

THE ECHO

News from the Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta

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Share Your News!

Are you getting married, having a baby, retiring, changing 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.

New to the Area?

Be sure to let Jan Thorpe White, our Permanent Secretary, know if you have been active in other Alpha Gamma Delta alumnae groups. Her e-mail address is jtwhite6@bellsouth.net. Our chapter would love to nominate you for an Honors of Epsilon Pi Award if you are eligible!

President's Letter

Happy fall! The 2014-15 year was a great one for the Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter (GRAC). We remain in Good Standing and as a result of going above and beyond the minimum requirements for Good Standing, our chapter received the "Living with Purpose" level of the Alumnae Recognition Program. This is the highest level of the program and I want to thank all of our sisters who have given their time and shared their talents to help make our chapter such a great place to gather in sisterhood.

We celebrated IRD on April 18 with a beautiful brunch at the home of Mary Ann Walsh Akin. We also received recognition from IHQ for best use of theme. Congratulations to our IRD committee for their hard work!

I am excited about the start of a new Alpha Gam year! GRAC is happy to see longtime members at our events and we are thrilled



Jan Thorpe White, Jean Snyder Hicks, and Karen Emory Haire show their true sorority colors at the September Lunch Bunch event.

Collegiate Updates

Theta Omicron at Western Carolina University held their first philanthropy event called "Are you BUFF Enough?" which raised \$1,000. The chapter also placed fourth place in Lambda Chi Alpha's Watermelon Bust, and they plan to participate in Sigma Chi's Derby Days event in late October.

Theta Mu welcomed 45 new members this semester with a "New Bids on the Block"-themed Bid Day event.



Theta Mu sisters celebrated their new members at "New Bids on the Block."

AmazonSmile for AGD Foundation

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation every time you shop, at no cost to you.

Just start your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com, select the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation as your charity of choice, and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price of your order.

to welcome alumnae members who may be new to the area and/or those who want to renew their bonds of sisterhood and connect or reconnect with other Alpha Gams.

Our Vice President, Charity Metz Schuller, has put together a great schedule of events for us to share our sisterhood. The calendar is included in the newsletter, but updated information can always be found on our website, agdraleigh.org. The calendar is your invitation to all events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

As always, please keep us updated about what's happening in your lives. If you have something to share, please send it to echo@agdraleigh.org.

Loyally,
Lisa Pinyan Poole

IRD 2015 Recap

The Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter celebrated International Reunion Day 2015 with a brunch on April 18 at the home of Mary Ann Walsh Akin in north Raleigh. This year's theme, "Strength in Sisterhood," was reflected so well by the members of the IRD committee - Carrie Wheeler, Michele Kislán, and Mary Lou Szymkowski - that GRAC was awarded the "Best Use of IRD



IRD attendees showing their "Strength in Sisterhood."

Ways & Means

As part of our Ways & Means fundraising this year, GRAC is again participating in the Great Lakes Scrip Center Program. We raised \$688 last year! We hope to add a few more sisters to the list of participants. It is an easy way to raise money for our chapter while shopping at your favorite retailers. There is a huge list of participating stores and websites, along with hotels, movie theaters, and restaurants. Please contact Jean Campbell Burroughs at jean@cj4m.com for more information.

Looking to buy or sell a home? Ask Jeanette Drane Benjey (X '65)! When she helps you with the sale or purchase of your home, she will donate 5 percent of her commission to the chapter.

Belk Charity Sale

The fall Belk Charity Sale will take place on Saturday, November 7. If you would like to purchase a ticket to the sale, please contact Jean Campbell Burroughs. Our portion of the proceeds from the sale will benefit the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation.

Pecan Sale

Are you ready for some pecans? The GRAC is gearing up for its annual sale of one-pound bags of mammoth pecan halves! Each pound will cost \$10 and will be delivered in early November. Proceeds will benefit the GRAC's philanthropic efforts.



Jeanette Drane Benjey (X '65), GRAC's newest wearer of the 50-Year Pin.

Theme" award by Alpha Gamma Delta! Sports nutritionist Chris Newport, founder of Endurance NEWtrition, joined us for IRD and gave a presentation about ways to improve our health and well-being. Joyce Anne Porter and Jean Campbell Burroughs were presented with the GEM Award for their contributions to the chapter over the previous year, and Jeanette Drane Benjey was presented with her 50-year pin.

Chapter Happenings

Alpha Gam Always

On September 10, we gathered for dinner at Lugano Ristorante in Cary for Alpha Gam Always. Sisters enjoyed some great Italian food and a door prize drawing for some fun AGD goodies!



Sisters gather for a group photo at Alpha Gam Always on Sept. 10.

Upcoming Events

November 13 - Social Event
(Sisters' Tea)

December 10 - Chapter Meeting
and Holiday Social

January 14 - Chapter Meeting

February 11 - Chapter Meeting

All meetings begin at 7:15 p.m.
For more details, visit our Web
site - agdrleigh.org.

Foundation Notes



The AΓΔ Foundation is proud to announce a new recognition society exclusively for sisters and friends who want to easily support our mission! Be among the first members of the GEM Society by setting up a monthly, recurring donation (of any size).

The GEM Society, for donors who *Give Every Month*, offers an easy way to "contribute to the world's work." Joining is easy! Initiate your monthly automatic credit card charge donation by visiting the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation Web site - click on "Make a Gift Today."

We hope you'll accept this invitation, at any level!

Jacque Goodwin Burgess and Joyce Anne Porter (right), and Christa Rouse Beloskur, Ann Marie Nelson Taepke, and Alexandra Manbeck (below) show off their AGD door prizes at Alpha Gam Always.



Junior Circle Squirrel Social

The Junior Circle met for dinner at Spirits Pub & Grub in Cary for a "Squirrel Social" right before the monthly chapter meeting on October 8. The next Squirrel Social will take place right before the December 10 meeting at a location to be announced.

JDRF One Walk



Brittany Crews DiCello, Diana Hurtado, Jeanette Drane Benjey, Carrie Wheeler, Quinn Killough Willard, Dawn Pasley Myers, and Bill Benjey (not pictured) represented GRAC at the JDRF One Walk.

Junior Circle Plans

The Greater Raleigh Junior Circle has several fun activities planned during the upcoming months for the young and young at heart!

- Squirrel Social before the December chapter meeting
- Candlelight Tour in Oakwood
- Couples bowling night
- Paint Your Pet event at Wine & Design

Details about these events will be coming soon - keep an eye on agdraleigh.org!

Philanthropy News

Did you know that November is Diabetes Awareness Month? Last year, Alpha Gamma Delta created a formal partnership with the American Diabetes Association.

For more information about the ADA's awareness campaign called *Eat Well America!*, visit the ADA's Web site, diabetes.org.



Team Alpha Gamma Delta - Greater Raleigh Alumnae showed our support for JDRF by participating in the JDRF One Walk at Walnut Creek Amphitheater in Raleigh. Not only did the team have a great time at the Walk, but they also raised more than \$1,300 for Type 1 diabetes research and outreach!

Alumnae News

Jacque Goodwin Burgess (ΓΕ '48) is "thankful to be an active alum of this wonderful sorority. Alpha Gams are winners. I am still active at age 87. I am blessed with a loving family and five great-grandchildren."

Joan P. Cassilly (ΑΔ '52) moved to a retirement community in June.

Jamie Stiller (ΓΟ '05) received the Barbara Henderson Miller Scholarship from the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation for the second year in a row! The scholarship is named for the late Mrs. Miller, who was an Alpha Gam and occupational therapist. Jamie is beginning her second year of study in occupational therapy.

2015-16 GRAC Officers

President: Lisa Pinyan Poole

Vice President: Charity Metz Schuller

Treasurer: Christa Rouse Beloskur

Secretary: Erica Snell Ring

Editor: Dawn Pasley Myers

Panhellenic Delegate: Diana Hurtado

Adopt-a-Chapter Liaisons: Johanna Wolf, Jamie Stiller

Junior Circle President: Ann Marie Nelson Taepke

Philanthropy Chair: Jeanette Drane Benjey

Philanthropy Committee Member: Carrie Wheeler

IRD Chair: Joyce Anne Braswell Porter

IRD Committee Members: Mary Ann Walsh Akin, Quinn Killough Willard

Ways & Means Chair: Jean Campbell Burroughs

Honors of Epsilon Pi Committee: Jan Thorpe White, Jean Campbell Burroughs, Charity Metz Schuller

Remembrance: Jacque Goodwin Burgess

Ritual: Carrie Wheeler

Telephone Committee: Jacque Goodwin Burgess

Alpha Gamma Delta Recruitment Recommendation

General Information

Name of Potential Member: _____
FIRST PREFERRED NAME MIDDLE LAST

Hometown: _____
CITY STATE/PROVINCE

Attach additional information like a resume, photograph or transcript to this form. If these items are not available, complete the Supplemental Activities Form.

Scholarship Information

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

College/University (if applicable): _____ GPA or Letter Grade: _____
NAME CITY, STATE/PROVINCE

High School Graduation Date: _____ College Class: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Legacy Information

This woman is an Alpha Gamma Delta legacy of an alumna or collegiate member(s) in Good Standing: Yes No

Please indicate the full name (including maiden name), phone number and email address of this woman's legacy connections:

Alpha Gamma Delta Legacy Policy

- A legacy is a woman in a family relationship such as a daughter, sister or granddaughter to an AΓΔ member in Good Standing.
 - A legacy must be a qualified potential new member in her own right as well as be compatible with the chapter. A chapter is not required to offer a bid to a legacy.
 - A legacy who falls below the carry line will only be extended a courtesy invite back to the first invitational round of events if she has a Recommendation from a member in Good Standing
 - Alpha Gamma Delta chapters are not to call a potential new member's legacy connection upon her release nor are chapters to
- provide information about the status of a legacy or any other potential new member during recruitment. The Fraternity respects every potential new member's right to make her own decision and to choose how and when she informs her family and friends. While Alpha Gamma Delta recognizes the value of the legacy relationship, the Fraternity also respects potential new member privacy and each chapter's confidentiality during the Membership Selection process.
- If a legacy attends Preference or a final function, she must be placed at the top of the chapter's bid list.

Recommendation Information

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

Check the box next to your recommendation:

- Exceptional candidate
Good candidate
Average/fair candidate
Below average candidate/recommend with reservations
I do not recommend this woman

Relationship Information:

I have known this woman for _____ years **OR**
I do not know this woman personally

Please provide factual, specific information explaining the recommendation indicated above including relevant information about the nature of your relationship with the potential new member.

Recommender's Information

Name: _____
FIRST MAIDEN LAST

Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP

Email Address: _____

My Chapter/School: _____
CHAPTER/SCHOOL INITIATION YEAR

I am a/an: Alumna in Good Standing Collegian in Good Standing

Recruitment Recommendation – Supplemental Activities Form

Please note this page of the recruitment recommendation does not need to be completed if a detailed resume is attached. Attachments may include but are not limited to resumes, photographs and transcripts.

Name of Potential Member: _____
FIRST PREFERRED NAME MIDDLE LAST

Anticipated/Current Major: _____

Leadership

Please indicate any leadership positions the potential member held during high school and/or in college. If available, please indicate the number of years.

Clubs and Organizations

Please indicate any clubs or organizations in which the potential new member was involved during high school and/or in college. If available, please indicate the number of years.

Community Service

Please indicate any community service activities in which the potential member participated during high school and/or in college. If available, please indicate the number of years.

Awards or Honors

Please indicate any awards or honors the potential member has received in high school and/or college.

Additional Information

Please list any additional information about interests or hobbies below.

Dirty Dollars & Support Fee

By sending in your annual support fee and donating Dirty Dollars, you are helping to create a place in the Triangle area for members of Alpha Gamma Delta to gather in sisterhood. Our annual support fee is \$25 and helps to support chapter operations, and Dirty Dollars of any amount are always welcome to help defray some of the costs of publishing our newsletter.

Special thanks to the sisters who have graciously donated Dirty Dollars this year: Jean Snyder Hicks (ΓΕ '46), Jacque Goodwin Burgess (ΓΕ '48), Elsie Manny Eads (H '49), Patricia Noah Jones (ΓΕ '53), Nina Beth Taggart Steele (ΓΘ '61), Carol Clayton Norris (ΓΕ '61), and Ilena King Drum (ΓΕ '62). To donate Dirty Dollars or pay support fees, please send checks payable to Alpha Gamma Delta to the attention of our treasurer, Christa Beloskur, at 407 Brook Creek Drive, Cary, NC 27519. You can also pay support fees online at agdraleigh.org/duesfees. A small convenience charge has been added to the support fee if you choose to pay online.

Do you have a change in name, address, or marital status? Please notify IHQ with the information:

Alpha Gamma Delta International Headquarters, 8701 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260
Phone: (317) 663-4200, Fax: (317) 663-4210, info@alphagammadelta.org, www.alphagammadelta.org

You can submit your address change to us locally and we will forward it to IHQ. Please visit www.agdraleigh.org/contact to send in your address change.

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