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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Sisters,

I hope you all had a great summer! A major highlight of my summer was my trip to International Convention in St. Louis, where I had the opportunity to connect with sisters from other chapters and learn more about the Fraternity's new initiatives. I also had the great honor of accepting three accolades on behalf of our chapter. We received Honor Roll certificates for our Adopt-A-Chapter efforts and our community service achievements, and most importantly, we were awarded the Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award, which distinguishes us as the most outstanding alumnae chapter in the entire Fraternity. I cannot even begin to tell you how proud I am of our chapter and how much I appreciate the sisters who constantly give their time and talents to support our group; you are the reason that we stand out among all of the alumnae groups in Alpha Gamma Delta.

Not only am I proud of what we have achieved throughout the past two

years, but I am also excited about our upcoming events which include the JDRF Walk, our November social and our holiday party and gift exchange in December. The new year will bring even more opportunities for us to gather and celebrate our sisterhood--keep an eye on our Yahoo group and Facebook page for details! Also, please plan to join us for IRD 2013 in April. This year's theme is Alpha Gamma Delta: Experiences for a Lifetime, and we'll be celebrating all of the fulfilling experiences we have had as members of the Fraternity.

As always, please keep us updated about what's happening in your lives; we would love to hear from you and share your good news. Have a wonderful Fall!

Loyally,

Dawn Pasley Myers



GRAC 2012-2013 Officers



GRAC Family Picnic March 2012



GRAC sisters with FE flag & Chapter Awards

Live With Purpose ~ Convention 2012



International VP – Alumnae, Mary Beth Morabito, presents Dawn Myers with GRAC's Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award

GRAC delegate, Dawn Myers, and members, Allison Kenney, Erica Ring and Charity Schuller, joined other Alpha Gams in St. Louis, MO on July 18-22, 2012 for Alpha Gamma Delta's 2012 Convention.

Stacey Bess, author of "Nobody Don't Love Nobody," was our keynote speaker. In her book, Stacey tells of her first teaching job in the nation's first school for homeless children inside a

shelter. The stories are unforgettable. In addition to Fraternity business, Convention included speakers and workshops on topics such as leadership and recruitment. Recognition of achievement was given through International Fraternity awards. GRAC received the highest award bestowed upon an alumnae chapter - the Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award. GRAC also was named to

the honor roll for the Chapter Outstanding Community Service Award and the Adopt-A-Chapter Award and recognized as a Jewel Chapter. We also celebrated our Foundation's 50th anniversary. A one-mile fun run/walk in which we participated benefited the St. Louis Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and our Foundation. Ritual services, music, ceremonies, and banquets rounded out the agenda.

Fall Update

Alpha Gam Always

GRAC held Alpha Gam Always at Rockwell's American Grill on Thursday, September 13, 2012 in Cary. Twenty 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.

Nuts About ReTails

GRAC sisters gathered on

Saturday, October 13, 2012 to view the fall window display at ReTails. Carrie Wheeler decorated the window as the inside of a squirrel's home. Carrie donated the squirrel items to the store. After photos, the sisters enjoyed lunch at Carolina Ale House. *ReTails is a nonprofit thrift shop located in Raleigh that benefits AnimalKind's pet spay/neuter programs.*

Epsilon Pi

Honors of Epsilon Pi were bestowed on the following GRAC members: *Arc*: Carrie Wheeler (AO '94); Allison Hinson Kenney (ΘO '99); *Arc with Diamonds*: Jan Thorpe White (B '50); and, *Arc with Diamonds and Pearl*: Jeanette Drane Benjey (X '65).

For those recipients not in attendance at Convention, a ceremony was held on October 11.



Dawn Myers, Jean Burroughs, Meg Hodge, Lisa Poole & Trish Smith pose with squirrel shirts at ReTails

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 3 from 6:00-10:00 AM** at all local area

Belk stores.

Please contact Jean Burroughs at jean@cj4m.com to purchase tickets or to sell tickets at the door (Crabtree Valley Mall).

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

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PECANS



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; however, we anticipate them to be less expensive than last year. ~\$9.50/lb.

To place an order contact, Jeanette Benjey at jennet004@earthlink.net.

Adopt-A-Chapter

GRAC supports two adopted chapters, Theta Mu at UNC-Wilmington and Theta Omicron at Western Carolina University.

Theta Mu

Michele Kislak ($\Delta\Sigma$ '96) and Judi Adams Vance (ΔI '73) assisted the chapter with Polish Week. Michele also assisted the sisters with Preference Practice. GRAC sent a card of congratulations to the chapter for 29 potential new members. The sisters are still actively working to endow a scholarship in memory of Annie Morgan McLeod. GRAC will be sending Theta Mu a monetary donation in support of the

Sisters, A Gift from the Heart – IRD 2012

GRAC celebrated "Sisters, A Gift from the Heart" on Saturday, April 28, 2012 with a luncheon at Ramada Inn Blue Ridge in Raleigh, NC.

Our guest speaker was Felecia S. Williams, MSN, RN, CCRN, PhD-c from WakeMed. Felecia shared with us that heart disease is the #1 killer of women. She also talked to us about the importance of a healthy lifestyle as it can decrease your risk of heart disease by 82%.

Dawn Myers awarded Jean Burroughs the GEM Award for her continued outstanding support of GRAC.

scholarship fund. They hope to award the first scholarship in 2013.

Theta Omicron

GRAC also sent a card of congratulations to the chapter for 12 potential new members through fall recruitment. Initiation will be held on November 10, 2012. A sisterhood brunch will take place the next day for newly initiated sisters, current sisters and alumnae. It will be combined with a Premier Jewelry and Thirty-One party. For more information, please contact sspegram1@catamount.wcu.edu. Congratulations are also due to Samantha Garvens

Jamie Stiller, one of our IRD co-chairs, hand stitched red, buff and green heart shaped sachets containing dried lavender from Asheville, NC for our favors. The sachets were displayed on a white tree on our dessert table. Jamie also made table scarves of red, buff and green for our candle centerpieces to rest upon.

Our featured dessert was a two tier present cake by Charity Schuller's husband, Brian. The cake was trimmed with edible green ribbon, pearls and topped with red and buff roses and a sugary heart shaped gift tag that simply read "Sisters."

for being crowned Miss Watermelon Bust 2012! Watermelon Bust is a week-long series of events sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Gamma Delta, other sororities, and local businesses. The events are coordinated in an effort to collect food and money for Lambda Chi Alpha's national philanthropy, the North American Food Drive. It also included a pageant where the winner was chosen on her Watermelon-themed attire, her personality, and intelligence. GRAC will be sending Theta Omicron funds for purchase of formal stationary.



Top: GRAC at IRD 2012
Bottom: IRD Chairs – Michelle Alexander, Jamie Stiller & Ann Marie Taepke



Top: Women of Theta Mu at Convention 2012
Bottom: Theta Omicrons in WCU Homecoming Parade



JDRF Walk 2012



Alpha Gam Always at Rockwell's American Grill

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. Since the Triangle Walk's inception 18 years ago, GRAC has participated by walking, volunteering and raising money. This year is no different. Please join us on

Saturday, November 10. To sign up or donate see: http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?fr_id=1929&pg=entry

or mail a check payable to JDRF to Jeanette Benjey at PO Box 14092, Durham, NC 27709. Please write Alpha Gamma Delta in the memo line if you send a check directly to JDRF.

Chapter Grand

Ouida McCoy Ayers (ΓA '42) a once very active GRAC member who had retired to Winston-Salem, NC passed away on June 11, 2012.

(Mary) Eleanor Craig Snellings (ΓE '46) entered Chapter Grand on December 7, 2011.

Jane Stewart Blakely Hutchinson (ΓE '63) entered Chapter Grand on October 19, 2011.



Michelle Kenney and Anne Fleming Hunter model their Alpha Gam Always door prizes

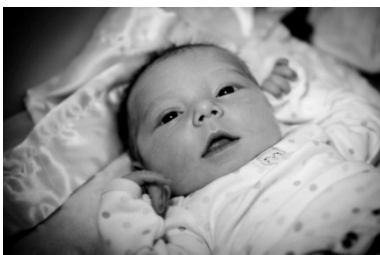
\$\$\$DIRTY DOLLARS\$\$\$

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: Jane Stewart Blakely Hutchinson (ΓE '63), Barbara Braxton Wilks

(ΓE '52), Dorothy Beals Ballew (ΓE '52), Anne Fleming Hunter (ΓE '53), Robin Lear Peacock (ΓE '45), Eileen Dorgan Herbermann (AG '41), Jacque Goodwin Burgess (ΓE '48), Julia Parks Kron (ΓE '59), Joan Leonard Sibley (ΓE '54), Evelyn Blanchard Fowler

(ΓE '48), Jamie Stiller (ΓO '05), and Michelle Kenney Alexander (ΓO '05). To give "Dirty Dollars," please send checks payable to Alpha Gamma Delta to the attention of our treasurer, Joyce Anne Porter at 1007 W. St. Julian Place, Apex, NC 27502.

Squirrel Chatter



New Legacy Stella, daughter of Melanie Wall Brooks

Melanie Wall Brooks (ΓH '00) welcomed a new legacy, a baby girl named Stella, on August 13.

Joan Groce Jones (ΓE '62) moved to Boca Raton, FL in 1999 when her husband, Skip (Alan), retired after 30 years at the University of Mississippi. They built a home in The Villages, FL. They golf, square dance, & are active in church, volunteering & social clubs. Joan sews for her granddaughter & does

genealogical research. Their daughters, Kimberly ('74) & Camilla ('78) are married & live in Manhattan, KS. They have two grandsons ('04 & '07) & a granddaughter ('10) whom they visit about 4 times a year. Joan ran her first 5K with Camilla at Easter & hopes to train for a 10K. Joan can be reached at 1772 Oconee Place, The Villages, FL 32162 or skipjoan@mac.com.

Daphne Adams

Ashworth (ΓE '54): and her husband, Ralph, were the first recipients of an annual volunteer award in their honor.

Jane Stewart Blakely Hutchinson (ΓE '63): belonged to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alumnae club with whom she assisted in a large undertaking of a clothing drive & sale to help "Dress for Success," "Camillus House" & "Becca's Closet."



To Gain Understanding

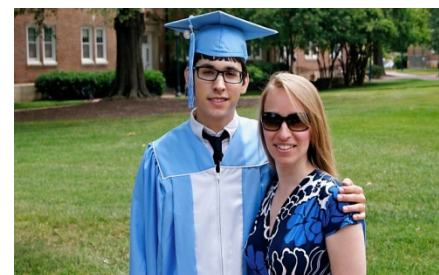
Jane Ames Heyward's (ΓΦ '79) son, Nat, graduated from ECU on May 4, 2012 with a degree in Urban & Regional Planning. Nat is pursuing a Masters in Urban Design at UNC-Charlotte. **Jean Snyder Hicks'** (ΓΕ '46) granddaughter, Elizabeth Allen, graduated from Virginia Tech on May 11 with a BS in Finance and is employed by IBM. **Elsie Manny Eads'** (H '49) granddaughter, Lizzie Minor Troyer, graduated in December 2011 with a degree in Biology & Linguistics and a minor in Music (she headed the band's trombone section) from Cornell University. She is in graduate school at University of FL in Biology. Lizzie is the daughter of Kathy (Troyer)

and Brit Minor. **Erica Snell Ring's** (AM '96) son, Brandon, graduated with a BA in English from UNC-Chapel Hill with minors in Classical Humanities & Comparative Literature. Brandon is pursuing a career in publishing. **Dawn Pasley Myers'** (ΘO '99) son, Grayson, graduated from kindergarten at Thales Academy on June 7. **Joyce Anne Braswell Porter's** (BA '83) daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from Enloe High School. She is attending UNC-Chapel Hill and majoring in chemistry. **Jean Campbell Burroughs'** (ΓΦ '79) daughter, Mary, graduated summa cum laude from NC State with a degree in

Chemical Engineering. Mary is in graduate school at Princeton University. **Anne Fleming Hunter's** (ΓΕ '53) grandson, Carey "John" Hunter, graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill on May 13, 2012 with a BS in Business Administration. **Jan Thorpe White's** (B '50) granddaughter, Jordan Fish, graduated summa cum laude and with an advanced diploma in biotechnology from Osbourn Park High School in Manassas, VA on June 8, 2012. Jordan is in a pre-med program at the University of Virginia. **Patricia "Trish" Smith** (AO '85) graduated with a Doctor of Jurisprudence and a MS in Library Science from NC Central University in May.



Keith, Corey, Nat & Jane Heyward – ECU



Brandon & Erica Ring – UNC-CH

The Foundation's Secret to "Painless" Giving

Many of us would LIKE to give or even increase our giving to Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, but in today's economy how do we find extra dollars? A growing number of sisters are using an automatic monthly charge payment (Autocharge) to make it happen. With Autocharge you can set an affordable monthly or quarterly amount and then forget it! Call the Foundation at 317.663.4242 and they will get you started OR you can sign up online at alphagammadeltafoundation.org and simply click "Make a Gift" to begin. Autocharge is secure, confidential and it allows you to set your gift

amount, a specific end date (or make it open-ended). You can direct your gifts to the annual fund or to a specific program or endowment. If you ever want to make changes, its easy – just contact the Foundation office to change the amount, frequency or to cancel. You can use most major credit cards. With Autocharge you can make a gift of any size or grow your giving to the next level and, more importantly, increase the impact that the Foundation makes each year on our sisters, our Fraternity and our communities. The very first gifts that the Foundation ever received came in 1962 for \$5 and

\$25. These gifts were given to develop the Foundation's mission of education, philanthropy & leadership. Did you know that the Foundation just awarded its **10 millionth dollar** this summer? The Foundation reached this amazing level during its 50th Anniversary Celebration which continues through May, 2013. Now is the perfect time to join the celebration, be a part of Alpha Gamma Delta impacting women & the world, and Live with Purpose. Why wait? For more information, visit alphagammadeltafoundation.org or email foundation@alphagammadeltafoundation.org.



Right: Joyce Anne & Elizabeth Porter – Enloe HS



Michael, Matthew, Mary & Mason Burroughs (children of Jean Campbell Burroughs) - NCSU

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: _____

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

2012-2013 Calendar
November 2, 2012
First Friday - Nature
Research Center, Raleigh

December 13, 2012
Holiday Party & Gift
Exchange
Hostess: Charity Schuller

January 10, 2013
AGD Songs & Adopt-A-
Chapter Activity
Hostess: Jeanette Benjey

February 14, 2013
Philanthropy Presentation
Hostess: Melissa Budzinski-
Coleman

March 14, 2013
TBD
Hostess: Jacque Burgess

April 2013
IRD

May 9, 2013
Potluck & Officer Installation
Hostess: TBD

Watch for a new website!

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Jean Burroughs, Joyce
Anne Porter

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Jacque Burgess

Continued To Gain Understanding

Right: Jordan Fish,
granddaughter of Jan
Thorpe White

Far Right: Lizzie Minor
Troyer, granddaughter of
Elsie Manny Eads, & a
baby bear



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