

CABLE CONNECTION

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CONNECTING FOR A CAUSE: ALPHAPOINTE AND DELTA GAMMA

Alphapointe Association for the Blind was founded nearly 100 years ago. Catherine Hale, frustrated by the lack of opportunities available for her brother who was blind, helped the Kansas City Association for the Blind incorporate in 1916. The Association started a workshop two years later that made brooms, mats and other hand-made items.

Mrs. Hale once again applied her considerable energies towards another issue facing the blind community in Kansas City—housing. In 1916 the Catherine Hale Home for Blind Women opened its doors. The group quickly outgrew its first home and moved to 2918 Tracy Avenue, where it housed up to 40 women until the late 1980s, closing only then because social services had finally caught up with the need for safe housing. Interesting to note, it was current member **Carolee Dreier Atha's** ($\Delta\Omega$) aunt that sold the home to Catherine Hale that would eventually become the Hale Home for Blind Women.

In 1993, the Kansas City Association for the Blind changed its name to Alphapointe Association for the Blind. This more accurately represents the organization's role as the first point of contact for anyone in the community experiencing issues with vision loss.

What began nearly a century ago in one woman's living room in northeast Kansas City has today evolved into the largest employer of people who are blind in the state of Missouri. As the region's leading provider of vision rehabilitation, education and advocacy, they assist anyone experiencing vision loss from age 14 through the end of life. This year, Alphapointe employed just over 100 individuals who are blind or visually impaired and provided services to over 7,000 people in the region.

DELTA GAMMA CONNECTS

Since 1936, protecting the gift of sight has been one of Delta Gamma's highest

priorities. **Ruth Billow** (H), who was blinded in a childhood accident, made an impassioned plea to Convention attendees that year. She asked that Delta Gamma make a difference in the lives of those with limited or no sight.

Kansas City Delta Gammas wasted little time in taking up the cause. Alumnae chapter scrapbook entries detail members holding positions on the boards of the Kansas City Association for the Blind and the Catherine Hale Home for Blind Women as early as the 1940s and 50s. In 1952, Kansas City Delta Gammas funded a complete refurbishing and general redecoration of the Hale Home.

Early volunteer efforts included assisting with clerical work at the Kansas City Association for the Blind along with providing food, gifts, sewing services and sponsoring parties for residents of the Hale Home.

VOLUNTEER

Delta Gamma alumnae continue to lend their services to Alphapointe. To learn more about volunteer opportunities contact Shannon Liptak at 816-237-2023 or sliptak@alphapointe.org. Watch the monthly KC DG email for specific opportunities as well.

HONORS FROM ALPHAPOINTE

Roe and **Helen Hovey Taliaferro** (BK) were presented with the Luminary Award at Alphapointe's Homecoming Picnic on September 16, 2011. As the name implies, the Luminary Award is presented to individuals who light the path for others through advocacy and community support. The Taliaferros have been ardent supporters of Alphapointe for many years. Driven by a personal connection, they have advocated for employment, housing and other critical services necessary for people with disabilities to live independent and dignified lives.

Alphapointe also presented the Greater Kansas City Delta Gamma alumnae chapter with the Civic Partner

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100 YEARS



Roe and **Helen Hovey Taliaferro** (BK) accept the Luminary Award from Alphapointe President and CEO Reinhard Mabry.



Alphapointe's Reinhard Mabry presents the Civic Partner Award to **Susan Lucas Durbian** (M) and the Greater Kansas City Delta Gamma alumnae chapter.

Award. Local Delta Gammas have dedicated their time, talent and fortune to people with vision loss in this community for over a half century. Chapter President **Susan Lucas Durbian** (M) graciously accepted the award on the chapter's behalf.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

C&C Group Pro-Am Golf Tournament
 June 11, 2012 | Loch Lloyd Country Club
 Don't miss the opportunity to golf with 32 of the best golf pros in the area! Packages include golf, carts, lunch, dinner and gift premiums. Watch the KC DG monthly email for more information on Alphapointe's upcoming fundraiser.

DELTA GAMMAS...MAKING CONNECTIONS

CONNECTING WITH KANSAS TRAVEL

Exploring Kansas—DG Author **Lisa Waterman Gray** (BZ)
Home of **Carol Izzard Brehmer** (AA)
14841 Melrose St., Overland Park
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 | 7–9 p.m.

Do you know where the World's Largest Ball of Twine is located, the birthplace of Amelia Earhart or a miniature Arc de Triomphe? Fellow DG **Lisa Waterman Gray** (BZ) does and her book, *An Explorer's Guide: Kansas*, details these unique treasures. Join us for a fun pictorial exploration of the Sunflower State and plan your family's next summer vacation. R.S.V.P. by **Jan. 31** to **Ashley Quibodeaux Thurston** (ZE), 205-835-8199 or rsvp@kcdg.org.

ENDING IN SISTERHOOD

Tasteful Olive
7945 Santa Fe Dr., Overland Park
Tuesday, May 1, 2012 | 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Join us as we unlock secrets known to Mediterranean cultures for centuries—olive oil does the body good! The owners of the Tasteful Olive will guide us through sampling flavor-infused and fresh olive oils, along with aged, naturally flavored balsamic vinegars. Come ready to tantalize your taste buds and browse other products like pastas, olives, spice blends, sea salts and sauces. Food and beverages will be served. R.S.V.P. by **April 24** to **Ashley Quibodeaux Thurston** (ZE), 205-835-8199 or rsvp@kcdg.org.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is a new calendar year, but the Greater Kansas City alumnae chapter is already heading into the second half of our year. We have had many memorable programs thanks to our outstanding Program Committee. True to our theme, we reached out and connected with our philanthropies—CCVI (our September meeting took place at their facility) and Alphapointe (several members attended Alphapointe's 100th anniversary celebration picnic where our chapter received the Civic Partner Award).

It is an honor for me to be part of an organization whose members are so thoughtful, creative, intelligent, hard-working and talented. During my short time in office I have come to appreciate the quality of our group of women. We have only begun to scratch the surface of the things we can accomplish as a group.

As with many of you, Delta Gamma has been an important part of my life from the day I was invited to pledge and has rewarded me over and over again. I encourage everyone to reach out and make a Delta Gamma connection this year in some way—big or small—attend a meeting, volunteer at our April **Tables That Bloom** event, invite a DG new to our chapter to one of our alumnae events, have lunch with the Silver Streakers or dinner with the Socialites. Make 2012 your year of *Making Connections* and enjoy the rewards—a smile, a laugh, an old college story, an experience and many, many friends.

I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy 2012!

In The Bonds,
Susan Lucas Durbian (M 1971)

Thank you to all of our sisters who helped CCVI and Alphapointe by donating "wish list" items at the Holiday Brunch. Both organizations were thrilled by our generous contributions of checks, gifts and gift cards. CCVI received \$460 and Alphapointe received \$415 for a grand total of \$875 for **Service for Sight**. Thank you for continuing to support our philanthropy!

CCVI UPDATE

Renovation Ahead

CCVI is undergoing a facelift! The north side of the CCVI wing will be renovated, which means the Delta Gamma Braille Room will be reconfigured. A grant request will be submitted to the Delta Gamma Foundation to help fund improvements to the Braille Room. The majority of the renovations will be funded through the CCVI Exceeding Expectations campaign.

Volunteers Needed

CCVI library hours are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-1:15 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help students check out books. Please contact Karla Fredrickson at kwoodring@prodigy.net if you are interested.

Trolley Run

Sunday, April 29, 2012
Mark your calendars for the Sabates Eye Centers Trolley Run! This is the largest annual fundraising event for CCVI and the biggest timed four-mile run in the nation. Get all the details at trolleyrun.org.



Food Fight 3

Monday, Feb. 6, 2012
5:30 p.m. Patron Party,
6:30 p.m. General Admission
Studio Dan Meiners
2500 West Pennway, KCMO
Patron ticket \$125
General ticket \$75
Under 40 years of age \$50
CCVI Food Fight 3 is a culinary competition complete with three battling chefs, a secret ingredient and a panel of judges. Don't miss the chance to watch Michael Smith, Patrick Ryan and Jennifer Maloney in action! The event also features Blind Wine, a silent and live auction plus local restaurants competing to take home the title of *People's Choice Award* for best tasting station. Visit www.ccvifoodfight.com for more information.

Contact **Beth Haden** (M), beth.haden@gmail.com, for more information about CCVI events or additional volunteer opportunities.

INTEREST GROUPS

BOOKIES

Monday, Feb. 20, 2012 | 2:45 p.m.

Jo Hagnauer Hayes (I)

2900 W. 69th St., Mission Hills

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonsen. Please call hostess if planning to attend, 913-722-5453.

Monday, March 19, 2012 | Noon

Nancy Regester Webb (Ξ)

37000 W. 155th St., Gardner

A Secret Gift by Ted Gup. Lunch will be served and carpool available. Please call hostess if planning to attend, 913-893-6632.

Monday, April 16, 2012 | 2:45 p.m.

Barbara Merrick Larison (AK)

9524 Walmer St., Overland Park

Planning session—suggestions for books will be submitted prior to meeting. Please call hostess if planning to attend, 913-649-6957.

Monday, May 21, 2012 | 2:45 p.m.

Joan Cline Brown (M)

2716 W. 104th Terr., Leawood

Manhunt by James L. Swanser. Please call hostess if planning to attend, 913-642-4209.

SILVER STREAKERS

Fridays | 11 a.m. Brunch

Feb. 17, April 20, June 15 &

Aug. 17, 2012

Homestead Country Club

\$16 at the door

This celebrated group is for Delta Gammas who have reached the fifty-year membership milestone! Enjoy a new menu each month while sharing alumnae group news and sending notes of good cheer to members in need. Contact **Dorothy Dilley Mulford (BH)**, 913-341-3710.

TREKKIES

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012 | 10:30 a.m.

Chip's Chocolate Factory

Level 2, Crown Center | \$5

2450 Grand Avenue, Ste 239, KCMO

Join us for a sweet post-Valentine's Day treat. Lunch to follow at Milano's at 11:30 a.m. (Level 1, Crown Center). Tour includes goodie bag. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 8 as tour requires 10 person minimum and food allergies/sugar free needs will be addressed. Carpool available from the Village Presbyterian Church north parking lot (prompt 10 a.m. departure). Contact **Jodie Evans Johnson (TY)** 913-491-0961 or **Sheryl Olson Sheplak (AK)** 913-648-1820.

Thursday, March 22, 2012 | 10 a.m.

American Jazz Museum

1616 E. 18th St., KCMO | \$8

Rieger Hotel Exchange & Grill


1924 Main St., KCMO

Travel back to an infamous era in Kansas City history. A docent led tour of the Jazz Museum will be followed by lunch at the Rieger Hotel Exchange & Grill for lunch. Restaurant parking is in the adjacent lot on the south side of the building. Carpool available from the Village Presbyterian Church north parking lot (9:15 a.m. departure). R.S.V.P. to **Emily Kerr Ballentine (AP)** 913-831-0721 or **Jo Hagnauer Hayes (I)** 913-722-5453.

SOCIALITES

Watch the monthly emails for upcoming Socialites events. Don't miss the chance to dine, drink and dish with your fellow Delta Gammas! Questions? Contact **Chelsea Theno (BK)** at ctheno@gmail.com.

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Spotlight On Silver Streakers



Martha Mickey Sklar

Twenty-five members of the Silver Streakers gathered on December 16 to celebrate their annual Christmas luncheon. In attendance, of note, was **Martha Mickey Sklar (AK 1936)**, who at 93 years of age has been a Delta Gamma for over 75 of them. Martha is the second of three Delta Gammas in her family. Her mother, **Helen S. Mickey**, was an initiate of Mu Chapter (Missouri). Martha is an initiate of Alpha Kappa (Washburn) and her daughter, **Diane Sklar Barker**, is a Mu Chapter initiate. Martha lives at Bishop Spencer Place on the Plaza. In her spare time she enjoys surfing the internet and corresponding via email.

Photos (L to R)

- 1. Front:** Martha Mickey Sklar (AK), Cynthia McKee Larson (BK), Harolyn Clark O'Brien (BK). **Back:** Joan Cline Brown (M), Emily Kerr Ballentine (AP), Elaine Gill Claiborne (BK), Gail Loomis Ward (TI), Linda Hayward Willis (M).
- 2. Front:** Ruth Payne Butler (BK), Nancy Regester Webb (Ξ), Jean Smith Browne (X). **Back:** Gloria Fischer Dobbs (M), Dainty Small Wiedeman (BK), Betty Boling Strand (BK), Jo Hagnauer Hayes (I), Beth Green Engel (T).
- 3. Front:** Dorothy Dilley Mulford (BH). **Back:** Elaine Gill Claiborne (BK), Lois Crooks Morton (H), Pat Green Calliham (K), Helen Hovey Taliaferro (BK), Billy Gill.



TABLES THAT BLOOM 2012



SAVE THE DATE

Boutiques For Bloom

April 18, 2012 | 6 p.m.
Briarcliff Village
4151 N. Mulberry Drive, KCMO

Tables That Bloom

April 19, 2012 | 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Overland Park Convention Center
6000 College Blvd., Overland Park



Tables That Bloom, our annual fundraiser, will again support the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired, Alphapointe and the Delta Gamma Foundation. Top designers and florists from around the Kansas City area will showcase their talent by creating beautiful tablescapes for guests to enjoy. The featured speaker is designer Jennifer Bertrand of HGTV *Design Star* fame. Guests will also enjoy a special performance by children from CCVI. Tickets for the luncheon are \$75.00. They may be purchased online at tablesthatbloom.com or through the mail once invitations have mailed.

Can't attend the luncheon but still want to support the cause? Consider attending **Boutiques For Bloom** on Wednesday, April 18 in Briarcliff Village. Local boutiques will be open for a shopping experience starting at 6 p.m. Browse the stores while you enjoy appetizers and cocktails. Then head over to Trezo Mare for coffee, dessert and a spectacular fashion show featuring the latest trends from Amelia's, Design In The City, Finishings For Her, Lauren Alexandra and Nolte's. Reservations may be made online through tablesthatbloom.com or any of the participating boutiques.

MEET THE DESIGNER—JENNIFER BERTRAND



With an acclaimed sculptor for a mother, and a father who is the Director of the Albrecht-Kemper Museum, it would seem Jennifer Bertrand was groomed to be the talented designer and artist she is today.

The designer attributes her comfortable modern, meets whimsical design sense to her unyielding optimism. "I grew up on Disney and musicals," she laughs. "Design doesn't have to be *stuffy*. I am all about creating beautiful spaces that lift the spirit." Which could not be more apparent in the designer's aesthetic—a palate of bright and vivid colors, paired with bold patterns.

HGTV cast Bertrand in its third season of *Design Star* in 2008. After taking the season by storm, Bertrand triumphed, winning the entire competition and moving on to host her own show, *Paint Over! with Jennifer Bertrand*. HGTV's *Paint Over!* featured families in transition and tragedy, in need of some positivity, which is where Bertrand came in.

As the expression goes, "life imitates art," Bertrand learned during filming that she was expecting her first child. Shortly after, her blessing took an unexpected turn as she and her husband welcomed Winston Bertrand into the world. Winston was born with mixed lymphatic and venous malformations and the months that followed his birth were filled with doctors' appointments, experimental treatments, flights to New York to visit specialists, round-the-clock nurses and generous friends and family. "I have learned to accept help from people, I find comfort in the kindness of others and I definitely don't sweat the small stuff anymore. I am a better person and a better designer because of the challenges I face. I am like the little engine that could."

Bertrand has appeared in countless media outlets such as *USA Today*, *The New York Post*, *Rachel Ray Magazine*, *Life & Style Magazine*, *InStyle Magazine* and is a frequent contributor to NBC. She enjoys speaking to design schools, universities and women's organizations throughout the country, about design and the power of positive thinking. She currently resides in Olathe, Kansas, with her husband Chris, her son Winston and her dog Sophie.

For more information on **Tables That Bloom** contact event chairs **Brynn Chapman** (AY), 404-931-0194, brynnchapman@yahoo.com and **Jennifer Westlake** (AY), 913-568-8926, jennifer_redburn@msn.com.



DELTA GAMMA



FOUNDERS DAY 2012



Founders Day 2012

Saturday, March 3 | 10:30 a.m.

Ritz Charles

9000 W. 137th St., Overland Park

Remembering Our Personal Journey.

Join us for a day of celebration and reflection on our own personal Delta Gamma journey. Please bring a favorite photo, scrapbook or other special memorabilia to share with your Delta Gamma sisters. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Invitations will be mailed.

Congratulations to the following women who have reached membership milestones and will be honored at the upcoming Founders Day celebration.

75-YEAR MEMBER

Virginia Mutz Foster (M)

70-YEAR MEMBERS

Joan Cline Brown (M)

Barbara Lee (AK)

Janet Taylor Ludwigs (M)

Dorothy Dilley Mulford (BH)

65-YEAR MEMBERS

Mary Crooks Barnard (AE)

Elaine Brazeal Franklin (M)

Carolyn Ward Jacobs (AP)

Anne Loweth Kyle (E)

Liz Farmer Myers (TB)

60-YEAR MEMBERS*

Bonnie Moore Bliss (AK)

Shirley Gebhard Ellenberger (AZ)

Nancy Carey Foerschler (BK)

JoAnne Hagnauer Hayes (I)

Sue Lattin Jarvi (X)

Darnelle Deaver Johns (AK)

Ann McKamy Moores (K)

Virginia Russell Taylor (AY)

Paula Harbor Waggener (M)

Nora Lee Wilson Walter (BK)

55-YEAR MEMBERS

Lucy Baker Anderson (BI)

Marcia Goodman Atkinson (BΨ)

Marilyn Wiebke Barcus (BK)

Pat Cannon Chadwick (M)

Elaine Gill Claiborne (BK)

Sally McClure Jackson (BH)

Barbara Merrick Larison (AK)

Deanna Holmes Marquette (BK)

Tippy Parsons McMorris (BK)

Nancy Gillett Trager (Ω)

Mary Ann Dalton Wilson (BM)

50-YEAR MEMBERS*

Barbara Beasley Altergott (M)

Gerry Irwin Barker (Ξ)

Sue Funck Bondurant (ΓT)

Carol Basye Brown (Φ)

Debby Draper Burgess (BZ)

Carol Williams Feiock (Ξ)

Judy Schwartz Nagel (ΓY)

Maurine Dwyer Sieggen (M)

Judy Peterson Stokes (K)

Jane Warren Young (ΓY)

*Fifty- and sixty-year members receive a Delta Gamma Fraternity rose pin.

Beta Kappa to Perform in Rock Chalk Revue

March 1, 2 & 3, 2012 | 7 p.m.

Lied Center of Kansas

1600 Stewart Ave.

Lawrence, KS

Congratulations to our Beta Kappa collegians on their selection for 2012 Rock Chalk Revue! Thirteen fraternity/sorority duos worked tirelessly for months to create a show (script, music, costumes and choreography) which was then presented to judges in November. The competitive process resulted in the selection of five duos for the 2012 Rock Chalk Revue and Delta Gamma, with their partner SigEp, was among those selected! The five 20-minute variety shows

follow this year's theme of *Easier Said Than Done* and will take the stage at the Lied Center on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Annually, Rock Chalk Revue raises money to support the United Way of Douglas County and this spring marks its 63rd annual production. Rock Chalk Revue raised \$62,000 for the United Way last year and this year it expects to hit its mark of \$1 million raised since 1983.

Let's support our talented Beta Kappa collegians by attending this wonderfully entertaining evening in the beautiful Lied Center. The chapter will have a block of premium seats, so if you would like to sit among the Delta Gamma fan club please email Columnnae Chair **Barbara Gray Brown** (BK) at brownchat5@aol.com (Thurs. & Fri. seats \$20, Sat. seats \$25).

SAVE THE DATE

Panhellenic Women of the Year

Scholarship Brunch & Auction

Saturday, April 21, 2012

9:30 a.m. - Noon

Ritz Charles

9000 W. 137th St., Overland Park

This yearly event honors scholarship recipients as well as an outstanding woman from each sorority alumnae chapter. A delicious brunch and an enticing silent auction are all part of this special event. For more information please contact **Annette Wiehl Thomas** (ΓY) at 913-649-5417.



GO GREEN Interested in "going green" by receiving some chapter information electronically? List your email on the enclosed dues card to direct the latest DG news and events to your inbox.

LABELS & BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

- Delta Gamma collects *Labels* and *Box Tops for Education*. Earn cash for your local school for the blind each time you shop for groceries. Please save and send to **Jan Taliaferro Roach** (AY), 4409 W. 82nd Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208.
- UPC codes from Betty Crocker, Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, V8 and Prego qualify. Visit www.boxtops4education.com to see all participating products.

BABIES

- Marty and **Laura Accurso Mulcahy** (BK 1997) welcomed Joseph Patrick on 9/23/2011.
- Jon and **Katie Kopp Ohlde** (BK 1995) welcomed Brian Gregory on 10/17/11.
- Stephen and **Sarah Gozoroski Anderson** (BK 2000) welcomed William Brett on 11/7/11.
- Jonathan and **Stephanie Busby Buschmann** (M 1999) welcomed Addelyn Nicole on 12/5/2011. Proud aunts include **Chelley Busby** (M 1993) and **Missy Busby Nicholson** (M 1991).
- Jared and **Kendall Dittmer Goff** (BK 1996) welcomed Parker James on 12/30/11.



**DELTA GAMMA
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In Memoriam

- Deceased 10/2/2011: **Barbara Shaeffer Callen** (BK 1965).

SISTERS IN OUR THOUGHTS

- Deceased 8/21/2011: Marie Moss Frye, mother of **Nema Frye** (ΓΣ 1970).

Weddings

- **Cassie Norris** (BK 1998) wed Matthew Mar on 10/10/2010.

- **Lindsey Owen** (BK 2003) wed Jason Murray on 10/22/2011.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- **Elaine Gill Claiborne** (BK 1957) illustrated the book *Never Kiss a Turtle* by local author Nancy Myers.
- **Michelle Craven Rohlf** (M 1992) was on Oprah's favorite things episode last year and took home a VW Beetle.
- **Martha Duca Fithian** (AI 1955), **Carolee Dreier Atha** (ΔΩ 1977), **Helen Hovey Taliaferro** (BK 1943), **Mardel Lofsted Lillard** (M 1949), **Jo Hagnauer Hayes** (I 1952) and **Pat Green Calliham** (K 1955) were pictured on the home page of the Delta Gamma Fraternity website.

Fall Highlights



1. DGs celebrate at Alphapointe's 100th Anniversary picnic in August. (L to R, front) **Carolee Atha** (ΔΩ), **Dorothy Mulford** (BH), (middle) **Susan Durbian** (M), **Helen Taliaferro** (BK), **Jan Roach** (AY), **Dell Kingan** (AΩ), (back) **Jennifer Burrus** (ΓI), **Emily Ballentine** (AP) and **Joan Brown** (M). 2. **Debbie Link** (M), **Kathy Murray** (M), **Amanda Gasler**, **Aron Ralston** and **Lucinda Rice-Petrie** (M) celebrate Mu Chapter's successful Lectureship in Values & Ethics. 3. Socialites gather for a dinner outing at Kona Grill. (L to R, back) **Kaleigh Kaczmarek** (AI), **Nora Palitz** (AE), **Brooke Amos** (ΓY), **Amy Waggoner** (AE), **Chelsea Theno** (BK), (front) **Kory Behring** (AI) and **Monica Bretches** (ΓY). 4. (L to R) **Beth Engel** (T), **Jan Roach** (AY), **Marilyn Rue** (M) and **Bev Hyde** (M) tour the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. 5. In November, **Terri Duncan** (AII) welcomed members to a floral arranging lesson by Sidelines Custom Floral Designs. 6. **Liz Daniels** (Σ), **Caryll Schultz** (M) and **Jean Snider** (M) at the November meeting. 7. DG Dinner Club, together since 1975, includes (front) **Bev Hyde** (M), **Carolee Pugsley** (IT), **Martha Fithian** (AI), **Jan Wissman** (M), (back) **Jan Roach** (AY), **Dell Kingan** (AΩ), **Connie Young** (AY), **Patty Ramsour** (IT) and **Barbara Larison** (AK). 8. Foundation Development Director **Roxanne LaMuth** (E), pictured with **Dell Kingan** (AΩ), Fraternity VP: Finance, was the special guest at the Holiday Brunch. 9. **Lailan Bressler** (AY) and **Janise Naughton** (M) attend the Holiday Brunch at Grand St. Cafe.

COLLEGIATE CONNECTION

NEWS FROM MU—MISSOURI

The women of Mu Chapter had a busy and exciting first semester. In August, we pledged quota of 83 outstanding new members. Our Delta Gamma Foundation Lectureship in Values & Ethics took place at the end of September and featured Aron Ralston. A standing-room only crowd came to hear Mr. Ralston's inspiring story of courage and hope.

In October, Mizzou Homecoming celebrated 100 years and Delta Gamma shined in our blood drive efforts, skit and house decorations. Anchor Splash, one of the most successful philanthropies on campus, kept us busy in November with a record number of fraternities participating and funds raised for the Delta Gamma Foundation.

After Thanksgiving we had a unique sisterhood event. A movie theatre was rented and the chapter watched the premiere of the latest movie in the *Twilight* series. A special thank you to members of the Kansas City alumnae chapter. Your donation to Mu Chapter made the evening possible. We ended the school



Mu collegians in their Homecoming skit costumes.

year with initiation, officer transitions and finals. Keep up with Mu Chapter via our Facebook page Delta Gamma at Mizzou-Mu Chapter, our blog at mizzoudg.blogspot.com and our new website dgmizzou.com!

NEWS FROM BETA KAPPA—KANSAS

Beta Kappa had a great fall semester! It started with a successful recruitment and the addition of 48 new members. Anchor Splash raised \$6,857 and thirteen teams participated in our philanthropic festivities. We also enjoyed having alumnae join us that morning for breakfast.

Annie Brown and **Allison Chael** are KU Rock Chalk Dancers and **Chandler Coleman** is a KU Cheerleader. We love to watch them dance and cheer at football and basketball games! Allison is also on KU's Panhellenic Board and Annie was named the Panhellenic Scholar of the Month in October. This award is given to someone who has exemplified exceptional scholarly achievement.

We have transitioned new officers and are proud of the strong group of women leading our chapter. Before break we had a holiday party at the chapter house to thank Mom Kandy and our cook, maid, advisers and house corporation board members for their tireless dedication.



Beta Kappa welcomes new members on Bid Day.

We close out the semester absolutely thrilled to have been selected for Rock Chalk Revue. We hope you'll come see our show on March 1st, 2nd or 3rd! Keep up with the latest Beta Kappa news at www.kudeltagamma.com

THE COLLUMNAE CONNECTION

Kansas City Delta Gammas work hard throughout the year to offer support and encouragement to our two local collegiate chapters. **Connie Konomos Hopkins** (M) and **Barbara Gray Brown** (BK) direct the collumnae efforts for Mu Chapter-University of Missouri and Beta Kappa Chapter-University of Kansas.

Both women note that the collegians are extremely grateful for the support they receive from the Greater Kansas City alumnae chapter. Thanks to all our dues-paying members for their part in helping fund these activities. Collumnae outreach plays a vital role in demonstrating that the Delta Gamma experience extends beyond the college years. Delta Gamma membership really is for a lifetime. Examples of collumnae activities for the fall semester include:



Mu Chapter

- Three cookie cakes and 18 dozen assorted cookies were delivered before the beginning of Recruitment Week. Almost 150 MU DGs were preparing to recruit the 2011 Pledge Class.
- Halloween candy was delivered to the chapter house and annex.
- Treats for finals week and a good luck poster were delivered in early December.

Beta Kappa Chapter

- Welcome home sign from the KC DG Alumnae greeted collegians on move-in day.
- Good luck floral bouquet was sent during recruitment.
- Congratulatory balloon bouquet was sent when Beta Kappa learned of their Rock Chalk Revue selection. *Ticket information on page 5.*

Pictured at right: (top) Mu collegian **Heather Hopkins** holds one of the cookie cakes sent before recruitment week. **Karen Elliott Trees** (BK), seated, and **Barbara Gray Brown** (BK) welcome collegians to the BK chapter house.



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2011 - 2012 DUES INFORMATION

The Delta Gamma dues cycle is July 1 through June 30. There are two types of dues: **Per Capita** and **Local**. Per capita dues are collected by Executive Offices (EO) and support Fraternity-wide initiatives such as the *ANCHORA*, new chapters and technology initiatives. Local dues stay in Kansas City and support chapter activities such as printing, alumnae meeting programs, collumnae support, Foundation contributions, our website and this newsletter!

PAYMENT

Please keep Delta Gamma at the forefront of the Greek world by paying both your per capita and local dues.

- **To pay per capita dues (\$23.50):** Go online to www.deltagamma.org or contact Executive Offices at 3250 Riverside Drive, Columbus, OH 43221 or 614-481-8169.
- **To pay local dues (\$20):** Visit www.kcdg.org to pay with credit card via PayPal or mail your check (payable to Delta Gamma) to **Jean Snider** (M), 1700 Twin Oaks Dr., Harrisonville, MO 64701. Questions? Contact Jean at 816-380-6054 or treasurer@kcdg.org.
- “PD” above your name/address on the mailing label indicates you have paid your local dues through June 30, 2012.

PERKS

- Printed directory of all Delta Gammas in the Greater Kansas City area (pick one up at a meeting or have it sent to your home for an additional fee).
- A chance to volunteer and become more involved in our community.
- Attend exciting monthly meetings, reconnect with DGs from your past and make new friends.

FIRST-YEAR ALUMNAE

- If you are a recent graduate and a first-year member of the alumnae chapter your local dues are FREE!

JOIN TODAY!

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all the Greater KC DGs who have paid dues since July 1, 2011.

We appreciate your continued loyalty to our chapter!

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