# PORTLAND reports

*Taking a look at the Portland, Ore. Alumnau Chapter*

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**THE PORTLAND, ORE. ALUMNAE CHAPTER,** which was established in 1913, celebrated its 95th anniversary this year. The chapter's goals are straightforward: to engage members for life and to continue perpetuating Tri Delta's founding ideals. "We are a very social group, having at least one activity per month, and often two, planned," says Chapter President Vicky Edwards, Oregon. Activities range from social events to ones involving collegians and philanthropy. "Our goal is to have a good mix of events to draw the interest of members from varied ages and lifestyles," Vicky says.

## MEMBERSHIP

Members range from new graduates to Golden Circle members and beyond who hail from chapters across the United States. "Our shared experiences through Tri Delta provide an immediate connection, despite where we grew up or went to college," says Julie Richardson, California/San Diego. Carrie Christiansen, North Dakota, says, "When I was in college we always used networking and alumnae chapters as a recruitment tool, but I never imagined how true that would be in my own life. After moving to a new city and not knowing anyone, one of the

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first things I did was contact the local alumnae chapter. It is amazing how the women just embrace you."

## OFFICERS

There are 10 officer positions, and two officers have co-chairmen. "It is great to have such a full officer board, which meets monthly to help plan and implement events," says Vicky. Officers also have an annual retreat in June to schedule events for the upcoming year and brainstorm activities that might interest the chapter members.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Many potential members hear about the Portland chapter through its Web site, www.portlandtridelta.org. "We are fortunate to have a talented webmaster who keeps it frequently updated," Vicky says.

The officer board preplans activities for a year and publishes the calendar of events in the chapter newsletters. They strive to give as much advance notice as possible to ensure the best turnout. Members are notified of events via a quarterly e-newsletter, which helps the environment and saves money. Once a year, the chapter newsletter is snail mailed to all Portland area alumnae members. This ensures that everyone receives a copy, including those who do not have e-mail. For each specific event, they send out an Evite (www.evite.com), which allows advance notice of how many members will be attending so they can plan accordingly.

## EVENTS

Several of the events are annual and are very much anticipated by members; besides the traditional activities of Founders' Day and Pansy Brunch, the chapter has held an annual Champagne Dessert for the past 30 years. "Much appreciation goes out to Tracey Clark, Oregon State, who has been our Champagne Dessert host for all these years," says Vicky.

Because chapter members vary greatly in age and interests, officers attempt to provide a wide variety of monthly activities. Some activities are geared toward those who have free time in the evenings, such as happy hours after work and watching local sports teams, while some are more family- and child-friendly. These include day trips to the zoo, as well as music and movies in local parks. Other monthly events have involved book exchanges, watching regional college sports at a pub and wine and chocolate tastings. The chapter is excited to explore some new ideas in the coming year involving career networking and additional philanthropy activities.

An important part of Portland's activities is philanthropy. Just as the Fraternity is committed to Children's Cancer Charities, Portland shares a continued interest in children's cancer charities on a local level. For the past several years, the chapter has worked closely with the Children's Cancer Association (CCA) of Portland. CCA is a non-profit organization that was started in Portland in 1995 to bring programs, advocacy, information and support to seriously ill children and their families. Every year, the chapter hosts a Holiday Toy Drive that benefits CCA, and members volunteer at the CCA Radio-thon. The 24-hour phone drive is hosted by a local radio station in February. This past year the chapter had six Tri Deltas participate, answering phones over several shifts. Every dollar raised goes to CCA, and in 2008, the Radio-thon raised $413,000.

The chapter has also found that combining a philanthropic need with a social event often improves participation. Each year at Champagne Dessert in the fall, the chapter collects sample-sized toiletries to donate to a local women's shelter. Some of members collect the samples from hotels they visit all year long, knowing they will be making a difference. "Champagne Dessert was the first event I went to as a new Portland alumna," says Kelly Asmus, Northern Arizona. "The chapter made me feel so welcome, as if I'd been in Portland for years."

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In the spring, the chapter has a book exchange. So, in addition to bringing a book to swap, attendees are asked to bring a children's book for charity. They donate all of the books collected to the Oregon Burn Center. "We take great pride in the continued efforts of our members to support Children's Cancer Charities," says Vicky. "We are always looking for new ideas and opportunities to volunteer, especially on such a local level. Together, we know we can make a difference!"

## COLLEGIATE/ALUMNAE RELATIONS

The Portland Alumnae Chapter supports the Theta Mu Tri Deltas at Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis, now

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the only collegiate Tri Delta chapter in Oregon. Several times per year, Portland alumnae have the opportunity to spend time with the women of Theta Mu, which is 90 miles south of Portland. In the fall, the Portland Alumnae Chapter, the Mid-Willamette Alumnae Chapter and the collegians all gather for the annual Founders' Day Brunch. In the spring, the Portland Alumnae Chapter goes to the chapter house in Corvallis and puts on an educational seminar to help bridge the gap between college life and what happens after graduation. In past years, topics have included etiquette for job searching, resumes and manners, health and well-being and finances and budgeting. In addition to the above, Portland alumnae send love to the chapter house and share support for their academics and recruitment. They provide small gifts during each semester to encourage them in their endeavors.

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"Overall, we are very proud of our chapter and its accomplishments," Vicky says. "But we also realize we have some areas to work on." Their current goals include increasing dues-paying members and raising more money for their philanthropies. The former involves educating soon-to-be graduates at OSU about the many benefits of joining alumnae chapters after they go through commencement. "Joining your local alumnae chapter is a perfect way to perpetuate the bonds of friendships which were formed in college and can continue throughout one's lifetime," says Vicky. "I have really enjoyed maintaining my Tri Delta friendships from the University of Oregon, and I am very thankful to have met and become good friends with so many wonderful Tri Deltas as an alumna. I really feel truly blessed."

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## CROP FOR A CURE

The Fredericksburg Alumnae Chapter's third annual Crop for a Cure was a huge success! Eighty alumnae and guests came to the 17-hour scrapbooking event to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The chapter raised nearly $6,400 before expenses. Members from the Richmond and Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapters also came out to support the chapter. Back row from left to right : Christine Flom, James Madison, Cathey Symonds Hand, Oklahoma State, Michele Casciano Kitchen, DePauw, Caroline Foxley Conneen, Virginia Tech, Megan Byrne Urbaniak, Maryland, Cabell Smith Melson, Virginia Tech, and Mary Ann Heyser Wright, William & Mary. Front row from left to right: Leslie Daves Bowles, Wake Forest, Lori Wagner Nicholson, Virginia Tech, BetsyDeVault Walsh, North Dakota, Kelley Lewis Brown, Virginia Tech, Lisa Diskin Schapel, Toledo, Kelli Meilander Moyar, Purdue, and Carrie Ingalls Szlyk, Richmond.

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## CELEBRATING GREEKS

Founding brothers and sisters introduced Greek organizations to the campus of the University of West Georgia (UWG) more than 40 years ago. With that cause for celebration, the National Alumni Association Board of Directors decided that a grand gala was in order. Many fraternities and sororities were represented, and most exciting for Tri Deltas present was meeting founding members of the Beta Iota Chapter at UWG. The highlight of the night was seeing most of the Tri Deltas gather for a sisters picture after winning the Greek trophy for having the most alumnae present from a single Greek organization. Pictured with a gaggle of Tri Deltas is Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, President of the University of West Georgia.

### CALIFORNIA

Members of the **Mt. Diablo Alumnae Chapter** presented University of California, Berkeley, collegians with the Circle Degree at a beautiful Pansy Dinner in May 2008. Hosted by Liz Timmerman, California/Davis, collegians and alumnae enjoyed spirited conversations, much laughter and great anticipation of lives ahead. Making the evening even more special and truly conveying the meaning of a lifetime of Tri Delta sisterhood to graduating seniors was the presentation of the Diamond Circle degree to Shirley White Clune, California/Berkeley.

### ILLINOIS

Collegians from the University of Illinois and Eastern Illinois University joined alumnae from the **Champaign-Urbana Area Alumnae Chapter** to celebrate Circle Degree and Pansy Breakfast at the home of Laura Ege Walsten, Coe. Silver Circle and Golden Circle Ceremonies were also celebrated.

### NEBRASKA

The **Omaha Alumnae Chapter** has been focused on philanthropy projects. In the first event, the alumnae group made goodie bags for the Oncology Floor at Children's Hospital. They had a great time putting the bags together, and the children loved the gifts. In February, the chapter donated time to help the Make-a-Wish foundation. The sisters also helped the Valentine's shoppers, donating their time to gift wrap Valentine's gifts at Oakview Mall.

In March, the women got together for blanket-making to benefit the Open Door Mission, an organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. No experience was necessary for this fun-filled evening. If you were capable of tying a knot you were an asset to this project.

### PENNSYLVANIA

During the Pittsburgh 250 Celebration, **Pittsburgh South Suburban Alumnae Chapter** members attended the production of "Out of this Furnace," an adaptation of Thomas Bell's novel of immigrants, industry and the rise of labor unions. After the play, Tri Deltas met with an actor who is the son of a Tri Delta. Pittsburgh 250 is about celebrating the Pittsburgh region yesterday, today and tomorrow – including the city's unique, impressive (and sometimes surprising!) history.

### TEXAS

The Tri Delta spirit of philanthropy is alive and well in Arlington, Texas. Women from the **Arlington Alumnae Chapter** have been very busy with charity venues all over North Texas. Several members participated in events such as Race for the Cure, Bowl for Kids Sake - Benefiting the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Texas, and the Arlington Junior League, all the while promoting service through sisterhood.

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## A DOLPHIN REUNION

The Beta Gamma Chapter of Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Fla., turned 40 this year. The chapter celebrated this fabulous occasion with a reunion in August at the Omni Hotel in Jacksonville. Fifty-four attendees, including eight former and current advisors, participated in the weekend activities. From left to right are Elisa Cox Mills, Stephanie Castro, Elizabeth Friel, former advisor Jane Chadbourne, Florida State, Staci Smith, Jennifer Concordia and chairman of the reunion committee Jeanette Bohall O'Connor.

## BOWL-A-THON

The Long Island, N.Y. Alumnae Chapter held its second annual Bowl-A-Thon. In attendance were friends and family of alumnae, as well as members from the Alpha Alpha chapter at Adelphi University. Prior to the event, attendees were given pledge forms to collect sponsorships and donations. By the end of the event, the chapter had raised $1,511 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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## SUMMER SIZZLER

The Annual Summer Sizzler for the Baton Rouge Alumnae Chapter was held at the home of Karen Holden Feigley, Louisiana State. From left to right are Kathy Osborne Davis, Louisiana State, Jennifer Page Frederick, Louisiana/Lafayette, Heather Cross, Louisiana/Lafayette, Gaye Beecher Bennett, Louisiana State, Brooke LeBlanc Knight, Louisiana State, and Robyn Ray Richards, Louisiana State.

## REUNIONS

**Cynthia Quay Paynter, Jeanne Carson Gable, Cathy Chrysler Bell, Karen Frey Snouffer, Jane Mader King and Ann Liesenhoff Oakley, all Miami/Ohio, and initiated between 1964-1966, have been meeting for each other's birthdays a number of times each year for nearly 40 years. "We can't even remember when exactly we began getting together," writes Jeanne. Together, they have shared life's journeys: establishing careers, getting married, having children and grandchildren, losing loved ones and attending class reunions. They have also stayed connected to Tri Delta through volunteer work. Women of this group have served as collegiate chapter advisors, house corporation members and/or officers of the alumnae chapter, and they have chaired or participated in Founders' Day events in the Columbus Alumnae Chapter. "We celebrate not only our birthdays every year, but the gift of sisterhood we enjoy so richly," writes Jeanne. "Indeed, we 'steadfastly love one another.'"**

**Houston Alumnae Chapter** members Dianne Roten Hammelman, Southeast Missouri State, and Karin Willey Davis, Texas Tech, have formed a Parents Club at Stephen F. Austin University, where their daughters Lauren Hammelman and Beth Davis are collegians. The Parents Club will help the girls to prepare for recruitment by organizing and constructing materials, providing meals and sprucing up the yard. This past April, parents and daughters worked together to stain the deck and do some spring planting. The parent members are from all over the state of Texas and are excited about sharing in Greek life with their daughters. For more information please contact Dianne at diham39@aol.com or Karin at edavis941@comcast.net.

The **Temple/Belton Alumnae Chapter** held its annual spring meeting and salad supper at the home of Jane Wade, Southern Methodist. The members arranged writing references for young women from the area who would be participating in recruitment during the upcoming school year. In addition, the members presented elected officers and set the meeting schedule for the 2008-2009 year. The new officers are: President Marilynn Dale, Southern Methodist; Vice President Marcia Pope, Texas Tech; Treasurer Sally Jordan, Southern Methodist; Yearbook Editor/Secretary Allison Dickson, Southwestern; and Frana Farrell, University of Texas/Austin. ⅓—

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## FOUNDATION ROAD TRIP

San Diego Alumnae Chapter treasurer Christine LaPorte (middle), Millikin, met with Foundation Director of Philanthropy Lucile Crouch Jolly (left), Vanderbilt, and Foundation president-elect Sandra Williams Young (right), Mississippi, at Sandra's home on May 17 for a Southern California Alumnae Council meeting. The Council discussed its plan to reveal their Foundation Challenge Grant at Convention in July.

## GOLDEN CIRCLE

The Richmond, Virginia Alumnae Chapter celebrated Golden Circle Degree for two of its members: Barbara Baske McRitchie, Michigan, and Karen Anderson Mensing, Maryland. The chapter purchased the Golden Circle pins for these two sisters to honor their commitment to Tri Delta. Barbara and Karen shared stories and pictures of what sorority life was like 50 years ago, and the whole chapter enjoyed hearing how much things had changed and how many had stayed the same. Pictured from left to right are Karen and Barbara, who listen attentively to the proceedings.

## STRETCHING CULINARY MUSCLES

At the Chicago Loop Group Alumnae Chapter's annual recipe exchange meeting, members bring their favorite dishes and have a contest to see whose dish was the favorite. Since most members have small kitchens and are young and childless, they don't cook very often, and everyone has fun stretching their underused culinary muscles. The winners, pictured here, were Sharon Zaugh, *Wisconsin,* who made mushroom risotto, Courtney Condon, *Millikin,* who made cheesy potatoes), Katie Schmees, *Ohio State, who* made the veggie pizza, and Lauren Harvey, *Southern Methodist,* who made toffee bark.

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## TASTE OF TRI DELTA 2

Taste of Tri Delta 2 was the April philanthropic event presented by the Denver, Colo. Alumnae Chapter. Tri Deltas and their guests enjoyed a selection of ales, wines, and creative hors d'oeuvres as they wandered through the Reed Photo-Art Gallery admiring the photographs of John Fielder and bidding on silent auction items. A total of $7,810 was raised, benefiting the Denver Children's Hospital Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. The Tri Delta endowment for this cancer center is now more than $1.5 million dollars, creating financial funding of $72,000 this year for clinical programs and the patient support fund. The Children's Hospital has recognized the chapter's 36 years of support with a patient room honoring Delta Delta Delta. Pictured from left to right are Denver Alumnae Chapter Philanthropy Co-chairmen, Jane Tipton, *Colorado State*, and Christi Owens Johnson, *Georgia*.

## FOR THE KIDS

Dorothy Byers Reinke, Maryland, presents check to Jacquelyn Kay-Mills, who is program director at the University of California, Davis Children's Hospital. Joining in the presentation were alumnae Tiffiny Ferrell, Drury, Joann Kirschenman Zuver, Pacific, Judith Ham Thornton, Colorado State, and the California/Davis alumna advisor Liz Anderson Brown, California/Davis, and collegians Karina Harris and Jacqueline Zajda, both California/Davis.

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Elaine Wilson Broere (Mrs. William) '33 d. 8/90
Marietta Waldron Cheatham (Mrs. Raymond L) '30 d. 11/02
Constance Campbell Cornwell (Mrs. John W) '44 d. 5/06
Patricia Corvan Cummings (Mrs. Robert T) '45 d. 1/93
Anne Fletcher Dickerman (Mrs. Stuart C) '41 d. 6/00
Marieanna Diedrich '50 d. 3/06
Dorothy Dickie Hemmings (Mrs. Harry R) '34 d. 12/01
Mildred Cassidy Huettenmoser (Mrs. Chas S) '43 d. 12/83
Helen Dvorak Paul (Mrs. Robert E) '46 d. 5/02
Eleanor Liesenbein Wheeler (Mrs. Alfred H) '33 d. 3/07

**ALABAMA**
Catherine Davis Cooke (Mrs. C Kendrick) '33 d. 4/06
Catherine Petry Thomas (Mrs. Herbert H) '38 d. 3/07

**ARKANSAS**
Sara Ann Grayston Duncan (Mrs. Milton J) '44 d. 4/08
Florence Strode Felker (Mrs. Warren R) '23 d. 5/05
Earline Black Finley (Mrs. Robert) '43 d. 11/95
Ann Bowers Hurst (Mrs. J Patrick) '71 d. 3/08
Minta Nichols Linthicum (Mrs. Seth H) '44 d. 9/07
Lois Woods Plotts (Mrs. Arthur E) '33 d. 9/05
Lina Paul Wildy (Mrs. Earl H) '37 d. 3/08

**AUBURN**
Tallulah Smith Morrow '66 d. 2/08

**BAKER**
Kletia McKinley Phillips (Mrs. John W) '38 d. 5/08

**BELOIT**
Frances Kapple Jolley (Mrs. Paul L) '31 d. 2/01
Jacqueline Nelsen Markel (Mrs. John L) '49 d. 6/08

**BOSTON**
Gladys Hill MacKenzie '40 d. 12/07
Virginia Graves Todd (Mrs. Thomas Jr) '42 d. 2/08
Doris Ward '22 d. 12/94

**BRENAU**
Jeanne Kopp Eaton (Mrs. Lawrence V) '34 d. 11/02

**BUCKNELL**
Ruth Merrion Fortmann (Mrs. William B) '45 d. 11/07
Lynn Sengstack Kenney '74 d. 12/07
Dorothy White Mayer (Mrs. George H) '37 d. 12/07

**BUTLER**
Bonnie Myers Poehlmann (Mrs. George) '37 d. 4/08
Winona Watson Witkin '38 d. 3/08

**CALIFORNIA/BERKELEY**
Catherine Clifford Harris (Mrs. Donald A) '48 d. 2/08

**CALIFORNIA/LOS ANGELES**
Mary Billingsley Braun (Mrs. Walter) '38 d. 8/92
Nancy McConnell Lotz (Mrs. Charles A.) '59 d. 4/06
Marjorie Dickerson Mack (Mrs. Rollen Arthur) '33 d. 3/04

**CARNEGIE MELLON**
Carol Ford Cooney (Mrs. Robert V) '44 d. 5/08
Ann Krutilla Sowell (Mrs. Lewis C) '54 d. 12/07

**CENTRE**
Meredith Roberts '92 d. 3/08

**CHARLESTON**
Mary Atmar Smith Johnson (Mrs. Eugene G) '33 d. 9/98
Deborah Wicks Williams (Mrs. Arthur Leonard JR) '64 d. 5/06

**CINCINNATI**
Laile Eubank Bartlett (Mrs. Josiah R) '33 d. 5/06
Eliza Eveland Brown (Mrs. Bruce) '39 d. 12/06
Mary Goble '33 d. 8/98
Mary Baker Wiggers (Mrs. Thomas) '38 d. 7/05
Molly Whyte Wilson (Mrs. Charles E) '64 d. 4/08

**COE**
Lucille Holsinger Gunn (Mrs. Robt E) '33 d. 3/07
Laura Safely Owen (Mrs. George C) '43 d. 12/07

**COLBY**
Tacy Hood Finney '41 d. 3/08
Mildred Schnebbe Riordan (Mrs. Frank E) '45 d. 12/07
Janet Goodridge Sawyer (Mrs. Richard) '36 d. 2/06
Eleanor Maccarey Whitmore (Mrs. Alvin S) '33 d. 9/05
Marion Sprowl Williamson (Mrs. R C) '23 d. 4/06

**COLORADO**
Carole Moore '82 d. 9/06
Novella Vaughan Myers (Mrs. Lowell E) '43 d. 2/05

**COLORADO STATE**
June Rose Klumker Rock '40 d. 4/08
Kristen Whitley '95 d. 10/07

**CORNELL**
Jane Watt Lamberton (Mrs. William A) '37 d. 11/03
Marian Killips Longyear (Mrs. John M) '34 d. 5/08
Beatrice Anton Saltford (Mrs. Herbert) '30 d. 4/08
Virginia Bennett Wells (Mrs. Rulon S) '36 d. 5/08

**DEPAUW**
Florence Burch Cristofv '46 d. 6/08
Elizabeth Matte Simpson (Mrs. Vinson R) '47 d. 4/08
Lucille Smock Stevens (Mrs. Robert W) '32 d. 5/08

**DRURY**
Dorothy Saxe Allen (Mrs. Roger) '21 d. 4/95

**DUKE**
Elizabeth Wygal Hancock (Mrs. M M) '45 d. 6/07

**FLORIDA STATE**
Mary Jane Hutchins Miller (Mrs. Carl) '43 d. 3/08
Marjorie Hartman Pope '48 d. 3/08
Jessilee Lumpkin Samson (Mrs. Chester P.) '35 d. 4/08

**FRANKLIN**
Rosalie Montanye Harcourt (Mrs. Robert L) '44 d. 4/07
Margaret Hougham Webb (Mrs. Harold D) '32 d. 5/08

**GEORGIA**
Lisa Rowan Burke (Mrs. Michael) '68 d. 5/08

**IDAHO**
Anne Mays Thatcher (Mrs. Richard E) '53 d. 10/07

**ILLINOIS**
Louise Gazzolo Kibble (Mrs. William R) '33 d. 2/06
Virginia Sackett Phebus (Mrs. Darius E) '35 d. 3/08
Verlee Schwarz '27 d. 1/45
Dorothy Hamilton Wells (Mrs. William E) '39 d. 12/05
Lucia Gardner Whittemore (Mrs. Howard E) '28 d. 4/08

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**IOWA**
Patricia Richey Larson (Mrs. Robert J) '50 d. 2/08

**IOWA STATE**
Clara Mann Judisch '33 d. 3/88
Barbara Wirene Samson (Mrs. Robert J) '46 d. 2/08

**KANSAS**
Lynette Oberg Haines (Mrs. Bruce L) '50 d. 2/06

**KANSAS STATE**
Nannette Martin Hicks (Mrs. Jerry) '47 d. 4/08
Kittie Woodman Orr (Mrs. William Thomas (Dec'd)) '41 d. 8/06

**KNOX**
Cora Bower '31 d. 3/08
Helen Grindle Steele (Mrs. J Russell) '33 d. 7/02

**MAINE**
Elizabeth Tryon Libby (Mrs. Winthrop C) '30 d. 7/06
Harriett Bamford Peabody (Mrs. Lawrence C) '50 d. 5/07

**MANITOBA**
Margaret Sigurdson Green (Mrs. Bruce H) '50 d. 11/07

**MARYLAND**
Carole Downin McGinnis (Mrs. Errol) '54 d. 12/98
Mary Cronin Wolfe (Mrs. Harry B) '38 d. 2/08

**MIAMI/OHIO**
Sieglinde Handschin Goodman (Mrs. Robert A) '33 d. 9/02
Martha Saxe Neale (Mrs. M E) '33 d. 11/03
Catharine Foltz Powell (Mrs. Brooks R) '33 d. 1/07
Martha Queenan '33 d. 4/98
Jeanne Hart Reimer (Mrs. Don A) '35 d. 11/07

**MICHIGAN**
Beverly Smith Pack (Mrs. Neville M) '53 d. 3/08
Mary Sudhoff Penn (Mrs. Everet J) '37 d. 2/04
Jean Harrelson Ware (Mrs. Stanton J) '36 d. 1/08
Paula Fales Wilson (Mrs. Wallace) '30 d. 3/08

**MIDDLEBURY**
Mary Belcher Dello-Russo '44 d. 11/92
Eleanor Flett Kingsland (Mrs. Robert E) '48 d. 8/06

**MILLIKIN**
Emily Grove Burtis (Mrs. Lewis P) '39 d. 2/08
Annabelle Outten McKinney (Mrs. Eugene R) '38 d. 3/08

**MINNESOTA**
Ruthanne Emerson Fox (Mrs. Arthur C.) '38 d. 4/08
Elizabeth Bower Schumacher '42 d. 3/08
Vera Oman Stewart (Mrs. Chester L.) '42 d. 6/08

**MISSISSIPPI**
Chee Stevens Lauderdale (Mrs. James A) '37 d. 5/08
Jo Love Little (Mrs. Robt A) '56 d. 4/06
Diane Hightower Stephens '57 d. 1/08
Elizabeth Laney Wagner (Mrs. John O) '43 d. 6/05
Lesa Holifield Young (Mrs. Rip) '28 d. 12/06

**MISSOURI**
Evelyn Rich Graves (Mrs. Jonathan L) '34 d. 2/07
Edna Coats Kay (Mrs. Marvin E) '39 d. 9/06
Martha Parrish Leggett (Mrs. T W) '43 d. 6/07
Sally Roessel Martin (Mrs. Gerald) '44 d. 3/08
Barbara Turner Mathews (Mrs. Charles D) '52 d. 6/07
Kathleen Hendry Merrill '41 d. 6/92
Barbara Buckley Pease (Mrs. Bryden) '46 d. 3/08
Margie Schuber Rockwood (Mrs. Charles) '38 d. 11/03
Gwen Oliver Sharpe '38 d. 5/08
Mary Seals Singher (Mrs. Lawrence J) '67 d. 12/07
Frances Mattingly White (Mrs. Harry S) '52 d. 10/07

**MONTANA**
Annetta Grunert Gillespie (Mrs. R A) '38 d. 6/96
Elizabeth Spreull Hogg '43 d. 2/88
Anita Walters Olson (Mrs. Thomas N) '64 d. 5/07

**MOUNT UNION**
Jean Leonard Hanahan (Mrs. William) '41 d. 8/04
Betty Harry Rennels (Mrs. D M) '33 d. 12/07
Lillian Specht '50 d. 6/07

**NEBRASKA**
Virginia Shrimpton Blackman (Mrs. James) '30 d. 4/08
Marion Osterman Dunovan (Mrs. Cecil H) '35 d. 5/04

**NEVADA**
Rose Mahana Groover (Mrs. Emmett) '28 d. 5/08
Hallie Organ Vallier (Mrs. Justin D) '18 d. 11/78

**NEW MEXICO**
Jo Cameron Bygel (Mrs. Harry W) '50 d. 10/07

**NORTH CAROLINA**
Elizabeth McDonald Ballew (Mrs. James) '48 d. 10/07

**NORTH DAKOTA**
Jeanne Reff Hurd (Mrs. Delwin W) '37 d. 6/07
Loretta Page Kronmiller '29 d. 10/07
Mary Vennesland Morton (Mrs. John K) '57 d. 7/06

**NORTHWESTERN**
Nina Bruce Lewis (Mrs. Hiram A) '34 d. 4/08
Alice Austin Ritterspach (Mrs. Blair) '33 d. 2/03
Regna Simpson Wood (Mrs. Fox) '43 d. 3/08

**OHIO STATE**
Marjorie Watkins Littleton (Mrs. Thomas H) '46 d. 4/08
Margaret Runkle Machin (Mrs. John E) '33 d. 5/89
Virginia Cly Mulbarger (Mrs. Joseph) '37 d. 6/08
Sally Cooley Spencer (Mrs. James) '55 d. 5/08

**OHIO WESLEYAN**
Barbara Connell Dallmann (Mrs. William S) '40 d. 3/08
Mary Postlewaite Obetz (Mrs. Robin C) '26 d. 2/04

**OKLAHOMA**
Jean Barnes Anderson (Mrs. Keith) '57 d. 1/08
Norma Stewart Booth (Mrs. Arch H) '44 d. 6/08
Kathleen Labounty Mitchell (Mrs. Tom F) '30 d. 5/06
Mary Jane Curtis Noble (Mrs. Sam) '45 d. 10/07
Donna Drake Pendarvis (Mrs. Robert L) '57 d. 2/07
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Mildred King Swan '39 d. 4/08
Sherry Fielder Wise (Mrs. Jim) '83 d. 10/07

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Marie Meyers Allen '29 d. 4/08

**OREGON STATE**
Shirley Kincaid McDonald '43 d. 12/07

**PACIFIC**
Shirley Stroyan Bennett (Mrs. Barry W) '62 d. 2/06
Felecie Radiel Blinn (Mrs. John) '59 d. 9/05
Karla Carlson Bogard (Mrs. Bradley) '69 d. 12/07

**RANDOLPH-MACON**
Lucile Bernard Hazelton (Mrs. Harry) '06 d. 2/73
Evelyn Wassum Wright (Mrs. James Warren) '33 d. 4/04

**RHODE ISLAND**
Catherine Quinn (Mrs. John F) '61 d. 5/07

**RHODES**
Rose Link Mosby (Mrs. Charles L) '52 d. 3/08

**SAINT LAWRENCE**
Ruth Johnston Chisholm (Mrs. James) '52 d. 11/07
Sieglinde Knapp Hays (Mrs. William Eugene) '58 d. 1/08
Heasley Russell Hooker (Mrs. Richard M) '30 d. 6/07

**SIMPSON**
Barbara Iverson Conkin (Mrs. Duane L) '54 d. 9/00

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE**
Carol Vogt Timmons (Mrs. John W) '57 d. 5/08

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
Judy Funder Fisk (Mrs. Robert M) '61 d. 3/08
Winifred Monahan '36 d. 3/08

**SOUTHERN METHODIST**
Ruth Kemp Clinger (Mrs. Chas Burke) '37 d. 4/08
Joan Hendry Morrison (Mrs. David G) '39 d. 4/08
Billye June Kay Rees-Jones (Mrs. Trevor) '42 d. 4/08

**SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI**
Robin Revere Davis (Mrs. Kent) '71 d. 4/08

**SOUTHWESTERN**
Jane Baltzer Bammel (Mrs. Emmet O) '48 d. 9/07

**STETSON**
Sallie Doswell Bell (Mrs. Richard A) '52 d. 9/07
Grace Safriet Johnson '33 d. 1/99

**SYRACUSE**
Margaret Hupe Barrow (Mrs. A V) '33 d. 6/01

**TENNESSEE**
Bliss Brown Glazebrook (Mrs. Arnold H) '43 d. 11/07
Virginia Parsons Tomlinson (Mrs. John C) '50 d. 11/07

**TEXAS**
Doris Fitzgerald Lawrence (Mrs. W J) '46 d. 2/08
Marianna Faulkner Whitten (Mrs. Robert H) '39 d. 8/04

**TEXAS/EL PASO**
Elizabeth Rowe Alexander (Mrs. Harold E) '44 d. 11/06
Katherine Anderson '45 d. 10/07
Marjorie Gumaer Anderson (Mrs. Eugene) '46 d. 11/06
Mary Jack Blackwell (Mrs. Ralph C) '50 d. 2/08
Carol Irvin Holderman (Mrs. Cole) '60 d. 10/07

**TEXAS TECH**
Jerry Denton '54 d. 7/07
Mary Cashion Marusak (Mrs. Gene) '58 d. 8/05
Marilyn Dennis Steele (Mrs. James R) '53 d. 3/08

**TOLEDO**
Nancy Sherman Nichols (Mrs. J D) '45 d. 4/08
Gloria Murphy Yeasting (Mrs. David) '50 d. 9/07

**TRANSYLVANIA**
Flora Cassell '33 d. 10/06
Mary Hutchings '42 d. 10/06

**TULSA**
Mary Nicholson Forsman (Mrs. Robert A.) '40 d. 3/08
Helen Dooms Robinet (Mrs. E C) '33 d. 12/01
Lahoma McArthur Smith '42 d. 12/90
Fern Wiltse '34 d. 1/08

**UTAH**
Dorothy Standish Finch '39 d. 2/08
Joyce Parry Slusser (Mrs. Burt M) '33 d. 12/95

**UTAH STATE**
Esther Harris '62 d. 6/01

**VANDERBILT**
Mary Doubleday Amsler (Mrs. Guy) '33 d. 6/06
Sally Richardson Curtis (Mrs. E J) '50 d. 4/08
Jane Logue '39 d. 1/08
Mary Duncan Moore (Mrs. Yuill R) '33 d. 1/06
Judith Browning Sikes '39 d. 9/07

**VERMONT**
Mary Smith Marburg (Mrs. Donald) '45 d. 4/08
Ellen Pearl Saunders (Mrs. George) '31 d. 5/08

**WASHINGTON**
Janis Raymond Gray (Mrs. Earl E) '45 d. 1/08
Jean Sheldon Haffert (Mrs. William A JR) '36 d. 3/08
Nancy Ramaker '47 d. 2/08

**WASHINGTON/ST. LOUIS**
Ethel Lee Lynes (Mrs. M R) '28 d. 4/01
Ethel Kohrs Schaffner (Mrs. Curtis R) '26 d. 6/99

**WASHINGTON STATE**
Ann Pearson Burrows (Mrs. H Frank) '51 d. 1/08

**WHITMAN**
Mary Null Boule (Mrs. Harold) '47 d. 9/07
Mildred Bybee Hewitt (Mrs. Raymond W) '36 d. 1/08

**WISCONSIN**
Ruth Mathys Brazner (Mrs. Larrie E) '49 d. 1/07
Marilyn Minteer Vinci (Mrs. Robert A.) '45 d. 4/08

**WYOMING**
Elsie Dean Close (Mrs. Thomas) '37 d. 2/08

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# UNBELIEVABLE SUPPORT

## *The Inspiration of Deltas*

**By Gail Moore Hoffman, *Texas***

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*Every Tri Delta has a sisterhood story – some unique perspective on how important sisterhood is during and after college, and how sisterhood has been there for us when we most needed it, and sometimes in surprising ways. We wanted to give you a venue to tell these stories.*

**MY DAUGHTER KELLY HOFFMAN BOLINGER,** *Texas*, has a long history of supporting fundraisers for Breast Cancer research. She walked in every event offered in college; after college, she continued these efforts, including walking in the Avon 3-Day, which meant walking from Ft. Worth to Dallas. She really felt like she was making a contribution to the research to fight this deadly disease.

On Nov. 1, 2006, Kelly experienced a grand mal seizure. After three days of testing, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. The moment she was released from the hospital, five of her Tri Delta sisters converged on her home to reassure her that she would be okay. Kelly underwent successful brain surgery in February and the benign tumor was removed. Throughout her surgery, and the five days she remained in the hospital, many of her best friends and fellow Tri Deltas from across Texas were at her bedside.

The doctors are cautiously optimistic that it will not return. In true Kelly fashion, she doggedly pursued her recovery. At her eight-month check-up, she commented to her surgeon that she could feel the screws in her forehead when she was jogging and doing her sit-ups. In shock, he reminded her that it had only been eight months since she underwent more than six hours of brain surgery. He suggested she take it a little easier for a few more months.

Obviously, Kelly's fundraising efforts took a little different direction. She recently participated in the Run for the Rose, a fundraiser for the Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation. This foundation was established in honor of pediatric oncologist, Dr. Marnie Rose who died from brain cancer. Kelly personally raised more than $3,000 for the fundraiser.

Unfortunately, one of Kelly's best friends and Tri Delta sisters from her collegiate chapter, Whitney Miller Dombroski, was just diagnosed with breast cancer at age 29. Kelly immediately raced to her home in Plano, Texas, to be at her side following the diagnosis. When the double mastectomy surgery was performed, Kelly was there with her and at her home caring for her two young babies so her family could be at her bedside in the hospital.

While in Dallas, Kelly heard about the upcoming Race for the Cure to be held in Dallas in June. Kelly immediately called friends, family and fellow Tri Deltas to create a team affectionately titled "Walking for Whitney." The team wore pink t-shirts with a white Longhorn (the University of Texas mascot) on the front and "Walking for Whitney" on the back. There were even several future Tri Deltas in their strollers for the walk. The word has spread, and Tri Deltas from various new member classes at Texas/Austin are all making pledges to the race.

This letter is not written as a tribute to Kelly, but to her Tri Delta sisters and the spirit of Tri Delta established in Kelly and all her friends. They are an unbelievable support team to each other. What other organization can so inspire its members to drop everything and be there for each other?

Thank you to Delta Delta Delta for creating bonds that ensure we will "steadfastly love one another."

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