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COACHELLA VALLEY ALUMNAE PANAHELLENIC

Summer 2026 Newsletter

From the Desk of the President:

All I can say is...wow!

Your response to the CVAP June newsletter was incredible. The positive comments and words of encouragement meant so much to all of us who worked on it. Our Board and Committee Chairs put tremendous thought and effort into creating that first newsletter, and your enthusiastic feedback made every hour worthwhile. Thank you!

I would be remiss if I didn't give special recognition to Mia Hodgkins, who worked tirelessly on the newsletter's design, layout, and formatting. She transformed great content into a publication that was both informative and beautiful. Thank you, Mia—and thank you to everyone who noticed and shared your comments.

There is no shortage of opportunities to connect with your Panhellenic sisters over the next few months. August, September, and October are filled with lunches, Happy Hours, and an October dinner. Be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter so you don't miss any of the fun.

Our first regular membership meeting and luncheon will be held on November 12th. The location will be announced later on with the menu and venue details, so watch for the official announcement. I'm especially excited because the program at the November meeting will focus on us—the remarkable history of CVAP, CVAP's many accomplishments, and the extraordinary women whose vision and dedication built the foundation that continues to support our scholars today.

Speaking of those remarkable women, our June newsletter highlighted Pat Mauritzen's very generous bequest to CVAP. Her gift is truly transformational. It gives CVAP the opportunity to build long-term financial stability rather than relying solely on annual fundraising to determine how much in scholarship dollars CVAP can award each year.

If we are wise stewards of Pat's gift, future bequests, contributions to the Patron Fund, and our continuing fundraising efforts, we can create a permanent legacy that supports deserving young women for generations to come. What a wonderful legacy for all of us to help build, and we have Pat to thank for the cornerstone.

That brings me to another important feature in this newsletter—an article on planned giving. It is a deeply personal subject and not always an easy one to discuss. Yet Pat's generosity reminds us that each of us has the opportunity to make a lasting difference. Whether large or small, planned gifts can help ensure that future generations of young women continue to benefit from the educational opportunities that define CVAP's mission.

The last newsletter contained a very detailed financial report. As you can imagine, there were not many changes in the financial department in June and July. Thus, the financial report is pretty bare bones—just the raw numbers! There will be more as we gear up for prime season.

On a lighter note, if you're staying indoors to escape the desert heat—or simply would enjoy catching up—I'd love to host an informal Zoom get-together. Bring your ideas, ask questions, or just enjoy visiting with a fellow member. Simply send me a text, email, or give me a call, and we'll find a convenient time. Phone: 614-371-4433 and Email: BridgetteRoman@hotmail.com. Please note that I'll be traveling in Europe from August 17 through September 5, but I'd love to connect before I leave or after I return.

You'll also notice a new addition to our newsletter—Birthdays! Even though many of us spend August and September traveling or escaping the desert heat, it's wonderful to know when a CVAP sister is celebrating a birthday. A quick phone call, text, or card is a simple way to stay connected. Many thanks to Nancy Ringman for suggesting and coordinating this thoughtful addition.

Your Board has also been hard at work throughout June and July. With valuable input from a wonderful focus group (thank you, ladies!), we explored a new membership platform that will help us stay better connected. Our goal is to make it easier to register for events, stay informed about upcoming programs, communicate with one another, and support our most important mission—our scholars. We're especially grateful for several generous CVAP supporters who provided a grant specifically designated for these technology enhancements. Because of that gift, we can modernize our member experience without diverting scholarship dollars from the young women we serve.

Looking a bit further ahead, conversations have already begun about kicking off CVAP's 75th Anniversary in 2028. This milestone deserves a memorable celebration, and we'd love your ideas. What would you like to see? Please send us your suggestions—we truly want this to be a celebration created by and for our members.

As we prepare for that milestone anniversary, we have one special request: Let us know in what year you first joined CVAP? Nancy Ringman has membership records for our newer members, but many earlier records are incomplete. Rather than relying on memories alone, please email Nancy with the year you first became a member. Your best estimate is perfectly fine if you're not certain. Recognizing milestone membership anniversaries will be one meaningful way to honor the women whose loyalty has strengthened CVAP over the decades. Nancy's email: nadr1821@gmail.com.

Fall is just around the corner—and for those enduring another difficult desert summer, I know that cooler temperatures can't arrive soon enough. For those of you who undertook fun summer adventures, look further into this newsletter for a way you can share your summer fun!

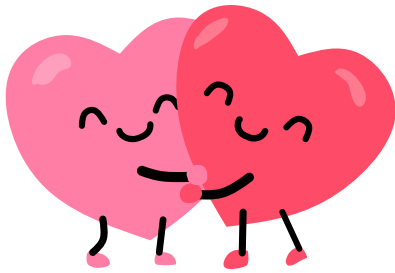
On a more serious note: As we begin a new season, I hope you'll think about how you'd like to reconnect with CVAP and help us continue to grow, serve, thrive, and meet the objectives that the National Panhellenic Conference has set for us and other Alumnae Panhellenics. There is a great article in this newsletter that speaks to those objectives.

Thank you for the confidence you've placed in me. It is an honor to serve as your President, and I look forward to working alongside all of you as we build an even stronger CVAP and prepare to celebrate CVAP's 75th Anniversary together.

With gratitude,

Bridgette Roman
Alpha Delta Pi
CVAP President 2026-27





CVAP Members and Scholars enjoying time together and catching up this summer!



Recognition Worth Celebrating!

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Board and Committee Chairs for these 2025-2026 awards from the NPC! All well-deserved honors!



Upcoming Events: Summer Lunches & Happy Hour!

Our Summer Lunches and Happy Hours are continuing through October! Join us for gatherings filled with friendship, conversation, and connection.

For Summer Lunches: Text/call Ramona to RSVP at (760) 799 - 6289

For Happy Hours: Email BridgetteRoman@hotmail.com to RSVP

We hope to see you there!



August 13th @ Grapefruit Basil, Tommy Bahama Mirmonte

45000 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells
11:00am - 1:00pm

August 19th @ Chateau at Lake La Quinta

78-120 Caleo Bay, La Quinta
5:30pm

September 10th @ California Pizza Kitchen

73080 El Paseo, Palm Desert
11:00am - 1:00pm

September 23rd @ Red Barn

73290 Hwy 111, Palm Desert
5:30pm

October 8th @ Casa Luna

72355 Hwy 111, Palm Desert
11:00am - 1:00pm

October 21st @ Cowboy Cantina

71800 Hwy 111, Rancho Mirage
5:30pm

Get Involved with the Scholarship Committee!

Interested in volunteering on the Scholarship Committee for 2026-2027?!

Please contact **Ramona**, because she needs to organize interview teams.

Email: **ramona.frost@homail.com** Text/call: **760-799-6289**

Indicate if you:

- are willing to volunteer on an Interview Team at one of the local 10 high schools
- are comfortable being the lead person on an Interview Team
- have a high school preference
- can volunteer to attend the Senior Award Night at the high school and present on behalf of CVAP



Please note that preferences of high schools are NOT guaranteed. Ramona needs to balance the teams with experienced and new members. An entire interview team cannot be from the same sorority.

2026-2027 Calendar at a Glance!

Also included in the previous letter - we are excited to share a tentative calendar for the upcoming season beginning in October! Please note that this calendar is **SUBJECT TO CHANGE** and does not include all gatherings. We will continue to notify of any changes and upcoming events as they come!



FALL 2026

- October 8 • Welcome Back Lunch
- October 21 • Fall Happy Hour
- October 28 • Supper Club
- November 12 • Luncheon/Meeting
- November 18 • Supper Club
- December 10 • Holiday Luncheon (Toys for Children)
- December 16 • Holiday Supper Club



WINTER 2027

- January 5 • Scholarship Committee Meeting
- January 14 • Luncheon/Meeting
- January 18 • Scholarship Application Opens
- January 19 • Happy Hour
- January 27 • Supper Club
- February 11 • Luncheon/Meeting (Books for Children)
- February 17 • Happy Hour
- February 24 • Supper Club



SPRING 2027

- March 11 • Annual Benefit
- March 19 • First Day of Scholarship Interviews
- March 24 • Happy Hour
- March 31 • Supper Club
- April 8 • Luncheon/Meeting
- April 21 • Happy Hour
- April 28 • Supper Club
- April TBD • End of Season Party
- May 1 • Scholarship Luncheon
- May (Various Dates) • Senior Awards Nights



A Current Look at our Finances:

Our CVAP Treasurers, Karen Gonzales (Operations) and Toni Harms (Benefit), are happy to share updated account balances for the period ending on July 31, 2026:

- Operating Account (checking) - \$10,890.21
- Liquid Asset Account (money market) - \$75,186.42
- Benefit/Scholarship (checking) - \$25,349.65
- Marianne Timmins Memorial 9MAT) (CD) - \$53,032.85
- Diamond Legacy Award (CD) - \$26,370.29
- Mauritzen Bequest (money markey) - \$253,511.86

There have also been memorials donated in July included in the above totals or Diane Jessup and Sharlene Britz for the Patron Fund.



Important Update to Zelle Email Address:

Please be aware that the email address for sending dues, luncheon payments, benefit registrations, and donations via ZELLE has changed.

The new email address is:

cvap4treasurers@gmail.com

Please make the change on the Zelle page of your bank account so that when you are ready to use it, the accurate address will be ready. Thank you!

It's Here! Patron Fund Contributions with Zelle

Now it's easier than ever to support our scholarships if you prefer an online option!

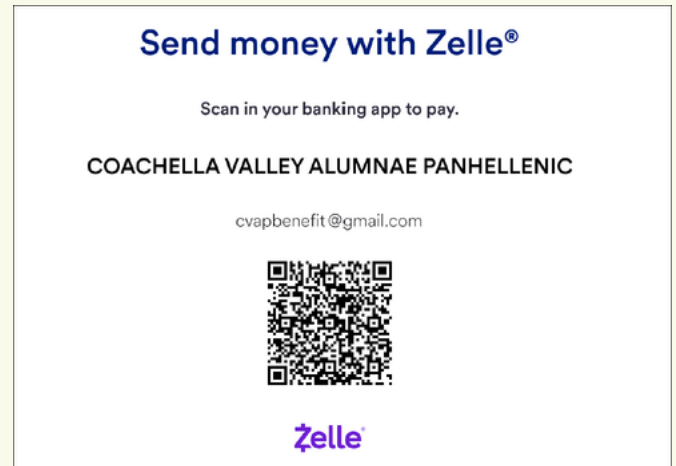
You can make a single contribution or select the "repeat payment" option if you wish to make your gift over time (you will be prompted to choose your desired frequency). This is a terrific and convenient way to support our scholarships!

If you prefer, you may continue to mail Patron Fund checks. Please send to Shaun Young at 81361 Rustic Canyon Dr., La Quinta, CA 92253.

Your support adds up! Consider giving on a recurring basis—your donations are recorded and cumulatively result in your end-of-year giving level (Ruby, Pearl, Topaz, Emerald, Sapphire or Diamond).

Have questions or need assistance? Contact Shaun Young, Patron Fund chair, helloshaunyoung@gmail.com or 949-500-8539.

Just scan this QR code:



Please write "Patron Fund in the memo line."

****This QR code and email is separate from the account change mentioned previously.****

Calling all CVAP Photographers!

SEPTEMBER PHOTO CONTEST



DID YOU HAVE A THOROUGHLY MEMORABLE MOMENT DURING THE SUMMER THAT YOU CAUGHT IN A PHOTO? DID YOU TRAVEL TO SOME PLACE SPECTACULAR? SEND YOUR PHOTO TO CVAPCOMMUNICATIONS@GMAIL.COM. BEST PHOTO WINS A GIFT CARD AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER.

Celebrating our Summer Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to our CVAP sisters with July and August birthdays! We're wishing each of you a wonderful birthday filled with happiness, love, and plenty of reasons to celebrate. We're so grateful to have you as part of our Panhellenic community and hope your special day was/is as wonderful as you are!



Mia Hodgkins - 7/10

Becky Humphreys - 7/15

Christine Stein - 7/18

Sandy Woodson - 7/19

Joyce Johnson - 7/22

Glenda Morden - 7/23

Joan Petruzzi - 7/31

Cindy Haesy-Navarrete - 8/3

Lexi Ward - 8/4

Suzanne Davidson - 8/5

Jodie Miler - 8/10

Lynn Johnson - 8/14

Nancy Gerrish - 8/17

Iris Anderson - 8/18

Judy Sanders - 8/24



Getting to Know the NPC's Alumnae Panhellenic & it's New Logo!



You've probably seen it and scratched your head with this question: APH? What's that? The National Panhellenic Conference recently developed a new logo not only for NPC itself, but for its Alumnae PanHellenic associations, of which CVAP is one. In addition to the logo change, there have been some changes in strategic direction. According to NPC's strategic priorities, Alumnae Panhellenic Associations "exist to promote the sorority experience through local engagement of NPC member organization alumnae members and support for collegiate scholarships for current and potential members."

According to NPC's 2026 Manual of Information, "Alumnae Panhellenics have an important function in informing the public about the value of the sorority experience and updating members on matters of interest...NPC recognizes the stabilizing force of Alumnae Panhellenics and appreciates their excellent and varied contributions to local communities and the purpose of NPC member organizations...Fostered by NPC, well-informed Alumnae Panhellenics enhance the sorority community through scholarship awards, annual educational and informational events for PNMs, philanthropic projects, community service and civic leadership...Alumnae Panhellenics range from a group of Panhellenic alumnae meeting regularly for social gatherings to fully structured organizations that promote annual scholarships, participate in fundraising and perform community service and philanthropic activities."

The NPC Manual goes on to note that "As college education costs continue to increase, NPC encourages Alumnae Panhellenics to emphasize scholarship in their annual programming efforts. Alumnae Panhellenics undertake fundraising activities for scholarship programs that bring together Panhellenic women in support of education."

These words make it clear that CVAP has been given a mission by NPC: scholarships. Many of CVAP's members enjoy the collegiality of attending lunches and chatting with sorority sisters. Certainly the joy of that camaraderie is important, but none of us should ever forget that our mission and passion is our scholars and their futures. So, enjoy the luncheons, the dinners, and the happy hours, but please at each occasion when we gather: remember our scholars and future scholars.

A Legacy That Lives On

"One scholarship changes one life. One educated woman changes generations. One legacy gift changes an entire community."

For more than seven decades, the women of Coachella Valley Alumnae Panhellenic have believed in the power of education. Together, we have opened doors that might otherwise have remained closed, giving deserving young women the opportunity to pursue their dreams through higher education.

Many of us have spent a lifetime supporting causes that reflect our values. We have volunteered, mentored, attended luncheons and galas, written annual checks, and celebrated the accomplishments of our scholarship recipients. These gifts have made an extraordinary difference.

There is another meaningful way to continue that impact for generations to come: planned giving.

A planned gift is simply a gift made as part of your overall financial or estate planning. For many people, it is as straightforward as including a charitable organization in a will or living trust. Others choose to name a charity as a beneficiary of a retirement account, life insurance policy, or IRA. These gifts often cost nothing during your lifetime but create a lasting legacy for causes you cherish.

For California residents, thoughtful estate planning is particularly important. Including a charitable organization in your estate plan can be a meaningful way to express your values while ensuring your loved ones are cared for according to your wishes. Every situation is unique. *Members should consult their attorney, financial advisor, or tax professional when considering these decisions.*



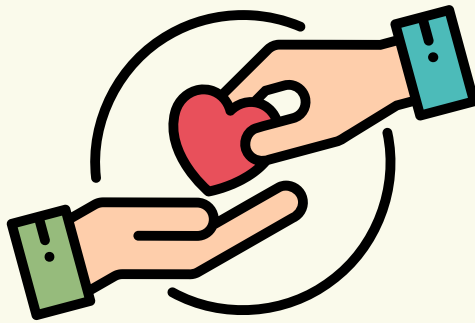
Imagine a young woman, years from now, receiving a scholarship funded by someone she will never have the opportunity to meet. She may not know your favorite song, your career, or the stories you shared with your sisters and friends. But she will know that you believed in her future. She will graduate, begin a career, support her family, and make her own contribution to her community because someone cared enough to invest in her education.

That is the extraordinary power of a legacy gift.

Whether large or modest, every planned gift helps ensure that CVAP's scholarship program continues to thrive long after today's members have passed the torch to the next generation. It is one of the most enduring ways to say, "Education mattered to me, and I want it to matter for generations to come."

As we look toward the future, we are reminded that the strongest organizations are built not only by those who serve today, but also by those whose vision extends beyond tomorrow.

Your legacy can become someone else's beginning.



Did You Know?

Simple Ways to Leave a Legacy

Many planned gifts are easier than people realize.

- **Include CVAP in your will or trust.** You may choose a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder after providing for your loved ones.
- **Name CVAP as a beneficiary.** Retirement accounts, IRAs, life insurance policies, and certain investment accounts often allow you to name or update beneficiaries with a simple form.
- **Give a percentage instead of a fixed amount.** Many people prefer leaving 1%, 5%, or 10% of their estate so the gift naturally adjusts over time.
- **Honor someone special.** A legacy gift can be made in memory of a loved one, a cherished sorority sister, or someone who inspired your educational journey.
- **Share your intentions.** If you have already included CVAP in your plans, please let us know. We would love the opportunity to thank you and ensure your gift is used in the manner you envision.

Every Legacy Matters!

There is no "right" gift amount.

A planned gift of any size can help provide scholarships for young women who have the talent, determination, and dreams to pursue higher education. Your gift becomes part of a legacy that will continue opening doors for generations to come.

Book Club Recap:



Last month, the CVAP Book Club read *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi, concluding with a lively discussion between members on Zoom.

Interested in future book club readings and gatherings? Stay tuned for an updated reading list for the upcoming season! You can reach out to Nancy Ringman at: nadr1821@gmail.com to be added to the book club email list or with any questions!

Come read with us—we promise good books, great conversations, and even better company!

An 80s Night Out!



Looking for a fun night out?!

Grab a friend and head to an 80's musical show starring CVAP member Candi Quaid (ZTA) on **August 15th at Shadow Mountain Birdie Bar** and **August 29th at Guiseppe's in Palm Desert.**

Reservations are needed for both shows so call each location for details.

Help Us Grow!

Every Member Can Help!

Help Us Find More Panhellenic Sisters

Many sorority alumnae in our area don't know about CVAP.
You can help us reach them!



1 CONTACT

your National Sorority
Alumnae Office.



2 REQUEST

a list of alumnae living within
20 miles of ZIP Code 92255.



3 SHARE

the list with CVAP so we can invite
these women to connect, engage,
and belong.



Every new member
expands our circle of

friendship

and increases our ability
to support outstanding
young women through

scholarships.



WHY IT MATTERS



More members bring
more talent, time, and
ideas that **strengthen**
CVAP.



More members mean
more friendships,
more fun, and
greater impact.



More support = more
scholarships = more
opportunities for
amazing young women.

*Thank you for helping
CVAP grow and thrive!*

CVAP

Friendship ♦ Leadership ♦ Scholarship ♦ Enlightenment ♦ Philanthropy