The Chapters

"You are a member of a STRONG sorority,
one that ranks with the best in the country.

Live it, talk it, dream it, work for it.

In no other way can you so effectively convince
others of its beauty, its greatness and its power."

— Ida Shaw Martin, president
The Phoenix, Sept. 16, 1916

Alumnae Chapters

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Lifetime membership; the hallmark of sorority life

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Members have supported Alpha Sigma Alpha since the beginning. From 1901 to 2001, the sorority has gained strength from alumnae leadership, financial support and individuals living out the organization's aims. The sorority has counted upon alumnae for volunteer strength, financial support and positive contributions to society at large.

Opportunities for women have developed widely since the sorority's 1901 inception at the State Female Normal School, now Longwood College, Farmville, Va. Alpha Sigma Alpha's first members were teachers, as that was the only course of higher education and career path available to women at the time. The sorority alumna of 2001 can be a full-time homemaker, a full-time professional in literally any field of her choosing, or a combination of both. As the membership has grown to include more than 60,000 members, so have opportunities grown for women to advance themselves.

Lifetime membership is the hallmark of sorority life. While a woman's college years may be quite busy with sorority activities, the requirements decrease significantly upon graduation. Alumnae chapters offer opportunities for leadership, supporting collegiate women, volunteering in a local community and continued sisterhood. An alumnae chapter may exist where there are five or more sorority initiates committed to meeting the requirements of establishing and maintaining a chapter.

Sorority volunteers in the role of alumnae region directors help coach new chapters, and staff members at national headquarters provide additional support. Within the national council, the vice president of alumnae is responsible for overseeing the entire alumnae program.

There are few, if any, rules for alumnae chapters except for those seeking recognition or partial funding to conferences or conventions. Successful alumnae chapters routinely establish a purpose or mission statement, set annual goals, give generously to the ΑΣΑ Foundation and community and develop programming that balances core values.

The benefits of personal and professional growth and sisterhood may be continued for life by joining alumnae chapters or a "virtual" sisterhood accessible now through the sorority's Web site. If there is not an alumnae chapter near an interested member, an alumna can request information from national headquarters to start or charter one.

Some chapters are fairly new and others boast histories spanning 75 years or more. The collective sprit of sisterhood and commitment to Alpha Sigma Alpha's ideals have provided many opportunities for members to enjoy their lifetime membership to the fullest.

Far from the days of round-robin letters to keep in touch, alumnae now use a variety of technical resources to communicate. E-mail, Web sites and online discussion groups are just a few of the ways that sisterhood is thriving in the millennium. Despite all the high-tech tools employed, a good old-fashioned face-to-face meeting is still a great way to accomplish goals and celebrate sisterhood.

Each alumnae chapter creates its own opportunities and has its own challenges, history and success stories to share. From members who provide exemplary leadership to sorority and community, to acts of compassion and charity for local, national or global causes, Alpha Sigma Alpha alumnae chapters lend the sorority strength, stability and prestige.

Alabama

Livingston

Installed April 27, 1999

Charter members (all ZP): Kelli Britt, Rachelle Munn Lashley, Jayme Linebarger, Amy Peper, Tammy Stundon, Sarah Taylor, Carole Welborn and Tammy White

The Livingston Alumnae Chapter sponsors the Special Olympics, American Red Cross and the Relay for Life. Members also support Zeta Rho Chapter as advisers and assist in the St. Jude's Bike-a-thon. The group received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. *Contributor: Kelli Britt,* ZP

Arizona

Phoenix

Installed in November 1949

Charter members: Elisabeth Stokes Chadwick, KK, Dorothy Hodgers, AB, Lois Jester, BB, Freda Paul, PP, Helen Wells Petrakis, ZZ, Lu Sparks, ZZ, Jean Whitney, BB, Eleanor Zimbaro, XX, Georgie Shouse, chapter not known, Roberta Janney, chapter not known, Thelma Potts, chapter not known, Mrs. Robert Browning, chapter not known, Lee Garland, chapter not known, and Ann Ott, chapter not known

The Phoenix Alumnae Chapter participates every year in the Phoenix Open golf tournament and was awarded the Star Alumnae Chapter recognition in 2001. *Contributor: Meri Berger Thomason,* KK

Arkansas

Central Arkansas

Installed Sept. 24, 2001

Charter members: Joy Langdon, BΛ, Sheila Gelghorn Smith, BΛ, Emily Hollowell, BΛ, Leah Cantrell Dawson, BΛ, Kellie Green, BΛ, Kacee Crumby Sims, BΛ, Cecily Coffeet Bullard, BΛ, Kaye McGriff Talley, BΛ, Jan Retherford Sullivan, BM, Zara Abbasi, BΛ, Diana Skalitzky Sanders, BM, Noelle Barrentine Mackey, BM, Amy Peterson Townsend, BM, Talitha O'Neal, BΛ, Michelle Rupp, BΛ, Kristen Cooper Schwulst, BΛ, Mary Cook Fallis, BΛ, Betty Burks Smith, BΛ, Melanie Glover, BΛ, Calinda Howard Larkins, BM, Allison Newton White, BM, Shari Barnes Readnour, BΛ, Jennifer Bednar Overton, BΛ, Ann Heck Oakes, BΛ, and Crystal Warren, BM. *Contributor: Kristen Cooper Schwulst,* BΛ

California

San Diego

Installed in 1934, closed in 1939; reorganized in 1940 because of teachers recruited for the expanding Navy base in San Diego

Charter members: Bonnie Brough, ZZ, Louise Peterson Hindes, ΞΞ, Serena Englebart Lannue, ZZ, Shirley Cloud Rowley, PX, Bernita Offerman Sipan, ΩΩ, Ellen Fan Sturtevant, ΠΠ, Anne Runsay Will, PX, and Jacqueline Wisherd, BX

For many years the San Diego Alumnae Chapter was active with Angels Unaware, a school for children with mental deficiencies. Chapter members attended national convention in 1976, 1982 and 1986. The chapter now supports homeless children in San Diego County. The group received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. *Contributor: Serena Lannue,* ZZ

Colorado

Denver

Installed in 1926

Charter members (all BB): Margaret Sanders Bedford, Grace Dalby Davies, Elvira Bjork Dobbins, Nora Cutting Hetland, Irene Holland, Peggy Langhorn, Nadene Giffee Miller, Louise Sanders Nelson, Polly Smelser Schlosser and Neoma Erikson Stone

The Denver Alumnae Chapter is an active member of the Denver Area Panhellenic (DAP) and supports the local Special Olympics, the Needlework Guild, the S. June Smith Center, the Women's Bean Project and the two Colorado collegiate chapters. It hosted the 1932, 1946 and 1986 national conventions. In 1986 it received the Outstanding Alumnae Chapter award and in 1996 received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation and the National Philanthropic award. The group received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation again in 2000 and the Crown designation in 2001. The DAP honored Ellen Funk Morris, BΛ, in 1996 as its Woman of the Year. In 1956, Polly Smelser Schlosser, BB, received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award, as did Susanna Megill Orzech, BB, in 1992. *Contributors: Nancy Lucas McFaddin,* BB, *Dawn Nicholson,* BB, *Dorothy Johnson,* ZZ

Northern Colorado

Installed April 24, 2001

Charter members: Theresa Ann McCarthy, BB, Michele Curthoys, BB, Vanessa Lucero, ZΠ, Kim Dymond, ZA, Julie Black-

wood, BΓ, and Marge Perdue, TT

Northern Colorado Alumnae Chapter members make up the entire advisory board for Beta Beta Chapter. The group has doubled in size since April and continues to grow. Members also join forces with the Denver Alumnae Chapter for area collegiate activities. *Contributor: Theresa Ann McCarthy,* BB

Southern Colorado

Installed Nov. 9, 2000

Charter members: Kathleen Collopy Miller, AΓ, Duemece Aragon, ZΠ, Elizabeth Wright, ZΠ, Sandra Johnson, ZΠ, Jane Malmquist, BB, Tandi Parrish, ZΠ, Gloria Banister Mielke, ΣΣ, June Lewinson Bonaquista, BB, Jessica Bridwell, ZΠ, and Monica Henson, ZΠ

The Southern Colorado Alumnae Chapter has formed alliances with the other two alumnae chapters in Colorado. The goal is to support area collegians and have collaborative events with alumnae chapters.

Delaware

Newark

Installed March 8, 2000

Charter members: Daira Bagge, ΔI, Megan Davis, ΔI, Julie Kleymenes-Goldman, ΔI, Cathleen Vandenbraak, ΔO, and Eden Venti, ΔI

The Newark Alumnae Chapter's goal is to initiate interest in Newark-area alumnae and offer support to area collegiate chapters. *Contributor: Lisa Glonek,* ΓΠ

Wilmington Area

Installed in the 1950s

Charter member: not known

The Wilmington Area Alumnae Chapter started when recent graduates of Drexel University bonded in the Wilmington area. The group continued to prosper and assisted in the installation of Delta Iota Chapter at the University of Delaware in 1972. Members assisted the collegians as advisers and role models over the years. The group holds many traditional events, including dinners, ceremonies for graduating seniors and craft sales. In the 1980s the group started a scholarship fund for new members of Delta Iota. The group has endured many phases of involvement and continues to be spirited. *Contributor: Julia Cooke Hofer,* ΔI

Washington, D.C.

Installed April 13, 1940

Charter members: Hazel Craig, NN, Barbara Horsky, AΓ, Georgiana Page, A, Sarah Lee Eiselman, NN, Lucille Parduhn, ΩΩ, Jesse Arnold, Γ, Beatrice Ball, ΓΓ, Floy Wolfenbarger, AB, Dorothy Williams, XX, Elizabeth Hoffecker, KK, and Mabel Mathias, KK

The Washington, D.C., Alumnae Chapter has been active in aiding the Frontier Nursing organization since 1958. Two members have received the Alpha Sigma Alpha Recognition of Eminence award: Helen Lortz, HH, in 1967, and Dr. Geraldine Cox, NN, in 1986. The group hosted the 1992 national convention in Baltimore, supports the area's collegiate chapters and is active in the Washington, D.C., Panhellenic. It received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and the Star designation in 2001. *Contributor: Judith Whipp Parkison,* BΩ

Florida

Central Florida

Installed Dec. 6, 1996

Charter members: Stacy Dettro, ΦΦ, Helene Melchert, ΓΩ, Ana Melendez, EM, Lynda Alderman Brammer, ΓΙ, and Susan Hanauer, EE

The Central Florida Alumnae Chapter holds meetings in the Orlando area and communicates often with the Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter. *Contributor: Stacy Dettro,* ΦΦ

Fort Lauderdale

Installed Sept. 6, 1975

Charter members: Evelyn Livdur Berryman, AA, Louise Machen Byrd, ΓK, Margaret Kincammon Cicchella, BN, Jean Baldwin King, XX, Rose Pegy Kraft, ΠΠ, Marie Palmer Lutz, MM, Jacqueline McGahey Matthews, XX, Kitty Gooch Milum, ZZ, Mary Ellen Jackson Misiaszek, BY, Jodi Dodson Roth, BP, Cathy Kauffman Smoot, BY, Ethel Llewellyn Wilson, YY, Helen Witmyer, KK, Elaine Rahaim Shiverdecker, BΔ, Jean Wright Grason, PP, Marion Roberts Sanborn, AA, and Sara Jane Dodge Bumgartner, MM

Dr. S. June Smith, KK, was present for the Fort Lauderdale Alumnae Chapter installation. The group raises funds and holds events to support the local hospital. Two of the programs are the neo-natal and women in distress. Member Debbie Bukas Patterson, ΓΛ, assisted in writing the 25-year history supplement of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Elizabeth Louise

Machen Byrd served as a patroness. The group received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. *Contributors: Jean Grason,* ΠΠ, *Kitty Milum,* ZZ

Tampa Bay

Installed June 25, 1966

Charter members: Dorothy Kretchmer Chase, KK, Norma Nyce Heberling, KK, Naomi McAllen Bransom, BE, Ethel Barrett Cousins, KK, Dr. Eleanor Koehl Cornett, ΠΠ, Janet Millman Walls, ΠX, Catherine Clodfelter Patrick, BE, Dorothy Deanbolt Willauer, ΓE, Jane Hoy Geiger, KK, Helen Brookhart Bishop, KK, Thelma Hall Gillespie, KK, Margaret Wagner Park, ZZ, Pauline Good Preston, AA, Gloria Thomas Boyer, ΘΘ, and Jeanette Howell Guy, AB

The Tampa Bay Alumnae Chapter has many members who are pioneers, leaders and award recipients in sorority, community and careers. The group's success lies in its ability to successfully mix sisterhood of all ages and phases of life. The chapter has always been very philanthropic. It received the sorority's Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 1998, 1999 and the Crown designation in 1997, 2000 and 2001. Not only that, but the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award was presented to Emma Coleman Frost, ΠΠ, in 1945 and to Deborah Fields Dietrich, BN, in 1994. The chapter hosted the national convention in 1988 and supports the S. June Smith Center, Project Cheer and the Oasis Program. The group is also active in the Clearwater Alumnae Panhellenic. *Contributors: Susan Miazga Fisher,* ΓP, *Deborah Fields Dietrich,* BN

Georgia

Atlanta

Installed in 1980; reorganized in July 1996

Charter members (1996): Elaine Rahaim Fuerst, BΔ, Tiffany Jacobi, BΣ, Lisa Limoncelli, BI, Carol Jo Green, BΣ, Lisa Kitchens, XX, Lou Anne Rossi, ΓΨ, Anita Lockridge, ΦΦ, and Mary Lee Ward, BI

The Greater Atlanta Alumnae Chapter hosts philanthropic events, Founders' Day luncheons and member gatherings. The chapter reorganized with the efforts of 16 local alumnae and Elaine Rahaim Fuerst, BΔ, a 1982 Wilma Wilson Sharp award recipient. In 2001, the chapter received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation. Although it's challenging to get together, members manage to meet in homes and enjoy various events. *Contributor: Elaine Rahaim Fuerst,* BΔ

Illinois

Chicago Metro

Installed March 19, 1973

Charter members: Joan Matz Angelo, ΓΛ, Debra Bukas, ΓΛ, Janet Luetkemyer Chiles, ΓΛ, Janice Bertshinger Guthrie, ΓΩ, Marcia Gross Harris, ΓΛ, Patricia Roberts Koepke, ΓΩ, Cheryl Uhlir Kostoris, BP, Silvanna Filippello Richardson, ΓΛ, Trisha Del Giudice Sage, ΓΛ, Cheri Herman Schlottman, BP, and Deborah Ames Smith, BP

Friends from Gamma Lambda at Chicago Loyola University and Beta Rho at Northern Illinois University created the concept of the Chicago Metro Alumnae Chapter. The four friends lived across the Chicago metro area and decided to form a chapter that met on Sundays. In the 1970s, the group made chaplain robes for Gamma Lambda and Beta Kappa (Western Illinois University), a banner for Gamma Omega (Eastern Illinois University) and donated money to Delta Theta (Southern Illinois University). Members also supported Special Olympics and other local philanthropies. When Chicago hosted the 1982 convention, the co-chairmen were members of the Chicago Metro group: Cherie Schlottman, BP, and Candy Schatz, BP. During the 1980s Chicago Metro continued to help area collegiate chapters, making banners for Delta Eta (DePaul) and participating in the 1983 installation of Epsilon Beta at the University of Illinois. Metro also continued to support Special Olympics and create seasonal decorations for nursing homes.

In the 1990s, Beth Zubinski Heidel, ΓΩ, was the adviser for Delta Eta and Mary Sidhu Pittman, EB, was Gamma Lambda's recruitment adviser. The group (including installing officer Mary Pittman) participated in the installation of Zeta Phi Chapter at Illinois Institute of Technology in 1999.

Chicago Metro received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. In 2000 the group adopted the Women's Residential Services as its philanthropy. Other activities throughout the years have included annual events such as a couples get-together, a summer family picnic, Founder's Day with the other area alumnae chapters and the Christmas gift exchange party. A group representative has attended every national convention since the group was installed in 1973. Chicago Metro has been and continues to be an active participant in the President's Council, a group composed of representatives of area Alpha Sigma Alpha alumnae chapters.

Contributors: Ann Kutz Manno, ΓΩ, *Christine Keeley,* EB

Chicago North Suburban

Installed April 23, 1960

Charter members: Sonia Lubinetz, BP, Joan McCown Skipper, BP, Mary Tod, BE, Judith Williams, BP, Edah Shaver Grobe, BP, Sandra John, BΦ, Judith Goehring, BΦ, Jean Lockard Basso, BP, and Phyllis Larson Latturner, AA

Members of the Chicago North Suburban Alumnae Chapter keep in touch via e-mail. A close relationship has always existed among the Chicago-area alumnae chapters, which host a joint Founders' Day and other functions and support local collegiate chapters. The Chicago chapters, through their Chicago President's Council, hosted the 1982 national convention. Chicago North is a mixed group of women from many different chapters and professions who enjoy getting together and participating in a variety of social and philanthropic activities. The chapter is active in the Northwest Suburban Panhellenic Association and supports its fund-raiser to give scholarships for college-bound women. In 1992, member Susanna Megill Orzech, BB, received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award. The chapter supported Zeta Phi Chapter at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of its new house, the first sorority house in the city of Chicago. Members also support the Kirk Center craft show and Special Olympics. *Contributor: Christine Martinicky,* ΓB

Chicago West

Installed in April 1960

Charter members: Sue Henderson King, BK, president; Wanda Beth Sanders Bonde, ΨΨ, Peggy Young Earl, BΓ, Nancy Kolar Ehlschlaeger, BP, Audrey Herbert Gedart, BP, Loraine Mosher Griffiths, BΘ, Dorothy Grove, BK, and Judy Prater Grove, BK

The Chicago West Alumnae Chapter places a special emphasis on philanthropic activities. During the Vietnam War, members made gift kits and sent them to the soldiers. The chapter also supports Special Olympics, the Marklund home, Little Friends and the local collegiate chapters. The group prides itself on hosting many unusual events, such as ethnic dinners, chair massages and exchange student speakers. It hosted the 1961 and 1982 national conventions and achieved the Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 1998, 1999 and 2000. In 2001, the group received the Crown designation. *Contributor: Joan Kolar Grabarek,* BP

Peoria

Installed Aug. 12, 2000

Charter members: Jennifer Kemp, ΔH, Jackie Reick, ΓO, Charlotte Janeczko, BΦ, Linda May, BN, Mary Alice Whitsitt, BK, Norma Garner, BK, and Helen Sowder Hickman, BK

The Peoria Alumnae Chapter has formed alliances with the other alumnae chapters in Illinois. Their goal is to support the area collegians and have collaborative events with other alumnae chapters.

Windy City

Installed July 15, 1995

Charter members (all ΔH): Christy Adams, Stacey Coscino Bogumil, Deborah Weix Canale, Kimberly Bertucci DeLeo, Sherri DeVore, Christine Jacobs McGuinn, Margaret Barge Rimel, Jennifer Koncel Schmidt and Jennifer Vincent

Windy City Alumnae Chapter members volunteer at local Special Olympics events, planted narcissus bulbs at a Chicago elementary school, create Christmas baskets for the Chicago elderly and organize numerous social events. The group received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001 and has had many members who have served on the national level. Windy City members contribute to rush events at DePaul University (Delta Eta), Loyola University (Gamma Lambda) and Illinois Institute of Technology (Zeta Phi). They also provide bid-night gifts for new members, serve as advisers for the collegiate chapters and publish a newsletter. *Contributor: Stacey Coscino Bogumil,* ΔH

Indiana

Anderson

Installed Jan. 22, 1956

Charter members: not known

Many members of the Anderson Alumnae Chapter have been active in the group since its founding. They celebrate every Founders' Day together and are involved in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Each month they sew and stuff homemade bears. These "love bears" are sent to children who have suffered a traumatic experience. The group also participates in making up to 400 Christmas stockings each year for needy children and the Toys for Tots program. *Contributor: Lola Sparks,* BY

Elkhart-Goshen

Installed Jan. 25, 1961; re-established in July 2000

Charter members (1961): Goldie Bennett, BΨ, Sally Constantino, XX, MaryEtta Cripe, XX, Jan Hassel, BΞ, and Dolores Watson, BK

The Elkhart-Goshen Alumnae Chapter has served on many committees for Special Olympics and the ADEC and assists Elkhart General Hospital with the Festival of Trees. Dee Watson, BK, and Dorothy Hilary, BΨ, have helped raise more than $400,000 for the local mammography unit. Dee also serves as the Indiana State Hospital Auxiliary president. *Contributor: Jill Szyarto,* BY

Indianapolis

Installed in 1928

Charter members (all XX): Genevieve Leib Foltz, Letha Hickman Gaskins, Julia Hamlet Gerlach, Lene Headington Grumme, Jane Foltz McDavitt, Bereniece Lamb Martin, Helen Selvage Noblitt, Eloise Proctor and Wilma May Wolfe

Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter member Helen Selvage Noblitt, XX, composed the "Hymn to Alpha Sigma Alpha." In the 1940s the chapter contributed 1,977 volunteer hours to the Red Cross on the local level. The group hosted the 1978 national convention and supports the local collegiate chapters. It also won the National Philanthropic award for Special Olympics and Outstanding Alumnae Chapter in 1986. Member Carmine Cree Alvey, XX, won the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award in 1988, and the group received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. In 2001, the chapter received the Crown designation. *Contributor: Lucy E. Rockstrom,* ΘΘ

Indy City

Installed July 26, 2000

Charter members (all ΔK): Lesa Hedinger-Hamm, Nikki Fuller, Tanya Hagerty, Angela Hays, Cindy Voyles and Sarah Voyles

The Indy City Alumnae Chapter's annual activities include a Founders' Day ceremony with the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter, a backyard barbecue, bowling, business meetings and consecration service, baby showers, Valentine's Day ceremony, alumnae chapter initiation, wine tasting and a pool party. The group also supports the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation, the S. June Smith Center, Special Olympics and the Emma Coleman Frost Leadership Development Institute. With the Southwestern/Evansville Indiana Alumnae Chapter, Indy City alumnae support and have regular contact with Delta Kappa Chapter at the University of Southern Indiana. In 2001, the group received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation. *Contributors: Lesa Hedinger-Hamm,* ΔK, *Angela Hays,* ΔK

Southwest Indiana/Evansville

Installed Oct. 29, 1957

Charter members: Susan Lee Robinson, BY, Irene Wilson, HH, Murlea Webb Maier, BY, Glenda Gibson, BN, and Thelma Thomas, XX

The Southwest Indiana/Evansville Alumnae Chapter supports the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation, Emma Coleman Frost Leadership Development Institute and local charities. The group achieved Gold Star status for giving $100 or more annually. Members support a successful secret sister program with area collegians and "love" showers for Chrysalis House, a home for women recovering from addictions. The group received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 1999 and 2000 and the Crown designation in 1998 and 2001. *Contributor: Deborah Fields Dietrich,* BN

Terre Haute

Installed in 1951

Charter members (all BY): Miriam Abbott, Mrs. Glenn Andrew, Versie Jolliff Ault, Phyllis Baker, Mrs. William Blankenship, Jessie Newkirk Brust, Catherine Allen Castor, Phyllis Sheeks Cleveland, Kermit Cochran, Frances Crews, Mrs. E. Lee Davis, Helen Egly, Marilyn Erb, Martha Erwin, Emma Flack, Wygonda Foltz, Mrs. Raymond Foltz, Bonnie Day Gleason, Rachel Griffiths, Norma Hagen, Dorothy Hales, Ann Hartman, Ruth Hoare, Mrs. Herbert Hylton, Rachel Jennings, Edith Jones, Elsa Jones, Blanch Johnson, Mary Johnson, Frances Kehres, Delores Long, Florida Lowry, Patricia Mulvihill, Gloria Nipple, Pauline Witner, Cecil Pennington, E.B. Perrin, Leola Powell, Jo Ann Ruddle, Mary Ruth Siebenmorgan, Helen Brown Smith, Ruth Strickland, Mary Moore Wiley and Evelyn Voight

The Terre Haute Alumnae Chapter volunteers at the Special Olympics every June at Indiana State University. Members have served as advisers to Beta Upsilon and Terry Miller, BY, has assisted as state day treasurer for 12 years. Terry also was named an outstanding working woman of Terre Haute in 1989. *Contributor: Terry Miller,* BY

Kansas

Lawrence

Installed Aug. 22, 2001

Charter members: Llara Baska, EE, Kindel Needham Baxter, EE, Stephanie Sauzek Berns, EE, Jessica Bridwell, ZP, Robin Clarke, EE, Lisa Davis, EE, Debbie DeGruson, EE, Amy Sutton Finkeldei, EE, Carrie Froelich, EE, Sarah Griggs, EE, Amanda Hart, EE, Sheryl Henry, HH, Nancy Simpson Inwood, EE, Lacey Kaberline, EE, Dorothy Frey Kempf, EE, Doris Jean King, EE, Kelly King, EE, Melissa Koch, EE, Molly Kuzinski, ZK, Connie Lindell, EE, Lori Madaus, EE, Chelsey Mathes, EE, Chrissy McClure, EE, Audra Murphy, EE, Michele Paver, EE, Kyle Tholen, EE, Bernie West, EE, and Kathryn Wolfington, EE. *Contributor: Melissa Koch,* EE

Pittsburg

Installed approximately in 1970

Charter members: not known

The Pittsburg Alumnae Chapter works closely with Eta Eta Chapter at Pittsburg State University. Member Marjory Pease Sharp, HH, won the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumna award for outstanding service in 1980. The alumnae group has had many members serve as advisers and as national officers. *Contributor: Brenda Rua Chappell,* HH

Topeka

Installed April 17, 2001

Charter members: Deana Framer Cubie, HH, Barb Williamson, EE, Debbie Hoch Gray, HH, Michelle Haas Duncan, XX, Carrie Froelich, EE, and Karen Burns Meeneim, EE

The Topeka Alumnae Chapter has already spread its wings as a new chapter by forming alliances with other alumnae chapters. Its goal is to support area collegians and collaborate on philanthropic events with other Alpha Sigma Alpha alumnae chapters.

Kentucky

Jackson Purchase

Installed in 1952; reorganized in 1957 and 1996

Charter members (1996; all BN): Sandy Hoke Tinsley, Heather Oldham Westphal, Betsy Whitfield, Stacey Corder Holt, Marcy Riley Snodgrass, Deborah Jones Bell, Alesia Gail Smith Yarker, Barbara Keel McClure, Heidi Heiss, Marian Mills-Fickey and Stacy Markham-Waide

The Jackson Purchase Alumnae Chapter supports Beta Nu Chapter at Murray State University. In the 1980s the group was very active with cookouts, collegiate ceremonies and the shower for the new sorority house at Murray State. Over the years the group has sponsored the local Special Olympics and the local abuse center. Members donate items to the collegians during rush and recruitment. In the late 1990s the alumnae helped the collegians say goodbye to the sorority house and moved them into a new sorority complex on campus. *Contributors: Lesa Hedinger-Hamm,* ΔK, *Barbara Keel McClure,* BN

Maryland

Baltimore

Installed May 6, 2001

Charter members: Nicole Anzalone, ET, Chris Brown, ΕΓ, Michelle Cahoon, ET, Heidi Cox, ZY, Tara Gonella, ΓΨ, Carol Goodman, ΔN, Jamie Hartman Kwon, ET, Connie Lippenholz, ET, Andrea Schumacher, ET, Danielle Stern, ET, Michelle Stranger, ET, Lorraine Tishey, ET, and Dawn Valdivia, ΔI

The Baltimore Alumnae Chapter supports Epsilon Tau Chapter at the University of Maryland. Fund-raising efforts include auctioning paraphernalia to aid Epsilon Tau. The group also supports local philanthropies. *Contributor: Jamie Hartman Kwon,* ET

Massachusetts

Boston

Installed in approximately 1921

Charter members: not known

The Boston Alumnae Chapter is active with area collegiate chapters Theta Theta (closed in 1971), Epsilon Psi, Epsilon Omega, Zeta Delta (closed in 2000) and the Boston Alumnae Panhellenic. Members dedicate time and money to the Special Olympics, children's needs and the annual Breast Cancer Pink Luncheon benefit. The group has hosted Founders' Day luncheons, province/state days and the 1930 national convention. It received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. Many members have served as national officers. *Contributor: Gina Nagy,* ΕΞ

Western Massachusetts

Installed March 10, 2001

Charter members: Wendi Johnson, ΔP, president; Jennifer

Schimmel, ZΔ, vice president; Briseida Templeman, XX, treasurer and Panhellenic representative; Brenda Cibien, ΔE, secretary and editor; Robin Falkowski, ZΔ, Emily Jodoin, ΓΙ, Lisa Marsden, ZΔ, and Heather Rucky, ZΔ

Michigan

Detroit

Installed in approximately 1947

Charter members (all PX): Marion Tate, Effie M. Downer, Shirley J. Hornke, Isabelle E. Smith, Rose K. Smithson, Elizabeth Sowell, Patricia S. Woolever, Margaret J. Dunford, Jeane T. Turner, Margaret Sautter and Ellen Imboden

The Detroit Alumnae Chapter traveled to visit other alumnae groups and hosted many meetings, especially in the 1970s. It was known to have a centerpiece of narcissi freshly cut from outside borders in full springtime bloom at meetings. The group sent donations to the Michigan Crippled Children's Camp for many years. In the 1980s, many members retired and, of course, the focus of their lives changed. The emphasis of meetings became story telling of past adventures and events. In the 1990s the chapter continued to meets monthly. Over the years members have donated 1,578 hours to the Herb Society of America, Detroit Public Library, Health-o-Rama, churches, hospitals and the historical museum, and two quilts to the Ann Arbor Safe House and the Children's Home of Detroit. Members keep busy volunteering and sharing their experiences of traveling around the country and the world. The group received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001. *Contributor: Deborah Fields Dietrich,* BN

Detroit Suburban

Installed in January 1995

Charter members (all ΔN-A): Lisa Ashcroft, Janet Austerman, Karen Wainz, Angela Brown Radoicic, Nicole Laskowski, Lisa Manning, Elizabeth Lusterburger and Janet Austerman

Detroit Suburban Alumnae Chapter members serve on the committee for the local Panhellenic tea and participate in the yearly events. The group has conducted yearly fund-raisers to donate money to the S. June Smith Center and the Alpha Sigma Alpha Foundation. Members volunteer at the Oakland County Special Olympics and support the state's collegiate chapters. The group received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2001. *Contributor: Wendy Hale,* ΔN-A

Mid-Michigan Crown

Installed Oct. 15, 2000

Charter members: Mary Beth Siemen, ΔΣ, Nancy Morley, BΘ, Diane Lahmann, BΘ, Olivia Ann Lake, ΔΣ, Kristyn Kurka, ΔΣ, Jennifer Bartels, ΔΣ, Shawnette Markey, ΔΣ, Kristi MacKenzie, ΔΣ, Heather Dubey, ΔΣ, Kathy Lopez, ΔΣ, Andrea Kieser, ΔΣ, and Gena Kubiak, ΔΣ

The Mid-Michigan Crown Alumnae Chapter's membership base consists mostly of current and retired teachers. Philanthropically, the group is focused on continuing ties with the local Special Olympics chapters. The group keeps in contact with all six Michigan chapters and works with them on various levels. Five women serve as advisers for collegiate chapters. *Contributor: Olivia Ann Lake,* ΔΣ

Minnesota/Wisconsin

Wiscota

Installed in 1973; reorganized in October 1994

Charter members (1994; all ZB): Jill Ditlefson, Jacqueline Primer Gruber, Rae McNeely Hawn, Diane Head, Susanne Kolstad, Jennifer Meyer, Laurel Moseman, Sheena O'Brien, Michele Paipal, Julie Swanson, Mary Jo Sylwester and Starla Whitehead

The Wiscota Alumnae Chapter has adopted many local philanthropies. Members serve as chapter advisers for Zeta Beta Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Zeta Kappa Chapter at the University of Minnesota-Mankato. The group also publishes a newsletter that is accessible via the Internet. *Contributor: Audra Whitehead,* ZB

Mississippi

Gulf Coast

Installed March 2, 1961; reorganized June 22, 1993

Charter members, 1961: Regina Buono Hines, NN, Nancy Rider Lydick, AΓ, Frances Holifield Andrews, BΔ, Elizabeth Langdon Bridges, BΔ, and Ruthmary Ragsdale Wright, BΩ.

Charter members, 1993 (all BΔ): Denise Lewis Longino, Lena Beth Burford Chancey, Tekla Potter Johnson, Kelly Bertucci Cote, Karen Bertucci, Noreen Crews Johnson, Eva Metz Carlise, Davona Dougherty Mitchell, Dottie Persons, Elizabeth Seaman, Stutzman, Edith Seaman Lockhart, Betty McCutchon Richards and Sharon Bell

Gulf Coast Alumnae Chapter members enjoy a variety of activities together each year, including a Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt for children, family picnics, Founders' Day luncheon

and other meetings. The group helps support a local children's shelter as its philanthropic project. It received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2001. *Contributor: Davona "Dee" Dougherty Mitchell,* BΛ

Hattiesburg

Installed Feb. 6, 1945

Charter members (all BΔ): Mary Ann Dever Cassady, Gloria Coleman, Miriam Jordan, Nell Rhodes Morgan, Lena Clarice Ice Leard, Mary Alice Pickel Maxey, Helen Kynes Smith, Matty Lynn Smith, Jesse Mae Furr Smith, Ruth Martin Stone and Marcelle Davis Sumrall

This Hattiesburg Alumnae Chapter assisted with Beta Delta Chapter when it was on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi from 1938 to 1990. The group helped the collegians with recruitment and meetings. Members range in age from 36 to 90. The group received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001. Many members have served nationally. *Contributor: Dolly Purvis Loyd,* BΔ

Missouri

Greater Kansas City

Installed Nov 16, 1935

Charter members: Margaret Flottman Bryant, HH, Esther Bucher, HH, Virginia Lamb Carder, HH, Dorothy Clifton, AB, Kathryn Lamb Keirns, HH, and Mary Kay Rieff, HH

The Greater Kansas City Alumnae Chapter proudly claimed as a member Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, president emerita. Two members have received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award: Helen Taylor McGuire, ZZ, in 1986 and Mary Kay Rieff, HH, in 1975. Member Judy DeMasters Winter, ZZ, received the Evelyn G. Bell award in 1992. The chapter supports the area collegiate chapters and local philanthropies. It received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001. Many members have served nationally. *Contributors: Johanna Haag Gardner, ZZ, Ann Campbell Nielsen,* ΦΦ

Maryville

Installed in 1928

Charter members: not known

The Maryville Alumnae Chapter supported the Mount Alverno State School for severely handicapped children in the 1980s. Members are also very active with Phi Phi Chapter, offering assistance and scholarships. This group has a long history of dedicated women as advisers and patronesses. Ruth Jean Souter Price was a mother patroness for 63 years. Dr. Ann Rowlette, ΦΦ, advised Phi Phi Chapter for many years. Her daughters Cretia, Kristen and Nicole all became members of Alpha Sigma Alpha at Northwest Missouri State. The chapter was presented with the Outstanding Alumnae Chapter award in 1992, 1994 and 1996, and in 2000 and 2001 received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation. The group prides itself on its strong heritage and loyalty. *Contributors: LaVona Stalcup Reid,* ΦΦ, *Nancy R. DeYoung,* BΨ

Southwest Missouri

Installed Oct. 7, 2001

Charter members (all ZA): Mandy Stark, president; Jennifer Johnson, Allison Whitehead O'Dell, Cheryl McDaniel Patton, Nikki Dolbow Pefferman, Shelley Perkins and Carrie Parker Smith. *Contributor: Mandy Stark,* ZA

Springfield

Installed Aug. 16, 1947

Charter members (all BΣ): Ailsa Seiferd Zerr, Ruth Sharp Rhodes, Margaret Shannon, Mary Jo Wakefield Kelly, Ruth Kaufman Palmer, Virginia Batte, Mary Elizabeth Bradford, Jane Berghaus, Lorene Hedgecock Burks, Nancy Hughes Harper, Nora Jean Hickman, Patricia VanDorn Killian, Juanita Canady Likins, Jewell Thomas Sparks, Bernice Payne Stewart, Evelyn Webb Stone, Willa Vaughan Thomas, Bea Owen Wann and Carolee Whittaker

When national headquarters moved to Springfield in 1964, the Springfield Alumnae Chapter gained strength. Many alumnae worked and volunteered at national headquarters. Member Rose Marie Fellin, BΣ, served nationally for 24 years. Alumnae chapter members are very involved with Beta Sigma Chapter at Southwest Missouri State University, serving as advisers and sponsors, hosting the annual senior salad supper, helping with recruitment, providing treats for graduating seniors and participating in songfest and Founders' Day. The alumnae formed a housing corporation in the 1980s and helped build a sorority house for Beta Sigma in 1995. The group received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. *Contributor: Deborah Fields Dietrich,* BN

St. Louis

Installed in April 1938

Charter members: not known

The St. Louis Alumnae Chapter boasts several national officers. It's equally involved on the local level with the area Panhellenic and local philanthropies, including Special Olympics. The group received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. *Contributor: Lisa Scanlon,* ΓΩ

Nebraska

Omaha

Installed in April 1955

Charter member: Lois Leibel Lechner, ΓA; others not known

The Omaha Alumnae Chapter received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. Charter member Lois Leibel Lechner, ΓA, was named Omaha Alumnae Panhellenic Woman of the Year in 1983.

New Hampshire

Greater New Hampshire

Installed in 1998

Charter members: not known

The Greater New Hampshire Alumnae Chapter attracts members from Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. It has established a scholarship fund in memory of Ann I. Pink, EΨ, who died of colon cancer in 1994. *Contributor: Deborah Fields Dietrich,* BN

New York

Buffalo

Installed in 1927

Charter members (all ΠΠ): Helen Weis, Laura Berger and Elizabeth Bird Small, adviser

The Buffalo Alumnae Chapter hosted the 1980 national convention, supports the area collegiate chapters and received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. The Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award has been presented to the following Buffalo chapter members: Emma Coleman Frost, ΠΠ, in 1945, Evelyn G. Bell, ΠΠ, in 1963, and Frances Morton Holbrook, ΠΠ, in 1954. In addition, Susan Lynn Winikus, ΠΠ, received the Mary Turner Gallagher scholarship in 1979 and Edith Gaupp Wolf, ΠΠ, was given the Helen L. Corey Convention Award in 1984. National council created the Elizabeth Bird Small Undergraduate award in 1942 to honor Miss Small, ΠΠ, a charter member. The group received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001. *Contributor: Donette Thurlow,* ΠΠ

Greater Rochester

Installed May 4, 1997

Charter members: Heather Kernan Costello, ΠΠ, president; Rebecca Angora, ΠΠ, Shirley Anderson Baker, ΠΠ, Rhonda R. Cambell, ΠΠ, Elizabeth Jimenez-Garcia, ΠΠ, Sharon M. Sterner, ΓΙ, and Lisa Jo Argento Stevens, EN

The Greater Rochester Alumnae Chapter supports the area collegiate chapters and the Rochester Alumnae Panhellenic. The chapter received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 1998 and the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001. *Contributor: Sharon M. Sterner,* ΓΙ

New York Metro

Installed Oct. 29, 1994

Charter members: Kim Benson, ΔN-B, Jennifer Comforto Edelson, ΔI, Blayne Jacknow, ΠΠ, Gloria Milagros Muniz, ΠΠ, Faye Shaw, ΠΠ, Ginger Todaro, ΓT, and Betty Stuart, BN

The New York Metro Alumnae Chapter was active from 1994 through 1997. Annual events included a Founders' Day luncheon and assisting area collegiate chapters. *Contributor: Kim Benson,* ΔN–B

North Carolina

Central North Carolina

Reorganized in September 1998

Charter member: Laura Fredrick, ΔE; others not known

The Central North Carolina Alumnae Chapter is reorganizing. *Contributor: Katherine Eccard,* ΔP

Charlotte

Installed Jan. 29, 1975; reorganized Jan. 4, 1999

Charter members (1999): Suzie Hemby Amick, ΔP, Angela Dantzler Bauldree, BZ, Margaret Durso, ΓΨ, Heidi Dickinson Gantz, BK, Rebecca Bowen Hendren, ΦΦ, Julia Morris Hite, BΔ, Alicia Greene Jennings, ΔP, Kim Stein Lynch, ΔP, Cathy McBride, BΣ, Kimberly Miller, ΔP, Elizabeth Moore, BΠ, Susan Page, ΔP, Mary Ellen Randall, ΠΠ, Crystal Hurley Smith, BN, Pamela Smith, ΔP, J. Brooke Zehmer, BY, and Jill Hall, ΔP

Charlotte Alumnae Chapter events include recruitment survival baskets for Delta Rho Chapter at Elon College, a food

bank drive with the goal of 100 items for Alpha Sigma Alpha's 100 years and family picnics and dinners. The area museum has been the location of many meetings. The group also features many members who have served nationally. *Contributor: Angela Dantzler Bauldree,* BZ

Raleigh

Installed May 1999

Charter members: not known

North Dakota

Dickinson

Installed Aug. 19, 1959

Charter members (all BH): Myrtle Erikson Dynes, Marlys Swanson Paulsen, Catherine Westlake Lundberg, Geraldine Jesperson Schilla, Alice P. Hinkleman Pierce, Ann Ebberson Cook and Catherine Kuylen Gruman

The Dickinson Alumnae Chapter has many traditions. At the annual Christmas dinner members donate gifts to the needy, in June they travel to Medona to eat lunch, shop and socialize and in the fall they have their annual donut party after the homecoming football game — a tradition that has been carried on for over 50 years. In the 1980s the group thrived on summer road trips and frequently visited each other at Dickinson State Spring Alumni Days. Other summer excursions include touring museums and souvenir shopping trips.

Members also used to participate in an annual St. Patrick's Day bridge and whist card party. More than 60 card players earned money for Beta Eta Chapter, Dickinson Special Olympics and the Dickinson State College foundation scholarship fund for a junior or senior track woman. Loraine C. Schumacher, BH, was an adviser for Beta Eta Chapter, a Mother Patroness in the 1980s and taught physical education at Dickinson State College for 28 years. *Contributor: Deborah Fields Dietrich,* BN

Ohio

Cincinnati

Installed March 2, 1951

Charter members (all AA): Dorothy Clason, Miriam Harbin, Wilma Hutchinson, Ruth Johnston, Ruth Kohl, Evelyn Long, Virginia Morrisson, Bernadine Rutledge, Corene Ungethuen, Ruth Willits and Blanche Woods

During the 1950s, '60s and '70s, members of the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter served on the committee for the area Panhellenic Tea for college-bound women. The group has also adopted several local philanthropies over the years, starting with the Cerebral Palsy Center and the Hamilton County Diagnostic Clinic. It now supports the One Way Farm for children from broken homes. The group has also supported Alpha Alpha Chapter and received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001. Members Mary Goeke Backsman, AA, and Shirley Bone, AA, received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award in 1983 and 1984, respectively. *Contributor: Julianne Driscoll,* ΓΛ

Columbus

Installed March 4, 1967

Charter members: Norma Johns Wuichet, ΛΛ, Jacqueline Mitchell Pool, BN, Karen Foster Duncan, AA, Dorothy Zorn Windom, ΛΛ, Helen Milliken Miller, ΔΔ, Harriet Keller Rosenburg, AA, Ingrid Schreck, AA, Dorothy Porter Cummings, ΛΛ, Kathleen Denning, AA, Ethel Wolfgram Devore, ΛΛ, Mary Gaal, ΛΛ, Thelma Sallee Glack, ΛΛ, Margaret Syfert Johnston, ΛΛ, Doris Kiner Little, ΛΛ, Margaret Kincade Martin, ΛΛ, Clara Wassmuth Oden, ΛΛ, Sarah Kinney Pegler, ΛΛ, Carolyne Frank Southgard, ΛΛ, Emily Leatherman Stogdill, ΛΛ, and Amy M. Swisher, AA

The Columbus Alumnae Chapter has volunteered for Special Olympics, supports the area collegiate chapters and has hosted Ohio State Days. *Contributor: Pam Free,* AA

Dayton

Installed June 6, 1949

Charter members: Helen Boggess Swart, AA, president; Ruby Ball, AA, Florence Bland, AA, Mary Ellen Ferguson, AA, Helen Goodwin, ΓΓ, Alice Sauer, AA, and Mary Weaver, AA

Wilma Wilson Sharp, ZZ, signed the Dayton Alumnae Chapter charter. Many of the charter members were 1914 reorganization initiates of Alpha Alpha Chapter. In 1955 the chapter launched a program for children with physical and mental handicaps and presented this philanthropic project to the 1955 national convention for study. In 1958 the convention body adopted this as the sorority's national philanthropic program. Over the years the group was a vital force of support for Alpha Alpha Chapter. Members have traditional auctions at Christmas and meet regularly with the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter. Since 1999 the group has met annually with the other

three Farmville Four sororities (Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Kappa Delta). The Dayton women continue to support Southview Hospital and the AIM for the handicapped in Dayton. The group received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. *Contributors: Laura Gadbau Laclede,* AA, *Alice Sauer,* AA

Oklahoma

Muskogee

Installed May 20, 1996

Charter members (all ΒΓ): Jennifer Black, Sue Chilcoat Chapman, Rebecca Smith Gore, Sandy Foltz Leatherman, JoAnn Bass Murray, Rhonda Smith, Cindy Ullrich, Angie Weeks Booth and Jill Whittenburg

The Muskogee Alumnae Chapter supports Beta Gamma Chapter, Special Olympics and has donated to the Florida Red Cross. *Contributor: Rebecca Carment-Scheibing,* ΒΓ

Tulsa

Installed June 11, 1938

Charter members: Belle Byers Beck, ΒΓ, D. Edna Chamberlain, ΓΓ, Jennie Vinson Fisk, ΓΓ, Marcette Hobson Hamm, ΕΕ, Isabelle Howell Stevens, ΑΒ, Lora Patterson Sipes, ΓΓ, Lorena Mae Long, ΕΕ, Mary Darby, ΕΕ, Willetta Lyn Kuhn, ΕΕ, Mary Stevens, ΒΓ, Margaret Stringer, ΒΓ, Edna Trent, ΒΓ, Velma Van Horn, ΒΓ, Hazel Rennie, ΒΓ, and Julia Christy, ΒΓ

The Tulsa Alumnae Chapter has been active in the Tulsa Area Alumnae Panhellenic since the early 1940s. During World War II, the chapter served in local hospitals and was active in the Red Cross at Camp Gruber. Since then, its philanthropic projects have included the Sunnyside Home, the School for the Blind and supporting the local Special Olympics in the state games. The group received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2001. *Contributor: Kelly Yates,* ΒΓ

Pennsylvania

Central Pennsylvania

Installed in April 1935

Charter members: not known

The Central Pennsylvania Alumnae Chapter celebrated its 60th anniversary in April 1995 at the Yorktowne Hotel. Members were taken on a historical journey through the decades along with guest speaker Betty Urban Wallick, ΖΖ. Betty was a past national president and former president of the alumnae chapter. The chapter focuses on many fund-raising events to assist the S. June Smith Center in Lancaster, Pa. It received the S. June Smith Center Service award in 1993 and the Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 2001. *Contributor: Denise Ferree,* ΔΕ

Delaware Valley

Installed May 5, 1959

Charter members: not known

The Delaware Valley Alumnae Chapter is active with the S. June Smith Center in Lancaster, Pa., and the local Special Olympics. It also collects books for the Francis Green Elementary School. One of its most cherished members was Helen L. Corey, ΚΚ. The group received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001. *Contributor: Miriam Hipple FitzGerald,* ΚΚ

Greater Lehigh Valley

Installed in May 1997

Charter members (all ΕΞ): Laura L. Courtright, president; Michelle Haldeman Briar, Valerie Chapman, Erica Childs, Kristine Garcia and Lisa Hagan

The Greater Lehigh Valley Alumnae Chapter assists the area collegiate chapters and supports local philanthropic activities.

Greater Valley Forge

Installed May 6, 2001

Charter members: Kelly McGinnis, ΕΚ, Janet McGinnis, ΕΚ, Beth Bartholomew, ΔΟ, Beth Fritz, ΔΟ, Christine Bry, ΕΚ, Kyra Kratz, ΕΚ, Jody Bocci, ΑΓ, Cindy Stevens, ΕΛ, Karen Stumpo, ΝΝ, Deborah Athens, ΝΝ, Heidi Adsett, ΕΚ, Tina Brown, ΔΧ, Marcia Jacquette, ΔΝ–Α, Stacy Tomczak, ΔΧ, and Elizabeth Leichliter, ΕΛ

The Greater Valley Forge Alumnae Chapter attended the regional centennial Founders' Day celebration in Philadelphia Nov. 17, 2001. *Contributor: Kelly McGinnis,* ΕΚ

Laurel Highlands

Installed Oct. 28, 2001

Charter members: Michelle Dohey Wile, ΕΛ, president; Leslie Maxwell Ziringer, ΓΗ, vice president; Desiree Battisti-Burtner, ΑΓ, secretary/Panhellenic; Rochelle Burgo, ΖΓ, treasurer; Tamira Vayansky, ΓΞ, editor; Katrina Bishop, ΓΞ, Julia Garing Bojalad, ΕΘ, Kristen Gillen, ΓΞ, Jenna Porter, ΓΨ, Sherri

Rae, ΓΞ, Ann Younkins Shockey, BE, Amy Dinning McCormick, ΓO, Kelley McVay, EY, and Heidi Bramson Winslow, ΓO

The Laurel Highlands Alumnae Chapter got off to a great start Nov. 17, 2001, by asking centennial Founders' Day luncheon attendees to donate items to the S. June Smith Center for the chapter's centennial philanthropic project. The number of books, audiotapes, videotapes and art supplies more than exceeded the chapter's goal of 100 items. *Contributor: Michelle Dobey Wile,* EΛ

Philadelphia Metro

Installed Oct. 18, 1967; reorganized in February 1992

Charter members, 1967: Elizabeth Sarkessian, KK, Barbara Wilk, NN, Jeanette Burtnett, NN, Sandra Perski, KK, Christine Haines Coleman, NN, Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, Marie Wroblewski, KK, Rosemary O'Brian, NN, Gail Leandri, KK, Marilyn Williams O'Hara, KK, Joan Weisbeirn, KK, Patricia Kane, KK, Joan Seward, KK, Carol Hodges Strickler, NN, Cathleen Callos, NN, Eleanor Bobbin, NN, Margaret Anderson, NN, Maryanne Smith Bohlinger, NN, Janet Koch Kramer, NN, Barbara Kinney, NN, Kathleen McGinty, KK, Marjorie Fletcher, NN, and Linda Kay Krawchuch Kline, NN. Charter members, 1992 (all KK): Kathleen Gaughan Gallagher, Kimberly Platel Christensen, Trish DeCicca Verdi, Bethanne Berger, Theresa Diamond, Ann Margaret Russo, Sandra Best Harper, Tracy Burkett, Dianne Hambel-Hafer, Michelle McCarter, Suzanne Hodell, Kristen Rittenhouse, Kim Wallace, Lisa Dizengoff, Marissa Ioannucci, Lisa Lombardo, Michelle Sudano and Ann Marie Piacentino

The Philadelphia Metro Alumnae Chapter received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and the Crown designation in 2001. The chapter has maintained many annual traditions, such as the holiday party and anniversary brunch. The chapter has supported the local Special Olympics and the Shriner's Children's Hospital in North Philadelphia. *Contributor: Kathleen Gaughan Gallagher,* KK

Pittsburgh

Installed in the early 1920s; reorganized in 1999

Charter members (1999; all ΓO): Sheila Gastinger, Michelle Handa, Melissa Deardoff, Amy Lohr and Rochelle Landowski

The Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter supports area collegiate chapters and participates in local and national philanthropic projects. *Contributor: Sheila Gastinger,* ΓO

Tennessee

Music City Alumnae Chapter (Clarksville)

Installed July 19, 2001

Charter members: Schanda Doughty, BN, Zana Durrett, ZΩ, Debra Ferrell, BΛ, Katie Feyes, ΔP, Lisa Racine, ΔI, Maribeth Sisk, BN, and Lynn Yarbrough, ZΩ

The Music City Alumnae Chapter is joining forces with area alumnae and will assist with the 2002 convention in Nashville, Tenn. *Contributor: Katie Feyes,* ΔP

Texas

Dallas

Installed Feb. 14, 1950

Charter members: Jean Reid Taylor, EE, Marjorie Crill Machemer, EE, Sue Marsh Flickinger, EE, Martha Green Dimond, AA, Oakley Thomas Morrison, AB, and Virginia Teiman Dixon, EE

The Dallas Alumnae Chapter has gone through several reincarnations since being chartered in 1950. The chapter was originally chartered as the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter. The first reorganization was in the late 1970s. The most recent reorganization was in 1988 when the chapter was renamed the Dallas Alumnae Chapter. The group has been active in area Panhellenic activities and various philanthropic endeavors, such as assembling Easter baskets to give to mentally challenged adults at the Transition Service Center. Members also collect items for a women's shelter and baby items for a pediatric AIDS facility. The chapter hosted the 1998 national convention, a Strategic Plan 2000 meeting and one of the regional centennial celebration sites. The group received the Crown Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and 2001. Many members have served nationally. *Contributor: Kim Benson,* ΔN–B

Houston

Installed Sept. 26, 1960

Charter members: Catherine Anne Bianca, BΔ, Ena Claire Landry, BZ, Nadine Peterson Tenison, EE, Marvel Putnam Kehoe, BZ, Patricia French, BΔ, and Aimmee Tindall Knight, BΔ

The Houston Alumnae Chapter started reaching new heights when Nunie Falcon, BZ, became president in 1969. Nunie, Carol Sloan, BΓ, Joan Maresca, BI, and Marianne Busch Bullock, BΘ, are four women the chapter gives credit for its continued success in the Houston area. The chapter par-

ticipates in the City Panhellenic, State Days and initiation ceremonies. Many members have devoted their time to community service and volunteering to help others. The group received the Star Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and the Crown designation in 2001. *Contributor: Adoneca Harrison-Fortier,* BΘ

San Antonio

Installed in 1998

Charter members: Susan Campbell, ΔY, Brenda DeSha, ΔY, Maggie Hayes, ΔY, Madeline Jones, ΔY, Mindy Mann, ΔY, Kimberly Anderson Marrin, ΔY, Jennifer Jacobs McGill, ΔY, Nancy Szalwinski, BΔ, Joanne Van Brandt, ΔY, and Julie Worthington, ΔY

The San Antonio Alumnae Chapter was instrumental in assisting with the organization of Zeta Sigma Chapter at the University of Incarnate Word in 1998. Chapter members meet monthly, serve Zeta Sigma as advisers and are active in the San Antonio Panhellenic Association. *Contributor: Tracy Quinones,* ΖΣ

Virginia

Central Virginia

Installed Oct. 4, 1999

Charter members: Dorothy M. Meidling Blackwell, BE, Joanne Weber Catron, A, Melissa Corey, ZY, Mary Dillon Dovel Curl, BE, Patricia Bates Harrington, BΘ, Jane Hope, ZY, Natasha Ann Marinoff, ZY, Elizabeth Pettyjohn, ZY, Rebecca Riopel, ZY, Lydia Samples Scott, BΠ, Charie Fink Shallock, ΔZ, Candace A. Trent, A, Eleanor Borbas Williams, A, Stormy Wilson Wooldridge, A, and Andrea Carter Wright, BI

The Central Virginia Alumnae Chapter is a diverse group of women striving to uphold the standards of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Members support local philanthropies and area collegiate chapters. *Contributor: Kristen S. Shallock,* ZY

Northern Virginia (NOVA)

Installed Sept. 27, 2000

Charter members: Kristina Carden, ΔP, Ann Marie Carmody, ΔP, Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, Mitzi Apter Desselles, BZ, Scarlett Orenstein Grose, ΔP, Allison Hoak, BB, Katharine Hoffman, BE, Lori K. Hunter, BΘ, Diane Junker, BE, Carolyn Pallante Levetown, NN, Pamela A. Maher, EΦ, Mary Watson Marshall, ΔY, Gretchen Adams Miller, BΛ, Creta D. Payne, BΠ, Lisa A. Porto, ΔE, Kristen Purka, BE, Cynthia Rhoades Ryan, ΔI, Patricia Tague Seem, ΓT, and Torri R. Oliver Watkins, ΔO

NOVA Alumnae Chapter members bring rich history and experience to the new group. The chapter fulfilled its centennial philanthropic project by completing many small projects, including cheering at the Special Olympics in Northern Virginia. The chapter has participated in alumnae events with the Philadelphia and Valley Forge alumnae chapters. In June 2001, five chapter members participated in the Race for the Cure run for breast cancer. President Geraldine Vang Cox, NN, has served nationally and received the sorority's Recognition of Eminence award in 1986. Member Cynthia Rhoades Ryan, ΔI, has attended every national convention since 1974. Several members have served nationally. *Contributor: Creta Payne,* BΠ

Richmond

Installed Nov. 5, 1942

Charter members (all A): Mary Jane Ritchie Johann, Ella Mash Adams, Barbara Friend, Grace Roper, Betty Lowe, Harriet Leek, Sue Schumann, Gloria Thompson and Jean Lugar

For many years the Richmond Alumnae Chapter has served the American Cancer Society. The chapter has held fashion shows to raise money for medical equipment for cancer patients at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital. The chapter hosted the 1976 and 2001 national conventions and supports Epsilon Gamma Chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University. Many members have served on the national level. The group received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000 and the Crown designation in 2001. Members Lynne Rachal Chambers, A, and Frances "Dee Dee" Francis, BE, both received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award, in 1996 and 2000, respectively. Hiwanna Cupp Crompton, BE, and Dee Dee received the Evelyn G. Bell award in 1980 and 1982, respectively. Lou Ordoyne Monger, BI, received the Amy M. Swisher scholarship in 1975. *Contributors: Karen Golbek Graham,* ΕΓ, *Lou Ordoyne Monger,* BI

Tidewater

Installed in 1994

Charter members: Julie Wiley Levine, A, Sally Nell Baust, BI, Wende Davis Temme, A, Katie Allen Ellington, A, Sherry Perkins, A, Nancy Pillow Moore, A, Heather Davis, A, and Ann Guiberson, A

The Tidewater Alumnae Chapter supports the local com-

munity and area collegiate chapter. It also hosts social events and some members even take family trips together. *Contributor: Julie Wiley Levine,* A

Wisconsin

Milwaukee

Installed Oct. 25, 1958

Charter members (all ΓE): Ernestine Freismuth Anderson, Hazel Gochenaur, Lois Wallschlaeger Bartelt, Agatha Krieg Bauer, Jean Southcott Bierderman, Frieda Bartz Burmeister, Grace Metzler Christiansen, Mabel Flaherty Daleiden, Joy Edith Dittmer, Illa-Louise Kranstover Dobbs, Dorothy Borchert Donohue, Patricia Martha Foldvary, Loraine Nienow Hentschel, Elaine Schubring Hercher, Erva Richter Horn, Ruth Jaeger, Carolyn Engel Jaworski, Charlotte Campbell Jelenchick, Alice Finley Kaschel, Florence Milbrath Lemke, Margaret Enters Ludtke, Florence Devlin Ludwig, Helen Hansen Martin, Mercedes Welch Martin, Marion Metzow, Nancy E. Reinke, Shirley Ruth Sikorski, Gertrude Melius Sladky, Geraldine Rae Spencer, Jane Henricks Stadler, Louanne M. Strobusch, Donna Dauer Sullivan, Marie Beye Terwilliger, Loraine Melster Thompson, Florence Dopke Treutelaar, Meriel Goulet Treutelaar, Florence Smith Trotts, Irene Frechette Witt and Dorothy Zoeller

Three members of the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter had been members of the Alpha Delta Sigma Alumnae Chapter since 1924 [Alpha Delta Sigma became Gamma Epsilon Chapter at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1958, the same time the Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter was installed]. For a time, there were two chapters, Alpha and Beta. The two groups held many joint functions, including the first state day hosted by Gamma Epsilon in March 1965. Illa-Louise Kranstover Dobbs, ΓE, and Dorothy Borchert Donohue, ΓE, served as advisers to Gamma Epsilon Chapter.

The group helped form a housing corporation in the early 1970s. In the early 1980s the alumnae chapter remained strong without any local collegians to support. Three members have served as president of the Milwaukee Panhellenic Council: Loraine Nienow Hentschel, ΓE, Sandra Phillips Brzezinski, ΓE, and Kathy Zajicek Braun, ΓE. Loraine Hentschel also received the Wilma Wilson Sharp Alumnae award in 1966. Sandra Brzezinski and Nancy Andrus Cerwin, ΓE, both received Phoenix awards for best feature articles. The group hosted the 1994 national convention and received the Palm Alumnae Chapter designation in 2000. *Contributor: Nancy Andrus Cerwin,* ΓE