

Introducing Theta's Newest Chapter: Gamma Rho at Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara Thetas moved directly from the inspiration of their Founders' Day celebration last January to the installation of Gamma Rho chapter.

A busy three days of pledging, initiating and installing gave Theta 41 new college members and 22 new alumnae of the University of California at Santa Barbara. They had been members of Alpha Theta Chi, an outstanding local on the Santa Barbara campus.

Ventura and Santa Barbara Thetas joined, on January 27, at the Monticito Country Club for a Founders' Day luncheon given by Mrs. Ed-

ward Sperry and her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Tannert. Special guests at the luncheon included Mrs. M. Kinzie Miller, Jr., Grand Alumnae Secretary; Mrs. James W. Lively, president of District VII, and Mrs. George O. Wilson, former district president. Speakers were Mrs. W. F. Kelly, former Grand President, and Mrs. Lawrence Eder, president of the Santa Barbara Alumnae chapter. Mrs. William H. Wilson was in charge of the candle lighting service.

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Here are the members of Theta's newest chapter, Gamma Rho, after its installation at the University of California at Santa Barbara. The chapter was installed Jan. 29, 1950, and its first delegate, Latty Whitehead, attended the Swampscott Convention.





Of all the busy Thetas in Santa Barbara, these were among the busiest during the festive installation weekend. From left to right, they are: Elizabeth Hughes Briggs, chairman of the Loan and Fellowship Fund; Irene Combe Miller, Grand Alumnae Secretary; Pauline Dick Lively, president of District VII; Latty Whitehead of Gamma Rho; Carol Green Wilson, former district president, and Margaret Streaker Eder, president of Santa Barbara Alumnae chapter.

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The following day found alumnae proceeding with the pledging and initiating of Alpha Theta Chi members. And on January 29, in a private room of the beautiful Monticito School for Girls, Gamma Rho was formally installed.

Installing officers were Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Lively, and Mrs. Reid Briggs, chairman of the Loan and Fellowship Fund. They were assisted by delegates from Omicron chapter at the University of Southern California, Omega chapter at the University of California at Berkeley, Beta Xi chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles, and Gamma Xi chapter at San Jose State college.

The day was filled to overflowing with a luncheon and a tea, both following the installation. At the luncheon Mrs. Lively presented a silver loving cup to Gamma Rho, a gift of the fraternity to the new chapter house. Mrs. Eder, on behalf of the Santa Barbara Alumnae chapter, gave Gamma Rho a Theta crest for its door, as well as new gowns.

Close on the heels of this festivity came a tea, held at the chapter house, introducing Gamma Rho to faculty, friends, and students.

But more was to follow, for on the next evening a formal installation banquet was held in Santa Barbara's rambling Spanish Restaurant del Paseo. Mrs. Miller was chairman of the banquet, and Mrs. George O. Wilson made the principal address.

New members of Gamma Rho chapter are: Patricia Brock, Patricia Gebhardt, Erlaine Gregory, Jody Hogan, Doris Humphreys, Elma La Joie, Janet Leask, Jeanne Malicord, Margaret Melrose, Deborah Record, Audrey Scott, Gerry Wheldon, Joan Wilson, and Patricia Woolridge.

Also Marvel Blakeman, Patricia Henon, Jean Kistler, Nila Landell, Jane Manning, Verna Nannestad, Marjorie Price, Margaret Taylor, and Latty Whitehead. Nancy Ashley, Elizabeth Clark, Joan Husband, Patricia Johnson, Jean Love, Elenita Quintero, Sally Sipherd, Arlene Mohs, Sally Shedd, Suzanne Smith, Joy Defield, Betty Flick, Carol Borgones, and Eleanor Conte.

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Theta, who were initiated with Gamma Rho, are: Louise Scott, Iris Mero, Esther Mlynek, Margaret Patrick, Virginia Rauch, Mary Alice Dolman, Patricia Crow, Dorothy Ann Davidson, Mary Jane Sparrow, Patricia Entz, Paula Stransbeery, Jean Ausman, Gloria Jones, Maxine Chauncy, Joan Beardsley, Adele Tatum, Louise Vedder, Alice Bortz, Joan Frye, Frances Carpe, Patricia Wells, and Phyllis Malone.



Snatching time from their busy weekend to relax in the sun are these new Gamma Rho Thetas. Left to right, they are Patricia Johnson, Margaret Melrose, Caroline Steinert, and Joan Wilson.

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Mrs. Edward Sperry (standing), from Beta Tau chapter at Denison university, and her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Tannert (right), from Alpha chapter at DePauw university, entertained Santa Barbara Thetas at a Founders' Day luncheon. Among their guests were Mrs. Hugh Caldwell (left), from Omega chapter at the University of California, and her mother, Mrs. Thomas McCrea. Mrs. Caldwell is vice president of the Santa Barbara Alumnæ chapter, and her mother was the first president of the first Theta alumnæ group in Los Angeles.

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Typical of the alumnæ who came from all over southern California to help celebrate Gamma Rho's installation were these three guests at the Founders' Day luncheon. From left to right, they are Miss Jean Gilchrist, Mrs. R. M. Jones, and Miss Nannette Brown. Miss Gilchrist is from Beta Xi chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles; Mrs. Jones is from Alpha Iota chapter at Washington University of St. Louis, and Miss Brown is from Alpha Lambda chapter at the University of Washington.

