

## Captain's Call

*Stacey Wright, Beta Kappa*

Happy New Year!

I hope that your holiday season was filled with family, friends and fun. It is hard to believe that it is already the start of a new year. As President, I am excited about the future of our chapter and am confident that 2008 will be a fabulous one for our chapter.

As I write this letter I reflect on all the great programming our chapter offered these past few months and the large number of new faces present at these events. I am so pleased that we were able to provide a number of different types of activities for our members and that so many of you were able to take part. I hope that as you read through this newsletter you will be inspired to take part in the many more occurring this spring. And, if you haven't yet made it out, please do so! We always love to meet new women and learn about their experiences as a Delta Gamma.

In March we will be holding Officer Elections. The exact open positions are not known at this time but we will certainly have a few vacancies to fill. I strongly encourage all of you to volunteer to be an officer. Serving your chapter is a great way to give back to Delta Gamma, meet people and form new connections. Look for announcements to come via email in the near future.

This June I will attend Convention in Palm Springs, CA. I am excited to represent our fine chapter and meet other presidents and officers from across the country. Our chapter officers will be hard at work in the coming months preparing award applications. In the past, our chapter has been recognized for excellence in membership and programming and we hope to keep the tradition going. If you are interested in attending Convention or already have plans to attend, please let us know. The more, the merrier!

In closing, I want to just say again how great it has been to meet so many of you. This year we have not only provided social opportunities but have assisted several charities through donations of money and time. I am very proud of our members and the continued commitment to doing good. Thank you all for a great fall semester and cheers to a new year full of promise and opportunity!

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## Foundation Update

*Kelly McLaughlin, Beta Rho*

Fall 2007 saw SF DG alumnae continue striving in their efforts to "do good".

In early October, the third annual "Dock at Dolce" event raised more than \$700 for Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Delta Gamma Foundation. Thanks to all the ladies and their sailors who came by to enjoy the merriment! We are sad, however, to announce that Dolce has closed its doors so we will be looking for a new fall fundraising tradition in 2008. Let us know if you have a fresh idea that we can pursue.

Following Dock at Dolce's success, members were lucky enough to attend a guide dog graduation at Guide Dog's campus in San Rafael. It was a privilege to witness first hand the confidence and independence inspired in our visually impaired neighbors upon the receipt of their dogs. We are looking forward to a continued relationship with Guide Dogs and their life-changing work.

In late October, the Glaucoma Research Foundation held a reception in Mountain View to recognize Delta Gamma's long time commitment to their mission. Fraternity Foundation Executive Director Betsy Inch Foust was a special guest speaker that evening in addition to physicians and researchers working closely with GRF. I am thrilled so many of our members were able to attend this event and build stronger ties with the GRF locally; ties that hopefully will evolve into increased volunteer and outreach opportunities for our members to provide Service for Sight in the Bay Area community. As a first step, our members will be volunteering at GRF's 30th Anniversary Gala on January 23 at the Westin St. Francis on Union Square. Please feel free to email me if you would like to be involved with this event -- [kellydmclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:kellydmclaughlin@gmail.com). As the holidays drew near, we once again attended the San Mateo County Council for the Blind Holiday Gala. The afternoon was one full catching up with our friends on the Council, greeting their guests, and helping with event check in and seating.

This spring we will again be having our Karaoke Challenge Fundraiser. The tentative date for this event is April 17th. Last year we had a great time and hope to raise even more money this year. More details will be provided upcoming emails in the future but please plan to attend and bring friends!

Did you know that in 2006-07, the San Francisco group ranked #11 out of all DG Alumnae Chapters for contributions to the DG Foundation? Congratulations!



Guide Dogs for the Blind Graduation Ceremony

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](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.



Officer Team at the annual Holiday party 'Make It, Bake It, Fake It'

## Membership Connection

*Whitney Weaver, Delta Rho*

The San Francisco Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter offers friendship, volunteer opportunities, and a continued connection to the Fraternity. Whether you are an alumna making the first move as a new graduate, or simply looking to reconnect, our chapter exists to provide a social and professional network for our members.

Delta Gamma thrives and survives thanks to the time, talent and treasure of its members. If not for the commitment of alumnae to assume lifetime membership in Delta Gamma, the Fraternity would not be able to carry out the mission set forth by the Founders.

We don't want you to miss out on anything! If your contact information has recently changed, please email Whitney at [whitneyweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:whitneyweaver@yahoo.com).

## Website News

*Estella Nieto, Upsilon*

Our website has grown a lot since I assumed the webmistress duties in 2003. Last year, we rolled out an online news bulletin, created an interactive event calendar and debuted a streaming photo gallery (feel free to send us your SF DG Alumnae pics if you'd like to see them posted on our website).

We have several web projects on the board for 2008 and not enough workers to go around! So, if you have any web experience – or do not have web experience but are interested in learning – please email me at [estellanieto@gmail.com](mailto:estellanieto@gmail.com).

## Alumnae Relations

*Betsy Conway, Zeta Epsilon*

The past year's Collumnae activities consisted of treating the UC Berkeley Gamma chapter to ice cream sundaes during finals and most recently donating treats from our Make It Fake It Bake It event. In 2008 we want to do more than just deliver sweets so we are planning a Career Networking Event in March. (Date to be announced soon) During this event we plan to provide resume critiques, interviewing advice and give perspectives on a number of different career fields. And, we will again be spending Founder's Day with them on March 9th. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for this special tradition. In May we will be participating in Gamma's Senior Installation Ceremony and introducing them to all the benefits of participation in an Alumnae chapter. Complete information will be provided in upcoming Evites.

# Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter of San Francisco

## Finance News

*Rena Goodman, Alpha Epsilon*

A big THANK YOU to the following 46 women who have paid their annual dues!

### Bronze level:

Catalina Anderson, Lynn Ehret, Sakurako Fisher, Maya Gedeon, Tina Jones, Mary Nadine Kane, Leslie Letts, Joanna Salgado Liwanag, Meghan McKeegan, Traci Michaelson, Patricia Scotti, Whitney Weaver, Stacey Wright.

### Pink Level:

Bessie Collins, Nancy Crowley, Vanessa Garcia, Caroline Graham, Kristen Isaacs, Cheri McCormick, Estella Nieto, Noelle Quattrin, Kristen Rivers, Lauren Tomlin.

### Blue Level:

Jillian Bales, Nancy Bowers, Jaclyn Dunne, Allison Firestone, Alexandra Gibbs, Rena Goodman, Courtney Griffin, Hadley Hicks, Mollie Jones, Erin Keplinger, Stephanie Kollmeyer, Lisa Lalli Wyckhouse, Alexis Lovett, Nancy Martinez, Kate McGinnis, Kelly McLaughlin, Jenny Op't Holt, Melissa Quigg, Michelle Scialanga, Kristin Slye, Charlotte Tueckmantel, Meredith Wilkinson, Jill Varni.

If you have not paid your dues yet this year, it is not too late! Our chapter offers a tiered dues structure comprised of three membership categories, which are as follows:

Bronze members: \$60+

Pink members: \$50-\$59

Blue members: \$40-\$49

2007 graduates may take advantage of a \$5 discount on their dues. Simply subtract \$5 from the above amounts when making your payment.

Dues may be paid via PayPal or a check made payable to SF DG Alumnae. Complete payment information can be found on the enclosed dues form or by emailing Rena Goodman at [rena.goodman@gmail.com](mailto:rena.goodman@gmail.com).

Upon initiation, every Delta Gamma makes a pledge to pay her dues annually. Please continue to support Delta Gamma and the San Francisco Alumnae Chapter by fulfilling your commitment today!

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=userviewprofile&friendID=130868185>

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

## Chapter Programming

*Vanessa Garcia, Zeta Epsilon*

Our chapter finished the first half of the DG year by offering many great programming events and we are excitedly looking hosting many more. In August we held our 2nd annual Member Appreciation event. Members who paid dues for the 2006-07 year were treated to free appetizers at Palomino as a thank you for their continued support. Our first all member event of the fall was a very successful first annual Kickoff BBQ at Crissy Field. Many new members attended and had a chance to enjoy a beautiful fall day. Other popular events included the Hip Pockets jeans party where everyone had an opportunity to purchase designer jeans and accessories at a discount. In October we held a tasting at O & Co. and members had the chance to sample some of San Francisco's finest olive oils and specialty products. We ended 2007 with the annual Make It, Bake It, Fake It holiday party where everyone attending donated an item they had made, baked, or faked. These donated items were purchased by other attendees and the money raised to In addition to enjoying yummy holiday treats and catching up with one another the money raised from the purchase of items helped to offset general chapter operating expenses.

Coming up for the second half of the year, we have lots of great things in the pipeline. In January we will take advantage of San Francisco's Dine About Town by dining at The Huntington Hotel's The Big Four restaurant. For \$31.95 we will be able to choose one appetizer, an entrée and dessert while enjoying the cozy and classic atmosphere at one of SF's best restaurants. In February we will visit L'Occitane to learn about their skin care products as well as their contribution to the blind. Did you know that their packaging contains Braille? As always, we will celebrate Founder's Day on March 9th at the Gamma chapter at UC Berkeley. Another unique event that is possibly in the works involves the theme of "stress relief". We hope to provide an opportunity where we can learn fun and useful ways to relieve and release the built up stress from our everyday lives. Another potential event in the works is a day trip by canoe or kayak in the Russian River area in late spring. We will continue our popular subgroups and have plenty of Book Club meetings as well as happy hours and Food and Wine group events. Going forward, Book Club will be going to an 8 week format to allow enough time for everyone to read the selected book. If you have any suggestions for meeting places or books, please email Estella Nieto at [estellanieto@gmail.com](mailto:estellanieto@gmail.com). For our first Food and Wine group event we will be offering "Wine 101" on February 19. Even if you are a self-proclaimed wine connoisseur you can surely benefit from learning some of the basics and enjoying some wine! In the future we hope to host an event featuring a wine and cheese pairing and a champagne tasting. Remember to check the website [www.sfdg.org](http://www.sfdg.org) and look for Evites to make sure you are in the loop for our upcoming events.

## Calendar of Events - Spring 2008

January 8	Book Club
January 17	Happy Hour at Bin 38
January 23	Glaucoma Research Foundation Gala
January 29	Dine About Town
February	L'Occitane Skin care event (TBD)
February 19	Wine Essentials 101
March 9	Founder's Day
March 11	Book Club
March 26/27	Happy Hour
March	Blind Babies Foundation Beeper Egg Hunt (TBD)
March	Gamma Chapter Career Night (TBD)
April 17	Spring Fundraiser
April	Food and Wine Club Event (TBD)
May 13	Book Club
May 5	Senior Installation Ceremony (TBD)
May	Happy Hour (TBD)
June 18-23	Convention
June	End of Year Outdoor Event (TBD)
June	Food and Wine Club Event (TBD)
July	Happy Hour (TBD)

We are continuing to accept Box Tops for Education. These box tops can be found on many common products such with brand names such as Kleenex, General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Huggies, Scott, Hefty, Nature's Valley, SaranWrap and more. Our chapter is collecting the box tops to send to the California School for the Blind to be used for purchasing needed supplies. Simply tear off the box top from the package and email [kellydmclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:kellydmclaughlin@gmail.com) for the mailing address. Since they weigh so little they can be placed in a regular mailing envelope. Thanks for helping us with this project!

## News and Announcements

Know a DG alumna in the Bay Area that would like to be included on our mailing list? Please contact Meghan McKeegan (*Rho*) head of chapter communications: [meghanmckeegan@hotmail.com](mailto:meghanmckeegan@hotmail.com).

DG alumna, Traci Michaelson, is now a certified Pilates instructor. Always wanted to try Pilates? Traci teaches at two studios in the Bay Area: Purely Pilates in San Carlos [www.purely-pilates.com](http://www.purely-pilates.com) and East Bay Pilates in Emeryville [www.eastbaypilates.com](http://www.eastbaypilates.com). Contact her at [tmichaelson@hotmail.com](mailto:tmichaelson@hotmail.com) to get started!

Be sure to join our Food & Wine subgroup events headed by Tina Jones. Wine Essentials 101, Happy Hour at Bin 38, and Dine about Town are coming up. Please contact Tina at [tinajonessf@yahoo.com](mailto:tinajonessf@yahoo.com) if you would like to join or have any suggestions on upcoming events.

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