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Dear Sisters,

Welcome 2012! I trust you and yours enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. I am looking forward to the new year and exciting times in the life of Delta Zeta in the Great Western Area.

I want to begin by thanking all of our alumnae volunteer leaders who have given so much this past year and a half. A BIG thank you to our chapter presidents and executive boards for all you have done in leading your chapters. I can't believe that the biennium is coming to a close shortly.

The State Alumnae Chairmen Pilot concluded in October and I want to thank our GREAT GWA SACs for all their contributions and networking:
Arizona, Nevada: Nicole Farr
California: Kelly Janousek
Oregon, Washington, Idaho: Tina Penman
Even though the official pilot is over, please continue to utilize these women to support you and your chapter.

Exciting news!! We are now on Chapter Inc.! DZ Digest reported in December that the alumnae chapters can now access online reporting on the Delta Zeta website. We can manage membership and leadership rosters easily with the use of this feature. A resource guide is available and webinars are set up for training on the following dates: Sunday, January 15; Monday, January 23; and Tuesday, January 31.

Please plan to take part in one of these webinars if possible and encourage your officers to take part as well. I will schedule a training at our region weekend, which is tentatively planned for the weekend of April 27th. More information will follow in the next newsletter with details about region weekend.

Please remember to send in your nominations for the Achoth Awards by January 10th!!

Wishing you a fabulous New Year filled with love and happiness,

In the Flame, Susan

Watch your thoughts; they become your words.

Watch you words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become your character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

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FLAME FANTASY

This year's event will be held at Santa Anita Race Track on March 11, 2012. Tickets will be \$38 per person.

Please contact Sarah Abbamanto at s_abbamonto@yahoo.com

Congratulations To Our Newest Collegiate Chapter Directors!

Kappa—Christina Perry

Delta Alpha—Jennifer Plante

Pi Gamma—Tess Leuchtefeld

Theta Rho—Suzanne Hsu

Pi Kappa Colony News

The Delta Zeta Pi Kappa Colony has been very busy since their first formal recruitment. After meeting quota, the colony has been very involved on campus. The women hosted their fathers for a University wide Dad's Weekend and paired with the men of Sigma Chi for Homecoming week. The women of the Pi Kappa Colony are looking forward to celebrating their first Founder's Day on October 24th. They will hold a celebration for all members, alumnae and their families. Also, in support of National Alcohol Awareness Week, the women are holding a campus-wide "mocktail" event to promote alcohol awareness. The colony currently holds the top spot in grades, having the highest GPA out of all sororities and fraternities on campus. To honor women for their academic excellence, a "Pi Party" is being held for all women with a 3.14 or higher grade point average. The event will be held at local pizzeria. 34 New Members enjoyed an over-night sisterhood retreat and are excited for their upcoming Initiation in October.

Humboldt County

Our chapter has focused on two philanthropy projects this past year. We have gathered together to construct child-size fleece snuggle sacks for donation to a local women's shelter. We have purchased stuffed animals which we have fitted with "hearing aides" and donated to local audiologists and schools for use with hearing impaired children.



San Diego

Members of the San Diego Chapter joined San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic at its annual holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 3, 2011.

Phoenix

The Phoenix alums held their first ever family potluck picnic to observe Founders Day! Over seventy alumnae, family members, and Pi Zeta sisters attended, making this a memorable event for 2011. The Pi Zeta's conducted a special ceremony to recognize our sorority's six founders. The group also recognized membership milestones. The Order of the Pearl was presented to Joyce Hanson Madson for 65 years of membership. Diane Coppo and Dia Mundle received awards for 25 years of membership!



The beautiful women of Delta Zeta at the Founder's Day Family Picnic



Diane Coppo (left) Dia Mundle (right) were recognized for 25 years of membership with Delta Zeta

Denise Adams hosted the chapter's third annual "Teddy Bear Tea" and holiday party on December 3. Each year the group collects teddy bears from attendees to donate to local firemen who give the bears to children to help comfort them during a crisis. A whopping 58 bears were collected at the tea this year! A new activity at the tea this year was Santa's Bazaar, a collection of craft items and baked goods donated by the alums with all proceeds benefiting the philanthropy fund. Ann Haggerty received a "golden bear" award for the best holiday hat and a ten-year member award was given to Paige Pawlikow.

Happy holidays and all best wishes for a terrific New Year from all of us in the Valley of the Sun!



Women of Delta Zeta at the Annual Teddy Bear Tea

Honolulu

Aloha from Hawaii!!

Mele Kalikimaka to our Mainland Sisters, and a Hauoli Makahiki Hou - 2012!

Our Founder's Day was a luncheon held in the private dining room of Romano's Macaroni Grill, Ho'okipa Terrace, Ala Moana Center. We celebrated a Special Golden Rose, Beth Rodenbeck, E'61 (Indiana University) and were delighted by her attendance.

Late November saw Honolulu Delta Zeta sisters "Making, Baking and Creating" auction items. Quilted items, Christmas wreaths, plants, and many other beautiful things were available for auction. We quickly raised over \$1200 for the blind community in Honolulu. Three teachers from the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind were in attendance and enthusiastically bid for many of the potential Xmas gifts. Mahalo to Jane Marcum for the use of her beautiful Kailua home.

We have received news that our former President, Jamie Etter, gave birth to a darling 7 pound 7 ounce bouncing baby boy on September 22, 2011. We send her and her family congratulations and fond aloha. Jamie writes she misses the weather in Hawaii!

We certainly hope you will contact us if you are ever in Honolulu! We can meet a Sister anywhere on the island!!

Orange County

The Orange County chapter finished 2011 with a very busy and successful year. We welcomed fall with our annual September Potluck. Katherine Moncrief and Paige Edgerley facilitated a Delta Zeta Jeopardy game with local and National trivia.

The October meeting was spent preparing for our 39th Annual Fall Fundraising Luncheon and Boutique. The theme was "Puttin' on the Glitz" and we hosted a luncheon, Founder's Day Ceremony, baked goods sale, and silent and live auctions. All proceeds went to our local charities and to the Iota Upsilon collegiate chapter at CSU Fullerton.

Also in October, Central Orange County Alumnae Panhellenic hosted their annual Athena Awards luncheon and presentation. Our chapter nominated Sandy Hall for this prestigious award, which is presented to women who have distinguished themselves by long and continuous service in their communities in the central Orange County area.

November is one of our most popular meetings and with good reason. Kelly Janousek prepared and led the wine tastings and pairings.

We ended 2011 with the December Christmas party held at Linda Seymour's beautiful home. We had a wonderful potluck dinner followed by a gift exchange.

We are excited to start the new year and have already begun planning for 2012. Our newly elected chapter officers are: Katherine Moncrief, President; Angela Johnson, VP Membership; Nancy South, VP Philanthropy; Jennifer Hampton, VP Programs; Desiree Duke, VP Collegiate Relations; Mary Lou Pallas, Secretary; Vicki Bowman, Treasurer. Please contact us if you are in the area or are just visiting. deltazetaalumnae@gmail.com.

Greater Seattle

Alumnae supported Kappa Chapter's Fall Recruitment at the University of Washington during September. To launch Recruitment Week, the alumnae chapter provided a pizza dinner for the collegians. Since this was a record year for potential new members (713) going through UW's Fall Recruitment, alumnae assisted with refreshments for forty-four events. Before the start of Fall Quarter, the alumnae chapter co-hosted Presentation Night, a reception for Kappa's thirty-seven new members and their families. Also, in September, Delta Zeta's National Philanthropy Chairman Tycene Fritcher and the National Philanthropy Committee announced that Greater Seattle Alumnae Chapter was one of six alumnae chapters recognized nationwide for their outstanding philanthropy programs this past year.

Greater Seattle Alumnae Chapter and Kappa Chapter co-hosted Founders Day on October 23 at Kappa Chapter. Over 120 alumnae and collegians were in attendance for the buffet salad luncheon and program. Our special guest was Region X's Regional Collegiate Director, Kimberly Slomka Jones (AB'89). Kappa collegians presented a Candle Ceremony honoring our Founders, provided musical entertainment, and guided tours of the chapter house and annex after the program. Kappa collegians recognized Co-Recruitment Advisor and Kappa House Corporation Board member Christina Larson Berry (K'01) as their Outstanding Alumna for 2011. The Greater Seattle Alumnae Chapter presented their annual Service Award to Joanne Reilly Bushey (K'63) and Susan Cassidy McArthur (K'63). Both sisters are long time members of the Alumnae Board currently serving as Corresponding Secretary/Founders Day Chairman and Treasurer, respectively. Alumnae with milestone membership anniversaries were also recognized and many shared personal stories of their college or life experiences as a Delta Zeta.



Membership Honorees at Founders Day



Service Award Recipients

During October and November, Philanthropy Chairman Erika Claasen Heesacker (W '91) coordinated our 11th annual Holiday Service Project (Toy Drive) for the Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center (HSDC) in Seattle. Delta Zetas either "adopted" a child and purchased a new toy or made a monetary contribution to this project and Erika purchased a gift for them. All fifty-four gifts were wrapped at our Sisterhood Party at Kappa Chapter on November 20. About a dozen collegians joined alumnae in wrapping the gifts in record time!

On December 8, Delta Zetas and their guests supported Overlake Alumnae Panhellenic's Scholarship Luncheon. This annual fundraiser provides scholarships to local high school women living east of Lake Washington, who would be attending a college or university with sorority/Greek life opportunities. This year, Overlake Alumnae Panhellenic awarded twelve \$300 scholarships from proceeds of their 2010 fundraiser.



Holiday Service Project

Flame Eternal

It is with great sadness that the GWA and Lamplighters announce the passing of Betty DeWitt. The family held a private service last week and will not be holding a public funeral.

Many of us remember Betty as an important part of Delta Zeta; holding many positions in our organization. She was a past officer and member of the South Bay Chapter, past Flame Fantasy Chairman, and past officer of Lamplighters; just to name a few positions she held. Betty was a first class Delta Zeta and many of us looked up to her for her leadership. She will be greatly missed in our community.

Cards and notes can be sent to:

Mr. Norman DeWitt and Family

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Please keep her family in your prayers.