



Martha Drouyor DeCamp, Alpha



Martha Drouyor DeCamp joined the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau in 1958 because she felt at home with the friendly and welcoming group of women with high academic and moral standards. They invited a freshman with no credentials to be part of their Sisterhood; and then pressed her to be their Chapter President her senior year. She was later active in the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter, serving in many offices including Chapter President.

Soon, she was invited to be National Social Service Coordinator (later called Philanthropy Chairman) where she developed the first 35mm slide programs about Pine Mountain Settlement School to educate members about the National Philanthropy. She served as Chairman for twenty-one years before being asked to run for the National Council as Director of Fraternity Programs. During this time, she also served as Student Loan Chairman.

As Director of Fraternity Programs, she coordinated the offices of the National Chaplain and the chairmen of Academics, Pledge, Member Growth and Development, Philanthropy, Music, and what was then called Rush. At the 1996 Convention, she planned to seek re-election as DFP, but was instead elected National President. She served through Alpha Sigma Tau's Centennial until 2002. After serving on the Nominations and Constitution Revision committees, she joined the Board of Trustees in 2008.

Her Sorority honors include Collegiate and Alumnae Top Tau, Order of the Yellow Rose, Convention Top Tau, the Ada A. Norton Outstanding Alumna Award, and the Centennial Sustainer Award. The annual Alumnae and Collegiate Chapter Outstanding Philanthropy Awards are named in her honor. The Martha Drouyor Belknap DeCamp Outstanding Philanthropy Award, to honor philanthropic leadership by a collegian, was established by the National Foundation. Dr. Edward Jervey, Alpha Lambda Chapter Advisor, established the Jervey/DeCamp award to honor the chapter that most exemplifies our Creed.

Outside of the Sorority, Martha has been in education most of her life: in junior and senior high schools, for Cuisinart and Calphalon Corporations, and she continues to substitute teach in her "retirement." She is, and has been, active in civic and professional organizations and in many ministries in her Catholic parishes in the states of Michigan, California, and Washington. She is listed in several *Who's Who* and "Woman of the Year" editions beginning in 1989. She has two sons, Ralph and John Belknap.

As a member for over 50 years, Martha is grateful for the lifelong friendships which she continues to enjoy in Alpha Sigma Tau. She believes that she can never fully pay back what she has received from our Sisterhood.

Positions held: National Social Services Chairman (1976 - 1978); National Student Loan Fund Chairman (1984); National Social Services Chairman (1984 - 1990); National Philanthropy Chairman (1990 - 1992); Director of Fraternity Programs (1992 - 1996); National President (1996 - 2002); NPC 3rd Alternate Delegate (1996 - 1998); Secretary, Board of Trustees (2010 - present)

Honors received: Collegiate Top Tau Recipient (1961); Alumnae Top Tau Recipient; Ada A. Norton Outstanding Alumna Award Recipient (1974); Order of the Yellow Rose Recipient (1990); Centennial Sustainer Award Recipient (2000)