

Greater Raleigh Alumnae Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Sisters,

Happy Spring! I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying this wonderful weather. Our chapter has had a wonderful winter, and we're looking forward to our spring events, which include a family picnic at the end of this month, our IRD luncheon, and our annual potluck dinner and officer installation in May.

Throughout our events this winter, we have celebrated the spirit of sisterhood in many ways. In November, we held a bridal shower for Michelle Kenney Alexander to congratulate her on her recent wedding (special thanks to our hostesses Charity Schuller and Jamie Stiller), and in December we gathered for our annual holiday celebration and gift exchange at the home of Jan White, who along with co-hostesses Meg Hodge and Joan Cassilly, treated us to an assortment of holiday goodies. Our January meeting, a Ritual review led by Jean Campbell Burroughs and Johanna Wolf, reminded us of the beauty of our Purpose and the

significance of Alpha Gamma Delta in our lives as alumnae. Thank you to all of our hostesses and co-hostesses for welcoming us into your homes and providing us with such wonderful hospitality!

Our chapter continues to focus on philanthropic efforts. Our chapter raised nearly \$1,300 for Triangle JDRF during their Walk to Cure Diabetes, which is a new record for us! In December, we continued our support of the holiday bazaar orchestrated by Interact of Wake County, a local organization that provides assistance and support for victims of domestic violence, by collecting toys, gifts, and other supplies. A big thank you to Carrie Wheeler, who for the past several years has coordinated the collection of these items at our holiday social and delivered our donations to the Interact facility! Also, as a result of our annual pecan sale, we were able to send an additional \$657.50 to JDRF and a \$1,000 donation to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, making us a Jewel Chapter. We are thankful as always for



Jeanette Drane Benjey's outstanding work as our Philanthropy chair.

Please join us on Saturday, April 28 as we celebrate International Reunion Day! Our theme this year is "Sisters: Gifts from the Heart," and our speaker will be Felecia Williams from WakeMed Hospitals, who will give a presentation about women's heart health. More details about this celebration of sisterhood can be found inside this issue—we hope to see you there!

If you have ideas for future programs or activities or would like to host a meeting, please let us know. We really appreciate everyone's contributions of time, talent, and creativity; you are what makes our chapter a success! I hope you all have a wonderful spring and summer.

Loyally,

Dawn Myers



Lunch Bunch at Coquette (North Hills, Raleigh)

Squirrel Chatter

Judy Hayes Hand (EA '58) a former Gamma Epsilon chapter advisor who moved from Chapel Hill in 1969, is now Permanent Secretary of her local alumnae chapter in Birmingham, AL.

Melanie Wall Brooks (FH '00) and her husband, Jason, are expecting their first child. In anticipation of the "expansion," they have moved from Durham to a new home in Cary.

Daphne Adams Ashworth (ΓE '54) opened the family's 16th Hallmark store in Morrisville, NC at the new Park West Village.

If you have news to share, please contact Charity Metz Schuller at cmetzpharmd@hotmail.com.

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

Thank you to sisters who donated "Dirty Dollars." The money helps with the

newsletter, IRD and additional expenses. We received "Dirty Dollars" from Jacque Goodwin Burgess, Barbara Braxton Wilks and Michelle Kenney Alexander

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.

Live With Purpose ~ Convention 2012

Alpha Gamma Delta
Live with Purpose



Province 34 - Convention 2010

Our International Convention will be held Wednesday, July 18, 2012 through Sunday, July 22, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch in St. Louis, Missouri. Alpha Gamma Delta chose "Live With Purpose" as our new brand for the fraternity and it is also the 2012 convention theme. Convention is a wonderful opportunity for Alpha Gamma Deltas to

celebrate sisterhood, embrace our long standing traditions, such as Feast of Roses and Initiation, and to find out where our Fraternity is going in 2012 and beyond. It is also a great chance to catch up with old friends, perhaps see your suite mate after too many years and to make new friends as well. There usually is a little time for shopping and sightseeing as well. Watch for your email

invitation to register online by July 1, 2012. If you do not have email or do not receive an email invite, you can go to a website dedicated completely to Convention for information and registration:

<http://www.cvent.com/events/alpha-gamma-delta-international-convention-2012/event-summary-3d522ee963764499a611f7042211d5d3.aspx>.

50 Years of Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation

Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation will celebrate 50 years at Convention 2012. Special celebration events include: 50th Birthday Party (Thursday, July 19) (all attendees) to celebrate the impact and to thank those who make it happen; Foundation Top

10 Roundtable (Thursday) (all attendees) will provide questions and answers to some of the Foundation's top asked questions; Jewel Chapter/Club Delegate Breakfast (Friday, July 20) (Jewel chapter/club voting delegates); and, Individual

Jewel and Corinthian Society Members Riverboat Dinner (Friday) (2011-12 individual Jewel Society and Corinthian Society members). Give a gift or send an ecard to a sister at

<http://alphagammadelta.org/gdfoundation/sendecard>



"Nuts" About Our Community

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes Update

We raised \$1,255! Thank you to our team and donors. Please join us next year by walking, volunteering or donating.

Pecan Sale Update

We made \$1267.50 from pecan sales. A \$1000 donation was made to our Foundation. Then we combined the remaining \$267.50 with \$390 from our fall Belk Charity Days proceeds for a \$657.50 donation to JDRF.

Holiday Giving

Each year at our holiday party, we collect new toys

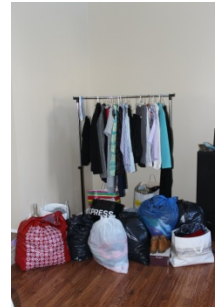
and items for women plus toiletries for Interact of Wake County (a domestic violence shelter). Interact then holds a Holiday Bazaar allowing children and moms to "shop" for each other's Christmas presents. Toiletries are for those in residence.

Junior Circle Clothes Swap

Our Junior Circle sisters and their friends got together for a clothes swap. They brought their clothing, accessories and personal-care products that were no longer desired. Then they "shopped" amongst the items. The remaining

items were donated. The dressier, career-oriented clothing went to "Dress for Success" <http://www.dressforsuccess.org/affiliate.aspx?sisid=133&pageid=1>, maternity clothes were given to "Welcome Baby" <http://www.welcomebaby.org/> and the remainder of the items were received by ReTails <http://animalkind.org/home.html>. The personal-care products were then distributed to women's shelters.

Thank you to Carrie Wheeler for hosting!



Clothes Swap Donations



January 2012 Meeting
Hostess: Jacque Goodwin Burgess

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.

Theta Mu

GRAC sent cards to Theta Mu congratulating them on recruiting 8 potential new members (PNMs) through informal recruitment held January 23-25 and on their 21st chapter anniversary.

During Homecoming Week, Theta Mu won 3rd place for best float! The women had Greek Week and the Talent Show in

February.

The chapter will hold a Sisterhood Retreat on March 30th. Besides being a sisterhood retreat, it will also be a memorial service for Annie McLeod.

Theta Mu also invited GRAC sisters to their Formal at Beau Rivage Golf Resort on Saturday, April 28th.

Theta Mu has selected Amanda Parsley as this year's recipient of GRAC's Sisterhood Award.

Theta Omicron

GRAC sent roses to support the collegians

Spring 2012 recruitment and congratulated them on recruiting 14 PNMs. Initiation will be held on March 23 with Feast of Roses on March 24.

Theta Omicron selected their current president, Sarah Dinkins, to receive GRAC's Sisterhood Award. GRAC is looking forward to presenting Sarah with the award at their IRD celebration.

Barbara Jo White (ΘΘ '06) baked cookies for the sisters who were studying for fall final exams.

GRAC also sent them a card for their 16th chapter anniversary.

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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 21 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM at all local area Belk stores.

Please contact Joyce Anne Porter at japorter@bellsouth.net or 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.



TAP's Badge Day Celebration
(AGD sisters from the right –
2nd Erica Snell Ring and 3rd
Charity Metz Schuller)

Sisters – A Gift from the Heart

GRAC's IRD celebration will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 11:30 AM at the Ramada Inn located at 1520 Blue Ridge Road Raleigh, NC. Our guest speaker will be Felecia S. Williams, MSN, RN, CCRN, PhD-c from WakeMed. This year's 50 year pin honorees include

those sisters initiated in 1962. The 50 year pin eligible sisters from Gamma Epsilon include the following: Ilena King Drum, Carolyn Lyday MacFayden, Joan Groce Jones, Julia Haney Meyers, Anne Diehl Little, Judith Wright Schuster and Katherine Livas.

The following sister from Gamma Delta is 50-year-pin eligible: Jeanne Swanner Robertson.

To receive a pin, you must attend our IRD brunch. Please see the invitation and RSVP on the next page.

GRAC Spring Family Picnic



When?

Saturday, March 31 at
1:00 PM

Where?

Brier Creek Park
9525 Vira Drive Raleigh,
NC

RSVP:

Wolf.johanna@gmail.com

Bring a dish to share!

Chapter Grand

Elizabeth Anne Barnes (ΓΕ '46) entered Chapter Grand on June 4, 2011. She had taught for a number of years at Stephens College and retired to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mary Wheeler Bode (EB '33) passed away December 12, 2011. Mary was very involved with the collegians of Gamma Epsilon at UNC-Chapel Hill and provided instrumental support in the

formation of GRAC -- originally called Gamma Epsilon Alumnae Chapter.

Betty Kaye Johnson Swan (ΓΕ '58) entered Chapter Grand on September 12, 2010.

Sarah (Sally) Osborne Mackie (ΓΕ '49) entered Chapter Grand on April 24, 2011.

Patricia Chandler Hannah (ΓΕ '49) entered Chapter Grand on March 17, 2010.

TAP Update

Triangle Alumnae Panhellenic (TAP) delegates and their chapter members celebrated International Badge Day (March 5, 2012) with dinner at Papparazzi Ristorante Italiano in Raleigh's new Lafayette Village (European style shopping). Alpha Gamma Delta and GRAC were represented by delegate, Erica Snell Ring, and Charity Metz Schuller.

2011-2012 Calendar

November 10, 2011 

Bridal Shower
Hostess: Charity Schuller

December 8, 2011 


Holiday Party, Gift Exchange
& Interact Donations
Hostess: Jan White

January 10, 2012 

AGD Ritual Review
Hostess: Jacque Burgess

February 10, 2012 


Five Star Review
Hostess: Melissa Budzinski-
Coleman

March 31, 2012 

Family Picnic Social

April 2012 

IRD

May 10, 2012 

Potluck & Officer Installation
Hostess: Anne Fleming
Hunter

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/raleighagd/>

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Continued Adopt-A-Chapter

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Carolina University at
Cullowhee, NC) chapters,

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Theta Omicron's website:
<http://www.wcu.alphagammadelta.org/>

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