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MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by our organizational purpose we inspire, promote and nurture:

- Enduring friendships
- Personal development
- Leadership excellence
- Innovative growth

VISION STATEMENT

To be a premier women’s organization by creating an enriching environment which is essential for all and empowering our members for life.

Dear Sisters,

Welcome Fall! I am looking forward to the autumn weather just around the corner. It has been a beautiful summer in southern California but it is now back-to-school. A lot has been going on in the alumnae and collegiate world of Delta Zeta in our area and I would like to review some of the highlights for you.

This past August, the Delta Zeta colony at the University of Idaho in Moscow completed their first recruitment and they took quota!! We are so proud of them! Our chapters are returning for the fall semester and will start recruitment activities. I send a BIG thank you to all of the GWA alumnae for their support of the college chapters during this time.

During the past six months in California we had three college chapters in need of Chapter Directors. Due to the hard work of our RCD, Kim Jones, and our California state alumnae chairman, Kelly Janousek, we have recruited interested volunteers for all three chapters! One chapter director has already been appointed! Thank you Kim and Kelly!

Our state alumnae chairmen have been working on recruiting committee chairmen to assist with finding “lost sisters” and reconnecting with alumnae throughout our area. They have identified volunteers to assist with this effort and have begun to reach out to our alumnae.

Many of our GWA alumnae have set up social media contacts through DZ Metro groups, Facebook groups and Twitter accounts. Our younger alumnae use these sites as their primary communication with friends and use the groups to connect with their chapter sisters. Reunions and events can be posted on these sites. Don’t forget to use Metro to post your chapter’s Fall activities.

Be sure to go on DZ Metro to see if your college or your alumnae chapter has set up a group. It is fun to see who is on and catch up with what your friends are doing. Also update the contact information for your page on the GWA website as many alumnae moving into your town will be looking for Delta Zeta alumnae chapter contacts. Please check Metro, too. If you need assistance with your page, please ask Suzanne Walker, our Technology/PR Chairman. (cont’d on page 2)

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National News

Great Western Area is pleased to congratulate Cindy Johnson Holmes, DA-1975, who has been appointed by National Council to be the new National Ritual Chairman. We are sad she must resign as our Membership Chair, but excited for

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As we begin the new school year and your membership drive for your chapter, encourage your members to reach out to the Delta Zeta graduates in your neighborhoods. You can use Metro to assist you in this effort. Many of the graduating seniors have now updated their contact information. Please reach out to these women as they begin their new life as an alumna.

In closing, I would like to thank our alumnae chapter presidents and their executive boards for all the hard work this past year. Our GWA alumnae chapter leaders do such a fabulous job and it is my pleasure to work with YOU outstanding women. Thank you for all you do for our Delta Zeta!

In the Flame,
Susan



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Upcoming Events

Orange County Alumnae Chapter will host their annual Fall Fundraiser and Boutique on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at the Los Coyotes Country Club. The luncheon begins at 11:00. Please contact Vicki Bowman for tickets at (714) 484-0889 or email vbowman53@att.net.

Long Beach Alumnae Chapter and Delta Alpha Chapter at California State University Long Beach invite you to attend their annual Delta Founders Day Luncheon on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at The Grand in Long Beach. Reception at 11:30, lunch at 12:00. Please email Susan Christmas at schristmasdz@yahoo.com or Kathy Clark at csulb74@mac.com for more information.

Orange County

In June, we had the pleasure of presenting the Betsy Bradley Leach Service Award to Elizabeth “Liz” Fink. Liz was unable to attend the Flame Fantasy event in March where the award was given, so the alumnae chapter kept the news of the award a secret until Liz could accept it at this meeting. After the excitement of presenting the award, we had a speaker who had prepared a travelogue emphasizing river cruises in Europe. River cruises are especially popular right now, and several of our alumnae have had the pleasure of cruising this summer. At the end of the presentation, our speaker answered questions posed by our members about travel regulations and other items of interest.

The July meeting included our annual Salad Luncheon at a beautiful home in Monarch Beach. Our members loved sitting on the patio overlooking the Pacific Ocean and dining on the wide variety of salads made for the occasion. Our guests of honor, Karen Campbell, National Director, and Susan Christmas, our Area Alumnae Director, shared their thoughts about Delta Zeta and about our own Great Western Area. Our own Nancy Russell, National Foundation Trustee, spoke about the Foundation and its place in Delta Zeta. Also, it was announced that our Executive Board selected Sandy Hall to be our nominee for the prestigious Athena Award presented by the Central Orange County Alumnae Panhellenic.

August was a “dark” month for the alumnae chapter, but the Executive Board met to discuss plans for the remainder of the year. The Nominating Committee is preparing the 2012 slate of officers to present at the September meeting. However, our “fun” groups met this month to socialize and enjoy one another’s company.

The Bridge groups met throughout the summer. The Bunko group met this August for their monthly “girls night out” activity. Anywhere from 5-20 members participate each month as we share snacks, beverages, and boisterous Bunko games. Likewise our Gourmet group met this month for a New Orleans Brunch. Usually the group meets in the evening, but a brunch was held to take advantage of the summer weather. The menu included French and Cajun cuisine for the appetizers, entrees, side dishes, and desserts. Anywhere from 14-19 members and their significant others participate each month. The events are casual with each member bringing a dish to serve.

Los Angeles (formerly Westchester)

In June, the Los Angeles alumnae chapter hosted a wine and cheese party to welcome the newly graduated sisters from surrounding universities. Everyone had a great time! Along with the philanthropies and sisterhood events planned for the upcoming months, we will also be participating in Loyola Marymount University's annual Turtle Tug philanthropy event in late October.

Greater Seattle

Warm weather took its time coming to Washington State this summer. On August 14, alumnae and guests traveled to Woodinville (north of Seattle) to the Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery and Redhook Brewery. Everyone had a fun and entertaining afternoon on the tours and tastings at both businesses. Thanks to our Vice President of Programs Diana Fergusson (Kappa '00) for coordinating this activity and ordering sunshine, too!

Founders Day Chair Joanne Reilly Bushey (Kappa '63) is coordinating our annual event with Kappa Chapter for Sunday, October 23. Milestone membership anniversary honorees will be special guests.

Philanthropy Chair Erika Claasen Heesacker (Omega '91) is planning our Holiday Service Project. We will be hosting our Holiday Social and Gift Wrapping Party on Sunday, November 20 at Kappa Chapter.

Our 2011 Flame Fantasy luncheon and charity auction was a great success! The final total raised was \$6,300. Proceeds were sent to Camp Korey in Carnation, WA, The Painted Turtle camp in Lake Hughes, CA, and the Delta Zeta Foundation in Oxford, OH. A special thank you to all our sisters and their guests who were so generous at our 48th annual event!

New members of the
Alumnae Board



Alumnae and guests at
Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery



San Diego

Members of the San Diego Chapter joined San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic for their annual Day at the Races fundraiser. More than \$1,600 was raised at this event to go toward scholarships for young women in sororities or planning to pursue Greek Life next year.

With San Diego State back in session, the San Diego Chapter is looking forward to fall and holiday activities with the members of Gamma Omicron.

Hope everyone had a great summer! Happy Back-to-School from your sisters in sunny San Diego!

Stephanie McNulla & Teresa Leader-Anderson with their little legacies – Olivia, Alexandra & Shalin



(l to r) Stephanie McNulla, Beth Luton & Teresa Leader-Anderson have fun at San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic's annual Day at the Races.



Long Beach

September and the start of a new school year (and the college football season!) always brings back such wonderful memories of my collegiate years at Cal State Long Beach from 1970-1974. Along with other LB alumnae, I was recently over at the house for ROMP (Rush Our Moms Party) and it was a treat to walk the halls of the house I called a home for most of my college years. The forty years that have passed since I was initiated have gone by in a flash - so much has changed and yet so much has stayed the same. The tuition I paid back then, less than \$200 a year, is close to \$6,000 a year, but Delta Zeta still goes on. Our country was at war in the early 70's and is still involved in a conflict that continues to drain our financial and emotional resources as a country, but Delta Zeta goes on. I guess the more things change the more things stay the same. Gratefully, what stays the same are the bonds of sisterhood that are life-long.

Watching the initiated members prepare for the new class was a reminder that we are always going to be a 'work in progress' - but in a good way. It's true that it is work to remain a loyal Delta Zeta but if you whistle an old Delta Zeta song while you work it'll be that much more fun. The LB Alumnae will be working to welcome new alumnae while strengthening the bonds among women who have been Delta Zetas for a very long time. Staying involved with the active chapter by hosting and providing financial support for the Bid Day event gives us an opportunity to meet the young women who will one day join our ranks as Alumnae. We'll be working at staying involved in our community and giving graciously while supporting local and Delta Zeta philanthropic efforts. We'll be working to offer programming that is aimed at our younger women (like our Spa Day meeting) while having the 'tried and true' events that the women of our group have come to enjoy. Hum a few bars of 'Delta Zeta Now and Always' and then give some of your sisters a call and invite them to join you as you renew your vows of sisterhood and participate in alumnae activities in your area. We can all spare an evening or occasional weekend afternoon to keep the bonds alive. That will be the goal of our group this year. Start small with one phone call and see where it leads - after all - Delta Zeta leads the way!

By the way, the picture I included with this update is my daughter with the girls she joined Delta Zeta with - two of them have daughters of their own - and they were having a baby shower for Katie Sotiropoulos Kolsky, who welcomed her daughter, and future Delta Zeta, three months ago. Elizabeth made her Delta Zeta debut at the ROMP event just a couple of weeks ago. I hope to be around in twenty years to see these little girls become beautiful collegians and active alumnae like their moms.



Phoenix

The Phoenix Alums are looking forward to a busy fall, with many joint activities with our collegiate sisters. Plans are underway for a joint Founders Day, Parents Weekend fund-raiser, ice cream social, and a team in the Phoenix Komen Race for the Cure.

In recent news...

The school year has officially begun! Phoenix Alumnae provided “welcome back” baskets for the Pi Zeta girls who moved into the ASU chapter rooms in August. The baskets were filled to the brim with back to school essentials such as paper products, toiletries, lip gloss, pens, highlighters, snacks, and a handmade turtle-shaped sachet/pin pad. The girls loved the baskets!

Photo caption: Just a few of the Pi Zeta girls with their baskets.



On August 16th Phoenix Alums participated in Pi Zeta’s “Rush Our Moms Party (ROMP)”. ROMP gave Pi Zeta girls the opportunity to practice their recruitment skills on moms and alums. ROMP was the perfect evening filled with good food, good company, and lots of conversation!

Photo caption: A glimpse of the ROMP festivities...



Pasadena Foothill

April 30 marked the 45th Anniversary for Theta Rho at CSLA. Pasadena Foothill alumnae joined in the celebration as the chapter ladies hosted a Family day at the Park in Alhambra. The fun filled day was enjoyed by many alumnae who showed up with kids, husbands, boy-friends, and even puppies to enjoy the park. We joined in the Tug-a-war, water balloon games, shared experiences, and met one another. The girls even planned on coloring pages for the kids. Yummy treats and a birthday cake (yes we sang Happy Birthday Theta Rho) and lots of laughter helped us celebrate in the happy occasion. Alumnae were also invited to the Rose Formal event at the Pasadena Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena CA.



Alumnae pictured from left: Katherine Fehervari, Aida Alvarado, Crystal Diaz, Norma Hutchins, Karen Garcia, Joanna Jimenez, Liz Oyakawa and Tania Roney.



Chapter girls having fun! Even little legacies joined in the water balloon toss!



FLAME ETERNAL



Elaine Iba (DA, '79) was born January 21, 1961, the youngest of five. She grew up in Downey and attended Warren HS where she was a cheerleader and Captain of the track team. At CSULB in 1979 Elaine followed her older sister Lynn and pledged Delta Zeta. She graduated with distinction with a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1983, with a minor in mathematics, and received her Masters in Electrical Engineering in 1988 from USC.

Elaine worked at Texas Instruments, Hughes Aircraft, and Raytheon as a digital design engineer, a hardware engineer, and in various management roles. She married the love of her life, Randy Messenger, in 1992. They lived in Trabuco Canyon with their pets.

Her passions were travel and sports; Elaine loved to compete. Her list of athletic accomplishments is impressive. Elaine began competing on the Masters Track and Field circuit at the age of 34 and continued until the age of 47, compiling a host of records in her age groups, many of which still stand. In a testament to her versatility, Elaine competed not only in sprints, but also in relays, javelin, high jump, long jump, triple jump, and pentathlon.

Elaine became the brakeman for a novice Bobsled team and competed with them in races throughout the winter of 2000. When the team folded, she set her sights on the sport of Skeleton. She qualified as a member of the USA Skeleton National Team and went on to compete on both the America's Cup and the international Europa Cup race circuits. She placed 5th in the 2002 Park City America's Cup race and finished the 2002-03 season ranked 7th overall for women and was selected to participate in the 2002 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Skeleton at Salt Lake City.

Elaine's next passion was women's full tackle football. She joined the So Cal Bandits in 2004 and for the next 7 years, with a big smile on her face, went up against women twice her size. Elaine loved the camaraderie that came with being part of a team. When she became ill, she ended her football career as a captain and quarterback with the Southern California Breakers, but continued to support the team and attend their games as long as she could.

Elaine was a loyal Delta Zeta alumna member, an avid salt water fisherman, a devoted family person, an enthusiastic traveler, and a dedicated USC fan. She loved her extended family and was the favorite aunt with many exciting stories to share and always leading the fun. She was taken from us on August 20 after a brief battle with lung cancer. Elaine crammed a whole lot of living into her too short life. She was admired. She was loved. We will miss her.