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Sigma Kappa Sorority Holds Convention in Chicago

Members of Sigma Kappa Sorority gathered in Chicago at the Sheraton Grand Chicago for their 87th national convention, held July 6-9. The theme for the week was "Brave Women. Big City. Bold Purpose."

Events kicked off Wednesday evening at the welcome banquet, where Sigma Kappa's new unified brand, Live with Heart, was revealed, and Lisa M. Dietlin, internationally-recognized expert on transformational philanthropy, gave an inspiring talk about finding joy in life and how to set and achieve goals. Thursday's highlights included the Sigma Kappa Foundation and Alzheimer's Association celebration dinner. The evening featured speakers, entertainment, and the presentation of a \$1 million check to the Alzheimer's Association as the lead gift for the Women's Alzheimer's Research Initiative.

Educational offerings throughout convention included a large-group session for collegiate members and volunteers on creating a supportive sisterhood, as well as small-group breakouts covering topics as diverse as values-based recruitment, marketing and public relations, fundraising, financial management, and technology.

Friday featured the Panhellenic Luncheon, during which retired hall of fame NASA astronaut Dr. Rhea Seddon, *Lambda*, shared how she was able to use the lessons she learned from Sigma Kappa in her later career as a doctor, astronaut and healthcare consultant. That afternoon, attendees walked to Grant Park to form a human Alzheimer's logo for a photo that will be used by the Alzheimer's Association in marketing materials.

Convention closed with the alumnae/collegiate achievement banquet, where collegiate and alumnae chapters were honored for their outstanding work over the past biennium. At the achievement banquet, the Sigma Kappa Foundation announced an unprecedented capital campaign called *Shared Hearts. New Heights*. The five-year, \$5 million campaign will build on our history of bringing women together to make a difference, position Sigma Kappa as a leader among sororities, and, at the same time, generate a major investment in our primary philanthropic focus: Alzheimer's disease research.

The following women were installed to serve as Sigma Kappa's national council over the next biennium:

President	Sara Seely Chacon
Vice President for Alumnae	Ann O'Connell
Vice President for Collegiate Chapters	Malana Hartzog Salyer
Vice President for Membership	Mary Ellen Evans Elkins
Vice President for Extension	Meaghan Miller Thul
Vice President for Programming	Carol Beth Land Ivory
Vice President for Communication	Kellie Bray
Vice President for Finance	Rebecca Baynard Patel

The women serving on the Sigma Kappa Foundation board of trustees for the next biennium are:

President	Sarah Nelson Womble
Executive Vice President	Suzy Garner Booker
Vice President of Administration	Dawn Coppole O'Connor
Vice President of Finance	Susan Fong Polizzotto
Trustee – Sorority President	Sara Seely Chacon
Trustee	Cheri Morrell De Jong
Trustee	Glenna Kelley Duke
Trustee	Teresa Gray John
Trustee	Julia Kent
Trustee – Sorority Vice President for Alumnae	Ann O'Connell
Trustee	Karyn Nishimura Sneath
Trustee	Carolyn Caudell Tieger
Trustee	Marsha L. Traub

The following women were elected to the National Housing Corporation board of directors for the next biennium:

President	Susan Willis
VP Communications	Lisa Wade Humenik
VP Housing Operations	Roxanne Evans
VP Property Management	Jaclynn Treat
VP Finance	Julie Linnenbringer Napper
VP Programming	Krista Thomas Roberts
Sorority Vice President for Finance	Rebecca Baynard Patel

Sigma Kappa Sorority, founded in 1874, is a national not-for-profit organization of more than 165,000 women dedicated to excellence in academics, personal character, and service to society. The purpose of Sigma Kappa Sorority is to "provide women lifelong opportunities and support for social, intellectual, and spiritual development by bringing women together to positively impact our communities."

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