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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

President's Letter

Dear Sisters,

Happy fall! I hope that you all had a great summer. Mine went by too quickly, but I am excited about the start of a new Alpha Gam year! Our Vice President, **Joyce Anne Porter**, has put together a great schedule of events for us to share our sisterhood this year. In November, we'll be participating in the JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes, and our annual social will be a potluck dinner at **Mary Ann Akin's** house, where a representative from Escazu (a local chocolatier) will talk to us about the chocolate-making process and let us sample some of their gourmet chocolates. We'll have our holiday party and gift exchange in December at the home of **Charity Schuller**, and that should be great fun as always!

Check out our web site, www.agdraleigh.org, for more details about our upcoming events,

and please plan to join us for IRD 2014 in April. The date has not yet been set, but we're excited about this year's theme, which is "Come Home to Alpha Gamma Delta." There are so many ways that the Fraternity and our sisterhood have been a home away from home for all of us, and we'll have the chance to celebrate that at IRD.

As always, please keep us updated about what's happening in your lives; we love to hear your good news! If you have something to share, please send it to echo@agdraleigh.org. Take care, and we hope to see you soon!

Loyally,

Dawn Myers

President, Greater Raleigh Alumnae
Chapter

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WELCOME!



New Members

Ashley Doles (AA '06) and Kody Carter (EB '07) at Alpha Gam Always.

Experiences of a Lifetime - IRD 2013

We celebrated "Alpha Gamma Delta—Experiences for a Lifetime" with a lovely lunch at The Pit in downtown Raleigh on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

Jillian Thomas spoke about her experiences in all of her roles in Alpha Gam as well as the importance of sisterhood.

Our featured dessert was a cake made by **Charity Schuller's** husband, Brian.



Ann Marie Taepke (ZS, '04) at IRD

Five Stars for 2012-13

As a result of our chapter going above and beyond the requirements for Good Standing, GRAC earned all five stars in the Five Star program.



Alpha Gam Always at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano

Fall Updates

Alpha Gam Always

Alpha Gam Always was held at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano on Thursday, September 12, 2013 in Cary. Fourteen sisters spent the evening catching up and getting to know some sisters who were new to our group. Door prizes were awarded based on a drawing.

Fall Belk Charity Days

GRAC is selling Belk Charity Day tickets and gets to keep 100% of the proceeds - that's \$5 per ticket sold! Ticket holders receive 20-70% off most purchases, and there will be savings on rarely discounted brands. Ticket holders also get \$5 off their first purchase. You need a ticket to shop.

In-store sales of tickets are divided among charities and churches that send representatives to greet and sell tickets on the day of the event. The sale is Saturday, November 9 from 6:00-10:00 AM at all local area Belk stores. You can pre-shop the week before and pick up your package any time after the sale! Please contact **Jean Burroughs** at jean@cj4m.com to purchase tickets.

Tickets make great gifts and this fabulous sale is just in time for Christmas!

New Fundraiser This Fall

We are in the process of setting up an account with shopwithscrip.com to assist with our fundraising efforts. Details coming soon!

JDRF Walk 2013

The JDRF Walk is a great way to live out our Fraternity's purpose to "develop health and vigor of body" and "contributing to the world's work" in our community. Please join us on Saturday, November 2.

To sign up or donate go to http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/AlphaGammaDelta_GRAC or mail a check payable to JDRF to **Carrie Wheeler** at 416 Greymist Drive, Durham, NC 27713. Please write Alpha Gamma Delta in the memo line if you send a check directly to JDRF.

Pecan Sale

It's that time of year again! We are taking orders for our pecan sales. These pecans aren't like your typical purchase in a grocery store. They're fresh, mammoth full pecan halves from this year's crop. Proceeds from our sales go to support JDRF and Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. Prices aren't yet set this year due to market fluctuations but should be around \$10/lb.

Adopt-A-Chapter

GRAC supports two adopted chapters, Theta Mu at UNC-Wilmington and Theta Omicron at Western Carolina University. GRAC sent a card to both chapters welcoming them back to school and wishing them the best of luck during recruitment.

Theta Mu

Theta Mu (UNC –Wilmington) did an outstanding job during formal recruitment and on September 3rd, they welcomed 33 Potential New Members! Their initiation

ceremony will be held on November 8th.

On November 2nd Theta Mu will host their annual philanthropy event, Mr. and Mrs. Greek.

Theta Omicron

Theta Omicron (Western Carolina University) held several themed events during recruitment and welcomed 16 Potential New Members! On October 25-26 they are celebrating homecoming with an Alumnae Meet and Greet. The house will be open for all those who would like to visit on October 25th and t-shirts will be available for sale! Initiation week is scheduled for November 4-7 with the ceremony being held on November 9th. Alpha Gam Pearl Jam will be held on November 16th.



*Theta Mu - Bid Day 2013
33 Potential New Members*



*Theta Omicron - Bid Day 2013
16 Potential New Members*

2013-14 Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter Officers

President: Dawn Myers
Vice President: Joyce Anne Porter
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Remembrance: Jacquelyn Goodwin Burgess
Ways and Means: Jean Burroughs
Ritual: Jillian Thomas
Honors of Epsilon Pi Committee: Jean Burroughs, Charity Schuller, Jan White
Telephone Committee: Jacquelyn Goodwin Burgess

Contact information for our officers can be found in our member directory at agdraleigh.org/resources.

Fall Updates

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Pecan Sale

To place an order for pecans, contact **Jeanette Benjey** at jennetoo4@earthlink.net.

Junior Circle

Johanna Wolf, Junior Circle President, sent out a survey about Junior Circle activity interest and she has received feedback that the most popular events would be Raleighwood or Wine and Design. There is also interest in

participating in happy hour events on a regular basis, possibly in the Brier Creek area since it seems to be a central location for most sisters who would like to attend. Check your inbox for an email from Johanna with more information on the upcoming events!

Cherishing Friendships

The Five Star program is being replaced this year with a new alumnae recognition program called "Cherishing Friendships." There are new requirements for an alumnae chapter to be in Good Standing.

Alumnae News

Elaini Livas Bingham (ΓΕ '60) still lives in Charlotte, NC where she followed her daughters Kristi and Georgi from Boone. Kristi has five wonderful children and Georgi has three. They all have busy schedules so she has to make time to see them - usually at their games (soccer, football, baseball, lacrosse, cheerleading, and pancake eating). They have such fun together and Elaini enjoys being tired when she goes home. She wishes that she could have a reunion with her 61-62 UNC sisters. If anyone is interested in coming to Charlotte for a visit, she would be glad to host such an occasion. Just email her at elbingham@aol.com or call 704-541-7026 if you are interested.

Brittany Crews DiCello (ΓΗ '06) married Blake DiCello on September 14th in Greensboro, NC at The Empire Room. Brittany recently joined the Alpha Gamma Delta Volunteer Service team as a Professional Development Specialist.



Brittany Crews DiCello (ΓΗ, '06) and her husband Blake had some of their engagement pictures taken in their letters since it was such a big part of their lives. Brittany and Blake graduated from High Point University in '09 and '06, respectively.

Elsie Manny Eads' (H '49) youngest daughter spent 33 years in Indiana and 1 ½ years in Newport News. She moved to Raleigh in August to become managing editor of the Triangle Business Journal. Elsie's oldest daughter and husband have had a big house built in Apex but will just spend some weekends there while they continue working in D.C.

Allison "Allie" Hinson Kenney (ΘΘ '99) has been teaching online for Southwestern Community College in Sylva, NC since spring 2013. This semester, she is teaching Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Creativity. She was nominated for an Excellence in Teaching Award for adjuncts. Allie's position with Alpha Gamma Delta has changed as well. She now serves as the Regional New Chapter Coordinator. Finally, Allie was nominated to serve on Western Carolina University's Board of

Directors for the Alumni Association.



Jacque Burgess (ΓΕ '48), Dawn Myers (ΘΘ '99), Joyce Anne Porter (ΒΔ '83), Ann Marie Taepke (ΖΣ '04), Joan Cassilly (ΑΔ '52), Jeanette Benjey (Χ '65) and Jean Burroughs (ΓΦ '79) at Ann Marie's baby shower

Erica Snell Ring (ΑΜ '96) became a new member of the Durham Literacy Center Board of Directors.

Ann Marie Taepke (ΖΣ '04) and her husband are expecting a baby in October.

Johanna Wolf (ΘΘ '09) got a job teaching Special Education at East Chapel Hill High School and has moved from the tiny town of Lillington to Durham. She is so glad to be back in the city!

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Are you getting married, having a baby, retiring, switching jobs or experiencing a change in your life? We want to hear from you and put your news in The Echo!

Please send your news and photos to: echo@agdraleigh.org

Dirty Dollars and Support Fees

Thank you to the sisters who graciously donated "Dirty Dollars." The money covers printing and mailing expenses for the newsletter.

In the spring, we received "Dirty Dollars" from the following sisters: **Mary Ann Akin (ZI '83), Daphne Adams Ashworth (ΓE '54), Elaini Livas Bingham (ΓE '60), Lauren Bednarczyk Bond (AM '87), Jacque Goodwin Burgess (ΓE '48), Lynn Blanchard Fowler (ΓE '48), Anne Fleming Hunter (ΓE '53), Lisa Pinyan Poole (ΓA '91) and Joyce Anne Porter (BA '83).**

If you would like to become a

member of the Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter, our 2013-14 support fees are \$25. Support fees are not required, but the money goes to support our chapter activities as well as send a representative to convention.

To give "Dirty Dollars" and/or pay support fees, please send checks payable to Alpha Gamma Delta to the attention of our treasurer, **Charity Schuller** at 209 New Rail Drive, Cary, NC 27513.

You can also go to agdraleigh.org/duesfees to give



support to the newsletter or chapter. A convenience charge has been added to support fees if you choose to pay online.

From the Foundation

After attending the LeaderShape Institute, a week-long educational experience designed to give young adults the means to become extraordinary leaders, Hillary is a different person and a better leader. The experience equipped her with the knowledge to change the world by working toward a vision that is grounded in her deepest values; a skill Hillary will use for the rest of her life.

Thanks to donations made by chapters, clubs and alumnae to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, Hillary was just one of the sisters provided the opportunity to attend LeaderShape. Her transformational experience not only impacts her life but the communities in which she will serve, and she will always have Alpha Gamma Delta to credit for her leadership success.



"I learned the value of living and leading with integrity. I gained an understanding that one does not need to hold a title to lead, but by Living with Purpose one can lead by example and gain followers in unexpected places and ways. Being a leader is not just a definition; it is a lifestyle."

--Hillary Herr, Gamma Eta, LeaderShape Scholarship Recipient


Alpha Gamma Delta
Foundation

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA FOUNDATION

The Foundation staff is now at International Headquarters!

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Alpha Gamma Delta Recruitment Information Form (RIF)

General Information:

Name of Potential Member: _____
FIRST (PREFERRED NAME) MIDDLE LAST

Parents'/Guardians' Name: _____

Home Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

High School Graduation Date: _____ College Class: freshman sophomore junior senior

Scholarship Information:

High School: _____ GPA or Letter Grade: _____
NAME CITY, STATE/PROVINCE

College/University (if applicable): _____ GPA or Letter Grade: _____
NAME LOCATION

Activities and Honors: (use back or attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Involvement in high school and within the community: (offices, sports, clubs, awards, employment, etc.)

Anticipated college major: _____

Interests, hobbies, talents: (athletic, musical, theatrical, other)

Recommendation Information:

Family Greek affiliations: (please give group and relationship to woman)

This woman would enjoy talking about these topics at recruitment events:

To the best of your knowledge, can this woman afford Fraternity financial obligations: Yes No

Please check all that apply:

I recommend this woman and consider her to be: exceptional good fair
I would be proud for this woman to wear the Alpha Gamma Delta Badge in my community.
I have known this woman for _____ years.
I have known this woman's family for _____ years.
I do not know this woman personally. My information source is: _____
I do not recommend this woman for membership in Alpha Gamma Delta.
Additional comments : _____

If you selected "no" for any of the above, please explain:

Recommender's Information:

Name: _____
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

Email Address: _____

My Chapter/School: _____
CHAPTER/SCHOOL INITIATION YEAR

I am a/an: Alumna Collegian

Please mail form to the chapter's campus address, ATTN: Membership Coordinator.
Contact Alpha Gamma Delta International Headquarters at 317-663-4200 for more information.

Alpha Gamma Delta Legacy Introduction Form (LIF)

A legacy is a woman in a family relationship such as a daughter, sister or granddaughter to an Alpha Gamma Delta member in Good Standing.

Alpha Gamma Delta believes that legacies are important to our Fraternity because they bring loyalty, strength, pride and support to our chapters. Ideally, this form is sent to an Alpha Gamma Delta collegiate chapter while the legacy is in her junior or senior year in high school, alerting members of the chapter that she may arrive on campus. Chapter members should strive to meet her during prospective student visit days and introduce themselves as Alpha Gamma Delta members. Even though a niece or a cousin is not a legacy, a member may use this form to introduce such a young woman if she feels the chapter would benefit from her becoming a member.

Introduction Information:

Dear Sisters of _____ Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta at _____
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

I would like to introduce you to my: sister daughter step-daughter granddaughter

Name of Potential Member: _____
FIRST (PREFERRED NAME) MIDDLE LAST

Home Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

Other relatives in Alpha Gamma Delta include: _____

Campus Information:

High School Graduation Date: _____ College Class: freshman sophomore junior senior

Her school address will be: _____
STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

OR

She is currently a high school: freshman sophomore junior senior and is interested in your college/university.

Please watch for her on prospective student visits. She will be visiting campus on: _____
NOT REQUIRED, BUT HELPFUL

Scholarship Information:

High School: _____ GPA or Letter Grade: _____
NAME CITY, STATE/PROVINCE

College/University (if applicable): _____ GPA or Letter Grade: _____
NAME LOCATION

Activities and Honors: (use back or attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Involvement in high school and within the community: (offices, sports, clubs, awards, employment, etc.)

Anticipated college major: _____

Recommendation Information:

I recommend this woman and consider her to be: exceptional good fair

To the best of your knowledge, can this woman afford Fraternity financial obligations: Yes No

Recommender's Information:

I have introduced her to the lifetime advantages of membership in Alpha Gamma Delta, and I would be proud to have her wear the Alpha Gamma Delta Badge.

Name: _____

FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

My Chapter/School: _____

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I am a/an: Alumna Collegian

Legacy Policy:

- An AΓΔ legacy must be a qualified potential new member in her own right: scholarship, activities, accomplishments and overall compatibility with the chapter.
- The Fraternity expects all collegiate chapters to give serious consideration to each legacy out of courtesy to her AΓΔ relative and encourages pledging our legacies. However, since chapters choose their own members, they are not required to offer a bid to a legacy.
- A legacy must be invited back to the first invitational round of events.
- If the legacy is released by the chapter, an advisor must telephone her AΓΔ relative and notify her of this decision.
- If the legacy attends the preference event or final function, she must be placed within the chapter's first bid list.
- Remember—Membership growth is the responsibility of every AΓΔ member.

Please mail form to the chapter's campus address, ATTN: Membership Coordinator. Contact Alpha Gamma Delta International Headquarters at 317-663-4200 for more information.



Colonization

Alpha Gamma Delta will be colonizing at Appalachian State University in the fall of 2014. Appalachian State University is a comprehensive, public, coeducational university located in Boone, North Carolina.



COMMUNICATION

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Gamma Epsilon

Betty Jane Blalock Hall, '48

11/17/12

Elizabeth Spivey Hoyt, M.D., '61

5/27/13

Jo Ann Jones, '53

12/19/12

Claire Reid Kalmar, '53

4/16/13

October 2013 meeting: (left) Jacquie Burgess (ΓΕ '48) and Jan White (B '50) signing cards for our Adopt-A-Chapters

2013-2014 CALENDAR

November 2, 2013 - JDRF walk

November 8, 2013 - Social
Hostess: Mary Ann Akin

December 12, 2013 - Holiday party and gift exchange
Hostess: Charity Schuller

January 9, 2014 - Adopt-A-Chapter Activity
Hostess: Jacque Burgess

February 13, 2014 - Speaker: Heather McCollum – Author/Ovarian Cancer
Hostess: Melissa Budzinski-Coleman

March 13, 2014 – Speaker: Mary Ann Akin - JDRF/Diabetes Awareness
Hostess: Jeanette Benjey

April 2014 – IRD - Theme: Come Home to Alpha Gamma Delta

May 15, 2014 - Potluck /Installation of officers)
Hostess: Anne Hunter

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