

# ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER

# JUST A NOTE AUGUST 2021

## Issue 1

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Newsletter Editor

**DEAR SISTERS OF ALPHA UPSILON,  
THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL OF  
NEWS TO SHARE WITH YOU SO WE  
ARE USING THIS FORMAT DURING THE  
MONTHS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WE  
DO NOT CONDUCT FORMAL MEETINGS  
TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH  
ALL THE AU MEMBERSMEMBERS.**

PLANS ARE BEING FINALIZED FOR OUR FIRST CHAPTER MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2021. WE WILL GATHER AT HILL CREST COUNTRY CLUB FOR A BREAKFAST MEETING BEGINNING AT 9:00AM. A BREAKFAST BUFFET IS BEING PLANNED WHICH WILL INCLUDE CARVED HAM, BACON, SAUSAGE, MADE TO ORDER OMLETS, SCRAMBLED EGGS, FRESH FRUIT, AND WAFFLES AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF BEVERAGES. COST OF THE BUFFET WILL BE \$25 WHICH INCLUDES TAX AND GRATUITY. WE WILL MEET IN THE CREST ROOM.

THE BREAKFAST WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING AND THEN THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER, EILEEN LITTLE, PA STATE DKG PRESIDENT. IT IS A FORTUNATE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST THE STATE PRESIDENT AND WE ARE ENCOURAGING A GREAT TURNOUT TO SHOW HER THAT ALPHA UPSILON IS A HARD-WORKING CHAPTER. AN INVITATION WILL SOON BE ARRIVING IN YOUR EMAIL OR MAILBOX. WE HOPE YOU JOIN IN THE KICK-OFF MEETING.

## Chapter Events in JUNE/JULY

June and July were very busy months for our Alpha Upsilon chapter. On June 21<sup>st</sup> we had our summer outing at Memorial Park on a beautiful sunny day. Twenty-seven members attended the event, featuring lots of delicious foods which they provided.

It was certainly a fellowship-building experience where members renewed friendships after our long drought due to the pandemic.

An added feature was having our 2020 and 2021 Grant-in Aid winners join us.

One has joined AU as collegiate members for the coming year and the other three have joined our College Connections. In addition, President Jennifer McKay led the group in a special activity in which each member submitted a piece of paper listing something unusual about themselves anonymously. Jenn read each paper and the members had to guess who it described. We learned some new and interesting things about each other while enjoying delicious picnic food.

July brought us our well-planned and executed 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on Sunday July 11, 2021, at the Hill Crest Country Club. Vistas of the golf club greens and beyond were a beautiful setting for our AU celebration. Carolyn Sutton was the emcee and she and Barbara Gasperini added a great deal of levity to the occasion as they recalled events that occurred earlier in the chapter's history along with several other members present. We sang Happy Birthday to ourselves and celebrated with delicious cupcakes. A rose lollipop was provided as a favor. Thank you to Barb Summers for bringing to fruition a delightful Sunday afternoon filled with camaraderie.

## ***THINGS WE HAVACCOMPLISHED***

### ***THIS PAST ALPHA UPSILON YEAR***

- Presented a Grant-in-Aid scholarship to a worthy winner. Thank you, Barb Summers, Sue Hilty and Carolyn Sutton taking care of that process.
- Had very interesting program presentations on a variety of topics
- Managed to have participation at our monthly chapter meetings and executive board meetings through Zoom.
- Members participated the PA State Convention
- Was awarded recognition of our newsletter at the state convention.
- Marsha Ewing received state Album of Distinction Award this year. Congratulations, Marsha!
- Alpha Upsilon was recognized at state convention for 60 years of being an organized chapter. Congratulations to all members.
- Welcomed several new members into our chapter.
- Worked within our balanced budget meeting all our needs- Thank you Sue Hilty
- Conducted a very successful 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration this summer> Thank you, Barb Summers for taking the lead in that event.
- Thanks to our President for conducting Zoom meetings so that the work of the chapter could continue to a limited degree during the pandemic.
- We had a beautiful afternoon at Memorial Park for the annual picnic where we met several of our Grant-in-Aid recipients.
- Shared many correspondences with membership. Thanks to Linda Henkel.
- Created a new marketing brochure for the chapter and communicated with members through the newsletter.
- Feel free to send me additions to the list. In spite of our national circumstances, we were able to accomplish some things to hold our chapter together. Thank you all you continue to belong and support Alpha Upsilon Chapter.



Sincere condolences are sent out to Sandy Ross whose mother-in-law recently passed away. We wish her family peace and comfort in this difficult time.

