

Captain's Call

Stacey Wright, Beta Kappa

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the start of a new Delta Gamma year!

This summer I attended Convention in Palm Desert, CA and am very proud to report that our chapter was recognized at both the regional and national level. We won the Outstanding Alumnae Award for Region 8 and an Alumnae Excellence Award from EO. Our chapter was also a national finalist for awards in the areas of Membership Development, Programming, Collegiate Support and the most prestigious of all, the Outstanding Alumnae Chapter. It was a great time to be a SF DG!

We could not have won these awards or received recognition without the support and commitment of members like you. I thank each and every one of you who paid your dues, attended an event, providing study treats or assistance to our local collegiate chapters, and dedicated your time to our philanthropic efforts. Our chapter accomplished so much this year in the way of funds raised for donations, mentorship provided to collegians, and service hours completed. A great big thank you to all of you!

Our officers have been hard at work brainstorming and planning new and unique opportunities for friendship, networking, philanthropy, and service. I warmly extend an invitation to all of you to join us for an event this semester and realize the benefits of membership in our chapter. All of the officers and I look forward to meeting new faces and catching up with all others. Thank you again for commitment to the fraternity and our local chapter. I hope to see you very soon!

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Stacey with Gamma president at Convention



Photo from Founders Day



Blind Babies Foundation Golf Tournament - March 2008



Foundation Update

Whitney Weaver, Delta Rho

The San Francisco Delta Gamma alumnae Chapter continues to "Do Good," upholding the Fraternity's commitment to our philanthropy, Service for Sight. This Spring we hosted our Second Annual Karaoke Challenge. The event was a huge success and we are thrilled to report that we raised over \$600 for the National Association for the Visually Handicapped. On August 2nd we were the special guests at the Annual San Mateo County Council for the Blind Summer Picnic. We also plan to attend the SMCCB Holiday party on December 6. The members really appreciate our company and our continued support!

On August 11th DGs served as volunteers at the Annual Blind Babies Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament. BBF provides family-centered services to infants and preschoolers who are identified as blind or visually impaired.

This Fall the chapter will continue to support the Glaucoma Research Foundation. The Foundation will host its annual Fundraising Gala in January. We plan to volunteer the night of the gala as well as help with event preparations in the upcoming months. Details on GRF volunteer opportunities coming soon!

In addition, this year I would like to challenge us to participate in the Golden Anchor Program. The purpose of the Golden Anchor Program is to assist Delta Gamma senior citizens, as well as other senior citizens who reside in health care facilities, by bringing joy to their lives in the way of personal interaction and the bonds of friendship. If you have ideas about additional Foundation or Well-Aware events that you would like to see the chapter pursue, please contact me at whitneyweaver@yahoo.com

Membership Connection

Lauren Tomlin, Alpha Upsilon

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 thanks to the time and talent 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 our three Founders.

This past year our membership increased significantly but we are not satisfied yet! We know there are a lot of women in the area for whom we do not have contact information and thus cannot invite them to participate in our award-winning programming. We need your help in reaching out to those you may know in the SF area that are not currently involved. Please feel free to pass along our information to any other Delta Gammas and invite them to an event.

We don't want you to miss out on a single moment! If your contact information has recently changed or you'd like to connect with the Chapter, please email Lauren at lauren.tomlin@gmail.com.

Santa Clara Collumnae News: Recruitment is fast approaching for the Zeta Epsilon (Santa Clara University) chapter!! Seeking alumnae volunteers to help with recruitment which runs from October 9-12 at the Zeta Epsilon house. Carpools to and from SCU can be arranged. If interested to get involved please contact Kristina Salcido at Salcidok@hotmail.com.

Website News

Estella Nieto, Upsilon

Our chapter website, <http://sfdg.org>, is celebrating its sixth year of service to our chapter and continues to be a key resource for alums to find information about our chapter, from officer bios to our event calendar. In addition, we recently launched SF DG Alumnae Chapter on Facebook and MySpace!

In other DG tech news: this year, EO rolled out a revamped Delta Gamma website and launched MyDG, a personalized networking website where DGs can receive the latest news about Delta Gamma, find resources and connect with other members. MyDG is the product of years of research and pilot testing and as a result, is a state of the art tool setting the precedent in the Greek community. It is truly a one stop shop for all things DG! Please check it out at <http://www.deltagamma.org/myDG/> and be sure to join our SF DG Alumnae Group as well!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Last, but not least, we are currently looking for assistance with our website. We have a lot of ideas for improving our #1 recruitment tool but don't have enough resources to implement them. If you or someone you know (does not have to be a DG) would be interested in adding a website project to your portfolio, please contact Estella Nieto at estellanieto@gmail.com.

Collumnae Programming

Allison Firestone, Epsilon Iota

Fall means the start of another year full of SF Alumnae/UC Berkeley Collegian activities. This year we're working on a bunch of events and opportunities for alumnae to connect with and support the Gamma chapter.

Cal recruitment will take place Sept. 6, 7, 9, and 10, during which our advisory team and alumnae volunteers will assist with various duties during and after parties. SF Alumnae will also continue to participate in the Gamma initiation ceremony, act as career and personal mentors to collegians, and remind members of Delta Gamma opportunities that go beyond college days.

We plan to continue to stock the girls up with baked goods during finals week and this year we'll be holding a collegian-alumnae "girls night in" at the house during October, where we'll carve pumpkins and get ready for Halloween. If you're interested in helping out during recruitment, or becoming a member of the Gamma advisory board, contact allisonfirestone@yahoo.com.

Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter of San Francisco

Finance News

Brittany Barr, Gamma Kappa

A big thank you to all the committed Delta Gammas who paid their dues and enabled us to accomplish so many things!

Our chapter has now begun a new fiscal year and is accepting dues payments for 2008-09. Your dues go to two places: Executive Offices (EO) and our chapter. \$20.50 of your payment is sent to EO on your behalf for per capita dues that are used for the operation of the entire fraternity.

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

Bronze: \$70+

Pink: \$55-\$69

Blue: \$40-\$54

The minimum dues payment is \$45. 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 our 2007 & 2008 graduates. Recent graduates are entitled to a discounted dues rate of \$30 for the year. 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 above tier structure lists the amounts due if paid by September 15th. If paid after this date, the minimum dues payment will increase to \$45, and the minimum amount of each tier will increase by \$5.

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!

The Gamma chapter is seeking volunteers to serve on House Corporation. The HC board meets a few times during each semester to review the needs of the Gamma chapter as they pertain to their housing structure. House Corporation oversees improvement projects and is responsible for the employment decision of the house staff. If you are interested in getting involved at a local level, this is an excellent way to do so. Most correspondence takes place via email and/or phone, with the exception of the meetings at the Gamma house. To learn more about the House Corporation board or to become involved, please email Anne Hohenberger at anne.hohenberger@gmail.com

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, 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 whitneyweaver@yahoo.com for the mailing address.

Chapter Programming

Natasha Quel, Zeta Epsilon

It's going to be an exciting 2008-2009 San Francisco Alumnae year with our programs focusing on Sisterhood, Membership, Community, Foundation and Networking. This year the board has made it a priority to ensure that we have a great mix between your chapter's renowned events and fun new events. Also, we are focused on communicating our upcoming events to you at least three weeks in advance by Evite. You can check out up coming events via the SF DG website www.sfdg.org, facebook, myspace and the new MyDG!

This past year we created some great DG memories at over thirty events! One of the most popular events was the Wine Essentials101 demonstration where members got to taste and learn the art of wine from a local winemaker. Another fantastic event was our "Sex in the City" movie night! Members from all over the city gathered for a social hour prior to viewing the movie on opening night. Lastly, we had several happy hours at locations like Bin 38, Circa, and Mas Sake where new and returning members gathered for food and fun after work.

A few of the events that we have planned for the rest of 2008 are the Fall Kick-Off BBQ on Sunday, September 14 and a Welcome Back Happy Hour on September 24th. The Fall Kick-Off BBQ is a tradition that provides a wonderful opportunity for new and returning members to get to know the San Francisco DG group, meet sisters that live in the area and enjoy San Francisco's best month of weather. In addition to the above, there will be several other social, collumnae and foundation/community events to round out our calendar.

I look forward to an exciting year of events and getting to meet you! I would love to hear from you on any programming ideas you would like to see in the future. Our board plans our calendar around the needs and wants of our membership so please feel free to email me at nquel@ca.rr.com with any questions or suggestions. Don't forget to check out the website for the most current calendar www.sfdg.org and look for Evites to follow for all of our exciting opportunities!



Some fun shots from our Spring Fundraiser, Karoke Challenge

Do you have any news or announcements you would like to add to our newsletter? Please email Meghan McKeegan, Chapter Communications, at meghanmckeegan@hotmail.com

Calendar of Events - Fall 2008

SEPTEMBER:

Sept. 6th - 10th	Gamma Chapter Recruitment
Sept. 14th, Sunday	Fall Kick-Off BBQ
Sept. 24th, Wed.	Happy Hour

OCTOBER:

Oct. 4th, Saturday	Gamma Homecoming
Oct. 9th - 12th	Zeta Epsilon Recruitment
Oct. 12th, Sunday	Food and Wine Event
Oct. 20th, Monday	Pumpkin Carving with Gamma Chapter
Late October	Fall Fundraiser

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

Nov. 5th, Wed.	Fall Book Club
Nov. 11th, Tues.	Gamma's Initiation
Nov. 13th, Thursday	Thanksgiving Social
Dec. 6th, Saturday	SMCCB Holiday Party

News and Announcements

This fall EO will begin directly invoicing members for their per capita dues. You are welcome to pay your per capita dues to EO via their invoice or you may continue to pay them directly to us with your local dues and we will submit them on your behalf. If you do pay your per cap dues directly to EO, please don't forget to also make your local dues payment! We encourage you to save time by following our existing process of just making one payment to our chapter and letting us do the work of submitting your per cap dues to EO. It's our way of saying thank you for your continued support and the least we can do to make the process as simple and fast as possible.

Fall Fund-raiser:

Get pumped for an exhilarating experience unlike any other! While the past "Dock at Dolce" events were quite successful, we've decided to steer off-course and bring a change in scenery. Timing of fund-raiser will be late October. More details to come...

The SF DG Alumnae Chapter wants to be your friend in person and online! The MySpace page and Facebook group were created to network with sisters, publish bulletins and blogs on upcoming and past events, and to share pictures. The page offers amazing opportunities for sisters to connect - your Delta Gamma memories doesn't end at college! Invite sisters to events, make new friends, read about the latest SF DG news, and share pictures of fun experiences with fellow DGs. Stop by and say hello or leave a comment - check us out, we'd love to add you at www.myspace.com/sfdgalum and at our Facebook group "Delta Gamma Alumnae of San Francisco".

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