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Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter Celebrates Its 50th Year!

By: Elizabeth Schafer

On October 24th, 2004, the Grand Rapids Alumnae group gathered to celebrate two very special Delta Zeta events. Of course, it is the anniversary of when DZ was founded in 1902. But since it is a day to celebrate our sisterhood's past, we also wanted to commemorate our Grand Rapids Alumnae group's 50th year.

Almost 400 alumnae from the West Michigan area were invited along with the active members from both Ferris State University (Zeta Nu) and Grand Valley State University (Xi Psi). We met at the Alumni & Visitor Center on GVSU's campus for an afternoon reception. The occasion included "state of the chapter" reports from each chapter as well as the history of how our Grand Rapids Alumnae group was established.

Here are a few excerpts taken from the speech that was shared that day:

"Let me share a few interesting facts about how our group got started. In 1953, several of the founding members began meeting on a regular basis. Unfortunately at that time, National Headquarters didn't exactly make things easier in terms of support when forming a group. In fact, it was difficult to even get a strip list in order to determine who other Delta Zeta alumnae might be. There was also a tremendous focus on raising money so the group was charged National dues based on how many alumnae total lived in the area vs. how many actually were involved. It took a great amount of perseverance and these eleven determined ladies were finally granted chapter status in March of 1955.

"In those early days, it's pretty clear that the main objectives of the group were raising funds for Delta Zeta related charities and being supportive of one another in a social atmosphere. In other words, they bonded together as sisters to have fun and to do meaningful work.

"At their meetings, there was usually a speaker and possibly coordinated work efforts towards the latest money-making project. Projects might include preparing for a rummage sale or making a craft for an upcoming bazaar. Typical meetings also may have been card parties at St. Cecilia's or dinner parties with husbands included. Dues were \$3 per year.

"Over the years, the nature of activities adjusted with the changing times. In looking back through old newsletters to get an idea of activities, there was evidence of cookie exchanges, fashion shows, fund-raising walks, couples parties, organized shopping excursions, WhiteCaps baseball games and many more events. Fundraisers have included garage sales, magazine sales, collecting grocery store receipts, and cutlery sales.

"We still very much enjoy food, socializing, (*continued on page 3*)

Looking for CCDs...

...for Theta Chapter (Ohio State University) and Gamma Tau Chapter (Bowling Green State University).

The Theta Chapter position is an immediate opening while Gamma Tau is looking to fill the spot for the 2005-06 year.

If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who might be interested, contact Region V RCC Jennifer Anderson at jyeagley2000@yahoo.com.

Omicron Nu Becomes Optimist Club

By Danielle Brown, Omicron Nu CCD

In August, Omicron Nu (University of Windsor) chapter held our annual Alumnae BBQ. At this same function, we also became a new Optimist Club in the Southwestern Ontario Region. The actives and the alumnae are very excited about this new venture.

Although it may come as a surprise to some, those of us who are from Canada know that sororities and fraternities are not always looked upon in a very good light here. We struggle to attain membership and we fight to keep members. When deciding to become an Optimist Club, one of the motivating factors was to put a brighter light on sororities in Canada - to show the public that we are philanthropy based organizations and to promote this side in a bigger sphere. Optimist gives us this opportunity.

One of the main philanthropies of Optimist International is Speech and Hearing, which is mutually beneficial to both groups. Omicron Nu will be given many more opportunities to work with organizations locally dealing with Speech and Hearing. In the same token, our Optimist status will help with donations to our own Delta Zeta Foundation. Omicron Nu is so very excited to know that we will be able to start giving to the Delta Zeta Foundation on a regular basis. Becoming an Optimist club has opened that door for us.

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Mella's Memo

Great Lakes AAD Report from Mella Davies

Have you noticed our lamps are gleaming more brightly? I have. Delta Zeta is meeting new challenges and inspiring women of all ages to reconnect with Delta Zeta. Alumnae assisted active chapters in reaching impressive recruitment totals this fall; women are moving into leadership positions on area alumnae teams and national committees; and Dayton and Findlay chapters are president of their area alumnae Panhellenic groups.

New alumnae groups are being formed in Ann Arbor and Midland, MI while other groups like the Columbus alumnae are providing programming to appeal to a variety of interests and life stages. The Columbus Mommies Group enjoyed "Boo at the Zoo" last month. Young adults are meeting together to network and socialize. We've moved in new and exciting directions from the traditional alumnae chapter structure.

Delta Zeta recognizes that many of you wish to be a part of Delta Zeta by being in contact with those members with whom you share a special chapter bond. Chapter associations are becoming effective ways to reconnect through newsletters, web sites, chat rooms, homecoming gatherings, and reunions. Many groups provide assistance to their chapter. A recent conversation with a Beta Rho alumna revealed a long friendship among four Beta Rho sisters and their spouses. They get together several times during the year for dinner, buy season tickets and attend MI State games, and last year they traveled to Alaska. If you would like to be involved with your chapter association, we'll be happy to help you get started.

AlcoholEdu for first year members and *Sound Beginnings*, a program which promotes early hearing detection and intervention, were both introduced to delegates in July at Convention. Both are supported by the Delta Zeta Foundation. Through our *Sound Beginnings* partnership with the National Association for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM), our goal is to have members visit programs that serve infants and young children to educate young families about the importance of early identification of hearing loss. What an exciting opportunity to develop positive public relations and offer alumnae/active chapter interaction, all the while promoting our national philanthropy.

During the past four months I've enjoyed meeting actives and alumnae from Omicron Nu, University of Windsor; celebrating Founder's Day with the Theta chapter and Columbus, Ohio alumnae; and traveling to Northwood University in Midland, Michigan for Region VI Day on November 6th.

We're looking forward to Region V (Ohio) State Day, hosted by Alpha chapter, on Sunday, April 3, 2005. Plan to carpool down and spend the weekend with your Ohio sisters.

Wishing you fair winds for the holidays and calm seas for the New Year.

News from Ohio RCC Jenn Anderson

Kudos are in order for...

- Gamma Alpha, Kappa Chi, Gamma Kappa, Zeta Kappa, and Kappa Iota for meeting quota!
- Gamma Kappa and Kappa Iota for reaching campus TOTAL for the first time in MANY years!
- Helen Rotnam (Theta) and Melissa Rey (Gamma Kappa) for being chosen as Grace Mason Lundy Award winners!

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Please feel free to contact us with news, events, or questions!

A New Approach to Alcohol Prevention

From the Delta Zeta National Website

At Delta Zeta's National Convention held in Tampa, Florida in July, the Sorority announced that it has joined with hundreds of colleges and Greek organizations nationwide in taking a new approach to alcohol prevention . . . and this approach is called AlcoholEdu.

AlcoholEdu is a science-based course that is taken by tens of thousands of college students each year. The course educates students about alcohol and its effects on the mind and body.

The statistics citing the consequences of alcohol abuse among college students are staggering. The National Institute on Alcohol

- 1,400 alcohol-related unintentional injury deaths occur
- 2.1 million college students drove under the influence
- 500,000 were injured
- 400,000 had unprotected sex
- 70,000 were victims of sexual assault
- 600,000 were assaulted

But the statistics about the AlcoholEdu program are heartening. AlcoholEdu offers a program which is a confidential, personalized experience for each student. A survey of nearly 30,000 students who had taken the course found that:

- 53% said the course would change how they use alcohol
- 40% educated by the course about blood alcohol concentration (BAC) said they had previously underestimated their levels of intoxication
- 84% felt that AlcoholEdu for College was helpful

New members will take the course starting in the 2004-2005 school year. AlcoholEdu is a requirement for initiation as of the coming school year.

Greetings from Glenna

Great Lakes Membership Report from Glenna Paukstis

Just a quick reminder for Alumnae Chapters to send me a current list of your members. These lists are invaluable in updating addresses. **Please send lists to:**

Glenna Paukstis

Thank you! Also, please be aware of and get involved with our new national philanthropy, *Sound Beginnings*. This is a way for your group to become involved in your community. Members no longer just join groups to have something to do. Feeling necessary and serving the community is a good tool for recruitment.

Dateline: Delta Zeta Headlines

The following are just a sample of the Great Lakes Area headlines taken from Dateline: Delta Zeta, found on the Delta Zeta National Website. Links to full articles for these and many other Great Lakes Area headlines can be found by visiting Dateline: Delta Zeta online at www.deltazeta.org.

- Helen Rotnem, a 2004 Grace Mason Lundy Award winner, received Ohio State University's 2004 Conway-CHASE Sorority Woman of the Year Award
- Alpha Eta Chapter Association members attend sister's performance in "Camelot"
- The Columbus Alumnae Chapter kicked off its 2004-2005 year with a Fall Potluck in September
- The Golden Horseshoe Alumnae Chapter held its annual barbeque in August
- The Surfing Sisters Alumnae Chapter support the Dogs for the Deaf philanthropy program
- The Wooster Alumnae Chapter welcomed Joan Dondrea Lowry, Past President of the Delta Zeta Foundation
- Jan Ruehling recently received an Honorary Alumni Award from Miami University
- The Oakland County Alumnae Chapter received a certificate from the Oakland County Health Department recognizing their years of Otology Clinic volunteering

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supporting each other through tough times and having an outlet for fun. As we take a look at where we are today, there are a couple of things that stand out. First, we continue to enjoy the socializing and supportive nature of getting together. Second, we still like to eat and always have good turnout at our potlucks. Third, we cherish the traditions that were established many years ago including our sisterhood basket and Christmas parties. But it is the sisters themselves who have the greatest impact on the continuity of our group. When you continue to live by the Delta Zeta creed even after your college years are over, you reap the many rewards of sisterhood.

"Fifty years seems like a long time, especially to those of us who haven't even been alive that long. While I was not around during those first years, we do have four very special guests with us today who were. There are four of our founding members present today. As we honor these founding members and their perseverance, we also recognize the many other sisters that have served as a "bedrock" core of strength keeping us together. With your example of hard work, supportive sisterhood, and devotion to Delta Zeta, you have given our more recent alumnae the foundation to continue for many more years to come."

A Warm Welcome to Sandy Alspach!

Dr. Sandra Harding Alspach (A '66) recently took over as Great Lakes Development Chairman, filling the position vacated by Karen Miron when she accepted the role of National Alumnae Philanthropy Chairman.

Sandy is a professor at Ferris State University in the Department of Humanities. She is also the program coordinator for the Humanities program areas and coordinates scheduling for 16 department heads. She earned her MA and PhD at Ohio University.

Sandy is a former CCD for Zeta Nu chapter at Ferris State, and she continues to assist the chapter in many ways.

When discussing her undergraduate years, Sandy said her fondest memory was serving as Historian for Alpha chapter. She was responsible for helping with the planning of the DZ 75th celebration in Oxford which was attended by approximately 500 Delta Zetas. She remembers sitting at the feet of Grace Mason Lundy and listening to her speak. Welcome Sandy!

Achoth Award Winner Profiles

Two Great Lakes Area Alumnae were awarded Achoth Awards at the DZ National Convention in July. Below are brief biographies of our winners!

Jane Evans Auld

By Laurie Savage, Kent Alumnae Chapter

Jane Auld is a Gamma Kappa ('58). She has been a member of the Kent Alumnae Chapter for about 36 years. She held the presidency for two long terms, once in the early 1970's and once in the mid 1980's. Jane kept our chapter going, taking that second term as president when our membership was very low. Jane has also held the offices of ways and means and philanthropy, and won the Lamplighter award in 1990. We all enjoy hearing about our local history as Jane tells us about the "olden" days. Jane has also been on the Gamma Kappa House Corporation Board for many years, serving as the Secretary. She always helps in any way she can, including gardening and weeding in the summer at the Gamma Kappa House.

Patricia Garver Boris

By Mella Davies, Great Lakes AAD

Pat Boris was initiated into Gamma Kappa ('49). She was vice president and pledge mistress her senior year. She became active in the Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Group in the sixties when she served as secretary. She took a sabbatical to raise 6 children and work as an instructional assistant in the city of Cleveland schools, working the last 15 years before her retirement at Alexander Graham Bell school, assisting with autistic children. Pat has focused her energies on promoting Spring and Fall plant sales which have benefited many chapter philanthropies.

Through her contacts with A.G. Bell, Cleveland Eastside has presented 33 TTYs, complete with a case and printer, to deaf students. These machines open the world of communication to boys and girls and are theirs to keep. Pat sends comfort, cheer and congratulations to her DZ chapter sisters with beautiful handmade cards. She has received numerous awards within the Cleveland Eastside chapter, including the Lamplighter Award and the Lucile Crowell Cooks President's Award.

Congratulations and many thanks to Jane and Pat!

Xi Eta Hosts 2004 Michigan State Day

Xi Eta Chapter at Northwood University (Midland, MI) hosted the annual Region VI (Michigan) Day on Saturday, November 6, 2004.

Andrea Kovacs Henderson, Epsilon Sigma, was named as the Outstanding Alumna for Region VI and Jane Harrison Telder, Gamma Pi, member of the Grand Rapids Alumnae Group, was the winner of the Pamela McClure Cronenwett Loyalty Award.

Nancy Hunter Denney, a motivational speaker, talked about how to - How to "ZING" your Life and Leadership.

Glenna Paukstis, Great Lakes Area Membership Chairman, awarded three Evelyn Adams Costello Scholarships.

National Secretary, Sharon Moncrief Slovinski was an honored guest, as was Barbara Taylor Markus, E, who was honored as an Order of the Pearl recipient at the Grand Rapid Alumnae Chapter's 50th Anniversary and Founder's Day Celebration.

Also included in the day was a Founder's Day Ceremony presented by the College Chapter Directors of Region VI, and a presentation on the new *Sound Beginnings* program by Andrea Henderson.

The Chinese auction helped raise funds for the Delta Zeta Foundation. The day concluded with a Senior Ceremony conducted by Xi Eta chapter.

Next year's Region VI day will be held at Eastern Michigan University.

2004 Michigan State Day Photos



Above: Alumnae group photo, Region VI.



Left: 2004 Pamela Cronenwett Award winner Jane Telder (center) with AAD Mella Davies (left) and Pam Cronenwett (right).

Below: 2004 Order of the Pearl recipient Barbara Taylor Markus, E.



Above: Great Lakes Area Alumnae Director Mella Davies with Outstanding Region VI Alumna Andrea Henderson.

Great Lakes Area Chapter Reports

Alumnae Chapter Reports

Ann Arbor

Contact: Andrea Henderson - henders@comcast.net

The new alumnae group in the Ann Arbor area of Michigan held our first meeting on October 9 at the home of Andrea Henderson. After sending a letter to alumnae in the area in late August, we heard from over 30 women who were interested in forming a group. We are planning to gather at Christyle Broadworth's home on November 30 for a cookie exchange and holiday card/project work session. We also have plans for either attending the Plymouth Ice Show or gathering for a game night in January. We welcome anyone in our area to join us if they wish!

Cleveland Eastside

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The Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter has been enjoying a busy Fall. In September, we kicked off a new year of programs with an appetizer party where we shared information from the National Convention. We were thrilled to surprise Patricia Garver Boris with her Achoth Award. Pat is very dedicated to our chapter, always working hard on philanthropy, fundraising, and Sunshine (correspondence). In October we had fun helping others: we decorated cookies for collegiate members at Ashland University and Youngstown State University, and we collected three boxes full of snacks, toiletries, and fun items for men and women serving in Iraq. We also spent time with Carla Arnold Woodcock, mourning the loss of her husband Chuck Magee who passed away on October 6. Discussions started regarding how we will pursue the Sound Beginnings program. We are again selling poinsettias for our Fall Fundraiser.

Future program topics include a presentation on understanding the deaf culture, rubber stamping, watercolor painting, meeting with the Cleveland Westside group, and of course, a few meals at restaurants and members' homes. Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday evening of the month, but each year we offer a few different times to accommodate the schedules of all. We are fortunate to have a strong core of women with a long history of service to our chapter, and we have also enjoyed seeing a few new faces lately. Please visit our website at www.geocities.com/eastdzalum or email us at eastdzalum@yahoo.com.

Cleveland Westside- Berea

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We began our year in September with a get-together dinner at Clementine's in Olmsted Falls, and our guest speaker was Lori Tobrik who spoke about heritage building and leaving a legacy through photo albums and journaling.

October was our Founder's Day Dinner at Baldwin-Wallace College. Many, many Golden Rose recipients were recognized. November was a meeting at Kiln Creations in Berea, where we enjoyed painting pottery. December is our annual DZ dinner at Viva Barcelona, where we collect Christmas presents for the women at the local women's shelter.

In February, we're having our annual ice cream social with the Gamma Alphas. The alumnae will continue the meeting with an

evaluation and discussion of two recent novels: *The Jane Austen Book Club*, and *Light on Snow*. The remainder of the year will include a meeting where we will learn to knit, a meeting with Eastside Delta Zeta, and a trip to Mary Kuehn's family homestead.

We have a wonderful group of devoted DZs who enjoy each other's fellowship and the opportunity to support philanthropic projects.

Columbus

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The Columbus Alumnae chapter celebrated Founders Day with collegians at the Clintonville Women's Club. We were joined by Great Lakes AAD Mella Cooks Davies who spoke to us about what Delta Zeta has meant to her over the years, and provided information on the Delta Zeta Foundation and collegiate scholarships. We honored two alumnae during the luncheon - Golden Rose recipient Jean Ferri, and Order of the Pearl recipient Dorothy May.

Columbus alumnae will meet in November for a paint-your-own pottery event, and in December for a holiday brunch and ornament exchange at the home of Denise Brenner.

Dayton

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The Dayton Alumnae Chapter has had a busy fall, and we are looking forward to a spring full of exciting Delta Zeta events! In September, we enjoyed a meeting and a tour of Cox Arboretum where our President, Jan Kowal, is a volunteer. October saw us celebrating Founder's Day with the wonderful collegians of the Kappa Iota chapter. Several alumnae performed a skit re-enacting the founding of our beloved sorority, much to everyone's entertainment.

Upcoming events include our annual fundraising auction and brunch on November 20, and the chapter holiday party and Christmas lights tour in December. We invite any Delta Zeta alumna in the Dayton area to attend any of our events. Please visit our website at: <http://www.geocities.com/deltazetadaytonalumnae/> for more information on meeting dates and times.

Metropolitan Detroit

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The Metropolitan Detroit Alumnae Chapter has been busy! Just some of the events that they have participated in this year include a "Get Acquainted Picnic", a Body Shop sale, Movie night, Founders Day, and the annual Birth Run/Frankenmuth weekend.

Upcoming events include a Christmas Walk in Northville, a Christmas cookie exchange, the Plymouth Ice Show, dinner and a play at the Hilberry Theater, a Tupperware fundraiser, pottery painting, bowling, and an annual BBQ.

Kent

Contact: Laurie Savage - savlaurie@yahoo.com

The Kent Area Alumnae Chapter recently celebrated Founder's Day with the collegiate chapter from Kent State. This year we celebrated away from the House since the chapter hit total this year with 90 women. The alumnae chapter is busy with the fall philanthropy project, donations to Operation Christmas Child. Upcoming alumnae events this year include spending a Saturday shopping at the Outlets in Grove City, PA in November and the annual Christmas Party in December at the KSU house.

Golden Horseshoe

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The Golden Horseshoe held its annual BBQ in August at President Debbie Nazir's house in Oakville, Ontario. At the BBQ, the chapter collected work-appropriate attire and donated it to Dress Your Best (www.dressyourbest.ca), a Toronto charity that provides clothing to men and women getting off welfare and going on job interviews.

Grand Rapids

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Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter Celebrates Its 50th Year! (See [page 1 for full article](#))

Right:
Kappa Chi
collegians and
Youngstown
Area Alumnae
tailgating at
YSU's 2004
Homecoming.



Youngstown

Contact: Angela Barwick - chloefreak@aol.com

Last year DZ and biological sisters Madonna and Angela Barwick stepped up to reclaim a then dwindling Youngstown Alumnae chapter. Numbers and participation had been declining because of a lack of collegians staying in sorority until their senior year at the closest chapter, Kappa Chi, as well as declining interest from core alumnae members who are now delving into the wonders of motherhood, leaving little time for alumnae activities.

The chapter has since gained executive support and tons of new and continued membership. They are now releasing newsletters quarterly to bi-monthly to announce collegiate activities that they want to support as well as their own alumnae activities.

The group wanted to continue connecting with the collegians this semester, so they sponsored a tailgating tent for Youngstown State University's Homecoming. After the collegians participated in the traditional Homecoming parade, they mingled with their alumnae counterparts. Angela comments though, "Unfortunately, we realized why the Penguins' field is appropriately nicknamed the "Ice Castle" as we shivered near the charcoal grill."

Don't see your Alumnae Chapter listed here? We didn't receive your report! Don't miss the next newsletter – submit your report to Public Relations Chairman Denise Brenner at dmsabo@hotmail.com, or submit online via the Great Lakes Website at www.dzgreatlakes.com. Submission deadlines - Spring Edition: April 1 and Fall Edition: November 1 of each year.

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Alpha - Miami University

Alpha Chapter recently raised \$12,000 to benefit a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity who was recently diagnosed with cancer. The chapter organized a 5k road race in two weeks and it was a huge success! Alpha Chapter will host Region V Day in April.

Alpha Rho - Ohio Wesleyan University

Alpha Rho held our annual Jell-O Tug of War Philanthropy event on September 26. We raised about \$1000 for the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center and Gallaudet University. Campus and community groups entered tugging teams, and many local area businesses bought advertisements, made monetary donations, or donated prizes for the winners.

Our chapter has hosted two formal recruitment parties—a Tiki Party and a Coffeehouse Party—as well as a COB Tailgate Party. There are two more formal recruitment parties planned for this semester. We are all working hard to prepare for Formal Recruitment, which is coming up in January.

We hosted a brunch on campus during Homecoming Weekend for parents and alumni and held an event at Panera Bread with alumni in November.

A Greek Scholarship Dessert was held in September for all OWU fraternity and sorority chapters, and Alpha Rho was recognized for having the highest cumulative GPA among all the sororities.

Gamma Kappa - Kent State University

The women of the Gamma Kappa chapter at Kent State are proud to say that they've reached total! This year's formal recruitment was quite a success — 22 wonderful women were pledged into the chapter. Informal recruitment added seven more Gamma Kappas, bringing the new member class to 29.

The women celebrated their newfound sisterhood during Big/Little Week, which began November 1. The sisters are also looking forward to their first annual Killarney Rose Ball on November 20 at Waters Restaurant, Banquet and Conference Center in Stow, Ohio. Under the leadership of Lauren Delagrange, the chapter's social internal chair, the women selected their first Killarney Rose Court.

In addition to achieving total, the women of Gamma Kappa are excited about their most recent accomplishments. At last spring's State Day, Gamma Kappa won a Programming Excellence Award and Best T-shirt Award. V.P. of New Member Education Maggie Marx won the Golden Heart Award and President Kelly Petersen received the Golden Crest.

Delta Zetas have also won several awards on the Kent State Campus, including Most Improved Sorority and Most Creative Philanthropy. For more information, visit the chapter's Web site at www.deltazetaksu.homestead.com.

Kappa Chi - Youngstown State University

The Kappa Chi chapter at Youngstown State has had a great year so far! We won first place at the annual Greek Sing in the spring. Fall recruitment went very well and 13 new women were signed. An additional 3 were signed during COB. Our annual philanthropy event, Turtle Tug, raised over \$1,000 and UPS is going to match that amount. We have also welcomed a new CCD, Julie Miller, as well as a new campus advisor, Angela Barwick. Kappa Chi's present and future are shining as bright as our diamond!!!

Kappa Iota - Wright State University

Kappa Iota has a lot of things to brag about this quarter. Not only did we take 16 new ladies at Fall Formal Recruitment but we are now at an enormous number of 51 members. One of our members, Audra Beckett, was recently named the Horizon League's Student Athlete of the Month. She was recognized for her tennis achievements along with her on campus extra curricular activities which include not only Delta Zeta, but also Athletes in Action, WSU Law Clubs, Alpha Lambda Delta and National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Some of the philanthropy projects that we participated in so far this year were the American Heart Association Walk and Zeta Tau Alpha's Bowling for Breast Cancer. Another one of our philanthropy projects was helping collect bikes for Make a Difference Day in Cincinnati. Delta Zeta was mentioned in the article that was featured in the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Upcoming for our chapter is our third annual Mr. WSU. This is a male scholarship competition that we organize to raise money for the Delta Zeta Foundation. The prizes that are awarded range from gift certificates to scholarships. The men are each sponsored by a student organization on campus. Another event we are excited about is our Parent Pot Luck. One of our members, Abbie Cournelius, decided that our parents needed to learn more about what we do in our sorority and volunteered to organize a pot luck dinner to showcase our projects and events.

Omicron Gamma - Ohio University

The Omicron Gamma chapter completed a very successful recruitment on October 3rd with 33 new members. The new members recently had their new member retreat where they played various acquainting games with the active members. The women were paired with the men of Delta Tau Delta for Homecoming 2004. Two women were elected as members of the Women's Panhellenic Association (WPA). Christy Barksdale was elected Executive VP and Bryn Beers was elected VP of Programming. A formal banquet will be held on November 9, 2004 to signify the beginning of their term on WPA. The chapter has held many sisterhood events this quarter including a BBQ and a Fondue sisterhood. The women of Omicron Gamma are installed a new Executive Board in November.

Right: Omicron Nu (University of Windsor) members and alumnae at the annual ON Alumnae BBQ.



Omicron Nu - University of Windsor

This fall semester the ladies of Omicron Nu had a quota of 7, they pinned 9 New Members bringing their Total Active Membership up to 32! The women of ON are very excited as this is the first time that the chapter has had this many sisters since its installation in 1992. They would like to thank all of the Alumnae for their continued support of the Omicron Nu Chapter and the sisterhood of Delta Zeta.

Theta - The Ohio State University

Theta Chapter at The Ohio State University has been very busy this autumn quarter. The most exciting news is that we have five fantastic new members from Fall Recruitment. We gathered for parent's weekend at the Buckeye hall of Fame Café, where held an auction to raise money for the chapter and watched the Buckeyes play. During Homecoming weekend we were able to participate in many Greek and non-Greek activities. We also held our Fall Philanthropy event – a dodgeball tournament – in November.



Left: The women of Theta Psi (Ashland University) at Preference Set.

Theta Psi - Ashland University

The ladies of the Theta Psi Chapter of Delta Zeta at Ashland University were ecstatic to kick off another school year. The first weekend back, we raised \$200 for our local philanthropy, Dale Roy. We look forward to spending quality time with the students and for the Halloween season we designed a haunted house in the school gym. We continued our fundraising by working a weekend at Wyandot Lake. We will be continuing our annual run as Scream Team members at Geauga Lake. We co-hosted a dance with the gentleman of Tau Kappa Epsilon to benefit the Dan Ryman Fund. We were able to raise \$380, which will enable us to help save a young mans life. We are busy preparing our 21 new members for initiation into our sisterhood, and elections are fast approaching for the new year.

Xi Eta - Northwood University

Northwood University's Xi Eta chapter of Delta Zeta has had many activities that have gone on since the start of school in September. Our chapter has gone through an exciting recruitment weekend, which the chapter as a whole put through a ton of effort and had a blast while doing it. By the time the weekend was over, we were able to pick five fabulous new members for our fall new member class. The chapter is extremely thrilled about these new members and we look forward to them becoming apart of Delta Zeta. We also have been planning on having another new member class, which should happen sometime in the winter.

The month of October was Breast Cancer Awareness month and our chapter wanted to make sure that our campus was aware of the signs of and taking precautions against breast cancer. Our Philanthropy chair gave every chapter member a Breast Cancer Awareness bracelet and pin in the hopes of raising campus awareness. We also set up a booth on campus to collect donations. We were able to raise over \$200 for the Midland Cancer Society, in addition to answering questions about Breast Cancer.

We were thrilled that we were picked to host Region VI Day on November 6. After all of our hard work and planning, it was exciting to see all the chapters from Region VI once again, talk about events that have happened in the past year, and to show the chapters our campus.

Zeta Kappa - Ohio Northern University

Zeta Kappa Chapter finished with an awesome recruitment this year. We currently have 27 new girls, and we are very excited to begin showing them what Delta Zeta truly means to us. The girls that we have are amazing women and we see great things coming from them.

Every year we host a Halloween party with Sigma Pi Fraternity, and this year's event was a major success. It's a great way for us to get to know their new "brothers-to-be" and they get to meet our new girls. We are very excited about our upcoming year with many social events and community service projects, and we believe that this year will be one of the best for us at Ohio Northern.

Other Collegiate Chapters in the Great Lakes Area

Michigan

Epsilon Sigma - Wayne State University
Gamma Pi - Western Michigan University
Gamma Psi - Central Michigan University
Gamma Sigma - Eastern Michigan University
Lambda Theta - Michigan Tech University
Xi Psi - Grand Valley State University
Zeta Nu - Ferris State University

Ohio

Gamma Alpha - Baldwin Wallace College

Chapter Association Reports

Alpha Rho Chapter Association – Ohio Wesleyan University

The Alpha Rho Chapter Association met in October during Homecoming weekend 2004 to discuss how alumnae can be of assistance to the chapter. Many alumnae will be assisting with Recruitment in January, and others are participating in the Alpha Rho mentoring program for graduating Seniors.

In January, members will be gathering for the annual Progressive dinner. More information can be obtained by visiting the AP Chapter Association website at www.geocities.com/owudzalumni or by e-mailing owudzalumni@yahoo.com.

Alpha Eta Chapter Association - University of Michigan

The Alpha Eta Chapter Association held their annual tailgating events throughout the fall football season. The group also recently made a trip to the Fisher Theater in Detroit to see fellow Alpha Eta member Andrea Markowicz in action in *Camelot*. After the play, they hooked up with Andrea for a backstage tour, and then headed out to dinner at the Traffic Jam.

The group also continued with the "5Q's" in their newsletter, which provides a quick and easy way to keep informed about what Alpha Eta sisters are up to. Members are asked to answer 5 questions relating to: 1) Family 2) Home 3) Job 4) Hobbies and 5) Favorite Color. Answers are provided in the online Alpha Eta newsletter.

Visit the Alpha Eta website at <http://www.dzalphaeta.org/> for more information.

Other Chapter Association in the Great Lakes Area

Michigan

Epsilon Phi - University of Detroit-Mercy

Don't see your Collegiate Chapter or Chapter Association listed here? We didn't receive your report! Don't miss the next newsletter – submit your report to Public Relations Chairman Denise Brenner at dmsabo@hotmail.com, or submit online via the Great Lakes Website at www.dzgreatlakes.com. Submission deadlines - Spring Edition: April 1 and Fall Edition: November 1 of each year.

Great Lakes Calendar

April 1, 2005 - Deadline for submissions for the
Spring *Great Lakes Gazette*

April 3, 2005 - Ohio State Day
Miami University, Oxford, OH

October 24, 2005 - Happy Founder's Day!

November 1, 2005 - Deadline for submissions for the
Fall *Great Lakes Gazette*

November, 2005 - Michigan State Day
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

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From Homecoming to Alumni Weekend...

In July, we added the Homecoming section to the Great Lakes Website. Now that we are approaching Alumni Weekend on many campuses, the section will shift to listing Alumni Weekend dates. Visit the website at www.dzgreatlakes.com and click on the Alumni Weekend link on the homepage to find out when your campus is celebrating with its alumni! You'll need to check directly with your local collegiate chapters for Delta Zeta specific events. *Note: If you have information to add to this section, please send it to Denise Brenner, Public Relations Chairman, at dmsabo@hotmail.com.*

Thank you to Tracy Bank for use of many of the graphics in this newsletter.

Foundation Focus



Matching Gifts

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Did you know that there is a way that you can make a larger contribution to the Delta Zeta Foundation with no additional cost to you?

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Gifts may be other than cash. Many matching gift companies also match the cash value of securities. If your company requires that a special form be completed, simply send the form to the Foundation Office when you send your gift. We'll complete the form to assure that your gift is matched.

We have a complete list of several hundred companies that match employee gifts. Contact the Delta Zeta Foundation office at 513-523-7597, or via e-mail at dzs@dzshq.com, to obtain a list or more information about gift matching.

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