

## 2017 Alpha of Clovia Alumni Association National Meeting Report

It seems like just yesterday that we had all gathered for last year's National Meeting in Minnesota. Lots of events and things have taken place. Let me give you a run down.

It seems that we have taller girls living at Clovia, so therefore we needed longer beds. The alums purchased 2 sets of extra-long bunk beds with mattresses. At the same time we purchased new mattress covers for all the beds.

During KSU Open House an impromptu alumni gathering was organized at the house and was well received.

We honored 12 seniors at Senior Celebration on April 30. We enjoyed a fruit and dessert bar and played Clovia Jeopardy. Each girl was presented with a Talisman rose and a Clovia paperweight.

During the summer the house received a new boiler, new sump pump in the basement and new flooring in the downstairs sleeping porch.

In August, we welcomed our new house mom Nancy Little. She comes to us from Rossville , Kansas and comes to us from a very busy 4-H family. We are very lucky to have found her. She is a great addition to the Clovia family and can be found working right along the girls.

In conjunction with the start of the school year in August the Alumni Board treated the house officers to our annual dinner at Vista Drive In the night before the new Clovers moved in. Then the following day the alums provided refreshments and goodies to the families as they moved in their daughter's. A board member was also present at the parents meeting to tell them how the Alums are involved with the house.

On October 29, we conducted our Annual Alumni Meeting at the house and then shared a lunch with the girls and watched the K-State football game in the rec room.

On January 22, we honored 53 ladies at Scholarship Dinner for maintaining at least a 3.3 grade point average for the 2016 Spring and Fall Semesters. It seems this number continues to increase each year which is a great problem to have. We just have to keep finding a larger venue each year which is a good thing.

February brings our annual officer training for the new incoming house officers. We provided pizza and ice cream and then did some team building and conflict resolution training.

As we continue to combine several of our databases and update membership records we are trying to go more digital in our delivery of Clovia news. We sent out our yearly newsletter to as many people as possible via email and the rest via regular mail. We hope this saves paper, postage and printing charges. We also continue to use our Facebook page and our email list-serve to alert alumni of news and events.

We have also had several donations of active pins to the house. These have been very well received because the pins are very expensive to purchase.

We continue working toward the transition of house maintenance from the Kansas 4-H Foundation to the house. Currently the house has been doing a lot more of the contacting of the repairman with some of the duties being reassigned to the house mother. Our relationship with the Kansas 4-H Foundation has improved with the new leadership of the Foundation.

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