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Dear Sister,

I would like to extend a warm invitation for you to join the Sigma Kappa European Alumnae Chapter.

Our membership consists of more than 40 sisters living in ten different countries throughout Europe. We are a diverse and interesting group of women sharing the special bond of Sigma Kappa sisterhood that we experienced during our college years – however recent or long ago that may have been. We have been profiled numerous times in *The Triangle* magazine, including a special cover spread, and many of our members have been recognized in the Alumnae Spotlight of the Virtual Violet.

At our annual meetings, new friendships are formed and old ones are rekindled. This year, the European Alumnae Chapter celebrated its ninth anniversary and honored our sorority's founders in a castle in Stuttgart, Germany. Since our chapter began in 1997, we have held meetings in several locations around Europe, including: a beautiful lakeside resort in the Black Forest of Germany; historical Compeigne, France where Joan of Arc was captured; picturesque Lucerne, Switzerland with snow-capped mountains; Berlin, Germany where east meets west Europe; colorful and infamous Amsterdam, the Netherlands; and the birthplace of the pizza Margherita, Naples, Italy. We have been to London, England twice in our chapter's history; last year with over 30 members in attendance we held a special Order of the Triangle ceremony.

Our chapter's 10th anniversary will be celebrated during the annual weekend in 9-11 November 2007 in the "City of Hearts", Paris, France! Many special events are already being planned to commemorate this truly special event. We anticipate that this weekend will draw sisters from all over the globe and know that this celebration of our sisterhood will be an extremely memorable one.

In addition to the traditional annual meeting, the monthly President's email and the quarterly newsletter, "SKattered Sigmas", help keep our membership feeling close. Our website, <http://sigmakappaeurope.home.netcom.com>, is another way for the group to stay connected and inform other Sigmas of our European sisterhood.

The roles of Vice President for Programming for the UK and the Continent enable our members who live within smaller geographic regions of Europe to get together more often. Many gatherings are held in the UK, the Benelux and Germany offering many opportunities for friendship and networking, as well as travel. You also have the option to be a virtual member without necessarily attending any organized events.

If you wish to become a member, please complete the enclosed membership form with payment as follows:

- **U.S. Dollars:** please send to **Lynn Strebel**
- **Euros:** please send to **Deborah Bronner-Westerduin**
- **UK Pounds:** please send to **Donna De Wick**

Once added to our membership roster, you will be introduced to the chapter via our monthly email message and will start receiving the quarterly newsletter by post.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. I hope that you will be joining us soon!

In Sigma,

Gina Steedley Wills, Vice President for Membership

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European Alumnae Chapter Membership Form

Name: _____

Year initiated: _____ Initiating chapter: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Postal code: _____

Country: _____

Preferred Telephone: _____ (circle one: work home mobile)

Birthday: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Please mail this form – along with a check or cash for \$30 (either an international check or a check drawn on an US bank account and written to “Lynn Strebel”) for our annual dues. If you are paying in Euro please send €25 cash to “Deborah Bronner-Westerduin”. If you would like to pay in UK Pounds, please send cash or a check for £20 (made payable to “Donna de Wick”). For new alums (within one year), please enclose the new alum coupon in lieu of dues. If you would like to make a contribution to the Sigma Kappa Foundation, please donate whatever sum you would like and include it with the check.

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Dues \$30 (€25) (£20)

Sigma Kappa Foundation Amount \$ (£) (€) _____

Please indicate how you would like to allocate your Foundation donation, to all of the below or to the philanthropy of your choice:

- The Maine Seacoast Missionary Society : The Maine Sea Coast Mission travels 2,500 miles of coastline bringing medical aid, dental aid, food, clothing, toys for children and reading material to the families. \$ _____ enclosed
- Gerontology / Alzheimer's: The Sigma Kappa Foundation awards scholarships to Sigma Kappas in the field of gerontology, grants are made to social workers, colleges and universities to further studies in geriatrics and gerontology projects, and research grants are made each year to universities and other institutions actively engaged in the fight against Alzheimer's. \$ _____ enclosed
- Annual Fund: The Annual Fund supports sorority programming such as the Promise for Initiated Members, the field consultant program, and the daily expenses of the Foundation. \$ _____ enclosed
- Scholarship Fund (General): The Scholarship Fund provides undergraduate and graduate study scholarships to Sigma Kappa members, to assist with educational expenses. \$ _____ enclosed
- European Alumnae Chapter Sisterhood Without Borders Scholarship Fund: The European Alumnae Chapter opened for endowment a scholarship in 2005, with the aim of generating \$15,000 of funding within 10 years. The scholarship will be awarded to an initiated Sigma Kappa undergraduate or graduate member in good financial standing who is currently or has previously studied abroad or whose studies have an international focus, has a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5, and who has actively served Sigma Kappa, her campus and/or her community \$ _____ enclosed

For any questions regarding dues, please contact Lynn Strebel, EAC VP of Finance, with Sigma Kappa in the subject line, at lynn.strebel@bluewin.ch