday with the Seattle Area Alumnae Association and Nu Chapter! Join us for a lovely brunch and ceremony on **Sunday, April 8 from 10am to 3pm** at the gorgeous waterfront property, **Ballard Bay Club (6413 Seaview Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107).**



Agenda: 10:00-11:00am | Arrivals, check-in, photos & mingling  
11:00am-2:00pm | Brunch, ceremony, keynote speaker, & award presentation  
2:00-3:00pm | Birthday cake, mingling, & cash bar for 21+

We will be serving pastries, fruit, coffee, tea, juice, & birthday cake. Be sure to eat some breakfast before arriving. We will also have a cash bar open from 2:00-3:00pm for the 21+ Xi's. This venue has plenty of free parking, but feel free to carpool if you'd like. Please wear Quill attire, but feel free to throw in some AXiD pride to your outfit or even a birthday hat! - Jessica Hall, Alumnae Board President

The registration cost will be \$40. Due to strict venue deadlines, we will only be allowing pre-event registration through Monday March 26th; day-of walk-ins will not be permitted. You have two ways to register:

1. On our website via PayPal: <http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/Events.html> (just click the yellow Donate button and enter your chapter, year of initiation, and career/industry in the comments section). Please add an additional \$2 for PayPal processing fees.
2. By mailing a check and your registration form below to our Treasurer, Lisa Hackney, at 21226 Shell Valley Road, Edmonds, WA 98026 (make check out to Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Initiation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reservation Required by March 26th!

- This contains updated contact info for me.
- Let's go paperless! No more mailers for me.
- I've enclosed a check for \$40 to attend!  
(made out to Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta)
- I've also enclosed \$45 for my annual dues
- I've enclosed a national scholarship donation  
(separate check to: Alpha Xi Delta Foundation)



## Pickle Mix Recap

With 140+ people in attendance, 10 live auction items, 33 silent auction items, and plenty of wine, we had a blast at Pickle Mix on Monday, November 6 on the University of Washington campus! Most importantly, we were able to **raise \$2,585.63 for Nu Chapter scholarships** in less than three

hours. Thank you to everyone who attended and made purchases and donations. And Thank you to the following alumnae for donating auction items! Donna Schneider, Sandy Walston, Kathy Reinke, Maureen Peterson, Debbie Love, Rebecca Stuart, Barbara Brennan Wu, Kirsten Miskovich, Sarah Webb, Megan Gustafson Melloy, Taryn Solie, Laura Hagensick, Lisa Hackney, Emily Thomas, Rosie Kerrigan, Kelly Chandler, Kristi Grinnell, Anna Amen, Megan Caldwell, Jessica Hall, and the contributing ladies from PC '13 and PC '09!

**Pickle Mix Date Change:** We are currently exploring moving Pickle Mix to winter quarter; likely the 2nd or 3rd weekend of February (meaning the next Pickle Mix would take place in February 2019). We plan to move our annual auction because of recent feedback: most alumnae and Nu Chapter parents say it's hard to attend the event on a Monday evening (or any weekday evening) due to work and the commute. Moreover, we don't want to hold Pickle Mix on a weekend in the fall due to potential football season conflicts. The chapter also unanimously agreed that moving Pickle Mix to winter quarter would be a smart move. Hopefully this date change would allow more alumnae and parents to attend, thus increasing the total scholarship funds raised. If you have any concerns or feedback about moving Pickle Mix, please email us at [axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com](mailto:axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com).



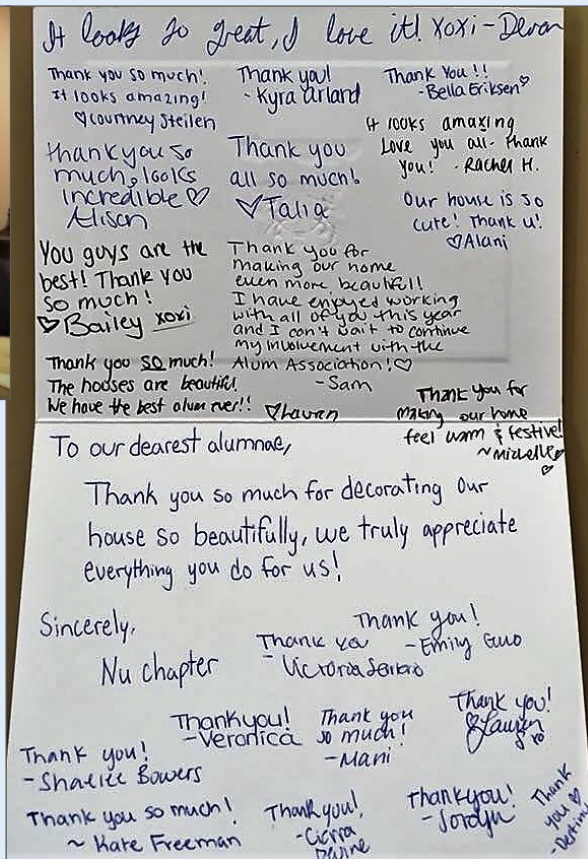
## Annual Christmas Party

We had a wonderful time eating delicious lasagna, snacking on homemade Christmas cookies, and partaking in a White Elephant Gift Exchange at our Annual Christmas Party! Thank you to Kathy Reinke for being such a gracious hostess and an amazing cook for another year!



## Chapter Holiday Decor

Our alumnae joined forces with Nu Chapter parents to turn the main and annex into Winter Wonderland and help cheer up the collegians during the last stretch of fall quarter! We had about 15 alumnae, parents, and collegians putting up Christmas trees, hanging festive garlands, and stringing plenty of Christmas lights (sample pictured left, thank you note above).



## **Local Alum Association Dues**

Your Alpha Xi Delta Alumnae dues can be paid from September 1 through Founders Day each year. Please note that there are two types of dues: your local \$20 Seattle Area Alumnae Association dues and the \$25 National Fraternity dues. You can pay your \$45 dues three ways:

1. Via PayPal on our website: (click the yellow Donate button and enter "Dues" in the comment section) <http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/Events.html>
2. By check at Pickle Mix or Founders Day (make check out to Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta)
3. By mailed check to our Treasurer, Lisa Hackney, at 21226 Shell Valley Road, Edmonds, WA 98026 (make check out to Seattle Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta)

COMING SOON – Seattle area Alumnae Association Venmo account!

You can pay just your \$20 local dues or bundle both your local and National dues together for \$45 (highly suggested to pay both together). After Founders' Day, we will pay your National Fraternity dues to Alpha Xi Delta HQ. Local dues pay for bi-annual Nu News mailing, Overlake and Seattle Area Panhellenic dues, and Nu Chapter Senior Night. National Fraternity dues allow our organization to perpetuate fraternal growth while providing opportunities to foster intellectual, professional, and personal growth for all Alpha Xi Delta Sisters. If you have any questions, please email our Treasurer at [lisahackney@comcast.net](mailto:lisahackney@comcast.net).

During the month of March, we are having a DUES PAYING CHALLENGE. To date, only 33 alumnae have paid dues this year, which is a teeny tiny 5% of our Seattle Area membership. This month, our goal is to break a record and reach 93 dues payers (since our Fraternity was founded in 1893)! You can join in on the challenge by paying your dues via PayPal or mailed check. - Jessica Hall, Alumnae Board President

## **Alum Aunts**

The 2018 Alum Aunts program is off to a great start! Last fall, all interested junior and senior collegians filled out a survey detailing their career goals, hobbies, and personality traits, and all interested local alumnae took a similar survey. In January the pairs



were matched by the alumnae board members Sophia Palenscar, Jessica Schwendeman, and Jessica Hall, connecting sisters who they felt would be a mutually beneficial pairing for a professional and personal mentorship. At the Alumnae Aunts Reveal event on January 22 at the Annex, each Aunt brought a pair of matching hats – one for her and one for her niece. After Chapter each Niece found the Aunt who was wearing the same hat and met them for the first time. Each pair made plans to meet up individually, and the alumnae board will continue to plan more events the Aunts and Nieces can attend as a group. Thank you to all who participated!

- Jessica Schwendeman, Collegiate Connections Co-chair

## **Want to get more involved?**

If you'd like to be more involved with our Alumnae Association - perhaps by joining the Events Committee to plan fun events, by creating a new committee or role, or simply by attending our monthly meetings - please reach out to Jessica Hall at 253-275-8114 or [jessica.r.hall30@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.r.hall30@gmail.com). Also, the Corporation Board is looking for more alumnae to attend their monthly meetings so they can have a better spectrum of ideas and opinions. If interested, please email Corporation President Sarah Webb at [nu.corporation@gmail.com](mailto:nu.corporation@gmail.com).

### **Our website:**

<http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/>

**Twitter/Instagram: AXIDSeattleAlum**

**Join our Facebook Group: "Alpha Xi Delta Seattle Area Alum"**

### **Go Paperless!**

If you love the colorful digital PDF copy of Nu News attached to eNews and on our website and want to opt out of future paper-copy mail, please email us your name/address with the subject "Paperless Please" at [axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com](mailto:axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com)!

## **Valentine's Day Card Making**

We had a fabulous time making Valentine's Day cards for patients at Seattle Children's Hospital on February 11th! We enjoyed a delicious brunch and made dozens of cards for the children. Thank you to Nu for organizing this fun event! -Kylie McCloskey, Social/Young Alum Chair



## **Upcoming Woodinville Wine Tasting with Eastern**

Mark your calendars! On June 23rd Eastern area alumnae will be coming over for a day of wine tasting in Woodinville with all of us! They are very excited to meet and engage with the Seattle area alumnae. Keep an eye out for more details!! -Kylie McCloskey, Social/Young Alum Chair

## **SAP Bunco Night**



We are quickly coming up to the day for Bunco Night 2018 on **Saturday, March 24th at 6pm in the Walker-Ames Room (225) at Kane Hall** and we need your help!

Like the Seattle Alumnae Panhellenic Facebook page and share our invite to Bunco Night with your friends and family, or anyone that might be interested <https://www.facebook.com/SeattleAlumnaePanhellenic/> and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1512656352121024/>.

Then come roll the dice to raise scholarship money for the Greek women of the University of Washington while enjoying heavy appetizers! Drinks are available for purchase. Participate in the raffle for a chance to win items such as gift cards, Husky Football tickets, Glassybaby, wine and more! Proceeds from Bunco Night fund scholarships for female Greek undergraduates. This event promises to be a fun night of Bunco, sisterhood and philanthropy! -Michelle Grgurich, SAP Delegate

You can pay \$30 at the door or register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/EKzFHezENkz8ROfn2> and pay \$25 in advance via PayPal to [seattle.alumnae.panhell@gmail.com](mailto:seattle.alumnae.panhell@gmail.com).

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**ELC Experience** Being an Educational Leadership Consultant is unlike any other position I will ever have in my life. It has been an absolute pleasure to travel the nation, meet hundreds of sisters, and help them grow as individuals and leaders. I remember when I left for my first visit to Theta Sigma at the University of Central Florida in August. I was so terrified for my first visit, but I quickly realized how much fun it is to mentor chapters overcome obstacles, perfect their recruiting skills, and become closer as Sisters. By the end of the year, I will have made over 37 visits in the West, Northeast, and Midwest, visited 20 different universities, and met absolutely incredible women along the way. I have loved being able to consistently work with chapters (shout out to Iota at West Virginia University and Kappa Delta at Cal Poly Pomona) and being able to see how I have made an impact at a chapter is inexplicably rewarding. The biggest lesson I've learned on the road is that although I am an accomplished college graduate and alumna of Alpha Xi Delta, I'm still learning and developing personally and professionally. As consultants, we are inspiring women around the nation to realize their potential, but in return we meet several women that unexpectedly inspire us. Each chapter has

their own story and uniqueness to them, and I am there to help them edit, revise, and assist in writing their adventure and leaving their legacy. I have my initiating chapter to be thankful for itself, and to be able to delve into the experience of another's is not something I have taken for granted. Each day that goes by I am reminded why I am so proud to be an Alpha Xi Delta, and it's crazy to think the year is almost over! Although my time as an Educational Leadership Consultant is wrapping up, I'm looking forward to continuing my involvement with the National Fraternity as a volunteer. -Kellie Kou, Educational Leadership Consultant

**Join us as we volunteer at O.O.  
Denny Park!**

**12032 Holmes Point Dr. NE,  
Kirkland, WA 98034**

**Saturday, March 10, 10AM-2 PM**

Healthy and thriving forests are vital to our community because they absorb and naturally filter rain water, produce clean oxygen, provide living spaces for wildlife, and create a place for people to connect with the outdoors. In order to help create healthy forests, work may include removing aggressive weeds (Ivy & Blackberry), maintaining areas post-removal, and planting trees and shrubs during the rainy season. Families including children are welcome (children under the age of 14 if accompanied by an adult).

Wear clothing that can get dirty, long pants and long sleeves (helps protect against prickly plants), sturdy shoes that can handle some mud (closed toed shoes are required such as work boots, hiking boots, rubber boots, etc. NO sandals, flats, or heels), rain gear and warm layers.

Bring a sack lunch and snacks, a full water bottle, a travel mug for tea/coffee.

Park in either of two parking lots: one's on the left side of the street and the other's on the right side.

We'll be there *rain or shine* and look forward to seeing you there and making a difference! If you have any questions, please email me at [rosalie.kerrigan@gmail.com](mailto:rosalie.kerrigan@gmail.com).

-Rosie Kerrigan, Philanthropy Chair

**Nu Chapter Update & Annual 5K**

We're still planning a date for our Annual 5k on UW campus; check eNews or Facebook for upcoming developments.

This Quarter the Nu chapter hosted a Grab-a-Date event at Highland Ice Arena. The theme was 80's in Aspen and it was a total hit; about half of the chapter attended with a date dressed up in bright neon colors of the 80's. AXiD did a complete takeover of the ice rink and showed some great moves on the ice. Although not everyone was a pro figure skater, everyone had an amazing time. -by Cierra Devine, Nu Chapter Alumnae Relations Chair

Recently many members of the Nu chapter volunteered to help out at the UW Autism Center Silent Auction. The event was held at the elegant Rainer Country Club. Members of the Nu chapter helped set up and facilitate the take down of the silent auction. Members also helped with checking in event guests while taking their coats and belongings to the check closet. Nu members sold raffle tickets throughout the night and handed out the gifts/items that were sold during the live auction. This event raised money for autism awareness and for the local UW Autism Center. - Cierra Devine, Nu Chapter Alumnae Relations Chair

**Fill Us In: Do you volunteer your time or funds to a non-profit organization? Help our alumnae group totals!**

Our alumnae group can win awards for all hours or monetary donations made by alums. We used to be one of the top 10 alumnae chapters in the nation by volunteer hours and dollars donated. When you're out there helping others in need or giving funds to the abundance of worthy causes, let's get credit for it! Please fill out for all hours/dollars donated between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017. You can bring the below form/info with you to Founders

Day or email us with the subject with the subject of "Volunteer Report" to [axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com](mailto:axidseattlealumnae@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Organization/Group Name</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Your Role</u>	<u>Dates</u>

## **Husky Football Ushers Needed - Support AXiD**

Alpha Xi Delta has been providing a team of ushers at the University of Washington Football home games for over 25 years. Many of our present and past ushers have been parents, aunts, and friends. Some of our past ushers have moved out of the Seattle area or retired after many years of service. We are looking to rebuild a per-game team of ten for the 2018 season. We ask for a commitment of at least 5 games out of the 7 home game season. Due to television/network challenges, we can only plan for a "call time" one week in advance. The event staff issues game by game information to keep up on the day's news. The job is easy and involves directing fans to where their seats are located and to provide a presence of authority. Along with normal duties, Ushers can watch the games from the Upper Deck on the North side. Ushers are responsible for observing fans for any safety issues that they then report to the Captain or Supervisor. The job pays the House minimum wage for a 6.5 - 7.5 hour day. Parking passes are provided, however we encourage car pools. Orca cards are issued for those who ride the light rail. This is a great way to give back and support AXiD. For more information or to get involved, please contact Ann Rickett at [rickett11@comcast.net](mailto:rickett11@comcast.net).

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## **Corporation Update**

Nu Chapter Corporation Board has enjoyed working with the new Chapter President and VP of Finance and Operations over the last few weeks as the collegiates settle into their new positions. As a new concept this year, the Board has welcomed three new Alumnae members serving as Alumnae Voices that will help us to make more well-rounded plans and decisions. Corporation continues to make updates to both the Main house and Annex each quarter; the next big project we are looking forward to is installing a new roof on the Main this summer!

- Sarah Webb, Corporation Board President