

# BIRMINGHAM

## DELTA GAMMA ALUMNAE

### Calling all Delta Gammas!

Last year the Birmingham Alumnae Group & the Zeta Xi Chapter joined together to participate in VisionWalk & were recognized for having the most spirit out of all the teams! Read more about it...



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### *Delta Gamma is 'Bama Bound!*

The Council of Delta Gamma Fraternity has voted to accept the invitation to recolonize the Beta Psi chapter of Delta Gamma at the University of Alabama. The addition of this chapter will bring Delta Gamma to a total of 148 chapters internationally.

A number of favorable factors – including campus conditions, recruitment trends and housing opportunities – make this the right time for Delta Gamma to return to Alabama.

Delta Gamma Fraternity President Beth Searcy said, “We are so pleased to be returning to the University of Alabama. We look forward to joining a thriving Panhellenic community. The University of Alabama continues to experience tremendous growth in its student body and Greek organizations. Delta Gamma will be the 17th National Panhellenic Conference group at Alabama. Plans include colonization in fall 2011 and a chapter house in 2012.”

Gentry McCreary, Director of Greek Affairs, commented, “The entire Greek community at Alabama is thrilled to welcome Delta Gamma back to the Capstone. Unprecedented growth in our Panhellenic community has brought on the need for new chapters, and we have no doubt that the newly recolonized Beta Psi chapter will be successful

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### *Delta Gamma is...*

#### *for hope...*

Through service, leadership, mentoring and friendship opportunities, our members are able to develop individually while advancing the organization as a whole.

#### *for strength...*

Honesty, truth, responsibility, accountability and our high quality of character help to create the strong, talented women of Delta Gamma.

#### *for life...*

Through legacy and loyalty, Delta Gamma continues to grow, achieve, thrive and succeed. We are rich in heritage and tradition, and our Delta Gamma pride empowers us to forever "do good."

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## *2009 – 2010 Financial Update*

For the 2009-2010 fiscal year, your local dues assisted collegiate chapters by providing them financial support for recruitment, provided postage and other supplies for our fundraiser mailing, funded several alumnae events and enabled the chapter to make a donation to the Delta Gamma Foundation in honor of our Founders' Day speaker, Debbie Seebold Evans. Local dues also allow for one delegate to be sent to Convention, cover maintenance expenses for the group website, and annual fees to EO.

Fundraising events included our annual Teabag Fundraiser and Martinis & Mistletoe, which led to a donation of \$350 to the VA Rehabilitation Center. Our Founder's Day Giving Tree raised \$2,500 which was donated to the DG Foundation.



Details for all events will be sent via Yahoo! Groups ... please check your e-mail for more information.

To subscribe to BirminghamDGs, send an e-mail to:  
[birminghamDGs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:birminghamDGs-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

## *Save The Date!*

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| October 30, 2010:  | VisionWalk (see page 3 for details)                                       |
| November 19, 2010: | Wine Tasting<br>Ruth Alsbrook's House<br>(Crestline / Mountain Brook)     |
| December 15, 2010: | Pot Luck / Ornament Swap<br>Beverly LeBoeuf's House<br>(West Homewood)    |
| January 23, 2011:  | Officer Meeting   |
| February 5, 2011:  | Zeta Nu & Zeta Xi 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary!<br>(Details to follow...) |
| March 22, 2011:    | Mother/Daughter Movie Night   |
| April 2011:        | Founder's Day   |
| May 2011:          | Officer Meeting   |

## VisionWalk 2010

Join the Chapter of Foundation Fighting Blindness in their annual fundraising event, VisionWalk! Our goal is to bring more sisters & friends together again and form a team to raise money for sight-saving research.



*Calling all Delta Gammas!  
We need you to help us  
achieve another successful  
year!*

The event will be held on October 30th at Homewood Park. Registration starts at 9 AM and the walk begins at 10 AM. Wear your Halloween costume for a chance to win a prize! Please contact Laurie Hoffman ([sirona\\_2@yahoo.com](mailto:sirona_2@yahoo.com)) if you'd like to volunteer/walk or visit [www.fightblindness.org](http://www.fightblindness.org) for more information!

## Officer Elections

Have you ever wondered how to continue your relationship with Delta Gamma after your time as a collegiate? Each year, new offices become available on the alumnae board and we need the support of our sisters. This year, the following positions are up for election:

- President
- Communications
- Programming
- Membership
- Alumnae Assistant
- E-Ops Chairman

If you are interested in increasing your involvement with your alumnae chapter, please contact Tiffani Robbins ([tbrobbins730@yahoo.com](mailto:tbrobbins730@yahoo.com)) for more information!

## Website Update

This year we have several exciting changes planned for our website, **Anchored in Birmingham** (<http://www.birminghamdeltagamma.com>). Our goal is to bring news and announcements to you in a more efficient and streamlined format.

Are you a website guru? We are looking for sisters with experience in HTML, CSS, and CMS (content management system) programming to help in the development of our new website. Please contact Brandi Thorpe ([brandi.thorpe@yahoo.com](mailto:brandi.thorpe@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in assisting with this project.

## Sponsorship Matching

Please help spread the word about a great new tool that can be found in MyDG – Sponsorship Matching.

Logon to your MyDG page (<http://www.deltagamma.org/MyDG/signin.aspx>) and click on “Edit My Page” (or “Create My Page”). Under your profile, scroll down and select “Yes” in the “Willing to Sponsor” box. You will be prompted to enter the high schools and areas that apply to you.

Sponsorship is a major part of recruitment and will be especially important with the upcoming colonization of Beta Psi. Sign up now!!!

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from day one. We look forward to working with Delta Gamma in the coming year as we prepare for this exciting recolonization.”

#### **How soon are we starting?**

We already have! Our public relations campaign is underway and will pick up steam in the next few weeks. Alumnae development in the Tuscaloosa area is also beginning.

#### **When will the house be built?**

The amendment passed at Convention 2010 allows us to form a House Corporation for Beta Psi immediately. We will start a capital campaign this fall to fund raise. If all goes according to the University’s plan, the house will be built in 2012. We are beginning to work with the University on the location (new, well-situated lots are available) and other details.

#### **How much money will need to be raised?**

The house will cost several million dollars, but the University has provisions for donations to be tax deductible. Watch for more information coming soon! Our Fraternity Housing Corporation and DG Finance Team have developed budgets and pro formas for construction and the first two years of operation. Plus, with about 200 members, the chapter will be able to generate much of what it needs to operate right off the bat!

#### **What other support will the Fraternity be giving?**

A lot! We will use our successful expansion model for developing and training the new Beta Psi House Corporation, advisers and chapter officers. Delta Gamma specialists in the areas of leadership, recruitment, finances, housing, programming and more will work with the House Corporation officers, advisers and chapter members in person and through Webinars and conference calls. At least one consultant will be with the chapter continuously for the first two years.

#### **How can I help?**

- Talk it up! Tell others about what a fabulous opportunity this is to offer Delta Gamma membership to a great number of young women in this area of the country! Explain how important it is for the Fraternity to be a part of this vibrant SEC campus and join a thriving Panhellenic community. Champion this effort and help nurture its success.
- Sponsor young women – starting now – who are already enrolled at UA (we will pledge women from all class ranks) or who will transfer or will be freshmen on campus. It’s never too early to let us know about qualified potential new members. Contact [vpmembership@deltagamma.org](mailto:vpmembership@deltagamma.org).
- Contribute to the capital campaign at whatever level you are able and/or say “yes” if asked to help in other ways as we approach fall 2011 colonization. Share information you may hear that would be of interest to Council or the DG Expansion Team by sending an e-mail to [alabama2011@deltagamma.org](mailto:alabama2011@deltagamma.org).



~ GET INVOLVED ~

Use the form below to update your information with the Birmingham Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Initiation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Career: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies / Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Local membership dues are:

- First Year Alumnae: Free
- Bronze Level: \$20
- Pink Level: \$30
- Blue Level: \$40
- Anchor Level: \$50

Please make checks payable to: **Birmingham Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter**

Mail dues to: Ronia Ahsan ([ronia.ahsan@gmail.com](mailto:ronia.ahsan@gmail.com))

You may also include your per capita dues payment of \$22. If you do so, the alumnae chapter will forward them to EO on your behalf.

Dues payment can also be made online (PayPal) at [http://www.birminghamdeltagamma.com/pay\\_dues.html](http://www.birminghamdeltagamma.com/pay_dues.html).

## *Letter from the President...*

There is no better time to get involved in the Birmingham Alumnae Chapter. We have worked diligently to plan activities that are appealing to all. I know most of us have busy, fast-paced lives, but we all have Delta Gamma in common. The Birmingham Alumnae Chapter welcomes everyone back to Delta Gamma!

The Birmingham alumnae had a very exciting 2009-2010 year. I'm hoping with your help that the next year will be even more exciting and successful! As you read this newsletter, take note of all the fun foundation and social activities we have planned for the year. We encourage you to participate in events, pay your local dues, and be a part of the Birmingham Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter.

In the Bonds,  
*Rebecca Rhodes-Franklin*  
Zeta Nu - 1999



In August, the members of the Birmingham Delta Gamma Alumnae Board met with Jan Pasek, our Region Three Alumnae Specialist!

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