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NEWSLETTER

CVAP CONNECT

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From the Desk of the President:

Panhellenic Sisters,

I write this on the heels of our first meeting of the 2026-27 CVAP year. In a nutshell, the first CVAP meeting was fantastic! Our luncheon at Monterey Country Club featured great menus and an excellent view. And, then there was the program. Candi Quaid, VP of Programs, was the moderator of a terrific panel discussion where we heard about the incredible successes of past year's Benefits and learned that Benefits in the not-so-distant past had 600 guests and raised an amazing amount of money for our Scholars!

Our three-member panel, comprised of Peggy Buezle, Jodie Miller, and Cheryl Johnsen, recounted their fun-filled memories of our unique sisterhood and our scholarship mission. Attendees were inspired by their words, and the room had a vibe of energy and excitement. Now, let's harness that enthusiasm and have an amazing season of support for our Patron Fund and Benefit (more on that in this Newsletter). Each table was decorated with a season mum plant which the longest-tenured member at the table was able to take home. In addition, a new nametag ribbon program was launched recognizing our 25+ year members, Board Members, Past presidents, and 2026-27 Patron Fund Donors. Besides our Program we heard from the Patron Fund Chairwoman, Shaun Young, who explained the importance of Patron Fund support to our primary objective: our Scholars!

There are three key upcoming important dates: (1) Happy Hour on November 24th at 5:00 pm (location further in this Newsletter); (2) December 5th is the deadline for reservations for December 10th monthly meeting/luncheon (details on how to RSVP follow); (3) Gather, Sip & Savor Dinner Group on December 16th. We hope you will join in on one or all of these events.

Bridgette Roman
Alpha Delta Pi
CVAP President 2026-27

Please don't forget: December 10th meeting is our annual special visit from the Marines who will collect toys for their Toys for Tots program. Please bring a new and unwrapped toy or gift for a child (don't forget the older kids) to the December luncheon/meeting.

A special incentive to read the entire Newsletter: You may think that there is no such thing as a free lunch, but there is! Find the hidden instructions to get your lunch/meeting registration for December 10th free of charge (maybe, the winner will consider donating an equal amount to the Patron Fund). There will be only one winner and it will be the first person to follow the directions.

Recruiting Event: Besides our wonderful luncheon/meeting at Monterey Country Club, CVAP also hosted a recruiting event on November 6th at The Citrus Club. We had a wonderful turnout, great food and drinks, and (best part) three new CVAP Members as a result. Want to host a recruiting event for CVAP in your community or at your club? Contact Nancy Ringman to get the blue print for a successful recruiting event.

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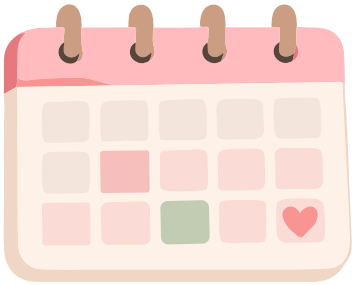
Here Before You Know It: December Luncheon!

Click HERE to make a reservation!



2026-2027 Calendar at a Glance!

Also included in previous letters- please see below the tentative calendar for CVAP's 2026-2027 season. 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!



❄️ WINTER 2026/2027

November 24 • Happy Hour @ Il Corso
December 10 • Holiday Luncheon (Toys for Children)
December 16 • Gather, Sip, & Savor @ a Surprise Venue in La Quinta!
January 5 • Scholarship Committee Meeting
January 14 • Luncheon/Meeting @ Mission Hills Country Club
January 18 • Scholarship Application Opens
January 19 • Happy Hour
January 27 • Gather, Sip, & Savor
February 11 • Luncheon/Meeting (Books for Children) @ PGA West
February 17 • Happy Hour
February 24 • Gather, Sip, & Savor

🌷 SPRING 2027

March 18 • Annual Benefit @ Rancho Las Palmas
March 19 • First Day of Scholarship Interviews
March 24 • Happy Hour
March 31 • Gather, Sip, & Savor
April 4 • Spring Fling
April 8 • Luncheon/Meeting
April 21 • Happy Hour
April 28 • Gather, Sip, & Savor
May 1 • Scholarship Luncheon
May (Various Dates) • Senior Awards Nights



CVAP Members Attending the First Luncheon of the 2026-2027 Season!

More Upcoming Events... Happy Hour at Il Corso!



Introducing our 2026-2027 Scholarship Commitee!

Linda Simmons (ΔΓ)
Giorgi Duvall (ΚΔ)
Nancy Ringman (ΔΓ)
Antoinette "Toni" Harms (ΚΑΘ)
Charlie Consoli (ΖΤΑ)
Joyce Johnson (ΑΦ)
Stephanie Carter (ΖΤΑ)
Joan Petruzzi (ΑΓΔ)
Sally Alvino (ΚΑΘ)
Christine Elliott (ΚΚΓ)

Barbara Mueller (ΑΓΔ)
Killian Chatterton (ΔΓ)
Allison Tennant (ΑΓΔ)
Daryl Swanson (ΑΓΔ)
Carol Freeman (ΔΓ)
Debbie White (ΑΓΔ)
Mary Warwick (ΚΔ)
Amy Howe (ΔΓ)
Amy Jeandron (ΔΓ)
Shaun Young (ΔΓ)
Jane Auerswald (ΑΓΔ)

Susan Murphy (ΚΔ)
Pam Blodgett (ΑΧΩ)
Laurie Anderson (ΑΧΩ)
Marsha Shean (ΔΓ)
Anne Grey (ΑΦ)
Julie Hodges (ΓφΒ)
Lynne Sacks (ΔΓ)
Joanne Hardy (ΑΦ)
Candi Quaid (ΖΤΑ)
Ramona Frost Ruiz (ΑΓΔ)



A big thank-you to all the members who have volunteered to serve on CVAP's Scholarship Committee this year! Committee members will review applications and interview their top candidates to help select this year's scholarship recipients.

We are especially grateful for the many members who have returned year after year to serve. Several have dedicated a decade to the committee, while a few special ladies have volunteered for multiple decades! This year's committee includes six Executive Board members, two appointed Committee members, and two past CVAP Presidents. Their experience, enthusiasm, and willingness to mentor newer committee members help ensure that CVAP continues to identify and support outstanding young scholars. Thank you for your time, dedication, and commitment to helping deserving young women pursue higher education!

We Need Your Help!

There are still two interview openings available—one at Cathedral City High School and another at Desert Hot Springs High School. If you are interested in joining the Scholarship Committee and helping make a young woman's educational dreams a reality, **please call or text Ramona Frost Ruiz at (760) 799-6289.**

Coming Soon to a Mailbox Near You!

CVAP's annual Patron Fund mailing is going out shortly. Is your address in our directory up to date? If not, **please make any needed changes** ASAP by logging in on our website.

Scholarships from our Patron Fund have been awarded to more than 650 deserving local women, supporting their college and career goals. Thank you for helping us reach our 2026-2027 goal of $45,000 which will help us continue to make a meaningful impact on young women's lives while sharing the opportunities of sorority membership.



Updated Financial Report:

End of October Account Balances are:

Operating Account: $13,302.41

Liquid Asset Account: $75,547.33

Benefit Account: $19,997.66

Marianne Timmons Account: $53,607.80

Diamond Legacy Account: $26,567.76

Mauritzen Account: $215,199.80



Welcome to our New & Returning Members!

We are excited to welcome our returning members and extend a warm welcome to those joining CVAP for the first time! We look forward to another wonderful year of friendship, sisterhood, community involvement, and fun. We are so glad you're part of CVAP!

Alicia Grantham • Lisa Corcoran • Samantha (Sam) Duffle • Phyllis Kladder

Give the Gift of Reading!

Greetings from your CVAP Books for Children Chair, Carol Freeman, to let you know about an opportunity to support the community and purchase books to donate to CVAP Books for Children!

The **COD Library Foundation's December Book Sale** is on **December 11-13th** at the **Friends of COD Library Warehouse and Bookroom** from **9:00am-3:00pm.**

Read the details about the sale by clicking HERE!

Donated books can be brought to the February CVAP meeting highlighting Books for Children.

Reach out to Carol at **freeman14@comcast.net** with questions or to let her know if you will attend and purchase books to donate to CVAP!



Happy Birthday from CVAP!



December Birthdays:

12/01 - Carrie Brookshire
12/04 - Sally Hazzard
12/05 - Pamela Sinco
12/05 - Ann Fish
12/14 - Martha McCool
12/14 - Beedy Ritchie
12/16 - Katheryn "Katy" Hoehn
12/18 - Joddi DeMarco
12/23 - Sally Alvino
12/26 - Mollie Campbell

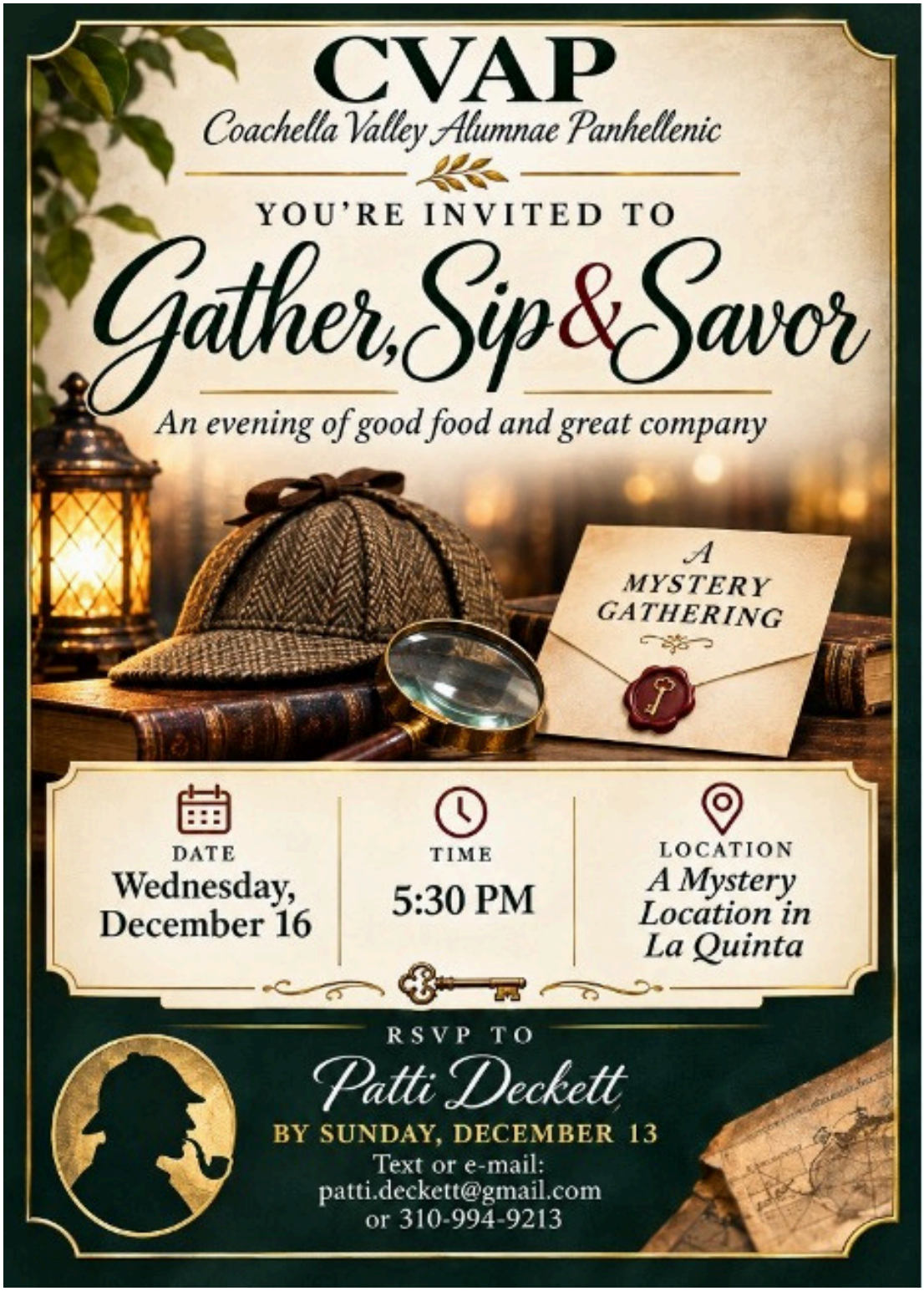


Join the Margaritaville Team!

Our annual benefit is only a success thanks to the generosity and support of our members! We are looking for volunteers to help with **registration, decorations, and other event-day activities**. We are also collecting **silent auction donations and wine bottles** for our popular Wine Pull. Whether you can lend a hand, donate an item, or contribute a bottle of wine, every bit of help makes a difference. Join the Margaritaville team and help make this year's benefit a success! **Please contact Stephanie Carter at Steph.c.carter@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.**



More Upcoming Events: December Gather, Sip, & Savor



PS... Interested in getting a free lunch reservation? For more information, send an email to **CVAP.Communications@gamil.com** stating: Sign me up for a free lunch!

Help CVAP Grow!

Do you know a sorority alumna who would enjoy being part of CVAP? Whether she's a longtime friend, neighbor, or fellow country club member, we'd love to introduce her to our organization!



We're looking for opportunities to share all that CVAP has to offer through presentations at local country clubs and community gatherings. If you know of a group that might be interested, please contact VP Membership Nancy Ringman (**714-721-5799 or nadr1821@gmail.com**) to help us spread the word!

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