

The Crew's News

NEWSLETTER OF THE DETROIT NORTH SUBURBAN DELTA GAMMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

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*Have you been to
www.deltagamma.org
lately?*

*Check out the newly
redesigned website.*

*You can also get the
latest on national DG
news and events.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Outstanding Alumnae Chapter...and the award goes to...Detroit North Suburban!!!!!! Wow. What an experience! I was honored to be able to represent our chapter at Convention this past June in Palm Desert, California. It was so exciting to be able to meet new sisters and re-connect with old friends. We were having a fabulous time learning new things and being re-energized as DGs. And then the best part came – the final dinner banquet and award ceremony. I was already honored to have received the Alumnae Excellence Award and Premier Chapter Award for us. In addition to that, we were finalists for Outstanding Alumnae Programming Award and Collumnae Award! And then it came down to the grand-daddy of all alumnae awards – Outstanding Alumnae Chapter. As they announced the winner, I could not have been more shocked – we tied for with our fellow local group Detroit West Suburban. Their president and I walked up to receive our awards together, and I could not have been prouder!!!

It is because of our dedicated board and fellow sisters that we are so outstanding. I truly appreciate the dedication of all those involved in our wonderful group. Whether it's paying your dues, attending events, donating to the foundation, or any other way you get involved, we appreciate you! It is because of you that we are so incredibly fabulous, and now the rest of Delta Gamma knows it too. We have an incredible programming schedule lined up for this year, so grab a fellow DG sister and come see how outstanding our group really is!!!! I hope to see you there!

ITB,
Leanne West Moir
President, Detroit North Suburban

GET CONNECTED VIA THE WEB!

MyDG - Delta Gamma now has its own social networking site, similar to MySpace or Facebook, but just for DG's! Visit <http://www.deltagamma.org/myDG/> to set up your own profile & reconnect with old friends! It is very quick and easy to do.
Be sure to join the DNS Group and add us as friends!

Would you like to be informed of upcoming meetings and timely information via email?

Emails are only sent a few times a month and are a great way to remind you of upcoming chapter events. To be added to our email list, send your email address to:
Leanne Moir, President at lmair@alcos.com

Check out the Detroit North Suburban Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter Web Site for info on upcoming meetings, fundraising activities & helpful links to other Delta Gamma websites.

<http://www.geocities.com/dnsdeltagamma>

(Note: website name is upper and lower case sensitive. Bookmark it in your favorites!)

HOLIDAY RAFFLE AND MAKE IT, BAKE IT, FAKE IT AUCTION

Wednesday, November 12 – 6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars, Bring a Friend and Don't Miss Out!

Write down all those people that you don't want to forget during the holidays and come prepared to get some early shopping done. Need a teacher gift? Baby gift? Hostess gift? Stocking Stuffer? Gift for that hard to buy person or couple?

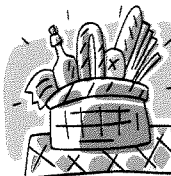


Buy a little or buy a lot, just BRING FRIENDS and come prepared to shop! This is one meeting that you won't want to miss!

Our Make It, Bake It, Fake It Auction is our main fundraiser that supports our Foundation and the following local organizations: Seedlings, ROPARD, Penrickton Center for the Blind and Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Back by popular demand is our raffle. Once again, in addition to our auction, you will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to our raffle. Buy a ticket or two...or three...or four...and try your luck and winning some fabulous gift packages.



If you would like to help secure auction donation items or have an item or service you would like to contribute, please contact me. No item is too small or too big or too inexpensive (fresh baked cookies are as popular as salon gift certificates!).

Come to our September meeting to learn more! Items in the auction and raffle will be advertised in advance through chapter meetings and email announcements so that you can "browse" the selection.



Meeting details and location are on the enclosed schedule insert. **SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 12!**

Kathy Barnas, Director of Fundraising

DGs Do Good with Philanthropic Work

Thanks to all the DGs who attended and/or donated something for our annual Make It, Bake It, Fake It auction last November and/or helped wrap holiday gifts at Borders in December. Our Detroit North Suburban DGs raised over \$1,000 with these two fundraisers. Our annual chapter gift giving included \$900.00 in disbursements to the following recipients:

\$270	Delta Gamma Foundation
\$25	in memory of Enora Higgenbottam--- former Xi chapter member
\$25	in memory of Mary Lou Mann--- former Xi chapter member
\$220	to the Barb Thornton Memorial Scholarship Fund--- former Xi chapter member
\$30	Leader Dogs for the Blind
\$200	Penrickton Center for Blind Children
\$200	Seedlings Braille Books
\$200	Ropard

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YOUR DETROIT NORTH SUBURBAN DELTA GAMMA ALUMNAE OFFICERS

President	Leanne Moir	586-246-1046	lmoir@alcos.com
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Collumnae Chair	Megan Baker	313-530-7103	mkbaker79@gmail.com
vp: Foundation	open position – contact Leanne Moir if you are interested!		
vp: Membership	open position – contact Leanne Moir if you are interested!		
Fraternity Educator	open position – contact Leanne Moir if you are interested!		

Treasurer's Talk.....

Happy fall from the Detroit North Suburban Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter! As most of you probably remember, when you took your oath of membership, you pledged to pay annual per capita dues for the first 50 years of your membership in Delta Gamma. Per capita dues are the main source of income for the fraternity. Along with paying annual per capita dues, many DGs participate in local alumnae groups and also pay local dues. Local dues help defray the costs of Founders Day celebrations, Newsletters to area members, local group websites, yearly alumnae chapter fees to Executive Offices, and Convention fees.

In the past, it has been the responsibility of the local alumnae chapters to collect both per capita dues and local dues. This year at our 2008 Convention, it was decided that in August, all DG alumnae would receive a per capita dues request in the mail from Executive Offices. This request will ask you to send \$20.50 to Executive Offices in support of such items as the Anchora, the upkeep and running of the DG website (www.deltagamma.org), support of our regional alumnae teams, alumnae training, and DG recruitment and expansion efforts. Local dues will still be collected by alumnae chapters in order to keep their groups financially secure.

In summary, all DGs will be responsible to pay per capita dues to E.O. and local dues to their local chapter. To this end, we have set up the follow local dues paying structure.

Regular (Local) Dues	\$15.00
Bronze (Local) Dues	\$20.00
Pink (Local) Dues	\$30.00
Blue (Local) Dues	\$40.00 or more

Please send your check payable, for your local alumnae chapter dues, to Detroit North Suburban Delta Gamma Alumnae to:
Kathy Westerlund 18540 Devonshire Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Our hope is that all of you will join us at our meetings, but we do realize that Delta Gammas have many demands on their time. So, if you find that due to work, family or other commitments you are unable to be active in our alumnae chapter this year, please be sure that you send your \$20.50 to E.O. when you receive your invoice. We won't call you for monthly meetings, but we will keep you on the mailing list and hope you can affiliate with us next year.

Again, thank you for your support. We hope to see you soon!

SPONSORSHIP

Recruitment is Here! This Year it's Personal.


When I first took on the position of City Sponsorship Chairman, my kids were very young. As requests would come from the Chapters, I had to work the network to get information since I never knew any of the candidates personally. It would just take a few phone calls to secure the data I needed. Over the years, this job became easier and easier not only because we have a strong network, but because I knew so many young women who were interested in going through the recruitment process.

Now my first born is off to the University of Michigan in just a few weeks and she is interested in participating in recruitment. Many of her friends are interested as well-young women I think would dedicate themselves to the Fraternity for a lifetime. Needless to say, I have been promoting Delta Gamma and telling them all about the fun, leadership opportunities, values and potential scholarships they can experience being a member.

It's easy to sponsor a potential member. Log onto **myDG** to download a form, get pertinent addresses and dates and learn more about today's recruitment process. As always, send me a copy because I keep the metrics for our annual report.

Thank you!

Jane Bonanata
City Sponsorship Chairman

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2008 - 2009 PROGRAM/MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held at the following times unless noted otherwise:

7:00 PM Social Time ♦ 7:30 PM Program Start

KEEP THIS SCHEDULE!! Schedule will be posted on our web site and maps will be included with Evite invitations sent via email before every event. This is the only printed notice you will receive with maps.

WINE TASTING

Back by popular demand...
A bottle of red, a bottle of white, whatever mood you're in that night! Join us for an evening of wine education & sampling from the shop **Simply Wine**.
RSVP REQUIRED
COST: \$15/person

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH **RSVP REQUIRED PLEASE**

Location:
Kathy Barnas
16231 Wetherby, Beverly Hills
248-646-7260
Co-Hostess:
Cathie Freshwater 248-723-8972

FOUNDATION PROJECT

Join us as we make tactile play bibs for visually impaired children and tour ROPARD's facilities. No sewing skills required! See how DG's are really helping visually impaired children.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Location:
Marti Bjorkman
1153 Timberview Trail, Bloomfield Hills
248-853-6379
Co-Hostesses:
Kathryn Sherman 248-545-7138

HOLIDAY RAFFLE & MAKE IT, BAKE IT, FAKE IT AUCTION

Bring friends & try your luck in the raffle or bid high and get your holiday shopping done early!
Share your creative talent and bring an auction item. All proceeds go to sight conservation charities.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH ** EVENT BEGINS AT 6:30 pm**

Location/Hostess:
Mary Counihan
1510 Ashford Lane, Birmingham
248-593-9294
Co-Hostesses:
Allison Allen, 248-670-4849
Aubrey Crawford, 313-506-7110
Sue Cline, 248-651-6027

BARTENDING/MIXOLOGY

Ever wonder how they make those cool and colorful drinks? Celebrate the holidays by learning the tricks and easy recipes of basic drink making!
Appetizers provided by the DG Board.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Location/Hostess:
Jane Bonanata
31444 Waltham, Beverly Hills
248-723-7895
Co-Hostess:
DG Board

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TEXAS HOLD 'EM

Finally learn the game that has been taking card players by storm! We will learn the basics then see if we can play a few rounds!! Are you "all in?"

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

Location/Hostess:

Leanne Moir
1910 Clifton Ave, Royal Oak
586-246-1046

Co-Hostess:

Kathy Westerlund, 248-723-4670

MAKE YOUR OWN CUSTOM GREETING CARDS

Our very own Allison Allen will demonstrate how to make easy and personalized custom cards...just in time for Valentine's Day!!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

Location:

Joyce Kashawlic
3856 Normanwood Circle, W.Bloomfield
248-682-5828

Co-Hostess: Elaine Pohl, 248-203-7035

COOKING DEMO

Don't know what to cook for dinner? Let fellow DG and owner of the Chop Shop, Jane Bonanata, be the answer to your prayers (and kids' dinner)! They do the cooking, chopping, and clean-up. We do the meal assembly and take it home!

Demo: No cost Fee: \$25 if you would like to prepare a dish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

Location:

Chop Shop
2219 Cole St, Birmingham
248-594-22108

Co-Hostess: Staci Skoog 248-549-5778

FOUNDERS DAY 2009

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st, 10:00 am at the Troy Marriott

We, Detroit North Suburban, will be hosting Founders Day. Please mark your calendars to hear our featured speaker, Michele Tegland, who was the Foundation speaker at National Convention. It promises to be a special day. *Please call Sue Cline if you are interested in helping! 248-651-6027*

FASHION CONSULTANT

Go shopping in your own closet!! Our personalized fashion consultant, Becky Weller, will show us how to update YOUR OWN wardrobe economically. Now who doesn't need *this*???

TUESDAY, APRIL 7th

Location/Hostess:

Becky Weller
30030 Hickory Lane, Franklin
248-737-2029

Co-Hostess:

Tanya Hamilton, 248-762-1920

SANGRIA AND SALSA

Join us for a fun night of dinner and entertainment.
6:30- Officer Installation and Dinner
8:30 Flamingo Show
9:00-9:45 Salsa lessons (\$5 fee for lessons)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th – Officer Installation and Salsa Lessons!!

Location:

Sangria Restaurant
401 S. Lafayette St. (at the corner of 4th St) - Downtown Royal Oak
248-543-1964

Please call Sue Cline by April 30 for reservations 248-651-6027