



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. I have had the best crop of black raspberries and blackberries ever! And the rest of my garden is growing so much better than last year. Amazing how well-timed rain and sub 100 degree days can improve your harvest!! I have my fingers crossed that this continues as my potatoes and sweet corn look so promising this year!!

Obviously I love the summer for pursuing my gardening interests ... but I also love this time of year for getting organized before the start of the school year. I have contacted the Delta Pi and Epsilon Gamma collegiate chapters to learn about their plans for the year and have combined those with feedback from alumnae events last year to pull together ideas and events for our alumnae chapter for the coming year. We're still working on some specific dates, but we have a basic timeline for the year. Located to the right - is the start to our 2013-14 calendar.

Please read the specific updates from the collegiate chapters on the next pages, as well as some more details about our summer social at Sun Singer on page 3.

A big "thank you" to Jana Holmes for volunteering to set-up and maintain a FaceBook page for our alumnae chapter. I will continue to maintain our website, and the Facebook page will be a great addition to our communication options. Please check out both sources when you need details and reminders about upcoming events. (see links below)

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or questions. In the bonds, Laura Walsten, lwalsten@mac.com, 390-2882.

Current Alumnae Chapter Officers

- President - Laura Walsten (Coe College)
- Treasurer - Cathy Albin (Colorado State)
- Secretary - Erica Roa (Cal Poly State)
- Reference Chair - Jana Holmes (Millikin)
- Col-Alumnae Relations - Amanda Ehmann (ISU)

Alumnae Chapter Website and FaceBook Page
<http://cutrideltaalumnae.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Champaign-Urbana-Tri-Delta-Alumnae-Chapter/475015852576536?fref=ts>

Summer 2013 Newsletter

2013 - 14 Calendar

Delta Pi New Member Recruitment Assistance

The Delta Pi chapter would appreciate some healthy snacks during break times the last couple days of Work Week and the first couple nights of Recruitment events. See Delta Pi update for specifics.

Sun, 9/1. Summer Social/St. Jude Fundraiser 4 - 6pm

At Sun Singer. \$30 per person wine tasting and social with \$10 going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Open to invite spouses, significant others and friends. See more details on page 3.

Sat, 9/28. Epsilon Gamma St. Jude Golf Outing

Watch for more details ... but think about maybe pulling together an alumnae chapter foursome?

Monthly Social Lunch/Happy Hour

No agendas - just time to visit and meet local Tri Delta Alumnae. 9/26 noon @ Seven Saints, 12/4 5:30 @ Sun Singer, 4/2/14 noon at Timpone's, 5/16 noon @ Farren's. RSVP to Laura Walsten the day before. 217-390-2882 or lwalsten@mac.com.

Tu, 10/15 New Member Sisterhood Event 6 - 9pm

At Laura Walsten's home. Need help with food, pampering, sharing traditions and teaching songs. (tentative date)

Monday, 11/4. Founder's Day 5:30 - 7pm

At Delta Pi. Tentative date. Details still being worked out. Most likely Dinner, Ceremony, Recruitment Skit & Career Workshop. Invite coming from Delta Pi - more details in the fall.

Thursday, 2/13/14, "Let's Do Lunch" 11:45 - 1pm

Fundraiser for Cunningham Children's Home at the Cunningham Children's Home Spiritual Life Center. Lunch has been donated. Please join us and bring a \$25 donation for Cunningham and one of their wishlist items.

Early March, Group Mentor Event 6 - 7:15pm

A time for local alums to share career advice and general guidance with collegians. At Buca di Beppo - working with chapters to see if there is interest.

Sunday, 4/27, Circle Degree 3:00 - 5:00pm

At Laura Walsten's home. Ceremony, followed by Pansy Buffet. Seniors from Delta Pi and Epsilon Gamma will be invited. If you initiated prior to 1964, please contact Laura about celebrating your Golden Circle and if you initiated prior to 1989, please contact Laura about celebrating your Silver Circle. Tentative date.



Dues Update: If you would like to support our local activities, please send the form below to our Treasurer, Cathy Albin, by 11/18 or bring your check to Founder's Day. All dues paying members will receive a Member Directory at Circle Degree and a contribution to the Crescent Fund will be sent on behalf of our dues paying members. If you are a Life Loyal Member, your national dues are already paid. If you would like to support the events of the local alumnae chapter, your local dues would be \$11.

2014 Membership dues for the C-U Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter are \$30.00. (\$11 - Local Chapter, \$19 - National Tri Delta) Life Loyal Members - \$11. Please make checks payable to CU Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter. Please complete the following form and send it with your dues to: Cathy Albin, P.O. Box 476, Newman, IL 61942

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____ College: _____

News from Epsilon Gamma

Hannah Mason, Alum Advisor, reports, "The chapter is excited to welcome Carissa Coin (Epsilon Gamma '10) to our advising team as our Finance and Administration Advisor. I will still be advising remotely this semester, but I will be making trips up to EIU for recruitment and officer slating at the least. With Carissa and I both being new advisors, we would happily take any resources that any alumnae may have regarding advising. Recruitment dates are September 5-8 and Bid Day is Monday, September 9th."

Erin O'Leary, Collegiate-Alumnae Relations, reports, "This fall we will be super busy with philanthropy events and will be having a golf outing on 9/28 for St. Jude. We would love to have Alums sign up to participate. This is our second year and we really want it to be a big hit!"

And Ruthie Johnson, President, reports, "The Spring 2013 semester proved to be quite successful for Epsilon Gamma. On April 4th, we initiated six new members into our sisterhood. That same weekend, we started off our Greek Week by capturing our fifth consecutive first place trophy in the Greek Sing competition with the theme of Delta Revolution. Later that week, our girls placed third in the tugs competition. At the annual Fraternity and Sorority Awards Banquet, our former Chapter President and current Philanthropy Chairman, Lauren Brzezinski, was named Sorority Woman of the Year and Alex Harsha received the Women's Empowerment award.

We had three philanthropy events this past semester. The first was can shaking at Wal-Mart in February. Then in March we organized the first Be The Hero Fun Run (5K Run/Walk) with the men of Sigma Nu. Finally, in April, we held our annual Twist of Hope event, which is a twister tournament that other sororities, fraternities, friends, and families participate in. This year, we also included D-Hop into the event, serving all you can eat pancakes for \$5. Between these three events, we raised \$2,445.47 for St. Jude. A few of our chapter's other accomplishments this semester included completing 826.5 hours of community service, placing third overall in intramurals, having 27 members being named fraternal scholars, and earning a grade point average of 3.16." (Photos Left to Right: Seniors at Circle Degree, Trip to St. Jude & Greek Sing competition. Larger versions will be on alum website)



Tri Delta Social & Fundraiser

The Champaign-Urbana Delta Delta Delta Alumnae Chapter will partner again with Sun Singer Wine & Spirits to raise funds to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The evening will begin with a casual tasting led by one of Sun Singer's wine educators. He will focus the tasting around three wines and fruit & cheese plates will be available for nibbling during the tasting. A social will follow the tasting with crab cakes and hummus platters. Attendees can purchase additional glasses of wine or other beverages on their own during the social time. Also during the social time, a Longaberger catalog will be on hand for anyone interested in purchasing any baskets or pottery. The profits from any Longaberger sales will go towards St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as well.

Who: Area Tri Delta Alumnae and their guests. (or come on your own - this will be a great chance to meet other alumnae members in the area.)

Date/Time: Sunday, September 1st, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sun Singer Wine & Spirits
1115 W. Windsor Road
Champaign

Price: \$30/person, or \$40 day of event
\$20/person for social time only (5-6pm)

Call or email: Laura Walsten at (217) 390-2822 or lwalsten@mac.com by 8/26

Payment: Checks payable to Champaign-Urbana Delta Delta Delta Alumnae Chapter due the day of the event. If you are not able to attend, but would like to make a donation - please make checks payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and mail to Laura at 868 Country Road 700E, Champaign, IL 61822. Those checks will be combined with a check from the Alumnae Chapter. Attendance is limited to 24 so call Laura for reservations. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

CU Alumnae Chapter Member to Participate in St. Jude Champaign to Peoria Run

- Babette Hiles will run in the August 2-3 St. Jude Champaign to Peoria Run. It is a two-day relay run from Champaign to Peoria. At the same time, groups of other runners from all over Illinois will be running to Peoria where they will all meet and cross the finish line together. How exciting that someone from our alumnae group is able to participate this year! (maybe next year we can form an alumnae chapter team???)

All Champaign team runners are required to raise a minimum of \$750 and all proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. If you would like to support Babette, please visit her fundraising page www.stjudepeoriaruns.org/babette to make a tax deductible donation. Or checks may be made payable to "St. Jude Run" and sent to her home by July 31st. (512 W. Union Street, Champaign, 61820)

Good luck to Babette and thank you for supporting St. Jude Children's Hospital in this way!

Alumnae Chapter Goals

1. Increase Alumnae participation at meetings and Advising to Delta Pi & Epsilon Gamma
 - a. Plan meetings with multiple purposes, like social and philanthropy or business meeting with collegiate event.
2. Increase philanthropy activities
 - a. "Let's Do Lunch" fundraiser for Cunningham Children's Home & support for St. Jude Events
 - b. Service activity with Delta Pi or Epsilon Gamma
3. Increase Membership and Financial Commitment

Help us be a little more "green"

***If you are able to receive future newsletters via email - please send me a note at LWALSTEN@mac.com

It's no problem to send paper versions to members who don't have email access, but I would like to reduce paper and gas usage by converting as many as possible to electronic.***

Delta Pi Chapter Update

- Susan Sistler, Alum Advisor, Alex Mages, Col-Alum Relations, and Jenn Lee, VP Membership, are requesting alumnae assistance during recruitment. They would like to have healthy snacks for a couple days of "work week" and during first weekend of recruitment. (8/22, 8/23, 8/30 & 31) Check website for sign-up. Here are all the recruitment dates to keep in mind:

Friday, August 30th & Saturday, September 1st-Open House
Sunday, September 1st-1st Invite, Saturday, September 7th-2nd Invite
Sunday, September 8th-Preference, Tentative Monday, September 9th - Bid Day

** Be sure to send references to AC Reference Chair, Jana Holmes, and she will forward to the appropriate Collegiate Reference Chairs. (207 Blazing Star Dr., Savoy, 61874)

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**Please
join us for our summer
social/fundraiser on Sunday,
September 1st at 4pm at Sun
Singer.**