

Captain's Call

Stacey Wright, Beta Kappa

Hello SF Delta Gammas!

Welcome to the start of a new year for our chapter! Our board has been hard at work planning a variety of fun events that will surely make this year one of the best ever.

2006-07 was truly an outstanding year. We enhanced our award-winning programming with several new and unique events such as a cooking class, dinner out on the town, a chocolate and wine pairing, a Broadway musical, and an ice cream social with Gamma Chapter Seniors. Most importantly, our overall chapter membership increased. Our chapter would not be able to exist were it not for the dedication of all the wonderful women who continue to "Do Good". Thank you so much to all of you who have paid your dues, provided assistance and participated in our philanthropic activities. This year we were able to donate over \$2000 to various charities and the Delta Gamma Foundation through our fundraising efforts. Quite an accomplishment, especially considering that our Karaoke Challenge was an inaugural event!

The success of our past year would not be possible without the direction of our fabulous past president, Kristina Salcido. She brought many things to her role, including enthusiasm and a genuine desire to further the ideals of Delta Gamma. She will be missed and leaves behind some rather large shoes to be filled.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce our talented executive board for the upcoming year. They are a group of dedicated and loyal Delta Gammas who play a instrumental role in ensuring the success of our chapter.

vp: finance- Rena Goodman, vp: membership- Whitney Weaver, vp: Foundation- Kelly McLaughlin, vp: programming- Vanessa Garcia, vp: communication- Meghan McKeegan, Collumnae- Betsy Conway, Webmistress- Estella Nieto, Special Interest Group Chair: Maya Gedeon

If you ever have any suggestions for the direction of our chapter, please feel free to contact me at any time at stacydwright@hotmail.com. I welcome any and all comments and questions. We are always open to new ideas for our chapter and if you or anyone you know has a special talent that might be of interest to our membership we would love to know. Our goal as a chapter is to provide opportunities for friendship, personal growth and development and philanthropy. I hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities and personally hope to meet each of you at one of our events.

ITB, Stacey Wright, President

Announcements

Congratulations! Kristina Salcido has been named the Region 8 Alumnae Specialist. Patti Baird is the new Region 8 Collumnae Specialist.

Jennifer Jerhoff married Jim Telford on August 4th, 2007, in Napa Valley. We wish them all the best!

The Gamma chapter is holding Recruitment on August 25th, 26th, 28th and 29th. They are looking for alumnae to assist with various duties. If you are able to do so, please email the Gamma Advisory Team Chairman, Nicole Field, at nicole.field@hotmail.com.

The Gamma chapter is also looking for alumnae to serve on the Advisory Team. A Social Advisor is especially needed to chaperone chapter events that occur mainly in SF. If you are interested, please email Nicole Field at nicole.field@hotmail.com.

Interested in taking private Pilates workouts for only \$45 a session? Delta Gamma Traci Michaelson is studying to become a Power Pilates Teacher. Help her get her 600 hours of apprentice work and strengthen your "Powerhouse" at the same time! Traci is currently training at www.Purely-Pilates.com in San Carlos and www.eastbaypilates.com in Emeryville, and at Pilates 580 in Oakland. Contact her at tmichaelson@hotmail.com or 510.316.8214 for more details and to set up a private workout.

Did you know that our chapter is also on MySpace and Facebook? Visit us to join our online groups!

MySpace:

<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendID=130868185>

To access our Facebook group search for "Delta Gamma Alumnae of San Francisco".



Make It, Bake It, Fake It annual Holiday Party

Foundation Update

Kelly McLaughlin, Beta Rho

On Saturday, March 11, a group of SG DG alumnae caravanned to Sacramento for a very special Founders Day celebration that included collegiate and alumnae chapters from all across Northern California. The gathering, second in size only to the biennial Delta Gamma Convention, was privileged to enjoy a keynote address from Marilyn Fordham who has been a longtime member of Delta Gamma's delegation to the National Panhellenic Council.

Then in May, the Karaoke Challenge at Encore bar/lounge was a rave success not to mention a great deal of fun for all SF DGs and friends. We raised money for the National Association for the Visually Handicapped (NAVH). Thanks to all who attended and showcased their vocal stylings!

As has been a special summer tradition for SF DGs, we spent an afternoon in July volunteering at the San Mateo County Council of the Blind (SMCCB) summer picnic. The afternoon was one full catching up with our friends on the Council, greeting their guests, and helping serve food. As an unexpected treat, the SMCCB recognized our alumnae chapter with a Volunetter of the Year award. We are looking forward to hosting a collumnae event with members of the SMCCB sharing their experiences with our membership, young and old.

Chapter members volunteered at the 1st Annual Blind Babies Golf Tournament on Monday, August 6th. The event was a huge success and we hope to continue to support this organization in the future!

Finally, I want to share with you all my hope to really broaden our Foundation focus on Well Aware elements of our programming. Just as a reminder, Well Aware is a Foundation Program that encourages us to seek opportunities to educate, empower, and improve ourselves as modern women. This could include anything from financial responsibility to self-defense to meditation techniques. I encourage you to visit http://www.deltagamma.org/well_aware_home.shtml and let us know if you have any suggestions about how to better integrate such programs into our alumnae group.

As a new member of our executive board, I am anxious to get to know more of our members through our efforts to Do Good in our community and raise awareness among our members. ITB, Kelly



DGs at the First annual Karaoke Challenge

Membership Connection

Whitney Weaver, Delta Rho

The SFDG Alumnae Chapter offers friendship, volunteer opportunities, and a continued connection to the Fraternity. Our chapter continues to grow as a result of our diverse programming and efforts to reach out to new members. As an active member, committee chairperson, or chapter officer, there are a variety of ways to get involved. We look forward to seeing you!

Do you know of a fellow Delta Gamma who might be interested in joining our chapter? If so, please feel free to provide us with their names and emails.

If your contact or career information has changed recently, please complete a new membership form and send it to whitneyweaver@yahoo.com. Even if you are not paying dues at this time, we would like to have each member's updated information so that we can establish a networking database.

Website News

Estella Nieto, Upsilon

Our website has recently been revamped to include a "News & Announcements/DG Blog" page. This page will be updated frequently with all the latest information. As always, go to <http://www.sfdg.org> to stay up-to-date on all chapter news.

We are currently looking for assistance with our website. We have a lot of great ideas to improve our #1 recruiting tool, but are lacking the adequate resources. If you or someone you know (does not have to be a DG) could assist us, please let Stacey know at sfdgalum@yahoo.com.

Finance News

Our chapter had an incredible year in 2006-07! A big thank you to all the committed Delta Gammas who paid their dues and enabled us to accomplish so many things!

BRONZE
Joanna Salgado-Liwanag, Kristina Salcido, Mary Nadine Kane, Michelle Curtis, Nancy Gregovich Bowers, Stacey Wright, Tina Jones, Traci Michaelson, Whitney Weaver, Danielle Sampiero, Jennifer Grace, Meghan McKeegan, Patti Baird, Sakurako Fisher

PINK
Allison Berding, Caroline Graham, Catherine Tunney, Darrin Brocca, Jenny Jack, Kelly McLaughlin, Rachel Brass, Katherine Field Rothschild, Krissie Carlson, Lori Lima Doyle, Megan Morehouse, Nancy Crowley, Catalina Anderson, Sunaina Gyani

BLUE
Andrea Buccine, Bessie Collins, Maya Gedeon, Megan Kinney, Michelle Scialanga, Mollie Jones, Nancy Donnelly Martinez, Rebecca Licht, Shea Fitzgerald, Vanessa Garcia, Betsy Conway, Britney Barr, Courtney Radonich, Emily Jones, Erin Keplinger, Gina Scalise, Inga Lintvedt, Jaclyn Dunne, Jenna Conway, Jill Clark, Katy Dickinson, Kelly Edmondson, Kelsey Anderson, Lauren Goss, Lauren Lohnberg, Margaret DeMonte, Estella Nieto, Jillian LR Bales, Natasha Paul Fitzgibbon, Stephanie Milona, Carrie Audino, Charlotte Tueckmantel, Jill Varni, Meredith Wilkinson, Misty Roudebush, Monica Knowles, Noelle Quattrin, Jenny Op't Holt, Laura Byrd, Amy Krahn-Stella, Tracy Myers, LeighAnn DeJesse, Liz Cauley, Rebecca Niemeyer

Our chapter has now begun a new fiscal year and is accepting dues payments for 2007-08. Your dues go to two places: Executive Offices (EO) and our chapter. \$19 of your payment is sent to EO on your behalf for per capita dues that are used for the operation of the entire fraternity. The remaining portion is used by our local chapter to contribute to Foundation and other philanthropic activities, pay yearly operating expenses and fees, support local collegiate chapters and offset social activities costs. Dues paid members also have exclusive privileges to attend member only events.

Our chapter utilizes a tiered dues structure comprised of three membership levels which are as follows:

- Bronze: \$55+
- Pink: \$45-\$54
- Blue: \$35-\$44

The minimum dues payment is \$35. Any money contributed above this amount is greatly appreciated, but not required. Please feel free to pay at whichever level you choose.

This year we are extending a special offer to 2007 graduates. Recent graduates are entitled to a \$5 savings on their dues payment. Simply subtract \$5 from whichever amount you choose to pay. We look forward to introducing you to the life of an alumna!

We are again providing an opportunity to save money by paying your dues early. The tier structure lists the amounts due if paid by September 15th. If paid after this date, the minimum dues payment will increase to \$40, and the minimum amount of each tier will increase by \$5.

We will continue to accept dues payments via PayPal or check. To pay via PayPal, visit our website at www.sfdg.org to find the "Pay your dues" link on our home page. Once you have made your payment, please complete a dues form and send it via email to Rena and Whitney at rena.goodman@gmail.com and whitneyweaver@yahoo.com. For your convenience, we have attached a dues form with this newsletter. To pay via check, please contact Rena at rena.goodman@gmail.com for the payment address. Please print and complete a dues form and send along with your payment.

Your dues make a difference and are crucial for maintaining a healthy SF chapter and a national organization. Please fulfill the pledge you made as an initiate of Delta Gamma and pay your dues today!

Chapter Programming
Vanessa Garcia, Zeta Epsilon

Get ready for a fabulous 2007-2008 SF DG Alumnae year! Our board is working hard to ensure that we have plenty of great events for you each month.

We'll be throwing a Kick Off BBQ on Sunday, September 16th. This will be a great opportunity for new and returning members to meet DGs in the area and find out what we have in store for the year. Look for details via Evite coming soon.

Our increasingly popular Dock at Dolce event will finish off San Francisco's Fleet Week on Thursday, October 11th at Dolce nightclub. Last year we raised hundreds of dollars for Guide Dogs for the Blind while DGs were special guest bartenders. We plan to make this year's event even bigger and better!

Happy Hours and Food and Wine group events will switch off each month. Cheese tasting, champagne classes, and Dine About Town are just some of the special programming events that we have planned.

Book club has become one of our most popular subgroups over the past few years. Join Estella Nieto and the book club to discuss popular and classic books while sipping on some wine.

I look forward to being your Vice President of Programming. If you have any ideas or concerns please contact me at vanescave@comcast.net. Remember to check our website www.sfdg.org and look for Evites for details!

Calendar of Events
August 23: Thank you reception for all 2006-2007 dues paying members at Palomino
September 11: 7:00pm - Book Club
September 16: 12:00pm - Kick Off BBQ at Crissy Field
October 11: 8:00pm - Dock at Dolce - Dolce, 440 Broadway St., San Francisco
October 23: 7:00pm - Book Club
November 2: Mexican lunch in the Financial District for Dia de Los Muertos
December 1: San Mateo County Council of the Blind Holiday Party
December 4: 7:00pm - Book Club
December 9: Make It, Bake It, Fake It Holiday Party

Other Upcoming Events
Philanthropy Event with Berkeley's Gamma chapter
Skin care event at L'Occitane
Cooking class
Trips to local museums to see art exhibits
Events with local DG chapters

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