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Baton Rouge Phi Mu Alumnae Chapter

Spring 2020

What a Blast!

We had a great turnout for our annual Christmas party and ornament exchange. This is always a great event! Many thanks to Shelly Fallin for being such a gracious hostess in her beautiful Bocage home. Members enjoyed wine, appetizers, desserts and "stealing" ornaments. Sisters of all ages and various undergraduate chapters joined in the fun.



Alpha Eta Exam Study Bags

The Baton Rouge alumnae offered the purchase of exam bags to the Alpha Eta parents to be delivered prior to finals study week. A \$950 profit was made for our Scholarship fund. Thanks to Gwen Henry and her children for stuffing and delivering the bags to the Phi Mu house.



Happy Hour at Flambee' Café on November 7th was such fun! Not only did we have a great visit, we enjoyed some great food. Pictured L to R: Top-June Byrd, Tricia Merrick, Sheila Yellott, Jennifer Berthon & Laura Collet. Bottom-Ann Coulter, Gayle Kirwan & Caress Threadgill

Greek Excellence Award- Honoring Our Very Best

Phi Mu's honoree for the 2020 Greek Gala in March was Sarah Gibson Manguno (pictured below). She has served in many alumnae offices and was the Alpha Eta chapter advisor for several years where she was an active and is a LSU graduate. She is also involved as a community volunteer. The Gala was cancelled due to precautions taken against the Covid-19 virus

The Alumnae chapter treated our Alpha Eta ladies to Valentine treats on February 12th. The LSU chapter is our Heart to Heart partner. This partnership is for local alumnae chapters nation wide to pair up with a collegiate chapter and give them needed support. This is just one of the many things we do for Alpha Eta.



January Business Meeting

Baton Rouge Succulents

Alums and collegiates met at Baton Rouge Succulents on Highand Road to mix business and test our planting ability. After a brief meeting and new board elections, members mingled, had refreshments and planted their own succulent gardens or purchased some already made. We had a great turnout and lots of fun.

New board members elected were:

Sheila Yellott, President ;**Jan Scram**, VP of Membership; **Laura Collet**, VP of Programming; **Sarah Manguno**, Recording Secretary; **Diana Harris**, Corresponding Secretary, **June Byrd** and **Tricia Merrick**, Co-Treasurers.

A few attendess at our January meeting

L to R: Karin Simmons, June Byrd, Sheila Yellott,

Jan Scram and Kim Roccaforte Wigley



Our deepest sympathy goes out to our Sisters whose parents have passed away recently.

Renee Starring Furr, Amy Searles Karam, Marina Haydel Pinell, and Annie Kaufman Smith lost their fathers.

Brittany Guelfo and Sheila Walters Yellott lost their mothers.

Congrats on your newest addition

Katherine Burch Herring, mom of
Anne Travis Herring on 2/09/20.

Santa's Helpers

Below: Tricia Merrick, Diana Harris, Laura Collet, Brenda Bellemin and Sheila Yellott helped spread Christmas cheer at OLOL Childrens Hospital on December 20th. Donated toys from businesses & organizations all over our community sent toys to the workshop. Alumnae stocked, organized and wrapped gifts while volunteers helped parents choose toys for patients and their children. Others that participated were: Gloria Bacque, Therese Demouy, Emma Dry, Trish Dry, Eleanor Henley, Leslie Kilpatrick, Dusty Manson, and Debra Sorel. Stay tuned on how you can help the next holiday season!



*"To Keep Forever Sacred the Memory of Those We
Have Loved and Lost"*

*Judith Anding Howell
Patrician Toca Thompson
Connie Tucker*

Rachel Duris (Children's Miracle Network Specialist and Alpha Eta/LSU alum) and Sheila Yellott pose for a picture on December 12th in front of toys donated from local organizations to Santa's workshop at OLOL Children's Hospital. Sheila dropped off toys collected from alumnae and those brought to our Christmas party/ornament exchange.



2020 Founder's Day

Founder's Day on March 8th was a great success. We did a combined ceremony with the LSU Alpha Eta Chapter. Those honored with landmark anniversaries are: L to R: Kay Trippe Hawthorne-60 years, Donna Falke Knight-65 years, Sheila Yellott-Alumnae President who presented the honorees, Debra Bernard Charles-50 years, Shelley Favre Zeringue and Rebecca Phippen Boniol-25 years. More pics on page 4



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Or follow us on Facebook at Phi Mu Baton Rouge <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Phi-Mu-Baton-Rouge>

See what all the collegiate members are up to at Alpha Eta's collegiate chapter page:

<https://www.facebook.com/phimu.alphaeta.lsu>



More Founder's Day pictures. What a great day !!
Pictured above: Left-Alumnae attending. Right-Alpha Eta Chapter members

Upcoming Dates:

March 8

Founder's Day – at Lod Cook Alumni Center 2:30-4:30 pm

The following events were cancelled due to the Covid-19 quarantine

March 13

Greek Gala hosted by LSU Greek Life

April 5

Alpha Eta Easter Egg Hunt for alumnae families

April 20

3D ceremony for Alpha Eta graduating seniors

Upcoming Events

June 16

Annual luncheon meeting at Baton Rouge Country Club 11:30am

July/August

Education event to be determined

August 17-23

LSU Recruitment

September

Formal Pledging and Phi Reception for new pledges

Mid-October

Philanthropy event—making Fall wreaths

October

Initiation flower arranging at Phi Mu House

November

National Phi Mu Night Out-date & place to be determined

December

Christmas party and ornament swap-date & place to be determined