

Hospitality Report - November 2022

Committee members: Kristen Caven '88 and Angela DeMoss MA '99 (Co-Chairs); Vicki Luibrand '75, '82 and Kaerla Fellows MFA '22

The Hospitality Committee hosted two events since the last report: Alumnae gatherings (Community TEAS) at Reinhardt Alumnae House on October 29 and November 20, 2022.

Fifteen guests attended the October event, both Mills College alumnae and friends of AAMC. It was a Halloween/Oktoberfest theme with the hostesses dressed in dirndls. Guests enjoyed Oktoberfest treats, including German sausages and beers, and watched the film *The Dirndl Diaspora* presented by its film maker, Kristen Caven. A Q&A session with Kristen followed the film.

Sixteen guests attended the November social, both Mills College alumnae and friends of AAMC. The event was called "Soup Social and Seasonal Sale." Three alumnae hosted tables and sold their wares, including books, vintage jewelry, and household items. Guests appreciated the opportunity to have conversation, and played an enriching and enjoyable icebreaker game, which included questions about Mills and alumnae stories about their Mills experiences that allowed them to relax, have fun and get to know each other. Donations of canned food and other non-perishable items were collected for the campus food pantry. The vendors did a prize drawing and some purchased AAMC merchandise.

The Hospitality Committee welcomed two new members (Kaerla Fellows and Vicki Luibrand). The next monthly social event is scheduled for December 17 from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. Our Featured Alumna will be Chantrelle Edwards '20, owner of "Hella Tea," a successful Oakland-based business. We will hear her story as we sip tea and nibble on tasty treats, followed by a sing-along. A fun holiday time for all!

January 14, 2023 from 9AM to 11AM - In conjunction with the AAMC Lifelong Learning Committee, the Hospitality Committee will provide treats and community connection prior to alums and other guests carpooling from Reinhardt Alumnae House to the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco for the "Ramses the Great and the Gold of the Pharaohs" exhibit.

Other monthly social dates have been requested and tentatively scheduled to take place at Reinhardt Alumnae House: February 11, 2023; March 11, 2023, and April 8, 2023. May 13, 2023 and June 10, 2023 have been requested but not yet scheduled.

Next Steps:

- Organize the kitchen to help with setup/cleanup and see what other equipment is needed. •
- Follow-up with alumnae who have expressed an interest in joining the Hospitality Committee. •
- Orientation for new committee members, possibly in conjunction with the organizing day.

Respectfully submitted by Angela Adams DeMoss
November 30, 2022