



Winter 2011 Newsletter

Happy New Year!! Can't believe I have already written a couple checks with a date of 2011 ... where does the time go??

We had so many fun events this fall - it will be hard to recap in a small space. Be sure to check out the website for more details and some photos.

Our October fundraiser at Sun Singer for St. Jude raised \$400! Thank you to everyone for your support!!

Our first ever "New Member Sisterhood Event" was a BIG hit. The new members (plus some officers) enjoyed foot and skin pampering as well as a session on fun traditions and song practice ... plus lots of great food!

Founder's Day featured "Tri Delta Grace", the Dining Room Dedication, Founder's Day Ceremony, a Rush song and our first candle passing singing "Tri Delta Legend".

Our "tag team" approach to Advising the Delta Pi Chapter is working well. However, we do still need one alumnae member to serve as "Alumnae Advisor" to coordinate local efforts and communicate with the university and EO. If you are interested in serving as Alumnae Advisor for 1-2 years, please contact me as soon as possible.

A list of events for the rest of the year is located to the right as well as some more details about collegiate-alumnae relations events on the third page. Our next big alumnae chapter event is the "Let's Do Lunch" fundraiser for Cunningham Children's Home on 2/17 at 11:45am. Please join us!

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.

2010 - 11 Calendar

Monthly Social Lunch/Happy Hour

No agendas - just time to visit and meet local Tri Delta Alumnae. 1/11/11 noon @ Ferren's, 5/26 noon @ Milo's. RSVP to Laura Walsten the day before. 217-390-2882 or lwalsten@mac.com.

Group Mentor Lunch/Happy Hour

A time for local alums to share career advice and general guidance with Delta Pi collegians. 3/9/11 6pm @ Houlihan's, focus area TBD. RSVP to Laura Walsten.

Sunday, 1/23/11, Officers' Training 1-4pm

Training at Laura Walsten's home. Need help with snacks and goal setting facilitators when we break into officer teams. Please contact Laura if you are able to assist. 217-390-2882 or lwalsten@mac.com

Thursday, 2/17/11, "Let's Do Lunch" 11:45 - 1pm

Fundraiser for Cunningham Children's Home at Biaggi's. Lunch has been donated. Please join us and bring a \$25 donation for Cunningham. RSVP by 2/14 to Laura Walsten. 217-390-2882 or lwalsten@mac.com. If you are unable to attend, checks can be sent to 868 CR 700E, Champaign, 61822.

Sunday, 5/1, Circle Degree/Pansy Dinner 4 - 6pm

At Laura Walsten's home. Ceremony, followed by Pansy Dinner. Seniors from Delta Pi and Epsilon Gamma will be invited. If you initiated prior to 1961, please contact Laura about celebrating your Golden Circle and if you initiated prior to 1986, please contact Laura about celebrating your Silver Circle. Due to the Illinois Marathon, we switched to the May 1st back-up date/time.



Dues Update: If you would like to support our local activities, please send the form below to our Treasurer, Cathy Albin, by 2/1/11 for the EO Supplemental Dues Deadline. All dues paying members will receive a Member Directory in May 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 \$12.

2010 Membership dues for the C-U Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter are \$30.00. (\$12 - Local Chapter, \$18 - National Tri Delta) Life Loyal Members - \$12. 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: _____

If you are able to receive future newsletters via email - please send me a note to 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.

Alumnae Chapter Goals

1. Increase Alumnae participation at meetings and Advising to Delta Pi
 - a. Plan meetings with multiple purposes, like social and philanthropy or business meeting with Delta Pi social
2. Increase philanthropy activities
 - a. "Let's Do Lunch" fundraiser for Cunningham Children's Home
 - b. Greeks at Bat or Letter Writing with Delta Pi
3. Increase Membership and Financial Commitment

Current Alumnae Chapter Officers

- President - Laura Walsten
- Treasurer - Cathy Albin
- Secretary - Erica Roa
- Reference Chair - Laura Curtis
- Col-Alumnae Relations - Leesa Chesnut
- Delta Pi Chapter Website - illinoistriddelta.org
- Alumnae Chapter Website - http://web.me.com/lwalsten/CU_Tri_Delta_Alumnae_Chapter/Alumnae_Chapter.html

Alumnae Chapter History Project

- If you are interested in being our chapter Historian over the next year, please call or email Laura at 390-2882 or lwalsten@mac.com. We still need the names of past presidents/officers prior to 1969. Also photos, clippings, etc.. from all years. Please look through your files and contact Laura until we have identified another Historian.

Updating Alumnae Chapter By-Laws

- EO is asking all alumnae chapters to review their by-laws and vote on new by-laws if needed by the end of this fiscal year. A draft will be presented at the 2/17 lunch, with final vote on 5/1 during the business meeting following Circle Degree. Call Laura if you would like to help.

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Don't forget Cunningham Children's Home fundraiser at Biaggi's on Thurs, 2/17 from 11:45 - 1

Collegiate-Alumnae Relations Update:

The Collegiate-Alumnae Relations Team continues to implement events to meet special requests/needs of the collegiate chapter and we continue to hope that these are opportunities for alumnae members and collegians to get to know each other and to share Tri Delta experiences across campuses and decades.

• Officers' Training - Sunday, January 23rd at Laura Walsten's Home, 1-4pm

The Delta Pi leadership would like alumnae assistance with training and transition of new officers. Possible Alumnae Assistance:

- * bring snacks
 - * Past alumnae officers provide advice on smooth transitions from one year to the next
 - * Alumnae with special skills in the following areas to help with officer teams:
Administration, President, Membership, Chapter Development, Finance, PR
- Please contact Laura by 1/20 if you are able to assist.
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Delta Pi Update:

Gina Jenero, Delta Pi President, reports, "The Food for Jude event was our second annual event with Alpha Tau Omega where we barbecue burgers, hot dogs, and provide chips, soft drinks, and cookies. All proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and this year we raised over 1,000 dollars.

Also, we initiated our new pledge class of 49 members that will graduate in 2014. The initiation ceremony went extremely smoothly and we were thrilled to have many alumnae attend, including both mothers and sisters of the new initiates.

Also this semester, the Chapter has decided to create a biweekly newsletter that goes out to the entire chapter with announcements. We're excited to see that it is helping in increasing attendance at events!"

Epsilon Gamma Update:

Erica Roa, Epsilon Gamma Alumnae Advisor, reports, "The Eileen Blaine Rudolph Scholar Award (EBR) went to Amy Pulley and the New Member Scholar Award (NMS) was awarded to Emily Estes and Lauren Bock.

Epsilon Gamma chapter received quota out of Formal Recruitment which brought our chapter above total and these women were initiated and joined the collegiate sisterhood on November 12th. The women also held a new philanthropy event this semester, Delta Dodgeball, which raised several hundred dollars for St. Jude. The end of the semester concludes with Sincerely Yours and Office Slating. The woman are looking forward to slating and the renewed spirit that comes with a new officer class.

Next semester we will see the return of Twist of Hope - our twister philanthropy and Epsilon Gamma's drive to maintain the trophy for a third year in Greek Sing. As Tri Delta's it just seems natural that since we do everything in threes that we would win this three years in a row. I would encourage any alumnae members who are looking to watch the Largest Amateur Choral Competition in the Midwest to make plans to come and check out EIU during this event. (April 3rd at Lantz Gym)"
