

# NU NEWS

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

## Formal Fall Recruitment Recap

Recruitment and Work Week both went very well this year and we are so thankful for donations from YOU, our alumni, alumni to help us recruit an amazing new member class of 36 women. The ice cream sisterhood (donated by our alumni) was a huge help in boosting morale, and the members truly enjoyed getting a break from practice and being able to relax with Hello Robin in hand. During recruitment, we were blessed to have all of our recruitment flowers donated by an alumna - the flower arrangements are always beautiful and make the house smell amazing. All the ladies would like to thank each and every alumna who donated to make Work Week and Recruitment run so smoothly. - Nicole Arroyo, Nu Chapter Membership Vice President



This year's Bid Day theme was the Beatles! Nu's Bid Day was filled with Beatles references including sunshine signs, yellow submarine name tags, and an Abbey Road inspired banner.



This year for our retreat we went to the Woodland Park Zoo! Along with the usual sisterhood activities lead by our Sisterhood Chair Grace, we got to meet a de-skunked skunk named Harry! As a house, we had a jarty (jean party) themed roller skating sisterhood where girls skated to some '00s throwback music. PC '18 had individual sisterhoods with each pledge class to get to know older members better. Some of these sisterhoods included a succulent decorating party and a game night! We ended Bid Week with a Golden Gardens sisterhood where girls got to make s'mores during the sunset!

As for our new pledge class, we welcomed 36 new members on Bid Day! We have girls from Seattle to Delaware. They are excited about being Xi's and we can't wait to see how they impact our sisterhood!

- Aiva Petriceks, Nu Chapter New Member Orientation Chair

## Walk Now for Autism Speaks 2018

Many of Alpha Xi Delta's Seattle Area Alumnae gathered in Seattle Center to participate in the 2018 Autism Speaks Seattle Walk on September 22. Facilitated in great part by the NU Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, and sponsored nationally by Alpha Xi Delta and Autism Speaks, the event raised nearly \$150,000 for Autism programs and research! The 1-mile event drew a large group of participants from the Seattle area and from all accounts was a great success. Thank you to all of our Alumnae sisters who participated!





**Trick or Treat with the Greeks** - Pictured left, alumna Kirsten Miskovich dressed as Ms. Frizzle and her son Brayden took an interlude from being the magic school bus as they toured the houses on Sunday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> around noon. The program was advertised in advance and maps were given out of which houses participated. What a terrific costume!

**Presentation - Congratulations to PC'18!**

Nu Chapter's annual presentation of the new member class was Sunday, September 23rd. Friends, family, collegians, and alumnae gathered at University Heights to welcome the new member class to Alpha Xi Delta. The event was then followed by a delicious brunch at the main!

**INITIATION**

On Saturday, November 10, collegiates and local alumnae gathered to welcome Nu's Fall 2018 new member class into our sisterhood during our Initiation Ceremony! Following the ceremony, sisters celebrated together at the Main for a short reception with light brunch. All local alumnae are welcome at Nu chapter initiation events to enjoy the beauty of our ritual. Please stay tuned for details for the spring initiation ceremony. Contact: Jessica Schwendeman (Nu Chapter Advisory Board Ritual Specialist) at [schwendemanjessica@gmail.com](mailto:schwendemanjessica@gmail.com) or 407-461-0645.

**Pay Your 2018-2019 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 dues three ways:

- 1) Via **PayPal** on our website: <http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/Events.html> (click the yellow Donate button and enter "Dues" in the comment section)
- 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)

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). - Lisa Hackney Hatfield, Alumnae Association Treasurer

**Address Changes, Dues and Giving**

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- This contains updated contact info for me.
- Let's go paperless! No more mailers for me.
- I'm sending a scholarship contribution since I won't be able to join you for Pickle Mix but want to contribute!
- I've enclosed \$45 for my annual dues

## Rest in Peace, Bonnie Britten (Nu House Director)



Bonnie Britten, 67, former AXiD House Director, passed away September 24, 2018 from cancer. Bonnie is beloved by many AXiD alumnae. She was surrounded by the joyful love and laughter of family in her final weeks. Bonnie is remembered for her creativity, radiant joy and positive outlook on life.

While at AXiD, she supervised many improvements to the building and landscape. Bonnie, a mother of four, enjoyed the young women in the sorority. A former home economics teacher, Bonnie altered clothing for some of the girls, taught others how to sew and shortened many pairs of jeans, so that they looked “original” with the faded hem and colored thread. Not in her job description!

Bonnie moved to Seattle in 2006 from Iowa after the death of her husband, Kent (1950-2005). Bonnie received her undergraduate (1973) and graduate degrees (2001) from Iowa State University. She met the love of her life, Kent, at ISU, married in 1972, and lived in communities throughout IA and CO. A lifelong advocate of service

learning, Bonnie brought enthusiasm and creativity to her career as a TAG and home economics educator.

Her first job in Seattle was as House Director at the University of Washington’s AGD sorority where she worked for three years. From 2009 to 2014, she worked at AXiD. She brought her Midwestern practicality and frugality with her to Seattle, keeping a tight rein on budgets and shopping at Goodwill and Value Village for decorative items for the sororities.

Bonnie came from a large family, with four siblings. She and her late husband, Kent, also had four children. At one time or other, her children Drew (Katie) of Lake Stevens, Sarah (Cory) of Denver, CO, Rebekah (Josh) of Las Cruces, NM, and Rachel (John) of Willits, CA, visited. Bonnie’s identical twin, Barbara, surprised many students when she first visited, because they didn’t know that Bonnie had a twin!

After cooking for a family of six for many years, she thoroughly enjoyed meals prepared by the sorority chefs. In addition to her relationships with “the girls” in the sororities, Bonnie enjoyed a rich social life with other house directors, organizing field trips, lunches at local restaurants and “Stitch and B----” sessions of knitting and crocheting.

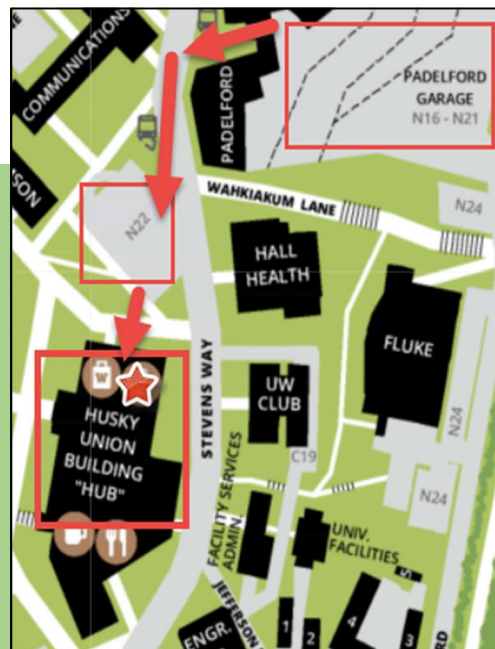
Bonnie retired from sorority life in 2014 and moved to Ridgewood Ranch, Willits, CA, where her daughter Rachel works. During that time, Bonnie traveled extensively, visiting her children and grandchildren and taking trips with her sister. In addition to her four siblings and four children, she leaves behind six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family has established a memorial fund in support of Modern Widows Club, an organization that offered great support to Bonnie after Kent's death. Memories of Bonnie, cards and memorials can be sent to Sarah Carter at 1859 28th St APT 592, Denver, CO 80216.

### Save the Date: Pickle Mix!

Pickle Mix will be on **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the HUB Lyceum! Get ready for a fun brunch with your friends (and possibly mimosas!) while we raise scholarship money for Nu Chapter. The event will likely run 10:30am-1:00pm; we’re still firming up event details so watch for updates in e-News or on our upcoming Facebook event. If you have any questions or items that you would like to donate items for the auction, please email Kylie McCloskey at [kyliem.mccloskey@gmail.com](mailto:kyliem.mccloskey@gmail.com).

Parking is available in lot N22 for loading/unloading and handicapped attendees, which is directly north of the HUB. Other folks will find parking in Padelford’s multitiered parking garage (payment machines available in the garage) and need to take the escalator up to Stevens Way then walk as shown in the arrows on the right.



## Alumni Aunts

Do you remember your last years of college? Maybe you were thinking about applying for grad school, or starting your career. Do you remember being nervous, excited, scared, all at the same time? Do you wish you had someone to talk to who had been there, someone who could give you advice? Now, you can be that person by becoming an Alumnae Aunt!



The Alpha Xi Delta Seattle Alumnae Association is pairing up current juniors of Nu Chapter with interested alumnae in the area who shares similar hobbies, passions, and/or career interests. Any local alum in the Puget Sound can become an Aunt regardless of age/pledge class, initiating chapter.

As an Alum Aunt, you will be a mentor throughout your Niece's last two years at the University of Washington - and even after, if you'd like! We encourage Alumnae Aunts to reach out at least once a month provide your Niece job search help & career advice to assist with her transition from college to post-graduate life.

In return, your Niece will help keep you connected to Nu Chapter and everything Alpha Xi Delta & UW! As a pair, you can plan outings for the two of you; you can even join with other Aunt/Niece pairs to do something fun. The Alumnae Association Events Committee will also plan events for Alumnae Aunt pairs throughout the year.

Watch the Seattle Area Alpha Xi Alumnae Facebook group for the application in November! Pairings will be made in early December and the first event will be held in January. Contact: Jessica Schwendeman (Collegiate Connections Co-Chair) at [schwendemanjessica@gmail.com](mailto:schwendemanjessica@gmail.com) or 407-461-0645.



## Get More Involved, Stay Active, & Meet Sisters

1. Check out our website: <http://seattlealphaxidelta.org/>
2. Sign up to receive our monthly newsletter: <https://sites.google.com/site/nucorpboard/membership>
3. Attend our monthly Board meetings. Everyone is welcome, even if you don't have a position! We create Facebook events for our meetings and they typically take place on weekday evenings in Seattle.
4. Be a part of our Events Committee to help plan Founders' Day, Pickle Mix, and smaller social outings. Reach out to Kylie McCloskey if interested. [kyliem.mccloskey@gmail.com](mailto:kyliem.mccloskey@gmail.com)
5. Passionate about something in particular? Reach out to Jessica Hall

if you're interested in creating a committee on our Board, starting an alumnae program, or assisting an existing officer. [jessica.r.hall30@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.r.hall30@gmail.com)

6. Are you looking for a job? Do you know of an open position? Do you need career/interview/resume/grad school tips or advice? Join our Worker Xi's Facebook group: <https://bit.ly/2yt52NA>

7. Follow us on Twitter & Instagram: @AXiDSeattleAlum

- Jessica Hall, Alumnae Association President

## Recent Grads: Celebrate Friendsgiving with us!

Calling all grads of the last 10 years! Join us at Lagunitas Seattle TapRoom & Beer Sanctuary (1550 NW 49TH ST Seattle, WA 98107) for drinks, food and friends. It's BYOP, bring your own pie - meat or sweet! Celebrate the season of giving and friendship with your fellow Xi's!! Questions? Email Kylie McCloskey ([kyliem.mccloskey@gmail.com](mailto:kyliem.mccloskey@gmail.com)).

## Back to School Goodie Bags for Nu Chapter!

Thanks to overwhelming generosity of alumnae, we used leftover donations from the Work Week donations to put together goodie bags for everyone in Nu Chapter! The goodie bags contained little gifts to help get the collegiates through their first week of classes. Thank you again to all who donated!



## Holiday Decorating at Nu

Join us the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend (November 25) to get the two Nu Chapter properties ready for the holiday season! The ladies of Nu could use some holiday spirit to make it through Dead Week & Finals Week - and we need YOUR help!

Stop by any time between 2:30pm and 5:30pm to string lights, decorate the trees, and arrange festive holiday decor at the main house and annex. We'll be blasting Christmas tunes, enjoying cookies, and sipping on cider & cocoa. Feel free to bring your own cookies (leftover desserts from Thanksgiving are also welcome!). Come to the main (1616 NE 50th St) first and we'll give you your assignment. Feel free to bring family & friends - holiday decorating is no small task! Hope to see you there. Text Jessica with day-of questions at 253-275-8114.

If you haven't seen the house in a while or didn't live in Nu chapter this is a great way to see it all decked out! If you can't help put up decor on Sunday, November 25, please join us in taking down and packing up decorations on Sunday, January 6 at noon at the main house too. - Jessica Hall, Alumnae Association President

## Annual Alumnae Holiday Party

Kathy Reinke has been an indelible host for so very many years, bringing Xi's together for the event of the season. If you've never had the pleasure or we haven't seen you in a while please make extra effort to join us in this casual and friendly event. Kathy cooks up a dinner casserole and bakes cookies, which are complimented by sides and wine brought by some attendees. We sip, mix, and mingle from 6pm until dinner is served ~6:45. Around 7:30 we delve into a capricious white elephant gift exchange where the occasional gem even reappears from the year before. Gifts have historically ranged from husky pants and Starbucks trendy mug gift sets to squirrel underpants and already-started knitting projects. This event welcomes sisters from Nu as well as anyone who has moved into the area from another chapter and seeks some sisterly fun; come join us! This year's party will take on **Monday, December 10th**. Plan to arrive between 6 and 6:30 and please let Kathy know you're coming. Kathy's home is located just North of Northgate: 11547 Corliss Ave North, Seattle, WA 98133. **Please RSVP to Kathy: [kandnreinke@comcast.net](mailto:kandnreinke@comcast.net) or 206-363-3834** (Facebook doesn't count!). - Kristi (Grinnell) Larabee, Alumnae Communications VP

## Corporation Update

Corporation had a busy summer making updates to both chapter properties! The main house received a brand-new roof, something we had been saving for over the past 5 years. The contractor bid for the new roof came in under budget so we were very excited to be able to surprise the chapter with new floors on the main floor of the annex when they moved in for the new school year.



This fall, we have begun working with an architecture firm that specializes in

The firm has created a 10-year renovation plan for the Annex that will help the chapter reach our goal of moving formal recruitment to the Annex in the next 5-10 years.

The Corporation Board loves having the opportunity to make updates to each property so that the outside can begin to reflect the beauty of our wonderful sisterhood inside. If you'd like to be a part of making our properties safe and beautiful, we'd love to have you join in on our monthly meetings to offer advice and help make decisions. Contact Sarah Webb at [nu.corporation@gmail.com](mailto:nu.corporation@gmail.com) to find out more!



## **Chapter Eternal**

It is with deep sorrow that I inform our chapter that Suzanne Downey Lambalot, Nu chapter, pledge class of '68, passed away in September due to cancer. Suzanne was a former Miss Seafair. After college she spent many years as a flight attendant then became a Real Estate Agent. She was also active in two Republican Women's Clubs. We will greatly miss her smiling face.

Condolences many be sent to her husband: Dennis Lambalot, 3314 NW 72nd St, Seattle, WA 98117

– Donna Schneider, Alumnae Communications Assistant

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