

# *Kappa Delta Sorority*

making great things happen.

San Antonio Alumnae Chapter  
Established 1928

March 2010



Well, spring has sprung and I love seeing the wildflowers blooming along the roadways. Our Alumnae Chapter is also busy with spring time activities. Leslie McLean and her committee honored Shamrock with a creative “Chari-tea”. They did a great job creating fun table settings such as “Chinese, Zebra Print, Black & White, White Rose, Princess and French”. We also had a chance to hear a few words from the Director of Healthy Families San Antonio, Norma Cuellar Hicks. Thanks to Leslie and her committee for organizing such a successful Shamrock event; so successful that we ended up raising \$749.00!!!

Another spring time event for our AC is the transitioning of the board. We’ve got a new group of enthusiastic and talented sisters and I know we’re going to thrive under their leadership! Please give these ladies as much support and kindness as you have shown me these past two years.

On a personal note, I’d like to express my thanks to the outgoing board. The successes that we’ve enjoyed; increased membership, balanced budget, expanded internet exposure, and community service activities are all because of the selfless women sitting beside me at our board meetings. It was their time, talent and treasure that gave us the opportunity to make “great things happen” in San Antonio.

With much KD love,

*Kathy*

# Upcoming Events

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, Lunch Bunch:** 11:30 am. Houlihans, 1604 & Blanco. Please contact Kathy @ (210) 710-6691 or Melissa @ (479) 601-1545 if you have any questions.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, Happy Hour:** 6:00 p.m. Panchito's Mexican Grill @ the Quarry, 7310 Jones-Maltsberger Rd. 78209 (210) 290-8066. Please contact Kathy @ (210) 710-6691 or Melissa @ (479) 601-1545 if you have any questions.



Shamrock Update: Thanks to Leslie McLean and her committee we raised \$749; 80% of that will go to Healthy Families San Antonio and 20% will go to Kappa Delta Foundation Children in Need fund. Great Work Ladies!!!

Thank you Penny Jeffrey for managing our election process!  
Congratulations to our newly elected board for 2010:

President:	Melissa Mayfield
Vice President Membership:	Kayli Christensen
Treasurer:	Marlene McPeek
Secretary:	Melanie Brandt
Int. Comm./Newsletter	Nikki McIntyre
Ext. Comm./Public Relations	Andrea Melcher
Panhellenic Delegate	Stacey Darr

Watch for the upcoming announcements of the appointed positions



Natalie Stroup has left for a 3 month trip to work as a medical volunteer in a village in Tanzania. Here is an excerpt from her blog: *Well, the internet venture has not worked out quite to my liking. The house is about an hour walk from town so I have to take a taxi. There is one computer at the house and the power shuts off randomly (yes, this will be my third draft of this email). It also occurred to me at an internet café but I have finally found a reliable internet café. I will be coming more often so you might get sick of hearing from me now, lol. I am just typing straight from my journal so please bare with me if it is not grammatically correct (sometimes written in the dark with only a flashlight). I will start from the beginning.*

*Feb 19/20*

*Now what day is it? Wow, what a long 9425 miles, no pun intended. My flight was pretty delayed from one of the first legs of the trip, Houston. There was something wrong with the cabin pressure mechanism which took a couple of hours to repair so in return I missed my other connecting flights which is a big deal with an international flight which has multiple connecting legs. My best friend, Kristen, (aka, Europe companion) told me to tell London hello for her (one of my layovers). Well, I have been here long enough (morning until night) to give London every time of greeting known to man. Some not so polite and some even in Swahili since all I have had to do with my time is read. Oh ye, and try to attempt to sleep on a wooden bench. London has great shopping in the airport but who the hell wants to shops for Jimmy Choo high heels when they are on their way to Africa and also currently wearing hiking boots (not that I could afford them anyways). To put in perspective for you, I left SA at 1:50 pm on Friday and will arrive in Kilimanjaro airport at 2:00am (your time) on Sunday. Pretty damn assaulting to one's senses and in my opinion, too long to be in transit. One thing that has taken me by surprise is how many acknowledgements you receive wearing a shirt that reads "international volunteer" in bold letters across the front. I was instructed to wear the shirt so I would be recognized by the drive in Tanzania. I had an airport security staff stop and thank me, and then a man on one of the planes say, "even though I don't know you, you're amazing in my book." Then he grabbed his wife to come over and meet me where she started asking me questions. Also, a lady from Nairobi asked why I was going to Africa. I explained and got the solid seal of approval, "I like that. We need it and you will experience the true Africa," she claimed. Ok, I am blessed! I got all three seats to myself from London to Nairobi. Night Night.*



The San Antonio Alumni Chapter for Texas Christian University has been awarded the National Chapter of the Year for 2008-2009! This award, the highest honor given to a chapter, is presented to the most outstanding chapter nationwide. Our very own LaDonna Mills has been the President of this chapter for the past two years! Kudos to LaDonna and her leadership!



**Congratulations** to Ruth and Quentin Stansell on celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

**Sad News:** Our sympathy goes out to Carol Schwartz who lost her mother two days short of her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.