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The Newsletter of the Philadelphia Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma

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Everybody Loves ... DG

Kelly C.
VP: Membership
BX – U. of Denver

Not only is Patricia Heaton, star of "Everybody Loves Raymond," a dues paid alumnae member of Delta Gamma (Epsilon - Ohio State), but so are 47 other women in the Greater Philadelphia Area. These women are reaping the benefits of being a dues paid member. Are you?

Top 10 Reasons to be a Dues Paid Member

10. Working with energetic collegians reminds you of your own glory days!
9. Find roommates, jobs, and great friends through networking with your DG sisters.
8. Great events! – dinner and dessert nights, City tours, pottery painting, speakers focused on women's issues, and more.
7. Fun Foundation & Service for Sight opportunities.
6. Be a member of an award winning chapter!
5. Develop leadership skills through the professionally designed Leadership for Life program or as a member of the 18-person Board.

4. Panhellenic events can widen your circle of friends and networking opportunities.
3. DGs are the movers and shakers in the region!
2. A lifetime of friendship and camaraderie that continues even after college.
1. Stay active in the World's #1 Women's Fraternity!!!

How to Pay Dues

The chapter has three levels of membership:

- **Sister Level** **\$20**
(2 years within undergraduate status)
- **Golden Anchor Level** **\$36**
(those over 2 years of undergrad.)
- **Helping Hannah Level** **Open**
(members wishing to give more than \$36)

To join, go to our website at www.phillydg.com. Click on "Membership" and then the "Pay Dues Now" link to pay using PayPal.

Alternately, you may print out and complete the membership survey on page 8. Write a check for the appropriate amount, made payable to *Philadelphia Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma*. Contact our VP: Finance, Pamela B., at finance@phillydg.com to obtain the mailing address.

Board Members meet regularly to plan exciting events and plot the future course of our Award-Winning Chapter!





SPOTLIGHT: Member News



Lisa S.

•**Lisa S.** (BE – American U.) graduated from Temple Law School in May and recently passed the Bar exam on her first attempt! She is now working as an associate at Marks, O'Neill, O'Brien, and Courtney P.C. in Center City, Philadelphia.

•**Stephanie S. B.** (AX – Penn State U.) was married on August 7, 2004. She now resides with her husband in Cherry Hill, NJ.

•**Angie V. P.** (TX - Texas Tech. U.) is a District Representative for Congressman Andrews of New Jersey. In October she was promoted from dealing with social issues to working on Immigration and Taxation matters.

•**Kelly E.** (EH - Indiana U. of PA) recently bought her first home in Springfield, PA. It's a Cape Cod and she loves it! Hmm.....DG slumber party?

•**Kimberly K. B.** (EK – Clemson U.) works for a Princeton-based, marketing company and was promoted from Administrative Office Manager to Producer, Interactive Group.

Do you have news to share? Contact Kristen B. K. at communications@phillydg.com.

Thank you to our 50 Dues Paid Members!

- Lorraine B.
- Linda B.
- Jennifer B.
- Kimberly K. B.
- Pam B.
- Lauria C.
- Jennifer C.
- Cathy S. C.
- Vicki C.
- Kelly C.
- Megan M. C.
- Christine C.
- Cristina C.
- Melissa D.
- Tanaz D.
- Kelly E.
- Karen O. E.
- Karin E.
- Christine F.
- Kathryn G.-D.
- Joanne G.
- Lisa H.
- Janet H.
- Kate H.
- Karen H.
- Kristen B. K.
- Kim L.
- Lenny L. L.
- Genevieve L.
- Kyra L.
- Georgette S. M.
- Hillary M.
- Laura M.
- Michelle M.
- Gail M.
- Sarah M.
- Kathryn M.
- Nancy P.
- Allyson P.
- Stacey Q.
- Christin R.
- Jennie R.
- Deborah S.
- Sara B. S.
- Maria S. S.
- Kelly D. S.
- Kara S.
- Angie V. P.
- Elizabeth D. W.
- Ann W.



FALL AWARD WINNER: "Singing in the Rain"

Melissa D. (BΣ – U. of MD), received the "Singing in the Rain" award this fall. Despite bad weather and rescheduling of the Lights of Liberty Show, Melissa attended her first chapter meeting at Cosi.

Melissa is the *Tech Aware Coordinator* for Delta Gamma, a cabinet level position. She has previously been a member of the Baltimore, Honolulu, and San Francisco/Bay Area Alumnae Chapters. A Registered Nurse, Melissa is

currently pursuing a Master's degree in Acute Care Pediatrics to become a Nurse Practitioner. Upon completion of her program in July, she plans to return to the Bay area where she has a house and boyfriend.

Is there a DG sister that you would like to recognize - a "Super Sister"? We would like to recognize the special accomplishments of all our sisters and those who are "doing good" in the community. Please send award nominations to Kimberly K. B., VP: Programming, at programs@phillydg.com.



WINTER CALENDAR



Events are subject to change. Please refer to monthly email notices or the website (www.phillydg.com) for the most up-to-date information or call the RSVP contact listed below.

January

Take a Winter Break: A DG Social Hour Event

Are you worn out from all of the post-holiday hustle and bustle? Have the last few weeks left you in need of some relaxation? We have the answer! Join us for our first Social Hour of the year and treat yourself to a relaxing time. Friends and significant others are welcome at this event. So grab a friend – or someone special – and come let your hair down.

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2005
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Plate Restaurant in Suburban Square
105 Coulter Ave., Ardmore, PA
(610) 642-5900
RSVP: Monday, January 24**

February

Puttin' on The Ritz: An Evening of Decadence

"Stress wouldn't be so hard to take if it were chocolate covered." Relax and indulge yourself at the Ritz-Carlton's spectacular, all-you-can-eat Chocolate Buffet in the splendid Rotunda. Several tables of chocolate (and non-chocolate) desserts are available such as freshly-made crepes, assorted tortes and petit fours, and eclairs. Friends and significant others are welcome.

Date: Friday, February 25, 2005
Time: 8:00 pm - ?
Location: Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia
Ten Avenue of the Arts, Philadelphia
(215) 523-8000
Cost: \$25 (incl. tax & gratuity)
RSVP: Monday, February 21**

March

March Madness is fast approaching!!! Keep an eye out for more details on the following events that are currently being planned.

Founders' Day – March 19th

You are cordially invited to our annual Founders' Day Celebration. This year, we will honor our founders and our great fraternity at a joint event with the newly established South Jersey alumnae association. A brunch is planned for **Saturday, March 19th**, in the Haddonfield/Collingswood area.

Sesame Street Live

Alumnae and their family and friends are invited for an afternoon of fun at the Wachovia Complex with all the gang from Sesame Street.

Pickle Passion

Alumnae will mingle and have the opportunity to select their own purse creation at Viv Pickle, a wildly successful purse boutique in Old City.



Spring Events



Here is a sampling of a few spring events that are already in the works!

Big Sisters Guide to the World of Work

Author and fellow Delta Gamma, Joyce Greenky Herz, will be our guest speaker for a career enrichment event. Her book, "The Big Sisters Guide to the World of Work," offers career advice and real world experiences to women.

'Nova Night

Every spring the Philadelphia Suburban Alumnae Chapter meets with collegians for a Senior Sendoff and to show our support for the strong chapter at Villanova.

****RSVP'S**

All responses should be directed to Kimberly K. B. at programs@phillydg.com.

(Attendees responsible for personal food & drink costs at social hours.)



Reflections on a Very Good Year

Kimberly K. B.
VP: Programming
(EK – Clemson U.)

What a successful year for programming! A special thank you goes out to **Megan M. C.** (EK – Clemson U.) and the Programming Committee, and to everyone who has supported our events with their attendance.

We kicked off the year with a well-attended, DG Social Hour at the *Manayunk Brew Pub*. This was followed by the popular *Lights of Liberty Show*, that had to be postponed because of rain, and a night of sisterhood and sweets at *Cosi*. The next event was another DG Social Hour at *Marathon on the Square* - a great time for all who attended and a nice mix of new and old members. The Harvet Hayride and Fall Favorites outing to *Linvilla Orchards* was a blast. Attendees included DGs and their significant others, parents, siblings and even little ones!

We wrapped up the fall by volunteering for the *WHYY-FM Radio Membership Drive* and celebrating the close of 2004 at the ever popular holiday party. This year's *Festive Fete* was hosted by **Kathryn G.-D.** (BA - Gettysburg College). Kate was a gracious and welcome host - thank you for sharing your lovely home and for the wonderful food! Thanks to our generous members, the holiday party silent auction raised over \$400 for the Delta Gamma Foundation.

Building on the momentum of 2004, we will continue to offer an exciting calendar of events this winter and spring. In fact, we just gathered at our first 2005 event – dinner at *Tortilla Press*. Despite the first snow, we had a strong turnout and are confident that the upcoming programming events and socials will continue to strengthen our alumnae group.

We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event and encourage all alumnae to participate in the chapter as a way to connect with both old and new friends.



Sisterhood event at *Cosi* in Old City (Sept.). Tanaz D., Kimberly K. B., Kelly E., Stacey Q., Angie V. P., Kelly C., Megan C., Pamela B., and Melissa D. (L to R).



Pamela B. and her boyfriend, Brian, at *Linvilla Orchards* (Oct).



Kelly C. and Karen H. sneaking a nibble at the Cookies for Collegians recipe swap (Oct.).



Georgette S. M. and her newest DG legacy, Haley, at the holiday party (Dec).



Megan M. C., Kyra L., and Kimberly K. B. enjoying a hayride at *Linvilla Orchards* (Oct).

FOUNDATION FOCUS

Ann W., VP: Foundation AA - Drake U.

As collegians, living out the values of our Foundation was more structured and present. As alumnae, we also have an obligation to continue our Delta Gamma commitments. We urge you to maintain your commitment to the Fraternity ideal of "doing good" by participating in or donating to any of the following activities.

Family fun for all!

This March, bring your family to Sesame Street Live at the Wachovia Center! Tickets will be sold by the chapter at a discount and portion of ticket sales will be donated to the Delta Gamma philanthropy, Service for Sight.

Have no time?

If you're short on time, but still want to make a difference, you can contribute to the Delta Gamma Foundation through any of their donation programs, such as the Charter Club. Choose \$1 for every year of membership or \$131 in honor of Delta Gamma being in existence for a successful 131 years! Whatever your choice, you can learn more by visiting www.deltagamma.org and clicking on "Foundation" and then "How to Give."

Have more time?

The **Pennsylvania Association for Blind Athletes (PABA)** promotes and provides sports and recreational

Jen K. and Ann W. setting up for the 2003 Make It, Fake It, or Bake It Silent Auction to support the Delta Gamma Foundation.



opportunities for the blind and visually impaired. Visit <http://www.pablindsports.org> and click on the "How to Volunteer" and "How You Can Help Support PABA" links.

The purpose of the **Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D)** center in King of Prussia is to create opportunities for individual success by providing, and promoting the successful use of, accessible educational materials. To volunteer, contact Mary M. at or 610-265-8090, ext. 24.

Get extra credit!

If you volunteer your time to any of these programs (or another that is similar and not listed here), please contact Ann W., VP: Foundation (foundation@phillydg.com) with the amount of hours you spent on the program. This information, which is recorded by Executive Offices, allows the chapter to garner national recognition for our service efforts. Get the credit you deserve and contact us today!



**Like to shop online?
Visit *iGive.com* first!**

**Maria S. S., Founders' Day Chair
ZΓ – U. of Richmond**

Make \$\$ for DG without even walking away from your computer at iGive.com, the first online charity shopping mall that features more than 550 name-brand stores such as Home Depot, Red Envelope, E-Bay... the list goes on. Every time you buy through iGive.com, the *Delta Gamma Foundation* receives a donation of up to 26% for each purchase you make, **at no cost to you.**

For the DG Foundation to receive donations, you must first sign up at www.iGive.com/PhillyDG. Simply enter your email address and click "Join Now." Membership is free and private. It's the easiest way yet to raise money for DG!

The Best Decision 18 Women Made . . .



A recent poll revealed that eighteen of our members agree: choosing to be part of the chapter's board of officers is the best decision they've made in becoming more involved with Delta Gamma.

You too can become a mover and shaker here in the Greater Philadelphia region. Join the Chapter's 18-member board! You'll make great connections and have fun interacting with this dynamic group of women who help plan our exciting events, send important communications, and manage the chapter's operations.

There's always room for more!

We have four open board positions that allow you to make a difference for our area Delta Gammas.

- Hospitality Chair
- Rituals Chair
- Awards Chair
- Historian/archivist

If your time is limited, you can always help out in a smaller way by joining any one of the following teams.

- Columnae
- Communications
- Foundation
- Programming

If any of these positions spark your interest, please contact Kyra L., President, at president@phillydg.com for more information.

"I chose Delta Gamma in college over Alpha Chi Omega primarily because of the active alumnae - I thought that it was really cool that these women were still active with the sorority even after graduation and I am lucky that I get to be a member of such a great alumni group."

-- Member, Pamela Borkowski

Region I Seminar: Call for Volunteers

Kyra L., President
EK - Clemson U.

In February, collegians and alumnae will come together for an interactive weekend to share ideas, reassess how we operate, and become reconnected and committed to our Fraternity and Foundation.

This Regional Seminar, *Every Sister Commits*, is open to all Delta Gammas and is a reminder of the commitment each of us made when we first chose to wear the golden anchor.

Dates: February 4 – 6
Location: Sheraton Suites at the Phila. Airport
4101 Island Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19153
(215) 365-8800

The Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter has been asked to assist in providing volunteers for the following shifts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kyra L., President, at president@phillydg.com.

Friday, February 4, 4pm-10pm

Reception desk – 2 to 3 volunteers
Dinner will be provided by Delta Gamma.

Saturday, February 5, 7am-12:30pm & 12:30pm-6pm

Two Sessions - 2 volunteers each
Lunch will be provided by Delta Gamma.

Sunday, February 6, 9:30 to 11:30am

Reception Cleanup - 2 volunteers



"It was so much fun volunteering and meeting other Delta Gammas – alumnae, collegians, and the Regional Team.

I can't wait to do it again!"

*-- 2004 Volunteer,
Kristen Bowman Kavanagh*



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Five Tips for Being Fiscally Fit in 2005

Tanaz Dutia, Well-Aware Chair

BN – Carnegie Mellon U.

1. Keep good records.
2. Track your spending.
3. Spend no more than 30% of your monthly take home pay on rent or mortgage payments.
4. Try to save 10% of your take home pay monthly.
5. Participate in an employer-sponsored plan such as a 401(k), or open your own Roth IRA. Start as soon as you can.

These tips were taken from www.money.cnn.com and www.msmoney.com. To find out where you stand with your financial health, visit www.msmoney.com and take their online quiz.

Brought to you by Delta Gamma Well-Aware, a program that addresses critical issues that impact women at.

www.deltagamma.org/well_aware.shtml



Attendees enjoy appetizers and patiently await the start of the 2004 *Make It, Fake It, or Bake It* Silent Auction.

CHAPTER MAKES \$400 DONATION TO DELTA GAMMA FOUNDATION

The annual *Make It, Fake It, or Bake It* Silent Auction at the holiday party raised over \$400, far exceeding previous years' donations. All proceeds from the auction are being donated to the Delta Gamma Foundation to be earmarked for the Pennsylvania Association for Blind Athletes (PABA). Especially popular items donated by members for the silent auction included French soaps, tickets for the Titanic exhibit at the Franklin Institute, and four hours of catering by our very own **Kate H.** (ZΔ - U. of Rochester).

Attendees also donated clothing, canned goods, and toiletries for Associated Services for the Blind (ASB).

**PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA GAMMA
2004/2005 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

School Pledged: _____ Chapter: _____ Year Initiated: _____

Occupation: _____ Company: _____

Are you willing to be a mentor/networking contact for a recent DG graduate? Yes No (circle one)

Level of Membership Selection:

Sister Level (2 years within undergraduate status)	\$20.00	_____
Golden Anchor Level (those over 2 years of undergrad. Status)	\$36.00	_____
Helping Hannah Level (members wishing to give more then \$36.00)	Open	_____

In addition to the semi-annual newsletter, how would you like to be notified of monthly events?

Phone _____ Email _____ None _____

Would you like to help "co-host" a meeting by bringing drinks, an appetizer, or baked goods?

Yes _____ No _____

Would you be willing to participate in a fundraiser (e.g. flower sale or gift wrapping) to support the Delta Gamma Foundation?

Yes _____ No _____

What philanthropic activities or joint events with collegians would you recommend for the future?

Which of the following meeting topics/themes/logistics are of most interest to you?:

_____ Social Events (happy hours and dinners)
_____ Speaker Events (sight conservation, personal finance, etc.)
_____ Activities Events (Founders' Day luncheon, formal meetings, meetings with collegians, etc.)
_____ Other (please describe): _____

Would you like to become an officer, help to plan a single event, or host an event at your home?

Which of the events on the calendar do you think you will plan on attending?

Any additional comments...

Thank You!