

Delta Gamma is for a Lifetime!

Delta Gamma continues to be here for you, even after college days! Once a DG, always a DG!

DG On-line 24/7

Visit www.deltagamma.org and browse the national DG site. Be sure to visit the Alumnae Experience and Personal Growth sections. Take your time and click through all the opportunities available for alumnae.

Well Aware Programs

Each of us is touched by issues like nutrition, death, parenting and elder care. The national DG web site includes Delta Gamma's Well Aware resources and provides a place to turn to when you are in need of information.

Well Aware is a collection of programs, activities and references compiled to promote awareness and education on wellness topics. Resources address eight dimensions: Social, Spiritual, Physical, Emotional, Vocational, Intellectual, Financial, and Leadership.

Service for Sight

Altruistic work during the first World War convinced Delta Gammas that service was an important part of their Fraternity life. Service for Sight was born out of a suggestion in an alumnae workshop at Convention in 1936. The enthusiasm of one particular member, Ruth Billow, H-Akron, who was blind herself and spoke from notes typed in braille, was the spark which brought acceptance of Service for Sight as our national project.

What you can do:

- Collect Campbell's® product labels. (See next page for more information.)
- Collect General Mills Box Tops for Education® for your local or state school for the blind to help the school redeem them for cash to buy equipment for their school. (See next page for more information.)
- Assist nursing home residents during activities or help those with failing eyesight.

- Read to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.
- Contact disabled students services office or local schools.
- Baby-sit and/or entertain children who are visually impaired.
- Make "touch and feel" books for children who are visually impaired.
- Record textbooks at Recording for the Blind locations.

Leadership for Life

Leadership for Life is an ethics and values-based leadership program designed to help you discover and enhance your leadership skills. These are not skills you have to come by naturally—anyone can learn and build upon basic ideas and principles.

Visit www.deltagamma.org and click on the Personal Growth section then click to Leadership Development. You will need your membership number to access this section of the web site. If you don't know your number look for it on the mailing label of your *Anchora*.

Special Interest Groups

Do you have a special interest that you would like to pursue with a small group of DGs? We have a few that are starting this year. Be sure to visit our web site, www.anchoredinbirmingham.com/ frequently for events.

- **"Things You Can't Drag a Man To"** group for activities most men won't go to. Sara Higginbotham is leading this group. The first event is a play at Terrific New Theater, Lakeview District on September 16. It is "Elegies, A Song Cycle," which is a cabaret style show.
- **Networking Lunches** group for professionals who thrive on making connections. Patsy Martens is leading this group, so call her at 868-1185 if you are interested in networking.
- **Gardeners Know the Best Dirt** group for people who love outdoor gardening. This is a group who likes to share their secrets to gardening. Please call Theresa Barnett at 957-1209 if you want to get the dirt on gardening.

Individual Pursuit

When we define success, it's not just about money and expensive possessions. We want it all: complete happiness and total fulfillment. What would it take for you to reach that point? This highly individualized program will help you find out. 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.

Visit the national DG web site for the details. Click on Alumnae Experience and then click on Awards and Recognition to find Individual Pursuit.

The Individual Pursuit program offers a structure for personal growth. 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.

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.

Service for Sight Activities This Year

Each year our alumnae chapter financially supports the national DG philanthropy of Service for Sight. There are four ways you can help us this year.

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. Do not staple labels together.

2. Do not put any tape on them.
3. Send them to Camille Caldwell at 403 Chace Lake Parkway, 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.

Collect General Mills Box Tops and send them to Camille Caldwell at 403 Chace Lake Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35244.

Participate in the two fundraising events we have planned for this year. Help with the fundraising mailing at the January meeting. When you receive the fundraising mailing from our alumnae group this winter, mail a check to support Service for Sight. In May participate in the service project we have scheduled. (See the calendar of events.) All money raised goes to the Delta Gamma Foundation.

Alumnae Officers

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I am a Delta Lambda, Mississippi State alum and a charter member of this alumnae chapter. Moving to Birmingham as a newlywed, Delta Gamma alums were the first group I looked for! Some of the ladies I met at that first Christmas Tea are my best friends today. I have worked at the local, province, and national levels of DG. I have a beautiful AOPi daughter who lives in D.C. She and her new husband are on their way to Chicago to live. I have a gorgeous son in Birmingham who is still looking for his [DG?] Dream Girl. I am a 14-year veteran Realtor, and my wonderful husband is my Re/Max Broker. Delta Gamma is a priority in my life, and I hope it will be in yours.

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I graduated from Mississippi State University in May 2000 and moved to Washington, DC. After time in our nations capitol, I decided to move back to the "south". I am an Account Executive for High Cotton in Birmingham.

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I graduated from the University of Georgia in 1997 and move to Birmingham for law school. I now practice law exclusively in the area of Family Law/Domestic Relations. My husband, Lloyd and I have one "child", our yorkshire terrier named "Dixie".

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I was initiated at Beta Psi-Alabama 40 years ago next month! For over 24 years, I have been working on the province, regional and national levels of Delta Gamma. All the young women I've worked with over all these years are the reasons I keep going. It is wonderful to watch these young women grow in Delta Gamma. Come join us!

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About me? Hmm, that could be a short novel, if I really got going. But seriously, I'm an alumni of Zeta Xi ... I took a medical leave from school in 1998, and was granted my alumni status shortly after that. I returned to UAB in the summer of 2002 and finished my BA in English in May 2004. I have worked at Compass Bank for the last seven and a half years, and have been lucky enough to work in many different

areas of the bank. As most people may know, I do have Cystic Fibrosis, so I do a lot of fundraising for the CF Foundation and try to bring awareness to this disease. In my free time, I enjoy working on a number of different web sites, reading books, decorating my house, and playing with my kittens.

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I am a charter member of the ZN chapter at the University of Montevallo. I transferred to the University of Alabama and graduated from there with a BS in Education. I currently work in the office at Kingwood Christian CDC. My husband, Steve, and I have three growing boys. Wade just started kindergarten and is 5 years old and the twins, Zachary and Garrett are 3 years old and into everything.

Sara Higginbotham

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I was initiated at Montevallo then transferred to UAB where I obtained a degree in Psychology. I loved UAB so much I work there now in the Transplant Unit. I have four "kids" Bert, Ernie, Scooter, and Saffie

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My mother was a Delta Gamma at the University of Alabama. When I went to college at the University of Kentucky, I followed in her footsteps and pledged Delta Gamma. I am an attorney in Birmingham who practices in the areas of employment law, consumer protection, personal injury, and equine law.

Camille Caldwell

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A little about me? Well, I graduated from Montevallo in 2001 and am now teaching at a small private school in Homewood. When I'm not working or doing school work at home, I do Jazzercise, hang out with my friends and family and just relax.

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I am a DG alum who has participated in the Birmingham Alumnae Chapter on and off over the years since graduating Auburn in 1982.

I bought my first house one year ago and am learning that there is always a long list of "to-do's" for inside and outside. Cross off one and three more jump on the list! I love spending time outdoors so gardening has been rewarding.

Calendar of Events

www.anchoredinbirmingham.com/

Meetings, events, programs, and get-togethers, whatever you want to call it, it is always fun when a bunch of DG alumnae gather together!

Monthly Events/Meetings

Remember Delta Gamma

Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 PM

Location: Patsy Martens house (see directions provided)

A fun evening of sisterhood, fun, and friendship as we get to know each other, learn more about rituals, and get the new year off to a good start.

Its Greek To Me

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 PM

Taziki's Restaurant on Hwy 280 near Mt Brook.

Bring a fellow Greek with you to one of our most well attended events of the year. An evening of casual dining. Please call Candi Peeples at (205) 824-6525 to let us know you will be there.

Leadership for Life Program

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 PM

Location: Candi Brannen Peeples, 1709 Wakefield Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216

Win a Prize!

This year we are going to have prizes for the members who attend the most meetings or events. When you pay your dues you will receive a card in the mail. Bring this card with you to every event you attend for validation. The people with the most points will win a prize at the end of the year!

How you earn points:

- Pay your dues. Two points if you pay before October 1. One point if you pay after October 1.
- Attend a calendared event. One point per event.
- Attend a Special Interest Group event. One point per event.
- Bring a "new" DG alumnae with you to any meeting or event: one point. If she pays her dues before leaving you'll receive an additional point.

Mail your card to Theresa Barnett, 4034 Yeovil Drive, Birmingham, AL 35210 by June 30 to be eligible for a prize. There will be one grand prize, a second place prize, and a third place prize.

See the first page of the newsletter for an overview of Leadership for Life. This is a personal growth program designed by Delta Gamma. We never stop learning!

Executive Board (Officers Only)

Tuesday, December 14

Beverly Lebeouf's house

The current officers will slate new officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer or would like to nominate someone please let Patsy Martens know a week prior to this meeting. The offices available are: President, Membership, Treasurer, Secretary, and City Sponsorship.

Fun(d) Raiser Night

Sunday, January 9, 4:00 PM

Camille Caldwell's house: 403 Chace Lake Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35244

Now is your chance to help raise money for Service for Sight AND have fun. Enjoy an evening of popcorn and a movie while we prepare a fundraising mailing for Service for Sight. Bring a movie snack food to share.

Jazz It Up Brunch

Sunday, February 6, 12:30 PM

Birmingham Museum of Art
Brunch time is 11:00 to 1:30. We are planning to meet there at 12:30.

Bring a date or a friend and enjoy listening to Jazz music with us. Please RSVP to Sara Higginbotham at 664-0267 by February 4th.

Founders' Day and Bridging Over

Saturday, March 5, 11:00 and 10:30

Location: The Club

Great speakers, fun and friendship at this annual event. We always have a great turnout for this! The collegians from UAB and Montevallo join the alumnae in celebrating the founding of Delta Gamma. We will have the Senior Bridging Over at 10:30 where we welcome the senior collegians as alumnae with a brief ritual. We will enjoy speakers and a luncheon beginning at 11:00. Please RSVP Shannon Johnson at 668-9305 by February 25th if you plan to attend.

Golden Anchor

Saturday, April 9, 2:00

Location: Somerby at University Park across from Samford in Homewood

We will meet in the lobby of this retirement home to spend some time with the residents. We will sing songs and plan other activities. Please look at our web site for more information.

Service Project

May 2005 (date to be confirmed)

We are going to work a food and beverage booth at the SEC Baseball Tournament at the Hoover Met. Bring husbands and boyfriends to help out. Reserve your spot early. Money raised will be donated to the DG Foundation. Visit our web site for more information.

Directions to the first meeting: Patsy Martens' house

From Hwy 31 South, turn right on Riverchase Parkway West. Go THROUGH the next traffic light.

OR

From Hwy 150, turn on the street the Hoover Post Office is on; OR the street Sam's is on; OR the street SouthTrust Bank is on. The first 2 streets will dead end into Lorna Drive, or Old Highway 31. Turn right on Old Hwy 31 [or Lorna Drive]. The street beside SouthTrust Bank IS this road. Go to the traffic light and turn RIGHT on Riverchase Parkway West.

- After this traffic light, go through 2 stop signs. After the second stop sign, take the next LEFT onto Trammell Chase Drive.
- At the dead end, turn LEFT onto Chase Brook Circle.
- Immediately take the first right onto Chase Brook Drive.
- At the dead end, turn LEFT onto Baneberry Drive.
- Take the SECOND RIGHT turn onto Woodfern Circle.
- Take the FIRST RIGHT onto Woodfern Court.
- There are only 2 houses on this street. We are #901 Woodfern Court.

If you cannot follow these excellent directions, call us at home 205 988-3536 and we'll send out a search party.

Sponsorship

Good sponsorship is the key to a good chapter and a strong Fraternity. Volunteers who can help get information on women going through recruitment are needed every year. If you have a connection with young women who are about to attend a college or university please let me know.

Many thanks to everyone who helps with sponsor forms each year! 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.

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Alumnae Assistant

Where in the world are you??? Some alumnae are hard to find! Don't get lost during a move. Please let Candi Brannen Peoples know where your new home is when you make a move. You can email her at candacebrannen@aol.com with street address, mailing address, and email address changes. Or visit

http://www.anchoredinbirmingham.com/member_information.htm. Or drop a note in the mail: Candi Brannen, 1709 Wakefield Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216.

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Be sure to visit our very own alumnae web site. You'll find updates on meetings and events. If you have any questions about the web site our would like to add information just contact Brandi Thorpe, our Webmaster at dgalumnae_bham@charter.net.

On this website you will find:

- the calendar
- special interest groups
- DG business links
- collegiate chapter information
- form to update your member information
- a place to pay your alumnae dues

We Want to Know!

When you visit www.anchoredinbirmingham.com be sure to fill out the online survey. It's quick. It's easy.

We really do want to know what your interests are and what you would like to see happen at the Birmingham meetings.

Delta Gamma

Delta Gamma offers to women of all ages a rich heritage, a continuity based on sound and tested principles of personal integrity, personal responsibility, and intellectual honesty.

Delta Gamma's primary purpose is to create an environment for its members in which lasting friendships are established and in which members find the processes, the experiences, and the disciplines which will stimulate clear thought. It's aim is to foster an atmosphere in which women will develop a deeper love and consideration for mankind, a more profound understanding of the purpose of life, and a basic wisdom upon which to build their lives.

Delta Gamma's purpose is accomplished through planned collegiate and alumnae programs which provide intellectual motivation, the opportunity for graciousness in daily living, and community awareness which will enrich the lives of members and instill in them a respect for the enduring values to be gained from the Fraternity.

Friendship

We have four collegiate chapters in the state of Alabama (UAB, Spring Hill, Montevallo, and Auburn). What are your chances of finding an old friend at your first alumnae meeting? The odds are in your favor!

Not only do we have alumnae from Alabama, we also have a large number of women from all over the country participating in our local alumnae activities. There are a total of 480 Delta Gamma Alumnae in the Birmingham area alone!

If you are looking for old friends or making new friends you can count DG to be there for you.

Leave a Legacy

Remember the Delta Gamma Foundation in your will and become a member of the Charter Group.

Each Charter Group member enjoys:

- a special gold Charter Group badge
- special recognition in the *ANCHORA* Annual Report and at official Delta Gamma gatherings
- a guarantee that she helps the Foundation grow and touch as many lives as possible!

For more information, contact Hope Lynch, Development Director, at the Delta Gamma Foundation by phone or e-mail: (614) 481-8169 or hope@deltagamma.org

Did You Know?

First Impressions: 12-12-12-12

First 12 steps you take into a room, go with a purpose. First 12 words you say, have them be positive. top 12 inches, check good grooming. Bottom 12 inches, shoes should look brand new. First 12 inches of your arm includes manicured hands. If you feel insecure, remember that others feel the same. Treat each person you meet as though he/she were a very important person.