

Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter

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President's Letter

Dear Sisters,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to spring! Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter has had a variety of fun events this fall, and we're excited about even more chances to enjoy each other's company this spring during a program about brain aneurysm awareness at our March meeting, our IRD luncheon in April, and our annual potluck dinner and officer installation in May. For our annual social in November, we had dinner at the Daily Planet Café, then toured the new Nature Research Center wing of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, and in December we gathered for our annual holiday celebration and gift exchange at the home of Charity Schuller, who along with co-hostess Joyce Anne Porter served up an assortment of yummy holiday treats. At our January meeting, we lovingly assembled Valentine's Day care packages with cards and goodies for our adopted chapters while singing along to some of our favorite "Alpha Gam Jams" at the home of Jeanette Drane Benjey. We really appreciate our

hostesses and co-hostesses for welcoming us into their homes and providing us with such wonderful hospitality! Our chapter has continued to enjoy much success in the arena of philanthropy. This year we raised nearly \$1,000 for Triangle JDRF during their Walk to Cure Diabetes. In February, we continued our support of Interact of Wake County (a local organization that assists and supports victims of domestic violence) by collecting supplies for the shelter and touring the facility to learn more about the organization and how we can help. A big thank you to Carrie Wheeler for planning this event for us! Also, our pecan sale had a banner year, thus allowing us to be able to send additional donations to JDRF and the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased pecans! Jeanette Benjey continues to outdo herself in her efforts as our Philanthropy chair and coordinator of the annual pecan sale. We hope you are able to join us on Saturday, April 20 as we celebrate IRD! The theme is "Alpha Gamma Delta - Experiences for a



Lifetime." More details about this celebration of sisterhood can be found inside this issue. Speaking of IRD, did you know that you can now send in your RSVP online through our website, www.agdraleigh.org? Thanks to our incredibly talented sister Lisa Pinyan Poole, our new Internet presence is both beautiful and functional. In addition to being able to see a schedule of our upcoming events, you can also read past newsletter issues, share your news, and so much more! If you have ideas for future programs or activities or would like to host a meeting, please let us know. We truly appreciate all of our generous and talented sisters who share their time and expertise with us; without their contributions, our chapter would not be where it is today. I hope you all have a wonderful spring and summer!

Loyally,
Dawn Myers

Squirrel Chatter



Carol Clayton Norris (ΓΕ '61): I do so enjoy keeping up with your news through "The Echo."

I was distressed to learn about Jane Blakely Hutchinson. We were in the same class.

There is a rumor we may be getting AGD here in Boone at ASU Boone. That would be great.



Lauren Bednarczyk Bond (AM '87): I hope all are well and that the chapter is still going strong. I enjoy receiving "The Echo."



Top: GRAC annual holiday gift swap

Middle: GRAC sisters sharing some holiday spirit

Bottom: Lunch after touring *Pass It On Too*

Extension

Alpha Gamma Delta is a member of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), which regulates extension with sororities and universities. NPC acts as a clearinghouse for universities and NPC groups. NPC monitors development and extension according to an extension protocol based on binding agreements followed by all 26 NPC member groups.

Alice Eison Bivin (ΓΕ '55): The Echo is superb and I always enjoy it. Thanks so much.

Robin Lear Peacock (ΓΕ '45): The Fall issue is quite special.

If you have news to share, please send it to us at echo@agdraleigh.org.

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

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

the newsletter. In the fall, we received "Dirty Dollars" from Carol C. Norris, Alice E. Bivin, Robin Peacock, Lauren Bond, Lisa Pinyan Poole (ΓΑ '91) and Daphne Adams Ashworth (ΓΕ '54). To give "Dirty Dollars," please send checks payable to Alpha Gamma Delta to our treasurer, Joyce Anne Porter at 1007 W. St. Julian Place, Apex, NC 27502 or see "New Website" on page 4 for online instructions.

Upcoming Colonizations

Villanova University—Colonizing Spring 2013
University of California, Los Angeles—Colonizing Fall 2013
University of Southern California—Colonizing Fall 2013
San Diego State University—Colonizing Fall 2013
Appalachian State University—Colonizing Fall 2014
University of Tennessee

at Chattanooga—Colonizing Fall 2015
Our Newest Chapters
Theta Omega—University of South Carolina—Installed November 2012
Lambda Alpha—St. Joseph's College of Long Island—Installed May 2012
Lambda Beta—St. Joseph's College of Brooklyn—Installed May 2012
Theta Psi—Austin Peay State University—Installed December 2011

Chapter Grand

Donna Dagenhart Stutesman (ΒΔ '51) entered Chapter Grand August 13, 2012.

Patricia Chandler Hannah, (ΓΕ '49) entered Chapter Grand March 17, 2010. Patricia worked in radio station communications in

Albany, NY and later was a dedicated educator and librarian at an elementary school.

Lois Jean Gardner Overman (ΓΕ '47) entered Chapter Grand on September 2, 2012. Jean had lived in Kinston, NC where she taught in the

public schools for 22 years retiring in 1990.

Lila Lee Robinson Sowell (ΓΕ '50) entered Chapter Grand on May 28, 2012. Lila was a resident of Columbia, SC where she was involved in serving with Meals on Wheels.



Show your Alpha Gam Pride Observe International Badge Day, Monday, March 4, 2013 by Wearing Your Badge

Contributing to the World's Work

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes Update

We raised \$945. We are just shy of our \$1000 goal. Thank you to our team and donors. Please join us next year by walking, volunteering or donating.

Pecan Sale Update

We made \$1649.35 from pecan sales. Donations will be made to our Foundation and JDRF. Distributions will be voted on at our March meeting.

Belk Charity Days

GRAC received \$470 from our fall event.

Winter Donating

We typically bring

donations to our December holiday party for Interact of Wake County (a domestic violence shelter) but since this year's meeting date was after their annual Holiday Bazaar, members donated household supplies and toiletries for those in residence in February. We also took a tour of their thrift shop, *Pass It On, Too*, on Oberlin Road in Raleigh. Interact has a second thrift shop in Fuquay-Varina, NC. Proceeds help cover counseling services for families impacted by domestic violence and rape/sexual assault.

Sister Spotlight

Meet our new webmaster, Lisa Pinyan Poole (ΓΑ '91). Lisa moved to Morrisville a year ago after her husband accepted a position with Red Storm Entertainment. Before the big move, she was a SharePoint Administrator working for a reinsurance company in Atlanta. Lisa currently a stay-at-home mom to two active boys ages 7 and 1. She was graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Finance and is a huge bulldog fan. Lisa enjoys watching movies, travelling and spending time with her family.

Check out our new website at www.agdraleigh.org



Lisa Pinyan Poole and son, Michael at Topsail Beach, NC



GRAC JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes Team – November 2012

Adopt-A-Chapter

GRAC has two adopted Alpha Gamma Delta collegiate chapters: UNC-Wilmington's Theta Mu chapter and Western Carolina University's Theta Omicron chapter. GRAC sent Valentine cards and candy to all the sisters of both chapters.

Theta Mu

Achieving "Strive for Pi," the chapter had an average 3.27 for the fall.

Theta Mu raised over \$2,400 for the Annie Morgan McLeod scholarship fund with over 13 groups participating in the Dance Showcase.

25 sisters walked in

Wilmington's JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes.

Hannah Rockecharlie represented Alpha Gamma Delta on the 2013 Homecoming Court, February 15-16, 2013.

Other spring events include Greek Week, and philanthropy events.

Theta Omicron

Taylor Densmore was accepted to study abroad for spring semester and Sarah Stokes was selected for the National Association of Social Workers.

Mackenzie LaValley won the American Cancer

Society's Relay For Life 24hr Challenge. Mackenzie was one of 70 participants from 15 teams who raised \$2,281.59. Relay For Life is April 12-13, 6:00 PM-6:00 AM.

In the recent spring recruitment, Theta Omicron brought in 25 Potential New Members!!! It's the first time in Theta Omicron's history that chapter total has been met!

Theta Omicron will participate in Dance Marathon at WCU (a 12hr dance party) to be held on March 9, 2013, to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.



Bid Day at Theta Omicron



Sisters of Theta Mu



GRAC sisters enjoying letter night – January 2013

Alpha Gamma Delta
Live with Purpose

Spring 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 will get 20-70% off most purchases, and there will be savings on rarely discounted brands. Ticket holders will also get \$5 off their first purchase. You need a ticket to shop.

In-store sales of Charity Day 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, April 27 from 6:00 AM to 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).

The tickets make great gifts and this fabulous sale is just in time for Mother's Day or for a little spring treat for yourself!

Alpha Gamma Delta - Experiences for a Lifetime



GRAC sisters and guests touring the Nature Research Center - NC Museum of Natural Sciences

Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter's IRD celebration will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the The Pit which is located at 328 W. Davie Street in downtown Raleigh, NC. Our speaker will be Jillian Thomas (AY '00) who serves on Alpha Gam's Extension Committee. This year's 50

year pin honorees include those sisters initiated in **1963**. The 50 year pin eligible sisters from Gamma Epsilon include the following: Mary Dianne Sherwood Bevivino, Mary Ann Brown McDowell, Katherine (Betsy) Lowry Donovan, Mary Ann Ittner Norris, Susan Erickson Gibson,

Barbara Mansfield Peck, Joanne Eagles Honeycutt, Rita Marie Sandman Ryan, Nancy Smith Kneece and Victoria (Vickie) King Sterling.

To receive a pin, those eligible must attend our IRD celebration. Please see the invitation and RSVP on the next page.

New Website

GRAC launched a new website <http://www.agdraleigh.org>

Features

The website includes a news section and Calendar of Events along with an event sign up function. We now have a searchable member directory accessible by GRAC members only. The website also includes electronic versions of current and past issues of

"The Echo." In addition, the website links to our Yahoo Groups, Legacy Introduction Forms, Recruitment Information Forms, myAlphaGam and "The Quarterly."

Online Payments

The website also offers a PayPal payment option! Payments for dues, Dirty Dollars (contributions to the cost of our newsletter) or IRD reservation can be done online. PayPal

charges 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction*. Online payments for IRD will have a convenience charge of \$1 added to cover the PayPal expense (\$26.00). However, PayPal is just an option. You are still welcome to avoid the PayPal fees and send your dues and Dirty Dollars by mail.

*for example: if you make a \$10.00 Dirty Dollars contribution, GRAC will receive \$9.41. PayPal will charge GRAC \$0.59 for the \$10.00 contribution.

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The Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of
Alpha Gamma Delta
cordially invites you to celebrate

Alpha Gamma Delta: Experiences for a Lifetime

International Reunion Day 2013
Saturday, April 20th at 11:00AM

The Pit
328 W. Davie Street in Downtown Raleigh

Please respond with the form below
and mail a check for \$25 made out to Alpha Gamma Delta to:
Ann Marie Taepke 2313 Nutting Ln Apex NC 27523

RSVP by Monday, March 25th
Questions? Call Ann Marie (248) 719-1985

Name: _____

Chapter: _____ Initiation Year: _____

News To Share: _____

Dirty Dollars Enclosed: _____ Can't wait to see y'all there!

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 23, 2013
Interact Support Shop Tour &
Lunch

March 14, 2013
Brain Aneurysm
Hostess: Jacque Burgess

April 20, 2013
IRD
The Pit - Raleigh, NC

May 9, 2013
Potluck & Officer Installation
Hostess: TBD

We're on the Web!
Find us at:
<http://www.agdraleigh.org/index.html>

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If you can assist with an event or
advising at either Theta Mu
(University of North Carolina –
Wilmington) or Theta Omicron
(Western Carolina University at
Cullowhee, NC) chapters, please
contact our Adopt-A-Chapter Liaison,
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Theta Mu's website:
<https://websites.omegafi.com/omegaws/alphagammadeltauncw>

Theta Omicron's website:
<http://websites.omegafi.com/omegaws/alphagammadeltawesterncarolina>

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