

SIGMA KAPPA SORORITY

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chapter newsletter

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Huge Success at SKetti Night!!!



Pictured: Left to Right - Katie Cucullu, Leah Lopez, Erin Meyer, Rebecca Van Compennolle, Megan Stanphill, Kelsey Jones, Emily Berry, and Melissa O'Connor.



By: Jenny Beede

On Friday, March 6th, Kappa Xi held its first ever SKetti Night, a philanthropic event to benefit Alzheimer's Disease research. It took place at the house starting at 5:00 p.m. and lasting till 2:00 a.m. Tickets were sold for \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door.

We also raffled off six baskets: A men's basket which included sports gear and apparel; a MAC Cosmetics \$35 Gift Card; a Wolf Pack basket; a beach basket; a Tupperware basket; and a baked goods basket filled with brownies and cookies.

Expectations were surpassed as \$6,500 was raised. Sisters Kelsey Jones and Laurie Kosinski raised over \$125 each to help contribute to ticket pre-sales.

The night was full of all-you-can-eat spaghetti. Many people took advantage of this offer as some ate as many as eight plates. Kudos to our amazing cooks, Angel, Bobby, and Mary. Garlic bread and brownies were also served.

Elaborate decorations turned our house into an Italian wonderland that included streamers, lights, posters, classy and chic center pieces, and everything in-between.

We also had quite the turn out – for a two hour period, the line went half way down the walkway of the stairs leading up to the house.

On a special note, Kappa Xi would like to thank Brittney Roundtree for organizing this wonderful event. All of her hard work and dedication produced results that surpassed anything anyone could have ever expected.



The Sigma Kappa kitchen filled with many guests excited to eat spaghetti, garlic bread, and brownies. Yum, Yum!

Martin Luther King Jr. Challenge



By: **Kate Gabor**

The Kappa Xi chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority participated in the MLK Challenge on Feb. 21st. The event was created to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. through community service. Teams were given a "top secret" volunteer challenge to complete in an allotted amount of time. Sigma Kappa was the only sorority to participate in the University of Nevada, Reno event, and had two teams that assisted two organizations for the day.

One Sigma Kappa team worked at the Reno Men's Drop-In Center cleaning walls, making the center more comfortable for the homeless.

"It made me feel bad for the life they missed out on," Vice President of Membership Chelsea Mazza said.

The other Sigma Kappa team cleaned a large refrigerated room at the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, which was having an upcoming inspection. This cleaning allowed fresh meat and produce to be distributed to the area's hungry.

Beginning this semester, Kappa Xi members are required to do five hours of community service each term. Volunteering will remind members of the value of doing good for others, as well as living "One Heart, One Way."

"It is important to give back to the community and to step out of your comfort zone," Jadeen Young, Vice President of New Member Education, said. "You might learn something about yourself that you didn't know before."

I Love the 80's Sisterhood Retreat!



By: **Georgi Gaitan**

The ladies of Kappa Xi held their spring semester overnight sisterhood retreat on February 27th-28th. We stayed at sister Richelle Lydick's beautiful home which she generously let us use.

This semester we went with an awesome 80's theme - a perfect excuse to run around in our favorite decade fashions. Sister Sarah Tjoa was awarded with the honor of best dressed for the night.

We had a fantastic time! The retreat consisted of sharing fun facts about ourselves, selling lollipops around Reno in our outfits, putting together hilarious skits, playing board games, and of course, no true 80's night would be complete without an 80's movies marathon!

Aside from a weekend full of fun, it was also a great time to form new bonds with our sisters that strengthen us as a chapter.

It was a perfect opportunity to get to know our six wonderful new members, and for them to get to know the rest of the chapter a little better. Our sisterhood chair, sister Kathryn Salas, did an amazing job organizing the event and we look forward to the next sisterhood retreat in the fall.



A few girls playing the board game Cranium. Pictured: Left to Right - Jessica Cate, Jadeen Young, Rebecca Van Compennolle, Carlie Sanders, Aarone Curry, and Alli Cernoch.

upcoming events - save the date

March 23rd - 26th: Big & Lil' Week

March 28th: Recruitment Workshop with Sara Chacon

March 30th: Pi Beta Phi Social

April 5th: Ladies Luncheon

April 6th - 9th: Inspiration Week

April 7th: Kimberly Cote, our field consultant is leaving Reno :(

April 10th: INITIATION!!! Invitations will be sent within the next week. See you soon!

