



Anchored in Birmingham

Birmingham Delta Gamma Alumnae Newsletter

Fall 2003

From the President

August 2003

Greetings to the Birmingham Chapter of our Sisterhood!

What an exciting time to be a Delta Gamma in Alabama! We have grown from the two collegiate chapters we have had in the Birmingham area since 1990, to four chapters in this state. We now have a chapter at Spring Hill College in Mobile and have resurrected our Delta Sigma chapter in Auburn. Now we have even more reasons to lift our heads high in this state and be proud of our Golden Anchor.

We have tried to vary our schedule of meetings this year to give every alumna a chance to join us. We have day and night, weekday and weekend get-togethers. We would love to have

special interest spin-off groups if there is a special interest you would like to pursue. We are proud of our growth in membership we experienced last year, and hope to grow even more this year. All we need is YOU and any of your Delta Gamma friends you can bring with you. Please come add your special touch and influence to your local Delta Gamma Alumnae chapter.

Remember, none of us "used to be a Delta Gamma in college." We all ARE Delta Gammas. I would like to know each and every one of you in the Birmingham area. When we gather as a broad age group from varied collegiate chapters, we are sure to enhance each others lives.

In the Bonds,
Patsy Martens, President

Sponsorship for New Members

Many thanks to all of you who help out with sponsor forms! I couldn't do it without you. If you are not currently on my list and have access to information in any high school—public or private—in the greater Birmingham area, please let me know. We are always in need of good information on the women from Birmingham.

Beverly LeBoeuf, City Sponsorship
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2003-2004 Officers:

Patsy Martens, President
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Sara Higginbotham, Secretary
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Alumnae Growth

Over the years, local alumnae have increased from 100 to over 500. Each year newsletters are sent requesting updated information, such as addresses, numbers, and emails. This data is crucial for getting you the updates you need. Within the next few weeks, members of the Executive Board will be contacting you via telephone to verify the information we have on file. Please take a few minutes to speak with this person or return this person's call should a message be left for you. Having your input determines the programs and services we offer to you. In advance, thanks so much for your assistance.

Part-Time Computer Guru Wanted...

...for updating and maintaining the local alumnae website. This is a very important position that will assist alumnae with gathering data via the Internet. Please email Patsy or Melanie for more details.

Volunteers for Collegiate Chapters

We are looking for some new faces to volunteer to be advisors or house corporation members for UAB or Montevallo chapters. It only takes an hour or two a month and is very rewarding. If you are interested please contact Beverly LeBoeuf at 290-2125

2002-2003 Alumnae Meetings and Events

**Tuesday, September 16th,
6:30pm**

Appetizer/Recipe Swap

Please bring your favorite DG item and/or story to share as well as good food and recipes.

Candi Peeples' Home: 1709 Wakefield Drive, Birmingham, 35216, 824-6525

**Tuesday, October 14th, 6:30pm
Have a Greek for Dinner**

This is one of our most popular annual events; same great fun, but a different place to be.

Mexico Lindo: 354 Hollywood Boulevard, Homewood, 35209
871-6728

**Thursday, October 30th,
11:30am**

Informal Lunch Get-Together

Please call Candi at 824-6525 by October 29th if you are available for lunch that day.

Rue De Provence: 2838 Culver Road, Mountain Brook, 35223, 870-4904

**Tuesday, November 11th,
6:30pm**

DG Marketplace

This is a chance to support your sisters in their business endeavors as well as do some holiday shopping in advance. For those who are interested in a great opportunity to promote your business services or creative talents, contact Melanie at melanie_yates@timeinc.com. Place to be Announced Soon!!!

**Sunday, December 7th, 2-4pm
Holiday Ornament Swap**

Dress in festive holiday attire, and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with your sisters. Please bring an ornament (\$10 and under) to swap under the tree and some holiday goodies to share. Beverly LeBoeuf's Home: 617 Edgemoor Drive, Homewood, 35209, 290-2125

**Tuesday, January 13th, 6:30
Executive Board Meeting**

Officers only for slate of next year's board. Beverly LeBoeuf's Home: 617 Edgemoor Drive, Homewood, 35209 290-2125

**February, Specific Date to be
Announced**

Pay as You Go Thursday at the Terrific New Theatre

This is a great way to see theater at a price you can afford. When the times and dates are available for next year, we will notify everyone as soon as possible. For those interested, we will meet at The Juniper for a "warm-up" prior to the show at 6:00pm.

The Juniper: 2901 2nd Avenue South, Birmingham, 35233, 323-0047
Terrific New Theatre: 2821 2nd Avenue South, Birmingham, 35233, 328-0868

**Saturday, March 13th, 10:30am
Founders' Day**

Invitations will be mailed for this event. Riverchase Country Club: 2000 Club Road, Birmingham, 35244

**Thursday, April 1st, 11:30am
Informal Lunch Get-Together**

Please call Patsy at 868-1185 by March 31st if you're available for lunch this day.

Taziki's: 3439 Colonnade Parkway, Birmingham, 35243, 968-6622

**Friday, April 16th, 7pm
Silent Auction**

Our most successful fundraiser is back. Significant others are invited to attend with you to support a worthy cause (and some healthy competition!), Delta Gamma's Foundation. Location to be Announced at a Later Date

**Specific Tuesday to be
Announced, May, 7pm**

DG Night at the Baron's
We'll be contacting people closer to time in order to receive the best discounts for our Delta Gamma families. Hoover Metropolitan Stadium

Directions to the first meeting.

Coming from I-65 South

(Heading Toward Montgomery)

1. Take I-459 towards Hwy. 280/Atlanta. Go about 2-3 miles and take your first exit (Acton Road). Its the one before you get to the Mountain Brook/280 exit.
2. Once you get off the ramp, take a left at the light and go back under the interstate. You'll pass Briarwood Church/School on your right.
3. Take a Right at the 2nd traffic light onto "Old Rocky Ridge Road".
4. Take a Left at the dead end onto "Rocky Ridge Road".
5. You will go over a small bridge and through one traffic light. Turn Left on the street just past the traffic light onto "Loch Haven Drive."
6. Follow Loch Haven Straight Thru one stop sign and on for about 1/2 mile. (You'll pass a sign on your right that says "Vestavia Knolls")
7. Take a Right into our Subdivision (Brookview Highlands). The road you'll be on is called "Brookview Trace")
8. Follow this up the hill and curve around to your left.
9. Take the first street on your left "Brookview Trail"
10. Take the first street on your right "Brookview Lane"
11. Our street is the next one on your left "Wakefield Drive." The house is the 3rd house on the left. Its gray with red brick on the front and hunter green shutters. The driveway is pretty steep, so you will probably want to park on the street.

Coming from Hwy. 280

1. From 280 turn onto Rocky Ridge Road (the first right past the water works if you are coming from the city).
2. Travel down Rocky Ridge for approximately 4 miles. (You will go thru the shopping area on rocky ridge and past the redlight at "Old Rocky Ridge".
3. Just past "Old Rocky Ridge" you'll go over a small bridge and through one traffic light. Turn Left on the street just past the traffic light onto "Loch Haven Drive."
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Sitting Services Available!

To best serve our alumnae, we have arranged for sitting services for the evening meetings in October, November, February, and April. Our own Birmingham area collegians have graciously volunteered to assist the alumnae with their children these nights. However, to secure these services and negotiate appropriate fees, we must know about attendance in advance. Please contact Sara or Heather via email one week prior to each event to inform of your attendance. This is a new service being offered, and we'll need participation in order to continue it and feedback for improvement.

2003-2004 Alumnae Dues Information

Which category of alumnae membership do you prefer?

- Active (coming to meetings; serving as an officer or advisor)
- Participatory (coming to meetings and social events)
- Main events only (Founders Day, Christmas celebration, fund-raisers)
- Dues only
- ___ Interested in a "lunch bunch"
- ___ Other (please describe: _____)

Name: _____

Maiden name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Email address: _____

Chapter of initiation: _____ Year of initiation: _____

- ___ The above information is new/different since last fall.
- Please include me on the email list to be contacted about events.
- Please include me on the post office mail list to be contacted about events.

Please make checks payable to: Birmingham Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter and mail to:
Candi Brannen Peebles, 1709 Wakefield Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216

\$30, \$40, or \$50 for one year: \$ _____
 \$17.50 (for first year alumnae only) \$ _____
 \$8 to have the directory mailed to you \$ _____
 Total enclosed: \$ _____

We will call or email all active dues paying members with a reminder of each meeting.

How Dues Money is Used

Our Birmingham local dues are \$30, \$40, or \$50. You choose how much you would like to contribute to the alumnae group. After paying \$17.50 per capita dues to the Delta Gamma Executive Offices, the remaining money is used in Birmingham for our local alumnae chapter. The money is used for Alumnae meetings, mailings, special events, supplies, etc.

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MMM MMM GOOD!

Sound familiar? We are continuing to collect Cambell's soup labels plus other Cambell's products. Donated labels can bring needed equipment to the Delta Gamma schools for children who are blind or visually impaired.

Here are a few guidelines:

1. Send only the front panel of canned labels.
2. Do not staple labels together.
3. Do not put any tape on them.
4. Send to: Jan Ellison, 122 Southlake Lane, Birmingham, AL 35244

Product names include: Cambell's soups and juices; Franco-American gravies and pasta; Pace salsa; Pepperidge Farm soups and sauces; and V8 drinks.

Win an Award! You can win an award for the most labels turned in this year. When you send your labels to Jan, be sure to include your address and phone number. Deadline is May 5th. The winner will be announced at the May meeting.

Individual Pursuit

The purpose of the Individual Pursuit is to encourage you, alumnae members of all ages, to achieve your fullest potential. The program is designed to allow you to proceed at your own pace and pursue areas that hold a special interest for you. For more information visit www.deltagamma.org/individual_pursuit.html.

The Individual Pursuit program offers structure for the personalized plan. Here's a step-by-step list of what's involved:

1. Write a Vision Statement and send your Personal Vision Statement to Executive Offices.
2. Record your experiences in a personal journal.
3. Create a Personal Artifact that represents your journey.
4. Send summaries of your experiences by completing an Individual Pursuit Report Form and a Personal Artifact Report Form to EO.

These basic instructions are further broken down program into five stages. Individual goals must be completed in each stage. You progress through the five stages on your own schedule. There is no date for completion of the total pursuit or for any single stage. There are no limitations as to the number of times you may complete the Individual Pursuit. These stages will guide you through your journal, helping you to fully explore areas of development.

1. Character
2. Education and Scholarship
3. Interests and Talents
4. Activities and Honors
5. Personal Development

Once the process is completed, you will receive Fraternity recognition as a Psi Woman for your accomplishment.



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