



Kody Carter (EB '08), Johanna Wolf (ΘΘ '09) and Michele Kislan (ΔΣ '96) displaying their artwork from the Junior Circle event at Wine & Design

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

President's Letter

Dear Sisters,

Happy spring! The Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter has planned a fun-filled season of events, including a spring clothes swap, our International Reunion Day celebration, and our annual potluck dinner and officer installation in May. Please make plans to join us!

This fall, our annual social event in November was a potluck dinner and chocolate tasting hosted by **Mary Ann Walsh Akin** (ZI '83). After dinner, Hal Parsons from Escazu Artisan Chocolates in downtown Raleigh explained to us the chocolate-making process and the evolution of chocolate, and brought a variety of chocolates and a chocolate beverage for us to sample. In December, we gathered at the home of **Charity Metz Schuller** (AO '93) for our annual holiday celebration, and at the end of our gift exchange, most of our

sisters went home with a new squirrel for their collections! At our January meeting at **Jacque Goodwin Burgess'** (ΓΕ '48) house, we signed Valentine's Day cards to be included in care packages with goodies for our adopted chapters, and also held a baby shower for **Michelle Kenney Alexander** (ΓΟ '05), whose precious legacy Emelyn was born in February. Our February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, but our March meeting at **Jeanette Drane Benjey's** (X '65) home was a great success. Our **own Mary Ann Walsh Akin** (ZI '83), whose daughter was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 11, shared her experiences as a parent of a child with Type 1 and as a JDRF board member, and we enjoyed an assortment of green treats provided by Jeanette and co-hostess **Marcie Gaines Barnes** (ΓΕ '04). We really appreciate our hostesses and co-hostesses for welcoming us into

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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--special thanks to our Walk captain, **Carrie Wheeler** (AO '94). At our December meeting, we continued our support of Interact of Wake County, a local organization that provides assistance and support for victims of domestic violence, by collecting supplies for the shelter's annual Holiday Bazaar. **Carrie**

Wheeler (AO '94) and **Joyce Anne Braswell Porter** (BD '83) represented our chapter by volunteering at the Holiday Bazaar as well, and we thank them for their efforts! This was the biggest year yet for our pecan sale, and we were able to send donations to JDRF, the Alpha Gamma Delta International Headquarters Initiative, and Camp Carolina Trails, a one-week summer camp for children with Type 1 diabetes. Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased pecans! **Jeanette Drane Benjey** (X '65) continues to outdo herself in her efforts as our Philanthropy chair and coordinator of the annual pecan sale.

Jean Campbell Burroughs (ΓΦ '79) continues to do an excellent job coordinating Ways and Means. Because of her efforts, we have earned several hundred dollars through the Great Lakes Scrip fundraising program this year. Through the program, our members can purchase gift cards to restaurants and retailers to use themselves or give as gifts, and our chapter receives a portion of the proceeds. Jean also coordinates our participation in the Belk Charity Days fundraiser, and this year we earned more than \$1,000 for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation through this event!

We hope you are able to join us on Saturday, May 3 as we celebrate International Reunion Day! Our theme this year is "Come Home to Alpha Gamma Delta," and it will be held at the home of **Mary Ann Walsh Akin** (ZI '83). More details about this celebration of sisterhood can be found inside this issue, and don't forget - you can send in your RSVP online through our Web site, www.agdraleigh.org.

If you have ideas for future programs or activities or would like to host a meeting, please let us know. We are grateful for the contributions of all of our sisters who share their time and talents: they are what makes our chapter great. Best wishes for an excellent spring and summer!

Loyally,

Dawn Pasley Myers (ΘΘ '99)
President, Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter

Spring Updates

JDRF Walk 2013

We raised \$805! Thank you to our team and donors. Please join us on October 25th by walking, donating or volunteering.

Pecan Sale

We sold over 900 pounds and made \$1794 from sales. Donations will be made to JDRF, Camp Carolina (a camp for diabetic children) and Alpha Gamma Delta Headquarters Initiative.

Belk Charity Days

Spring Belk Charity Day tickets are available and the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation 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 will need a ticket to shop. The sale is Saturday, May 3rd from 6-10 a.m. at all local area Belk stores. Please contact **Jean Campbell Burroughs** (ΓΦ '79) at jean@cj4m.com to purchase tickets.

We received \$515 from the Fall Belk Charity Day event. A total of \$1030 is planned to be sent to Foundation.



Dawn Pasley Myers (ΘΘ '99) and Carrie Wheeler (AO '94) at the JDRF Walk

Scrip Fundraiser

We have raised \$508 with eight sisters participating. ShopWithScrip.com is easy, free to use, and there's no selling involved. Simply buy gift cards at ShopWithScrip.com and use them instead of cash, checks or credit cards at the retailers where you normally shop. For additional information about Scrip, contact **Jean Campbell Burroughs** (ΓΦ '79) at jean@cj4m.com or 919-362-4837.

Spring Clothes Swap

Mark your calendars and start cleaning out your closets! **Carrie Wheeler** (AO '94) and **Dawn Pasley Myers** (ΘΘ '99) will be hosting a clothes swap on April 19th from 2-5 p.m. at 416 Greymist Dr. in Durham.

Bring a friend and any items you no longer want (clothes, jewelry, shoes, etc.). Once the items are organized, it's time to go shopping! After everyone has selected her new wardrobe, all remaining items will be donated to local nonprofits.

Adopt-A-Chapter

GRAC supports two adopted chapters, Theta Mu at UNC-Wilmington and Theta Omicron at Western Carolina University. GRAC mailed a care package to both chapters with Valentine's Day cards and candy.

Theta Mu

Theta Mu (UNC -Wilmington) wrote an email to GRAC saying "They received the Valentine's Day package and absolutely loved it! Thank you so much from our whole chapter!"

The chapter partnered with Delta Tau Delta for Greek Week. **Sara Gurkin** was named the first runner up for Homecoming Queen and **Erica Schoppe** won Pi Kappa Alpha's polar bear plunge for the

third time.

Theta Omicron

Theta Omicron (Western Carolina University) sent a letter of gratitude to GRAC for the Valentine's Day care package.

Spring Recruitment was held and they now have 17 new members. Chapter total is at 68.

The chapter has started a new Alpha Gam Instagram called "wcualphagammadelta." Check it out for photos and daily events.

Theta Omicron will be hosting International Reunion Day on April 26th at 11 a.m. in the Blue Ridge Conference Room at Western Carolina University.



Theta Omicron - Bid Day 2014

2013-14 Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter Officers

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

Spring Updates

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Junior Circle

Junior Circle held two events this year. In December Junior Circle went to Wine & Design and painted *Elegant Ornament*. In February Junior Circle went to ZinBurger for dinner.

A movie night at Raleighwood Cinema Grill is planned for the spring.

Come Home to Alpha Gamma Delta!

Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter's IRD celebration will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 11 a.m. at the home of **Mary Ann Walsh**

Akin (ZI '83). Please see the invitation and RSVP on page 5.

This year's 50 year pin honorees include those sisters initiated in 1964. The 50 year pin eligible sisters from Gamma Epsilon include the following: **Frances Pegues Burroughs, Holly Frost, Ann Puckett Kahan, Ellen J. Solomon, Trudy Williams Traumuller and Patty Nash Wheeler**. The 50 year pin eligible sister from Alpha Xi is **Elaine Folk Marshall**.

To receive a pin, those eligible must attend our IRD celebration. If anyone knows of other eligible members, please contact **Jan Thorpe White** (B '50) at jtwhite6@bellsouth.net or 919-851-0272 immediately.

Alumnae News



Emelyn Ann Alexander

Michelle Kenney Alexander (ΓΟ '05) and her husband, Brandon, welcomed Emelyn Ann on February 20th.



Elsie Manny Eads (H '49) and her granddaughter, Lizzie Troyer

Elsie Manny Eads' (H '49) granddaughter, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Troyer, earned a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Ecology at the University of Florida. Lizzie plans to do field work with mammals as well as a variety of short-term research projects before deciding on a career. She enjoyed a summer working with a team trapping and banding black bears in Florida. Her thesis on raccoons and opossums was published in the *Journal of Mammalogy*.

Erica Snell Ring (AM '96) took a new job in November with Zoetis, the largest animal health organization in the world, as the HR Manager for The Global Poultry division headquarters in Durham.



Erica Ring (AM '96) holding a chick. The chick had just hatched when this photo was taken.

Jamie Lynn Stiller (ΓΟ '05) is excited to announce that she has just been accepted into UNC-Chapel Hill's Master of Occupational Therapy program which starts this fall.

Ann Marie Nelson Taepke (ΖΖ '04) and her husband, Steve, welcomed Caroline Marie on October 18th.

Chapter Grand



Gamma Epsilon

Portia Mathews Chapman '50

11/22/2013

Robin Lear Peacock '45

12/11/2013

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 fall, we received "Dirty Dollars" from the following sisters: **Elaini Livas Bingham** (ΓΕ '60), **Joyce Anne Porter** (ΒΔ '83), **Jacque Goodwin Burgess** (ΓΕ '48), **Carol Clayton Norris** (ΓΕ '61), **JoAnne Armstrong-Jones** (ΓΕ '49), **Eileen Dorgan Herbermann** (ΑΘ '41), **Gene Stokes Brown** (ΓΕ '47), **Barbara Thomas Horton** (ΓΕ '49) and **Barbara Braxton Wilks** (ΓΕ '52).

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.

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


Chapter House Fire Inspires New ΑΓΔ Foundation Fund

In January we received one of the most frightening Fraternity calls we can ever receive. "There's been a fire at the Upsilon (University of Oklahoma) Chapter house." The thankful news - everyone is safe. The hard news - the chapter house is uninhabitable. This disaster affected the entire chapter but specifically the 61 women left scrambling for a new place to sleep and ways to get the basic necessities we so easily take for granted: food, clothing, toothbrushes, school supplies and books.

In response, the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation established a *new* **Disaster Relief Fund** to help provide immediate emergency support to our sisters facing a disaster in their lives due to fire and other natural disasters. Our Upsilon sisters were the first to benefit from this fund, each receiving \$500 to meet extraordinary needs caused by the fire. With the help of our alumnae, funds will be available for sisters in the future who experience loss from disasters. For questions or to make a donation to the new fund please contact:

foundation@alphagammadeltafoundation.org


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

Come Home to Alpha Gamma Delta

International Reunion Day 2014
Saturday, May 3rd at 11 a.m.


Home of Mary Ann Akin
11308 Brass Kettle Road, Raleigh NC 27614

Please respond with the form below
and mail \$25 made out to Alpha Gamma Delta to:
Jamie Stiller
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You can also RSVP and pay at:
www.agdraleigh.org

Questions? Call Jamie Stiller at
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Brunch will be served



Name:
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Dirty Dollars Enclosed:

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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

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

May 3, 2014 – IRD - Theme: **Come
Home to Alpha Gamma Delta**

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

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