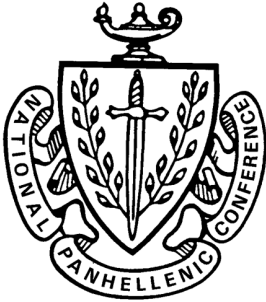


# what's on taap

A Newsletter for Members of the Toronto Area Alumnae Panhellenic ● Volume 37 Spring 2018



## 2017-18 TAAP Executive Board

President	Katerina Do Rego, ΔΖ
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Luncheon Chair	Molly Farquhar, ΠΒΦ Andreia McLean, ΑΦ
Newsletter	Erin Franklin, ΔΖ

## JOIN US FOR THE 2018 TAAP SPRING LUNCHEON!

Spring is on its way, and this year once again we will gather in celebration of philanthropy at TAAP and our member sororities and women's fraternities. We will showcase all that our membership does locally, and nationally.

We will be hosted at the ever-delightful Brassaii on King West. We are pleased to announce our guest speaker for the luncheon is Toronto based literary agent and professional speaker, Léonicka Valcius.

For more information on the luncheon and our guest speaker, please read on to page 2.

Tickets for the lunch are \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members and can be purchased by sending an e-transfer or returning the form on page 4 to Norah Isbister.



**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

**12:00pm - 3:00 pm**

**Brassaii Restaurant**

**461 King Street West**

**Toronto, ON**

**\*RSVP by April 20\***

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 29, 2018:** TAAP Thursday @ Pravda Vodka Bar, 6pm

**April 10, 2018:** Paint Nite (Mississauga), 7pm

**May 12, 2018:** Barre and Bubbly

**June 10, 2018:** AGM Potluck

**June 21, 2018:** TAAP Book Club on a Patio!

**July 8, 2018:** Beach Day!

**July 25, 2018:** Salad Social

**August:** Movies Under the Stars (date TBD)

**August 12, 2018:** Brunch (Pickering), 11:30am

**September:** After Work Drinks! (date TBD)

\*All events are subject to change. For more info, check out our Facebook page!

# INTRODUCING SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON SPEAKER

## LÉONICKA VALCIUS

Léonicka Valcius is a Toronto-based book publishing professional who advocates for equity and inclusion in Canadian literature. She speaks at events all over North America in partnership with organizations such as BookNet Canada, the Magazine Association of BC, and the American Association of Writers & Writing Programs.

Léonicka is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Festival of Literary Diversity. She has worked at Scholastic Book Fairs as a book buyer and marketer and at Penguin Random House Canada as part of the Online and Digital Sales team. She is currently an Assistant Agent at Transatlantic Literary Agency and is slowly building her client list. In all areas, Léonicka seeks to support and amplify the brilliance of young women. Follow her work at: [leonicka.com](http://leonicka.com) and on Twitter at: [@leonicka](https://twitter.com/leonicka).



### SILENT AUCTION and BAKE SALE CALL-OUT!

We are looking for donations for our ever-popular silent auction and bake sale to be held again at the Scholarship Luncheon. If there are individuals looking to donate goods or services, those are always appreciated!! Popular items in the past have included gift certificates from local retailers, jewelry, kitchen and household items, and of course, sorority/Greek themed items. We also welcome homemade Bake Sale donations (these must be wrapped or in packaging of some kind). For information on where you can contribute to the auction or bake sale, please contact your organization's TAAP delegate for more information. Your donations go a long way in making the TAAP scholarships possible!



## TAAP Item Donation Day 2018 Update

Many Thanks!

The first TAAP event I ever attended was the first ever Item Donation Day, in March 2008. Over the years, at our now annual Philanthropy event, we have supported Dress for Success, Sistering, New Circles, and Jessie's – The June Callwood Centre for Young Women. Our January 20<sup>th</sup> event for Jessie's at AOII was an overwhelming success. We needed five cars to deliver the donations instead of the usual one or two! The AOII collegians held a clothing drive prior to IDD, and the TAAP members did a terrific job spreading the word to their sisters. Sisters from Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Zeta and Alpha Omicron Pi attended. I am so grateful to Tracy Cooper, Shannon Smith, Michelle Brylowski, Anne Layton, Julie Parker, Sue Kanitz, Jenny Wu, Sabrina Viola and Anne Marie Elpa for all of their help with set up, clean up, and delivering donations. I could not have done it without you. Thanks to all who donated. Jessie's is well stocked!

-Linda Nichols, 2017-18 TAAP Philanthropy Chair.



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of long-time TAAP member and Delta Gamma sister Mary Kalanda in February of this year. Mary was profiled in our newsletter previously when she received the Delta Gamma Cable Award, honouring her loyalty and devotion far beyond normal participation in the Fraternity. She will be sadly missed in the Panhellenic community.

Our condolences go out to our Vice-President Sue Kanitz, who lost her beloved husband Gil in June of last year. We know he was an exceptional husband, father, grandfather and friend, and is sadly missed. Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace, comfort and strength. Our thoughts are with you, Sue.

# Thank You!!!

The following women have paid their \$20.00 TAAP membership fees for the 2017-2018 year. Those whose names appear in bold have also generously contributed to the TAAP Scholarship Fund. Want to see your name on this list? Fill out and mail the form on the last page to donate or pay your membership fees!

**Denise Davidge** ΑΓΔ

Kaitlynn Gambier ΑΓΔ

Patricia Gambier ΑΓΔ

Karen Davidson ΑΓΔ

**Sue Kanitz** ΑΓΔ

Paula Martins ΑΓΔ

Kristina Hunt ΑΟΠ

Marilyn Mirabelli ΑΟΠ

**Linda Nichols** ΑΟΠ

Arlene Roeder ΑΟΠ

Andreia McLean ΑΦ

**Jean Griffiths** ΔΓ

Mary Kalanda ΔΓ

Mary Wells ΔΓ

Carrie Illsley ΔΔΔ

Carmelina Macario ΔΔΔ

Michelle Mercer ΔΔΔ

**Judith Pownall** ΔΔΔ

**Tara Sinclair** ΔΔΔ

**Katerina Do Rego** ΔΖ

Erin Franklin ΔΖ

Angela Greer ΔΖ

Jennifer McConnell ΔΖ

Jenny Moore ΔΖ

Lauren Auciello ΓΦΒ

Norah Isbister ΓΦΒ

Paula Konstantinidis ΓΦΒ

**Anne Layton** ΓΦΒ

Grace Lin ΓΦΒ

**Alexandra Toth** ΓΦΒ

**Elena Wagner** ΓΦΒ

Kelsey Horning ΚΑΘ

Liz Wong ΚΚΓ

Oriana Bertucci ΠΒΦ

Molly Farquhar ΠΒΦ

Jessica Murphy ΠΒΦ

Aleksandra Metropolit ΦΣΣ

Julie Parker ΦΣΣ

Jasveen Rattan ΦΣΣ

Lois Totton ΖΤΑ

Sabrina Zuniga ΖΤΑ



## HAPPY FOUNDERS DAY TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE IN THE SPRING!

Alpha Delta Pi: May 15

Alpha Gamma Delta: May 30

Alpha Xi Delta: April 17

Chi Omega: April 5

Delta Phi Epsilon: March 17

Pi Beta Phi: April 28

Sigma Delta Tau: March 25

Sigma Sigma Sigma: April 20

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Use hashtag #TAAPLuncheon in your tweets about the 2018 Spring Scholarship Luncheon!



# 2018 TAAP SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce the recipient for the TAAP undergraduate scholarship is **Julianne de Gara, Alpha Gamma Delta** from the **University of Toronto**. The alumnae scholarship recipient is **Paula Martins, Alpha Gamma Delta** from the **University of Toronto**. Please join us at the 2018 TAAP Scholarship Luncheon to celebrate these deserving women, and Panhellenic scholarship and sisterhood. Check out the registration form below!



## WILL YOU BE JOINING US AT THE TAAP SPRING LUNCHEON? PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SORORITY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I will attend.

Please note any dietary restrictions here:  
\_\_\_\_\_

NO, I will not attend, but please renew my dues.

I have paid my dues and want to go GREEN! Please send the newsletter to my e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

TAAP Luncheon <b>\$40.00/\$45.00*</b>	\$
Annual Membership Fee <b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
Donation to TAAP Scholarship/Grant	\$

### TOTAL \$

\*\$40.00 for members/\$45.00 for non-members

Cheques are payable to **TORONTO AREA ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC**  
Please submit this completed form with your cheque **by April 20, 2018** to:

**Norah Isbister**  
**88 Gothic Avenue**  
**Toronto, ON. M6P 2V9**

If you would like to pay by e-transfer, transfers and an email with the password can be sent to:  
[taap.contact@gmail.com](mailto:taap.contact@gmail.com)

# TAAP Member Profile



Mary Wells, Advisory Board Member at the Art Museum at the University of Toronto, and Commissioner of the Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission.

While TAAP offers opportunities for volunteering and philanthropy, for many of our members it doesn't end there. In this edition, we're profiling Mary Wells, Delta Gamma alumna and long-standing TAAP member.

Mary is the Delta Gamma representative on the Advisory Board of the University of Toronto Art Museum. The Art Museum is composed of the Justina M. Barnacle Gallery (Hart House) and the University of Toronto Art Centre (University College). Delta Gamma Toronto Alumnae provided key support to house the University of Toronto Art Centre in the early 1990s and under agreement with the University of Toronto, have a representative on the Art Museum Advisory Board. Delta Gamma Toronto Alumnae were dedicated to supporting Canadian art and did this both by acquiring works of art for the Chapter house on Lowther Ave, and by supporting the University of Toronto Art Collection. When the collegiate chapter closed in the 1980s, the executive, including Margaret McKelvey and Mary Wells, led a process of careful consultation with the members to make decisions as to the charitable disposition of proceeds from the sale of the chapter house. With the decision to support the University of Toronto Art Collection, they were able to ensure the name of Delta Gamma lives on in the name of the Delta Gamma Gallery within the Art Museum at the University College location.

Mary is also the Commissioner of the Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission. At a communion-wide level in 2016, the Anglican Consultative Council passed resolutions aimed at transforming church structures through a commitment to gender equality and justice, and by ensuring the safety of all persons in the communion through safe church policies. Mary was appointed by the Primate of Canada to act as Canada's representative on the Commission. The Safe Church Commission has a 3 year mandate to produce a charter of safety for churches that would follow guidelines originally set to be determined over the course of three face-to-face meetings.

Mary is a retired social worker. Most of her professional career was dedicated to abuse prevention and support for abuse victims. She was very involved in the movement to make it easier to prosecute child sexual abuse and to allow child victims/witnesses to testify in court. Mary wrote the book "Canada's Law on Child Sexual Abuse: A Handbook", published by the Department of Justice to explain and support reforms of the Canadian Criminal Code and the Canada Evidence Act that facilitated prosecutions of child abuse.