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Captain's Call

Ronette Korman Simcox, □ - Montana

In June, I had the privilege and honor of representing the Portland Suburban alumnae chapter at Delta Gamma's 63rd Biennial Convention in Palm Desert, CA. I left feeling inspired and so proud to be a Delta Gamma. I had my *Aha!* moment when I realized what it really means to be an alumna in this amazing organization. We have outstanding women who lead our Fraternity, and our Foundation is among the very best. In my sincerest Panhellenic spirit, I imagine that there are other great Greek groups that have good foundations, but how can anything beat how we —Do Good?||

I proudly watched one collegian and two recent graduates of my beloved Pi chapter (University of Montana) at Convention – a chapter president and two new CDCs – and reflected back 16 years ago to when I was graduating and didn't realize I would do anything with Delta Gamma again. At the time, I didn't really connect the dots that the terrific advisors we had were active alumnae giving their time and mentoring us through membership, programming and house finances.

I took some time away from Delta Gamma as an alumna, but slowly worked myself back into the fold doing a little bit here and there. Low and behold, the same reason that I went through —rush|| and ultimately pledged DG, is the same reason that I continue coming back to this great alumnae group – the people. While we don't have a collegiate chapter in our beautiful town to easily give back to as advisors, we still have opportunities to actively —Do Good|| for at-a-distance collegians, ourselves, our Foundation and our community. We provide balanced programming that promotes networking, sisterhood, membership, Foundation and community. Being an alumna in the Portland area is great! I encourage you to try something that we have planned this year. I look forward to meeting those of you who are checking our chapter out for the first time. For those of you who continue to come back, I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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Flag the Date!

Founders Day 2009

A beautiful Founders Day is set at Waverley for Saturday, April 18.

Our keynote speaker will be Erin Rummer, a staff person at the Oregon Campus of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Erin will share her experiences as a married, 20-something woman who is blind, plus her guide dog, Onyx. Additional staff will also be present.

Mark your calendars for this wonderful annual event!

Portland DGs Go Green—Our news letter is now Printed on FSG (crop specifically grown for paper products) and recycled papers.

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the DG stars shine and was complete with Delta Gamma's star Cheetah Girl and Dancing with the Stars contestant, Sabrina Bryan, - Chapman.

In addition to the amazing guest speakers, we conducted important Fraternity business. An impressive group of women was elected to the 2008–10 Council. The women I expect we will hear from the most are our new Fraternity President Beth Bell Searcy, - Kent State, and new Fraternity Vice-President: Alumnae Mary Anne Ruman Lachenmaier, - Arizona. Other noteworthy business included:

- An improved Web site was introduced at www.deltagamma.org as well as the rollout of MyDG, a resource and social networking tool exclusively for DGs.

- Effective July 1, 2008, per capita dues will increase to \$20.50.

- Beginning this fall, Executive Offices (EO) will directly invoice all alumnae for per capita dues.

Please see important information regarding direct invoicing on page 7.

- EO will be updating the alumnae directory (look for a mailing soon).

- The new Five Star programming model was unveiled. A five star program includes networking, sisterhood, membership, Foundation and community. I am happy to report that our outstanding programming has this covered!

California Dreaming – Convention 2008

Ronette Korman Simcox, □ - Montana

Delta Gamma's 63rd Biennial Convention was held in Palm Desert, CA in June 2008. The theme, —California Dreaming,|| opened the doors to the shining stars of our Fraternity. Nearly 1,000 DGs registered to join each other for sisterhood, programming, philanthropy and fun. I left feeling enriched, energized and incredibly proud to be a Delta Gamma.

The schedule was packed from 8 a.m. (sometimes 7 a.m.) until 10 or 11 p.m. each night. We were wowed by incredible speakers who included Judson Laipply (an inspirational comedian famous for performing his —Evolution of Dance|| and, yes, he did perform his dance), Mary Lucas (author of *Lunchmeat & Life Lessons: Sharing a Butcher's Wisdom*), Elizabeth Weiner (□ □ Louisiana State, currently working in Washington D.C. advancing legislative initiatives that affect the Greek community), Steve Ford (son of Gerald Ford), Dr. Lori Ebert (speaker for CAMPUSPEAK, Inc. and current NPC delegate for Alpha Omicron Pi) and Michele DesRosiers Tegland (□ - Michigan, multiple cancer survivor with an incredibly inspirational story). The awards ceremony on the final night let all of

Ronette receives the Outstanding Alumnae Chapter Award from Fraternity President Shari Souser Malone, □ □ and new Fraternity VP: Alumnae

Mary Anne Ruman Lachenmaier, □ □

Our Foundation continues to do impressive work. During the last biennium, the Delta Gamma Foundation awarded over \$500,000 to deserving individuals and organizations that share the same missions of Service for Sight and Wellness. Also, through a generous gift to the Foundation, the Helen Dunbar Lucas Alumnae Leadership Academy will be held in Columbus, OH in April 2009. At least one member from each alumnae chapter will attend. Academy workshops will include networking, tools, training, marketing and wellness.

Finally, our own Region 7 will host Delta Gamma's 64th Biennial Convention in 2010 in Denver, CO. Due to the close proximity of Colorado, it is a great opportunity for our local alumnae to attend Convention for the first time or to attend again.

Portland Suburban takes top honors at Convention 2008

Fraternity Awards:

Outstanding Alumnae Chapter Award, Division III

(150+ dues-paying members)

-awarded to an alumnae chapter outstanding in all areas and that exemplifies the Delta Gamma Philosophy

Alumnae Excellence Award

-awarded to an alumnae chapter with outstanding programming, leadership and operation

Foundation Awards:

2nd place in Box Tops for Education

3rd place in Campbell's® Labels for Education

4th place in Service for Sight Hours of Delta Gamma Fall 2008

On the Town Dinner Club

Suzanne Robbel, □ □ - Willamette

Each month, On the Town (OTT) gathers to sample a new Portland restaurant. It is a great way to get out, meet other alumnae and enjoy the great restaurant scene our area has to offer. Recently the group tried Pambiche, Blue Dragonfly, Biwa, Hot Pot City and Eleni's. We usually meet on the last Thursday or Friday of each month. If you would like to be added, please contact Suzanne. Email and phone found in DG directory

Collumnae Cruise

Michelle Baumgardner, □ □ - Oregon

As is customary with the fall season comes the beginning of a new school year and the beginning of the recruitment and Initiation season! Following recruitment, we will sign welcome cards at our events to send to our new collegiate members. After Initiation, we will send congratulation cards to our new sisters. Look for upcoming collumnae events as we support our collegiate sisters and celebrate our sisterhood.

Sponsorship Sails

Michelle Baumgardner, □ □ - Oregon

With recruitment around the corner, it is time to write those sponsorship forms! Every woman going through fall recruitment must be sponsored prior to recruitment to be considered for membership. An alumnae sponsorship gives valuable insight.

Sponsorship forms can be found on the Delta Gamma Web site at www.deltagamma.org and in your ANCHORA. Please send forms either directly to the collegiate chapter, Mbaumgar@comcast.net or to Michelle at:

10950 SW Celeste Lane #403
Portland, OR 97225.

Please inform me if you send a form to a collegiate chapter.

Looking forward to supporting the collegiate recruitment process!

□ □ — Willamette Needs Advisors

Contact MaryAnne Schaap, Advisory Team Chair, btapiatc@earthlink.net. On-site or at-a-distance advisors are truly needed. Please help!

Mommy & Me Group

Jennifer Hiebler Chariarse, □ □ - Willamette

The Mommy & Me group currently has 20 members and is always excited to welcome more DG moms. Typical activities include play dates at local parks, trips to the zoo and OMSI, nature walks with Portland Parks & Rec and free family movie days during the summer. An e-mail with upcoming activities is sent monthly. Activities are planned in both Portland and Vancouver to allow all area DG moms the chance to participate. To be added to the group, please contact Jennifer at dgmommy_me@hotmail.com or 360-892-2234 (between 8am-7pm).

Panhellenic Port Suzanne Robbel, □ □ - Willamette

This past year, Portland Alumnae Panhellenic held a successful fundraiser for its scholarship program. The scholarship committee is reviewing applications and will be awarding both collegiate and alumnae scholarships in late summer. Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets to support the fundraiser. A similar raffle is planned for the fall.

On Mother's Day weekend, Portland Alumnae Panhellenic held its annual event with the young women at the Rosemont School. Thank you to all who donated gifts of cosmetic bags, makeup and goodies; the women were incredibly grateful. This has become quite the tradition and Panhellenic's special relationship with the school will continue for many years to come.

Anchored Occasions

□ Lauren Durrett Odman, □ □ ,

proud mom of daughter Parker Canfield born February 7, 2008

□ MyHanh Nguyen Eastep, □ □ ,

proud mom of son Braden "Brady" Ellis born June 17, 2008

□ Katie Hopper Schilb, □ □ .

proud mom of son Jacob Dale born June 22, 2008

Something special to share?

Contact Suz with your special news!

Someone found his dream girl!

Foundation Focus Shanta Schriever, □ - Nebraska

It is time to —Do Good!|| The following activities will help us reach our annual goal of two volunteer hours per member to Service for Sight. Please contact Shanta Schriever. Find her contact information in the directory when you volunteer so she may recognize your effort. More opportunities will be offered this spring. Thank you for volunteering for Service for Sight!

VisionWalk:

On Saturday, September 13, the Foundation for Fighting Blindness (FFB) is hosting a VisionWalk at Duniway Park. It is designed to raise awareness and dollars for the fight against retinal degenerative diseases. To date, the FFB has raised over \$280 million for related research, more than any other non-governmental agency. There are opportunities to volunteer (e.g., face painting, distributing T-shirts or refreshments,) or walk the 5K event with our team. Routes are stroller and wheelchair accessible. As the calendar notes, in September (page 6), we are hosting a guest speaker and her daughter who will share their journey through retinal disease and how the FFB has helped them.

Oregon Food Bank:

On Tuesday, October 14, we will host our second event at the Oregon Food Bank (OFB). The OFB is one place that Oregonians in need can rely on when money is too tight to buy food. All 21 members who participated last spring truly enjoyed their time at the OFB. In a few hours, 4,900 pounds of food were packaged, or 3,769 meals, or 73 meals per volunteer. This means that our 21 DGs prepared 1,533 meals! Although not Service for Sight hours, please consider this an opportunity to work beside your DG sisters and help the Oregon Food Bank in its effort to eradicate hunger.

Vision Screenings:

Every fall, we have the chance to assist with school vision screenings. Call your local elementary school in August or September and ask the school nurse if you can volunteer. (Be sure to ask if volunteer clearance forms are required as these take time to process.) Our chapter already assists at: Cedar Park Middle (11100 SW Parkway St), West Tualatin View Elementary (8800 SW Leahy Rd), Ridgewood Elementary (10100 SW Inglewood), Cedar Mill Elementary (10265 NW Cornell Rd) and Chinook Elementary (1900 NW Bliss Rd, Vancouver). Please contact Shanta directly if one of these schools is near you!

Sensory Safari, Opening Night:

On Friday, September 5, we have an amazing volunteer opportunity. When was the last time you pet a lion? Could you aptly describe one to someone who cannot see? Both are possible at Sensory Safari. The Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB) will permanently host this exhibit which allows people to experience preserved wild animals through touch. Audio equipment and WSSB student- and graduate-docents will assist with the exploring of lions, polar bears, gazelles and other animals. Sighted visitors can opt to wear sleep shades. Sensory Safari will thrill people of all ages, whether sighted or blind. As a sponsor, we hope to provide 10 volunteers for Opening Night. One training period will be set at our convenience; food will be provided at both the training and event. Will you please help? Contact Suz at

360-606-8852 or jsrhahn@msn.com. Opening Night occurs *before* our first fall event, so please don't wait!

What is Suz doing?!

of Delta Gamma Fall 2008

WSBF Waters Suz Blair Hahn, □ □ - Willamette

We are extremely honored and lucky to have our chapter represented on the Board of Directors for the Washington School for the Blind Foundation (WSBF). The WSBF was created to:

- broaden and enhance educational and employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired individuals within the state of Washington, and
- provide the tools, skills and training necessary to build confidence that anything these individuals choose to do is possible.

The School and Foundation work to empower students as well as individuals across the state every day; these efforts are reflected in positive results. Nationally, about 160,000 people or 30% of legally blind people of working age are employed, leaving about 375,000 people or 70% unemployed. Due to the efforts at the WSSB and WSBF, 87% of WSSB graduates of working age enjoy success (independent or supported employment, or post-secondary training). 87%! What an incredible testament to the School and Foundation!

Supporting and contributing to the continued success of the WSSB, WSBF and those students and individuals they empower allows us to truly —Do Good!||

Guide Dog Graduations

Attending a graduation ceremony at Guide Dogs for the Blind is one of the best ways to get acquainted with their program. Puppy raisers say goodbye to their graduating dogs, and the graduating class members bid farewell to return to their homes and families with new partners by their sides. Upcoming dates are:

Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 and Dec 13

at 1:30 pm on the Oregon Campus:

32901 SE Kelso Road

Boring, OR 97009.

Hats (and collars!) off to the grads!

Pinot & Pups 2008

Portland Suburban alumnae proudly supported the Oregon Campus of Guide Dogs for the Blind with its inaugural Pinot & Pups Wine Gala in May. This tremendously successful event grossed an incredible \$168,000 for Oregon Guide Dogs, \$54,000 of which was raised specifically for veterinary care of the dogs and puppies. Thank you to the nine fabulous DGs who volunteered that hot spring night. The Second Annual Pinot & Pups is set for May 9, 2009 at the Portland Art Museum.

Delta Gammas pose with their four-legged friends at the inaugural Guide Dogs for the Blind Pinot & Pups Wine Gala. Everyone had a GRRReat time!

Labels & Box Tops

Pat Long Wagner, □ □ - Willamette

This past year we collected 1,700 Campbell's® Labels for Education (3rd overall for DG) and 1,121 Box Tops for Education (2nd overall for DG) to benefit the WSSB. Thank you for your dedication to this program!

The rules for Campbell's® Labels have changed; only the barcode with the —little guy|| is required. For a list of accepted items, contact Pat Wagner Find her contact information in the directory.

Let's all increase our clippings by 10.

Founders Day 2008

Bright tulips and sunshine adorned Waverley at Founders Day this April. Our inspiring keynote speaker was Marilyn Monroe Fordham, □—Idaho. 102 alumnae and 4 collegians were on hand to honor our 50- and 60-year members and the devotion of some extraordinary sisters:

For information on what is coming up, view the website calendar

Flag the Dates!

Masquerade Ball benefitting WSSB to be held February 21, 2009 at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver. Enjoy a night on Bourbon Street complete with a sit-down Cajun dinner, auction and live jazz from renowned musician Reggie Houston and WSSB student Mac Potts. Please help by attending (\$100/ticket) or volunteering. Five volunteers are needed for registration, auction assistance and decorating. Please contact Suz at 360-606-8852 or jsrihahn@msn.com.

Second annual Guide Dogs for the Blind Pinot & Pups Wine Gala to be held May 9, 2009 at the Portland Art Museum. Many volunteers needed for this event including puppy holders and auction helpers!

Please make checks payable to:

Portland Suburban Alumnae Delta Gamma

and send with form to: Kelly Rush Gerber Find her contact information in the directory.

Treasure Chest

Kelly Rush Gerber, □ - Idaho

2007-08 was another stellar year for Portland Suburban alumnae! We raised \$1,839.26 at our Spring Flower Sale and \$1,486.37 from our Founders Day auction and raffle. Of this money, we donated:

30% to Vision Northwest

20% to Guide Dogs for the Blind

20% to OHSU Foundation - Casey

Eye Institute

30% to Washington School for the

Blind Foundation

The executive board also decided to reduce the amount in our checking and savings accounts to total approximately \$5,000, which is a comfortable amount for an alumnae chapter. The excess funds were donated to the Agnes Beach Portland Suburban Scholarship through the Delta Gamma Foundation. We have already contributed over \$13,180 to this fund, endowing an award biennially to an Oregon collegian. We are still trying to raise the total to \$25,000 to fully endow an annual Foundation scholarship. Please consider making a personal contribution to this scholarship fund!

2008-09 is already shaping up well with our annual garage sale in late July and two wonderful events scheduled in September. At the time this newsletter went to press, results from our garage sale were not yet available; we look forward to sharing these results with you soon. This September, we have the unique opportunity to support the Second Annual VisionWalk, operated by the Foundation Fighting Blindness. With our sponsorship of \$500, our name will be listed on the brochures and t-shirts at VisionWalk. Also in September, we will be a sponsor for the Washington School for the Blind's Sensory Safari permanent exhibit. This public exhibit allows children who are blind or visually impaired and other museum visitors to touch safari animals (they are not alive!). Our \$1,000 sponsorship will go a long way in teaching and inspiring kids, and our name will be permanently listed on the Sensory Safari's sponsorship wall.

Direct Invoicing: Per Capita Dues

In the past you have paid your dues to the Portland Suburban alumnae chapter. Your dues consist of two parts: per capita and local dues. The per capita portion was forwarded to Executive Offices (EO) while the local portion remained in Portland. In August 2008, there will be a change in the dues collection process;

EO will begin mailing invoices directly to alumnae for per capita dues *only*. Our alumnae chapter will continue to include a dues payment notice in the newsletter, but for local dues *only*.
What is the difference between per capita dues and local dues? Per capita dues pay for the production of the ANCHORA, the DG Web site, Convention, recruitment, expansion and support of regional teams. Local dues pay for Founders Day, our chapter operating expenses such as mailings (newsletters, postcards, etc), programming opportunities, our local Web site, and Fraternity and Convention fees.

Information and 2008-09 Local Dues Form

FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

Name: _____

Chapter/Initiation Year: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

The above contact information is NEW.

Please remind me of upcoming events via e-mail.

Enclosed are Box Tops and/or Labels for Education.

Initiated **in or after 1959*** \$ 20.00

Initiated **before 1959** (fifty-year+ members)* \$ 20.00

New 2008 graduates* \$ 0.00

Enclosed is an additional contribution to the chapter** \$ _____

Agnes Beach Local general fund Other _____

**donations are not tax deductible

Please mail my 2009-11 roster (to be issued April 2009) \$ 3.00

instead of my collecting it at Founders Day or a later event.

*local dues include a roster **TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \$ _____

What are *my* dues now?

For most members, per capita and local dues total \$40.50. Dues will be collected in two pieces:

1) \$20.50 for per capita dues invoiced directly by EO, and

2) \$20.00 for local dues requested via our newsletter.

For golden members (50+ year members), only local dues of \$20.00 are due to our alumnae chapter. EO will not send a per capita dues invoice to golden members.

For new 2008 graduates, EO will send an invoice of \$20.50 for per capita dues; our alumnae chapter waives your local dues for the first year as a graduation gift.

Questions? Please contact Kelly Rush Gerber Find her contact information in the directory.

Dues-paid members so far for 2008-09:

If you would like to pay your local dues online with your credit card, go to www.portlanddg.org and click on Pay Dues.

Ali Sizemore

Jacquelin Stewart

Karen Vranizan

Jill Wagner

Pat Wagner

THANK YOU!

Michelle Baumgardner

Susan Biles

Kelly Gerber

Suz Hahn

Shanta Schriever
Ronette Simcox
You can pay your local dues
online at www.portlanddg.org!