

A Message from President Joyce Johnson

A Bright New CVAP Year to all.

As we return this year to our regular meetings beginning in November at Desert Willow, I believe we have a bright new attitude and are anticipating many new events and friendships in our CVAP activities.

This year I am hoping that we can hear about what you are doing outside of CVAP in the community so we have a better idea of the talents of our members. Each meeting I would like 3 or 4 sororities to seek out someone in your membership who has given a little extra to bring joy to someone else. Have you walked for a cause; who has volunteered locally somewhere; who has taken an interest in mentoring someone; is there someone who has been the subject of an article; do we have gardeners or artists or teachers here that could be recognized; have you traveled somewhere special or met someone special; who has a great recipe to share; who has celebrated a special anniversary? I know so many talented people here. Please let's tell others about us.



Please notice that we have had a change of one of our officers for the coming year. Our new Vice President of Membership will be Kathie Allen, a longtime member and previous Membership VP. Linda Simmons will remain as one of our busiest Chairs as she heads up our Scholarship Committee. That job truly is a year-round activity that needs all the time she has to organize each of the 10 school interview groups, set up either in person or Zoom interviews at schools, follow through with notifying each new scholar and completing information, and checking the financial part during the late Spring along with the Benefit Treasurer. We thank you in advance Linda. Please read about our longtime Marianne Timmins Scholarship in the following pages.

Also in this issue ...

Our Program VP Ann Dew has been busy organizing our programs for the year. Stephanie Carter and Killian Chatterton are also going to reinstate our **"Old Bags Bazaar"** which was such a success a few years ago. Stephanie Carter has written about it in another section. **Our newest members** are being highlighted in this newsletter, so be sure to read all of the articles in this issue. Our regular **Toys For Tots** collection will be in December with our Marines in attendance. See the story in this issue.

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Of course we are excited to announce our **Benefit Chair Laurie Anderson** has obtained a First Class Speaker and event for our **March 7th** benefit. Please say yes to helping with the many committees needed to make this a success. Also, remember we need each of you to purchase one or two tickets for our luncheon event.

We look forward to an eventful year and many monthly lunch happenings. Several sororities are celebrating milestone anniversaries. Alpha Phi will be 150 years old in October. Kappa Delta is 125 years old. Next year Delta Gamma will celebrate 150 years. Kappa Kappa Gamma was 150 two years ago. Lets keep the Panhellenic life continuing for many years.

I hope to see all of you at our meetings!
See the schedule and news about our returning supper club below!

Fraternally,
Joyce Johnson
2022-2023 CVAP President

2022-2023 Meetings

Mark your Calendars!

November 10th	Desert Willows
December 8th	Big Horn
January 12th	The Lakes
February 9th	Monterey Country Club
April 13th	Indian Ridge
May 6th	Mission Hills



Monterey Country Club

CVAP Receives Two Awards from National Panhellenic for Programs & Scholarships



Congratulations!

We are excited to share with you that your Alumnae Panhellenic has been selected as a

recipient of the National Panhellenic Conference
1) Citation of Merit and 2) Programming Excellence Awards.

These awards recognize the success of the Coachella Valley Alumnae Panhellenic in meeting the criteria of high achievement and consistent cooperation with NPC. This includes furthering sorority life by communicating with NPC and the area coordinator along with providing outstanding support to the sorority experience through marketing/publicity, philanthropic involvement, scholarship and sorority education in the community.

COMING SOON!



Supper Club is again enjoying dinner together this year. We invite any members who enjoy an evening out at a local restaurant to join this fun group starting in October. Many of our husbands or other guests enjoy coming and visiting with other members and their guests. Our dinners are usually the last Wednesday of each month. Information on time and location for each dinner will be emailed to all members. Please email an RSVP response to Jan Johnsen and Cheryl so plans can be made with the restaurant for seating. *Hope to see you there!*

Origin & Evolution of Toys for Tots Program



Toys for Tots began in 1947 as the brainchild of Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks' wife, Diane. She had a few handcrafted dolls and asked Bill to deliver them to an agency that supports children in need. When Bill reported back to his wife that he could not find such an organization, she instructed him to "start one!" Maj. Hendricks and the Marines in his reserve unit in L.A. collected and distributed 5,000 toys in 1947. The Commandant directed all Marine Reserve Sites to implement a TFT campaign, transforming it into a national community action program in 1948.

Bill Hendrick's civilian job was Director of Public Relations at Warner Brothers Studios and he knew many celebrities. As a favor to Bill, Walt Disney designed the first Toys for Tots poster, which included a miniature three-car train that was subsequently adopted as the Toys for Tots logo.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit charity, was established in 1991 at the behest of the Marine Corps to help run and support the Marine Toys for Tots Program. Presently, the Marine Toys for Tots Program distributes an average of 18 million toys to 7 million less fortunate children annually.



Don't forget to bring unwrapped toys to our December meeting in support of this national program for children!



By Stephanie Carter

CVAP's Old Bags Bazaar is returning sometime after the first of the year! Want to donate to a great cause? Need a new handbag? Start your spring cleaning this fall ... get out those handbags you wish to donate, and join us when we hold our second Old Bags Bazaar!!

We had such a great time and a tremendous response to our first Old Bags event back in 2017. Now it's time to clean out our closets to raise money for our 2023 scholarship winners.

Please bring your gently used, old handbags to our November and December luncheon meetings, or contact Killian Chatterton to drop them off. Call your neighbors and let them know we need their gently used purses!

This event is designed around FUN & Fashion, supporting our 2023 Scholarship recipients in the process! You will be amazed to see the exciting and diverse spectrum of donations.

So start collecting and be ready to drop off those Old Bags beginning at our November meeting!



Meet Our New CVAP Members!

Kimberly Miller Klink
Chi Omega
University of Arizona

I am a member of Chi Omega Fraternity¹ and am a charter member of the Alumni group here in the Coachella Valley. Born and raised in Santa Monica, I left the cool ocean breezes for the drifting sands of the Sonoran Desert. I attended the University of Arizona in Tucson. Nearly 30 years later, I was back in California and the Colorado Sonoran desert of the Coachella Valley. We lived for ten years at La Quinta Country Club. My husband Bob and I then moved to Indian Palms Country Club where we have lived for the past 14 years. I joined CVAP soon after we moved to the valley (recruited by Sandy Dyer, Leni Roberts, and Carole Johnson). I later withdrew my membership to pursue a career in real estate.



Seventeen years later, I am retired and am now returning to Panhellenic (after a gentle nudge from Ginger Whelan and Sandy Dyer). I cannot wait to meet you all and see old friends!

¹Chi Omega, despite being a women's organization, is officially referred to as a fraternity instead of a sorority. It was founded with help from Sigma Kappa, a men's fraternity.

Courtney Crandall Franklin
Alpha Phi, Beta Delta Chapter
University of California, Los Angeles

I studied Mathematics and Economics during undergrad, and got my Masters in Education from UCLA as well. I started my teaching career in Los Angeles, before moving to the Coachella Valley.



It's my 25th year in education, and I currently work in Educational Services supporting Professional Development for Desert Sands Unified School District. I teach at Cal State University, San Bernardino, in the College of Education. I also have an online health and wellness business. All are a labor of love, helping and supporting others to reach their goals and be their best!

My husband, Ryan, and I have two children, Robbie 11th grade and Katie 8th grade. They are our greatest blessings. My time in Alpha Phi fostered lifelong friendships, and I'm truly loving meeting other amazing women through this Panhellenic organization!

Sally Hazzard
Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Eta Chapter
San Diego State University

I graduated from San Diego State University where I pledged the Delta Eta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta. I truly enjoyed my years on campus living in my sorority where I made many lasting friendships that I cherish.

My work history includes 25 years with San Diego County, 9 years with Lockheed Martin, and 9 years with a government agency in Los Angeles County. I retired in 2019 and moved from San Diego to Sun City Palm Desert in December 2020. I'm enjoying my desert retirement and I look forward to getting to know all my fellow Panhellenic sisters in Coachella Valley!





Antoinette (Toni) Harms
Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Lambda Chapter
Beloit College, Beloit, WI

I grew up on a farm in Eastern Iowa, graduated from a small high school (100 students) in 1964, went to Beloit College, in Beloit, Wisconsin, and pledged Kappa Alpha Theta in my first term. I was able to graduate from Beloit in three years. The Greek women had houses for meetings, rush, etc. but lived in dormitories. Challenging economic problems of the year-round system and social issues caused dissolution of my Theta chapter, Gamma Lambda, in the '70s.

I served as Rush Advisor at the University of Kansas in Lawrence and also at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. I was a member of the alum chapters in Ames, IA, Lawrence, KS, and Minneapolis, MN before attending Theta alum gatherings in the Coachella Valley.

Professionally, I taught music in elementary and junior high public schools for five years in Iowa and Kansas, taking one year off to acquire an MA in music education at the University of Iowa. When my husband, Tom, graduated from law school, we moved to a suburb of Minneapolis, and I worked at a bank for 13 years managing Loan Servicing. I later earned an MBA from the University of Minnesota. We have traveled since early in our marriage and enjoy experiencing new places.

Tom and I have lived in The Citrus community in La Quinta since 1999 during the season. We now reside in Las Vegas after living for over 40 years in Minnesota.

Sara Hanson
Alpha Sigma Alpha, University of Central Missouri

Sara and her husband Mark live in the Citrus Club neighborhood in La Quinta and are Coachella Valley year-rounders. We wish a warm welcome to Sara and look forward to featuring her in more detail in our next newsletter.

Welcome Back
C. J. Westrick
Sigma Kappa, Michigan State University



CVAP is delighted to see the return of one of our most active members and one of the Valley's outstanding philanthropic volunteers. C. J. is a member of Sigma Kappa, having attended Michigan State University before making her home in the desert. Those who have been members will remember that C. J. was the Benefit Chair for many years when we put on the extravaganza of Fashion Shows for our Scholarship fundraising, and she asked Betty Ford to be our first Diamond Award Honoree.

This November, C. J. will be honored as the Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer at the National Philanthropy Day in the Desert. Among her other activities are the Eisenhower Health Dolores Hope Auxiliary, and McCallum Theatre Muses. Her leadership activities are too numerous to mention here. We look forward to enjoying her vivacious presence with us.

CVAP's Patron Program

By Karen Gonzalez

As our newer members may not be aware of or understand what our Patron Program is, hopefully this will provide some clarification.

The word "Patron" is defined as "a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, cause, or activity." For CVAP our "cause" is scholarships for Coachella Valley high school senior girls furthering their education at four year colleges and universities.

The "Patrons" are the CVAP members who give financial support to this cause ... that's all of us.

In November, our Patron Program Chairperson, Margaret Kelso, will be sending all of us information about the Patron Program and will invite your donations to be submitted for the 2022-2023 year. ***Please be aware that every dollar donated to the Patron Program goes towards scholarships and is fully tax deductible.*** Donations made before the end of 2022 qualify for the deduction on 2022 taxes; or donations can be made in the early months of the new year. Recognition of our Patrons will be in the program at our May 2023 luncheon when the scholarship recipients are recognized.

Other activities of CVAP, such as our benefit program in March, will also raise money for our scholarship fund. However our Patron Program is the major force that enables us to provide the generous scholarships we have been able to award in recent years.

Thank you to our Patrons!



APOLOGIES & Special Thanks!

By Margaret Kelso

As current Patron Chairman, it was brought to my attention that **KAPPA DELTA** made a donation to the Patron Fund during the last fiscal year in the amount of \$500. An error was made in the printing of the Scholarship Program which acknowledges the donations to the entire membership. Kappa Delta's name was omitted inadvertently. We would like to genuinely apologize to Kappa Delta! Their \$500 donation is greatly appreciated and we are all most thankful for their generosity!



In Memoriam



*Those we love
don't go away,
They walk beside
us every day ...
unseen, unheard,
but always near,
still loved,
still missed
and very dear.*

CVAP remembers **Jacqueline Anderson Eddington** who passed away at the age of 95 on May 3, 2022.



"Jackie" attended the University of Utah and was an active member of Delta Delta Delta. She joined CVAP after she and her husband, Mark, retired to Rancho Mirage.

Linda Stewart also passed away in May of this year. She was a Kappa Alpha Theta at University of Southern California. Linda was our longtime scholarship chair for the west valley schools.

Dr. Joyce Terrill died peacefully at home Monday, September 12 of complications from Type 1 diabetes. Joyce was an Alpha Gamma Delta from the University of Pittsburgh and Claremont Graduate University.



A \$50 donation is sent to our Benefit fund for those who are members.

CVAP Awards 21 Scholarships at May 7 Luncheon



Our 2022 Scholars Back row, left to right: Natalie Wilberts, Shadow Hills HS; Ava Philson, Palm Desert HS; Anna Braun, Palm Desert HS; Grace Cauthron, Cathedral City HS; Kylee Borgen, La Quinta HS; Samaira Yamuna Hassas, Rancho Mirage HS; Valerie Becerra, Coachella Valley HS.

Front row, left to right: Claudia Portillo Vidana, Indio HS; Nashally Garcia-Alvarez, Desert Mirage HS; Darlene Castaneda, Indio HS; Sophia Gonzales, Cathedral City HS; Hailey Fifer, La Quinta HS; Daveigh Espares, Palm Springs HS; Amber Huesca, Coachella Valley HS; Margarita "Maggie" Huaracha Rodriguez, Rancho Mirage HS; Mariajose Lopez-Ochoa, Coachella Valley HS.

Not shown: April Martinez, Desert Hot Springs HS; Janvi Kaushal, Desert Hot Springs HS; Valeria Meza-Acosta, Desert Mirage HS; Ava Gernand, Palm Springs HS; Jacquelynn Perez, Shadow Hills HS.



Above: CVAP members pictured with scholars and their guests.

Below: Outgoing President Stephanie Carter handed over the gavel to 2022-2023 President Joyce Johnson at the luncheon. ** All photos by Dave Cook, Desert Sun Photographer.



Scholar Winners with CVAP scholarship interview members Seated left to right: Laurie Anderson, Karen Speros, Sally Avino, Shelley Whitaker, Dr. Susan Murphy, Linda Stewart. Standing at right of scholars is Linda Simmons, Scholarship Chair.

Committee members not shown include: Jane Auerswald, Martha Blackburn, Pam Blodgett, Linda Cameron, Charlie Consoli, Lisa Corcoran, Carolyn DiMarco, Giorgi Duvall, Becky Humphreys, Amy Jeandron, Tootie Killingsworth, Barbara Mueller, Marsha Shean, and Mary Warwick.

thank you

Dear CVAP,

Thank you so much for choosing me and supporting my future at RIT! It seems like just



yesterday I did my interview and now I'm moving in 5 days (Aug. 14)!

It was lovely meeting you all and I hope to send you positive updates in the future.

Thank you again, and I wish you all the best!

Sincerely,
Ava Gernad

Marianne Timmins Scholarship Winner

Dear CVAP,

I am writing to sincerely thank you for making the CVAP scholarship possible. I was extremely excited and thankful to have been selected as the recipient for this scholarship.



As you know, I'm currently set to be an Education Science major at the University of California, Irvine. I plan to become an elementary school teacher, but eventually teach other upper grade levels as well. Thanks to your financial assistance, I will have one less stress on my shoulders as I enter this new chapter of my life.

Thank you again for your generosity and support towards my educational goals. I promise I will work hard throughout college and finish my degree.

Sincerely,
Mariajose Lopez

Dear CVAP Members,

I hope you are all doing well! I'm Sophia Gonzales, one of the 2022 scholarship recipients, and I'm writing to express my gratitude for the generous scholarship you have awarded me. It will be a great help and relief as I embark on my university education at Cal State Fullerton. Exciting times ahead!



I also wanted to say thank you for the lovely luncheon you held and the kindness you all showed. It was an enjoyable afternoon!

Thank you again,
Sophia Gonzales

Two Scholarship Winners Pledge!

Great news!! Two of our 2022 Scholarship recipients have already pledged sororities at their respective schools!



Ava Philson



Margarita (Maggie)
Huaracha Rodriguez

We are pleased to announce that **Ava Philson** has pledged Kappa Delta Sorority at U.C.L.A. Ava graduated from Palm Desert High School. She played Varsity basketball and started a needle arts Club at PDHS. Ava intends to major in Environmental Science with plans to start a career focusing on environmental policy.

Margarita (Maggie) Huaracha Rodriguez graduated from Rancho Mirage High School and has pledged Alpha Gamma Delta at San Diego State University. Maggie played both volleyball and softball in high school and has logged many volunteer hours helping to organize an early childhood education conference and working with the Cathedral City-Children in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program.

See "Ava and Maggie" next page ...

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Ava and Maggie were selected to receive CVAP scholarships after interviewing with the Scholarship Committee. All of the scholars were informed that those who pledge a National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) member sorority at their selected university would be eligible to

apply for our special "Sorority Award." Ava and Maggie will each receive an application after Christmas to be completed and returned to our Sorority Award chair by March 15, 2023.

Congratulations Ava & Maggie!



Our summer has been an active one for CVAP with delightful and delicious lunches every 2nd Thursday of the months of June through October.

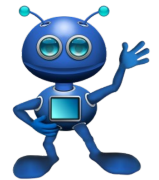
We can thank *Jodie Miller* for setting up our wonderful lunch

venues. So many of us enjoyed our time together, but we are ready for the cooler weather of Fall I am sure.



Spring Benefit

Out of this WORLD!

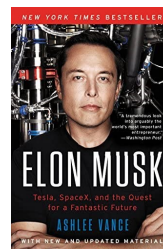


Our Spring Benefit co-chairs, Laurie Anderson and Sandy Dyer, have announced the date for our **OUT OF THIS WORLD** Spring Benefit: **Monday, March 6th**. They are asking you to **SAVE THE DATE** and to plan on joining the fun from **3-6 PM** at the **La Quinta Country Club**.



Dr. James Melton
Author of
Red Planet
Leadership

There is limited seating for this CANNOT MISS event!! Renowned author and professional speaker Dr. James Melton has shared his ideas with thousands of people worldwide. Public television produced an 8-part series of his work and he is published in National Space Society's official magazine, AdAstra. Dr. Melton is the Chief Ambassador for the Mars Society. His talk will emphasize the current



status of Space X, Elon Musk's successful project!

We need your help! Committees are waiting for your support and expertise, including room design, table design, invitations, centerpieces, costuming & makeup, apropos music and much more!



Look for more information via email and the next newsletter.

Meanwhile, contact Laurie or Sandy!



Room design ...