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Founders' Day Edition

Epsilon Sigma Chapter Celebrates 50 Golden Years...

"In 1902, six young women were among the first to be enrolled at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President of Miami University, recognized leadership qualities in these

young ladies and encouraged them to consider, and indeed, start a sorority...

"In 1956, women here at Wayne State University were recognized with these same leadership qualities. With the support and guidance of the University, the Epsilon Sigma chapter emerged as the first of the four sororities here at Wayne State. Now 50 years later, Epsilon Sigma members continue to strive for perfection in all areas of their lives while remaining a benefit to the community and an honor to their alma mater."

This is an excerpt from the 50th anniversary and Founder's Day Celebration put on by the women of the Epsilon Sigma chapter at Wayne State University. We joined with active members from Eastern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, and the University of Windsor, along with alumnae, friends and family to celebrate this momentous occasion. The President of Wayne State, Irvin D. Reid, served as our keynote speaker, and our historian-chaplain, Lindsey Howard led Epsilon Sigma alumnae in our Founder's Day ceremony.

...While Gamma Alpha Marks her Pearl Anniversary of 65 Years!

On October 29th, Gamma Alpha Chapter (Baldwin Wallace College) and the Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter celebrated a very special Founders' Day - one that honored both the 104th anniversary of the founding of Delta Zeta sorority, and the 65th anniversary of the founding of Gamma Alpha Chapter.

We were privileged to have two of the chapter's founding members, Doris Oestrich Berkey and Julie Kishel Foster, as our featured speakers. Doris and Julie did a wonderful job of explaining how Delta Zeta came to be on the Baldwin Wallace campus.

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2006 Region Day Wrap-up Inside!

Right: Your Great Lakes Area Team poses at Region Day 2006 - From left, Tiffany Warriner, Denise Brenner, Mella Davies, Glenna Paukstis, and Sandra Alspach. Region Day was the first time that the entire team was able to gather at a Great Lakes Area event!



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Delta Zeta Forever...

Region Day 2006 - Ferris State University

The snowy weather couldn't dampen the spirits of Region VI collegians and alumnae on November 11, 2006 when Delta Zetas gathered for Region Day 2006 at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan.

The day began with a welcome from RCC Andrea Henderson and AAD Mella Davies. Andrea introduced FSU President David Eisler, who wished us an exciting and productive day. All nine Region VI Presidents then gave us a "State of the Chapter" report on their respective chapters. See page 3 for a short summary of all State of the Chapter reports.

Andrea then welcomed Kathi Bray Heatherly, Delta Zeta's National Vice President of College Chapter Operations, as the day's featured speaker. Kathi talked a little bit about what keeps her going and involved with Delta Zeta. "What you give is what you get, and I'm giving back to Delta Zeta because of all that I have received as a Delta Zeta." She also reminded us to "be passionate about Delta Zeta", because "how strong you are on your campus determines how strong we are nationally. And somewhere out there, right now, is our future National President."



Above: Great Lakes Area alumnae in attendance at the 2006 Region Day pose with National Vice President of College Chapter Operations, Kathi Heatherly (far right).



Above: RCC Andrea Henderson shows off her new little legacy, Delaney, to Omicron Nu CCD-in-training Angela Bernyk.

After lunch, Mella honored Glenna VanderMeer Paukstis, Beta Pi, and Rose Meisner Reaume, Epsilon Omega with their Golden Roses for 50 years of Delta Zeta membership. There were actually three Golden Roses gathered on stage, as Mella was recognized for her 50 years of membership at the 2006 National Convention.

Glenna then spoke a little about the Evelyn Adams Costello Award, a scholarship that serves to support dues for active members in Michigan chapters. Unfortunately no eligible applications were received this year, so the EAC scholarship will not be awarded in 2006.

The Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter led us in a Founders' Day ceremony before we dispersed for break-out sessions led by alumnae Karen Miron, Kait Mosbauer, Sandy Alspach, Lauren Campbell, and Kristen Trudeau. Mother-Daughter duo Karen and Kait hosted the Senior and alumnae workshops, while Sandy handled Academic

Achievement, Lauren spoke about "A Lifetime of Delta Zeta", and Kristen led a presentation titled "My Space, Your Space".

After some ever popular door prizes and an afternoon snack, a number of collegians and alumnae recognized our soon-to-be alumnae with a Senior Ceremony. All seniors in attendance received a pink rose made of Hershey kisses, handmade by Mella Davies.

The highlight of the day was the awards portion of the program. Judy Christian was announced as the recipient of the Pamela McClure Cronenwett award, and Karen Miron was present on her own campus to receive the 2006 Outstanding Alumna Award. See the next page for more information on this year's winners, and the Great Lakes website for a list of collegiate award winners.



Left: AAD Mella Davies honors Glenna VanderMeer Paukstis (center) and Rose Meisner Reaume (right) with their Golden Roses.

Below: Mella distributes her handmade Hershey Kiss roses to Region VI's soon-to-be alumnae after the Senior Ceremony.

The day concluded with the drawing for the Chinese auction winners and the announcement that the 2007 Region Day will be hosted by Omicron Nu Chapter at the University of Windsor. We look forward to visiting the campus of our chapter from Canada next November!



Alumnae Awards

Region Day, November 11, 2006

2006 Pamela McClure Cronenwett Loyalty Award Winner

The Pamela McClure Cronenwett Loyalty Award is presented to an alumna member of Delta Zeta in Region VI who has made a significant contribution to her sorority through her loyalty, interest, and devotion.



Judy Christian (Beta Rho, Michigan State) of the Metro Detroit Alumnae Chapter was chosen as the 2006 Pamela McClure Cronenwett Loyalty Award Winner. Judy is pictured at left holding her Guy Potter Benton Society gift at the 2006 National Convention in Phoenix. Information about Judy and her involvement with Delta Zeta can be found below.

Judy Dallaire Christian was initiated into Beta Rho chapter at Michigan State in 1964. She remained active after college by serving as CCD for Beta Rho and Epsilon Sigma (Wayne State University). Later she switched to the alumnae side of Delta Zeta membership and worked with the Michigan Alumnae chapters as the Province Alumnae Director (PAD), which is similar to today's Area Alumnae Director (AAD) position. When the Province/Region structure change, called REACH, was ratified at the 1996 National Convention, Judy became one of the country's ten Area Alumnae Directors. Later she assisted the Great Lakes Team as the Development Chairman.

Judy has been an active member of the Metropolitan Detroit Alumnae Chapter for many years, and has held several elected offices and committee chair positions, including the Flame Fantasy chair position. She currently serves as the Lamplighter newsletter editor for the chapter, a role she has held for some time. In Region VI, Judy serves as chair of the Evelyn Adams Costello Scholarship Committee, and on the National level, she is a strong supporter of the Delta Zeta Foundation.

Loyalty, abiding interest, and devotion to Delta Zeta; Judy Christian has it all.

Congratulations Judy!

The 2006 Region VI Outstanding Alumna, Karen Miron, was nominated by her collegiate chapter. She was President of her college chapter and joined her local alumnae chapter. Serving in many positions, she eventually became the president of the alumnae chapter, a position in which she now serves.

She has attended several National Conventions, serving last June as the delegate for the Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter. She was the Development Chairman for the Great Lakes Area before being recruited to serve as the National Alumnae Philanthropy Chairman.

A pharmacy major at Ferris, she is employed as a pharmacist and helps citizens understand the complicated issues of choosing the right health plan for their needs. She has two grown children.

Zeta Nu, Grand Rapids Alumnae and her daughter can call her a Sister, but her grandson calls her Grandma, and she's fine with that.

"Mrs. Karen Miron is an inspiration to all of us Delta Zetas at Ferris State University. She has dedicated so much time and help and we can never thank her enough. She is annually involved in Initiation, Alumnae Tea, and any other rituals or ceremonies that we have. Karen truly defines what an Outstanding Alumna should be, and lives it through her daily life. We are very proud to say she is a Sister." **Congratulations Karen!**



State of the Chapter

Region Day, November 11, 2006

Region Day 2006 kicked off with all nine collegiate Presidents reporting on the "State of the Chapter" for her respective group Below is just a short list of the many accomplishments of our collegiate chapters in Region VI over the past year!

Gamma Sigma - Raised \$2800 through Relay for Life; Greek Week winners last semester; Moved into a new home in September; Raised \$4000 over the summer and donated a portion to the Delta Zeta Foundation

Gamma Psi - Second place in Greek Week; participated in a Cedar Point fundraiser; hosted an alumnae breakfast during Homecoming Weekend

Omicron Nu - Supported the women's shelter Hiatus House; Participated in the Walk for MS; Celebrating her 50th anniversary on March 24, 2007

Gamma Pi - Received 5 stars in Order of Omega Standards of Excellence; Raised \$6000 in their Haunted Forest with Chi Omega

Epsilon Sigma - Raised \$1000 in the Relay for Life and received the trophy for raising the most money; Hosted their first annual Putt-putt for Philanthropy

Xi Eta - Tied for first place in Greek Week; Hosted "Hoops for Hearing" in May; Participated in "Rake a Difference" in November

Lambda Theta - Has the 2nd highest GPA on campus; Placed first in both the statue and special events portions of Winter Carnival

Xi Psi - Received the Chapter Excellence Award; Is above the All-Women's average on campus

Zeta Nu - Hosted "The Perfect Party" to display how to abide by IFC, Panhellenic, and campus rules; Received 4-star status on campus; Has had the highest sorority GPA for the last 6 semesters

2006 Outstanding Alumna Award

This is an annual award presented to an alumna in Region VI. One who never hesitates to volunteer to help with or to organize a project. One who clearly lives the Delta Zeta creed, giving graciously, not for recognition, but in response to a desire to give back to her sorority.

Mella's Musings

Great Lakes AAD Report from Mella Davies

Region VI Day 2006 is tucked away in my memory box. We shared a wonderful day of sisterhood with 180 Delta Zeta sisters.

Kathi Bray Heatherly, National Vice President of College Chapter Operations, shared her Delta Zeta experiences, speaking to an attentive audience for nearly an hour without notes! She encouraged collegians to be involved, both in the sorority and on campus and to strive for excellence, whether helping sisters with a chapter event or chairing a campus committee. She reminded us that Delta Zeta offers many opportunities and that we want them to give back to DZ after they graduate in order that future women may also benefit.

Karen Miron, selected as the 2006 Region VI Outstanding Alumna, remarked that collegians obviously felt Region Day was worthwhile. Forty-two seniors attended the Senior Workshop led by Karen and her daughter, Kait Mosbauer.

Judy Christian was recognized for the many ways she has given back to Delta Zeta. She was named the 2006 recipient of the Pam Cronenwett Loyalty Award for service to Delta Zeta.

Glenna Paukstis and Rose Reaume received their Golden Rose certificates, a testament to the lifelong bond in Delta Zeta.

Zeta Nu chapter at Ferris State, CCD Leah Nixon and RCC Andrea Henderson planned an informative and enjoyable day for all.

Omicron Nu at the University of Windsor is busy planning Region Day 2007. We're looking forward to Canadian hospitality.



Greetings from Glenna

Great Lakes Membership Report from Glenna Paukstis

The Area Alumnae Team hopes that your Alumnae Chapter is off to a good start and that you have some new faces in your group this fall. It's always such fun to meet again after a busy summer and to greet new "sisters" to share our friendship and work.

Besides welcoming our recent graduates and encouraging our existing groups, we have a goal to establish Alumnae Chapters in areas where we have Collegiate Chapters but no alumnae to work with them. We all remember how much our local alumnae helped our chapters when we were in school. If you have friends in such areas please encourage them to contact us. They won't be alone. We are there to support them. Many of these geographic areas have many alumnae, but they are not active, nor organized.

Did you know that you can belong to two groups? An Alumnae Chapter is a group of Delta Zeta alumnae from collegiate chapters all over the U.S.A. and Canada but who now live in the same geographical area. A Chapter Association is a group of collegians and alumnae from one particular collegiate chapter. They are a "group" no matter where in the world they live.

We plan on developing more Chapter Associations. Hopefully we will have them for our closed collegiate chapters also.

Details will follow for this exciting time. We're all busy ladies, but we ARE Delta Zetas and have our commitment to a lifetime of sisterhood.



Snippets from Sandy

Great Lakes Development Report from Sandra Alspach



The only news I have to share is that Lindsey Bonner (ZN) has agreed to serve as the Michigan Development Chair. Lindsey is living in Grand Rapids and plans to attend graduate school next fall. We are still learning what our new responsibilities in Development are, but our primary focus is on nurturing alumnae and alumnae chapters to develop lifelong involvement with Delta Zeta.

New Faces...

...In the Great Lakes Area

Welcome to the following alumnae who are serving the Great Lakes Area through collegiate or alumna involvement!



Jessica Belvins
Public Relations State
Chair - Ohio
Chapter: Delta '00
Columbus Alumnae
Vice-President; Theta
Advisor; Former Ohio
Membership Chair



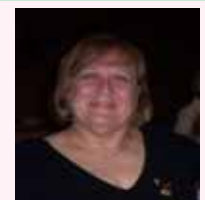
Lindsey Bonner
Development State
Chair - Michigan
Chapter: Zeta Nu '02
Grand Rapids Alumnae
Chapter; Hoping to
establish a formal ZN
Chapter Association



Rachel Czech
Gamma Sigma CCD
Chapter: Gamma
Sigma '02



Stefanie Dombrowski
Gamma Psi CCD
Chapter: Xi Psi '02
Graduated in April '05
with a BA in Communi-
cation; served as
philanthropy chair and
guard for Xi Psi



Judi Jacobs
Theta CCD
Chapter: Kappa Psi '76
Columbus Alumnae
Chapter; Theta Financial
Advisor for the past 12
years; 2000 Achoth
Award Winner

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Collegiate Chapters

Alpha Chapter - Miami University

At the 2006 National Convention, Alpha Chapter received the Superior Membership Award for reaching quota for 43 consecutive years. Also over the summer we visited St. Rita's School for the Deaf in Cincinnati, to deliver our philanthropic contribution in the sum of approximately \$14,000.

Alpha Rho Chapter - Ohio Wesleyan University

Alpha Rho chapter is currently ranked #1 academically over all sororities and fraternities on campus. We had a very successful Jello Tug-O-War in October and raised over \$1000 for the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center.

Epsilon Sigma Chapter - Wayne State University

Epsilon Sigma chapter participated in WSU's first annual President's Cup competition for student organizations, taking first place in the window painting competition and third place in the food drive competition. Our new philanthropy event, a putt-putt competition at the Putting Edge in Novi, was held November 19.

Gamma Alpha Chapter - Baldwin Wallace College

During Homecoming week Gamma Alpha Chapter won the Breezer's Cup, awarded to the week's most spirited organization, for the fifth year in a row. In addition, one of our new members was crowned Homecoming Princess. Our Crush Gram philanthropy event brought in over \$100, and sisters were informed of the dangers of drunk driving by our Alcohol Awareness Week speaker.



Above: Gamma Alpha Chapter was chosen "most spirited" during Homecoming 2006.

Gamma Tau Chapter - Bowling Green State University

Gamma Tau chapter held a scholarship dinner, recognizing sisters displaying high academic achievement with roses, certificates, and gift cards. Sisters with a 3.5 or better GPA were honored with a pearl dangle for their badge. We won the Most Spirited Award in the recent Chi Omega Volleyball tournament, and Jenn Casteel and Lynn Koerner were inducted into Order of Omega.

Kappa Chi Chapter - Youngstown State University

Kappa Chi participated in "Penguins in Paradise" Homecoming festivities by partnering with music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha to build a float, and we were thrilled to see sister Sarah Gavalier crowned 2006 Homecoming Queen. Two sisters were elected onto YSU's Panhellenic Council, junior Katie Fraley (programming) and sophomore Dalene Scott (Secretary/Treasurer).

Kappa Iota Chapter - Wright State University

Kappa Iota had a wonderful Founders' Day celebration with alumnae, having members stand and then gradually sit down based on their years of Delta Zeta membership. We honored those members who had been initiated the longest with roses. We have been



Above: Kappa Iota members with CCD Becky Holmes.

active in philanthropic and community events, collecting new and slightly used clothes to send to a village in Iraq, and putting together care packages for children in needy countries through Operation Christmas Child. We are also ranked #1 on campus in academics!

Lambda Theta Chapter - Michigan Technological University

In October, Lambda Theta chapter participated in a Greek Summit to encourage development and growth of the Greek community at MTU. The summit addressed Greek concerns and issues and encouraged local community service. Four Lambda Theta women were invited to a Scholars' Night Dinner for students who had a 3.5+ semester GPA for the Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 semesters, and Marta Loman and Rachel Sherzer were tapped for charter membership in Order of Omega. We are in the planning stages for Winter Carnival 2007, to be held the second weekend in February.

Omicron Gamma Chapter - Ohio University

Omicron Gamma reached quota in fall recruitment for the first time in six years, taking 28 new women. The chapter has been working very hard academically and has improved our overall chapter GPA.

Theta Chapter - The Ohio State University

Theta Chapter recently had a number of wonderful renovations to our house, including the entire first floor. The chapter members were surprised and shocked to step into the beautiful changes when moving in this fall. The ladies of Theta Chapter want to extend a big thank you to all the alumnae that worked so hard this summer to make the house so beautiful.

Zeta Kappa Chapter - Ohio Northern University

Zeta Kappa chapter celebrated Founders' Day with a ceremony honoring our six founders, while three members attended a luncheon in Columbus with the Columbus and Delaware Area Alumnae Chapters, as well as Alpha Rho and Theta Chapters.



Above: From left, Katalyn Yenne, Katie Wiederhold and Jordan Bliss share a Founders' Day moment with Sandy Bailey.

After the luncheon, featured guest Sandra Bailey spoke to the women in attendance, and two sisters were honored with their Golden Roses, setting a wonderful example for the actives in attendance. 🌿

Recruitment News

From Region V RCC, Pam Asher

All of our Ohio chapters have done a GREAT job with recruitment so far this academic year, with 6 of our 11 chapters being at or above total! **Gamma Alpha** took quota of 16 during formal recruitment and 5 more through COB to put them at total of 60 - **Gamma Kappa** took 15 during formal recruitment and pledged an additional 11 through COB to put them at total of 90 - **Gamma Tau** took quota of 12 during formal recruitment - **Kappa Chi** took quota of 6 during formal recruitment - **Kappa Iota** took quota of 13 which put them at 46 members, one above campus total of 45 - **Omicron Gamma** took quota of 22, the first time in 6 years that the chapter has taken quota during formal recruitment - **Theta Psi** took quota of 17 during formal recruitment which put them at an all-time high of 72 members, well above campus total of 55 - **Zeta Kappa** took quota of 31 during formal recruitment, putting them at 87 members, well above campus total of 77

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Alumnae Chapters

Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Polly Sems - polsems@aol.com

The Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter kicked off our year with a potluck supper, always a popular event. For Founders' Day, we enjoyed watching a skit written by one of our members, portraying our six Founders as women in their 40's eighty years ago in 1926. Our November meeting was an appraisal of antique and collectible items brought in by members. Our expert guest was a local Professor of Criminology who also works part-time in an area antique shop. We loved hearing about each piece and discovered at least one of us has a real treasure from the past. We'll alleviate the January blahs with a dinner out.

Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter

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Columbus Alumnae Chapter

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The Columbus Alumnae celebrated Founders' Day with the Delaware Area Alumnae and the Theta, Alpha Rho, and Zeta Kappa chapters at the Clintonville Women's Club in Columbus. Sandy Bailey, Foundation VP, joined us as our guest speaker and gave us a great update on the Foundation and more. In November, we gathered at Heather Weidenhamer's home for a Pampered Chef fundraising party, in which all the proceeds come back to our group's operating budget. We were able to make over \$85 for our group through this simple and yummy event.



Left: The Dayton Alumnae gathered for a photo while participating in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk. The "DZ Pink Turtles" raised over \$3000 for breast cancer awareness.

Dayton Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Amy Uhler - amylouwho@ameritech.net

In early October, the Dayton Alumnae assisted Kappa Iota Chapter in recruitment through our "Spirit Squad". The Spirit Squad showed support by placing DZ spirit signs on the collegians' cars during recruitment weekend, or donating time or various items to assist the chapter. Our chapter was also proud to establish and sponsor the "Spirit of Sisterhood Recruitment Awards", presented during Founders' Day. Three awards, one for each day of recruitment, were presented to Kappa Iota sisters who exemplified sisterhood and service at its best on a given day. The lucky recipients received a gift certificate to DZ DeZigns. On October 22nd, the Dayton Alumnae participated in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk. The DZ PINK TURTLES exceeded our goal of \$2,500 to raise over \$3,000! Awards were presented to the top three fundraisers at Founders' Day. On October 23rd, Dayton Alumnae and Kappa Iota collegians gathered for a Founders' Day celebration and

ceremony incorporating both alumnae and collegiate sisters. We displayed an alumnae nostalgia/memorabilia table that was very popular amongst both collegians and alumnae, and honored the past and current Alumnae Chapter Presidents, the current Kappa Iota President, CCD Becky Holmes, and the sister with the most years of DZ membership.

Delaware Area Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Anne Pistone - anne.pistone@gmail.com

The Delaware Area Alumnae will be gathering at Jackie Lee's home for a holiday fondue potluck and cookie exchange in December. In the new year we will gather for dinner at a local restaurant, a game night, and scrapbooking, and will be visiting the new Zeta Kappa chapter house in Ada. Melissa Corcoran has been doing a wonderful job coordinating philanthropic involvement with the local Delaware Speech and Hearing Center.

Golden Horseshoe Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Debbie Nazir - dnazir@cogeco.ca

The Golden Horseshoe Alumnae Chapter will have its annual holiday party on Sunday, December 10, at Cathy Watson's house. We're all looking forward to seeing each other again!

Right: Kent alumnae gather for a photo in the Gamma Kappa kitchen, where they assisted in formal recruitment.



Kent Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Kelly Gombert - kgombert@mail2kelly.com

The Kent Alumnae Chapter assisted in the formal fall recruitment at Kent State University by washing dishes and assembling hors d'oeuvres plates for the parties. After the last recruitment party late on Friday night, the alumnae provided a much appreciated pasta dinner for the collegiate women. In October, the Alumnae Chapter joined with new and active members of Gamma Kappa for a Founders' Day ceremony held at the student center at KSU. Alumnae president Kelly Gombert extended Founders' Day greetings and talked about recent alumnae accomplishments. After the gathering, we shared cake and alumnae donated desserts at the Gamma Kappa house. A sisterhood event was held in November at the Winery at Wolf Creek. Alumnae gathered to catch up with each other and enjoy some wine and snacks.

Youngstown Area Alumnae Chapter

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In October, Youngstown Area Alumnae joined collegiate members of Kappa Chi chapter for our annual Founders' Day dinner. This year we added a memorial service to honor Kappa Chi alumnae and other loved ones who are no longer with us. It was a classy affair, complete with guest book, programs, nametags, and favors to accompany the buffet dinner. Our Book Club continues to meet the third Thursday of every month at Barnes and Noble in Boardman at 7 p.m. November's selection is *The Five Lessons I Learned From A Millionaire About Life And Wealth* by Richard Paul Evans. On December 12, we will host the annual Alumnae Holiday Dinner, complete with an ornament and cookie exchange. 🍪

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Chapter Associations

Omicron Nu Alumnae Association

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We are pleased to congratulate Tiffany Warriner, ON '99 for being appointed Canadian State Chairwoman for the Great Lakes Alumnae Area! The Omicron Nu Chapter Association has elected to have Co-Chairs for the coming year - Warriner and Elizabeth Barrow ON '01. During Omicron Nu's Initiation weekend (November 24-26), the Chapter Association held their monthly dinner and annual general meeting, in hopes that many alumnae would be able to attend all three events. This year marks the 15th anniversary of Canadian Delta Zeta sisterhood and the founding of Omicron Nu at the University of Windsor, and a committee of both collegiate and alumnae members has been established to plan an anniversary formal to celebrate the history and continued success of the chapter.

Omicron Gamma Alumnae Association

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The Omicron Gamma Chapter Association has had a busy year with the formation an online alumnae group. We are currently searching for any alumnae that would like to be involved and stay connected with sisters around the country. In October, Omicron Gamma alumnae had a reunion during Homecoming Weekend, and we are currently planning a holiday gathering in Cincinnati in December. We hope 2007 holds many great things for the women of Omicron Gamma and we look forward to closer relations with our undergraduate members and nearby communities. For more information on reconnecting with chapter members, please contact Amy Poitinger at aepproduction@yahoo.com. 🌱

Note: If your Collegiate/Alumnae Chapter or Chapter Association is not listed here, we did not receive a report from you. Please see the calendar below for upcoming deadlines, and be sure you are represented in the next newsletter by submitting your report in a timely fashion!

Great Lakes Calendar

February 10, 2007 - Deadline for submissions for Issue #2 of *The LAMP*

April 2, 2007 - Deadline for submissions for the Spring *Great Lakes Gazette*

April 21, 2007 - State Day (Ohio)
Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

Summer, 2007 - Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference
TBA

September 10, 2007 - Deadline for submissions for the Issue #3 of *The LAMP*

October 24, 2007 - Happy Founders' Day!

November 10, 2007 - Deadline for submissions for the Fall *Great Lakes Gazette* and Issue #1 of *The LAMP*

November, 2007 - Region VI Day
University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Gamma Alpha Pearl Anniversary

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In 1935, sixteen women formed a group called AFO & OFA (All for One, One for All), which became Phi Lambda Chi local sorority in the summer of 1936. In the fall of that same year, the chapter took in 37 pledges and the members were on their way to becoming leaders on campus. In 1941, the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Zeta invited the women of Phi Lambda Chi to a tea, to see if the collegians would be a good fit as members of Delta Zeta. Lucile Crowell Cooks, mother of Mella Cooks Davies, was a National Officer at the time and quite instrumental in the foundation of Gamma Alpha Chapter. Finally on December 12, 1941, one week after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Phi Lambda Chi became Gamma Alpha Chapter of Delta Zeta.

Doris and Julie also talked about what it was like to be a collegian in 1941. As freshmen, they were allowed one date per week from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday. Women had to sign out and sign in, and were allowed to go to the library or walk to the Greeks on the triangle in downtown Berea for a nickel cherry coke and music on the nickelodeon. There was one telephone on each floor, in the closet shared with an ironing board. No man was allowed past the lounge, so if a Father wanted to carry a heavy suitcase to his daughter's room, the daughter would need to walk ahead of him and call out "MAN ON THE FLOOR".



Above: Order of the Pearl recipients Doris Oestrich Berkey (left) and Julie Kishel Foster (right) gathered for a photo with AAD Mella Cooks Davies (center) at the 65th Anniversary of Gamma Alpha's Founding, which also served as a Founders' Day celebration with the Cleveland Westside-Berea Alumnae Chapter.

We were thankful to have Doris and Julie with us as recipients of the Order of the Pearl, and Jean Eilers Betts and Mella Davies as Golden Rose honorees. In addition, National, Regional, and Area leaders Norma Andrisek, Mella Davies, Pam Asher, Lynnda Hoeffler, and Joan Lowry were able to join us. We also welcomed Baldwin Wallace representatives from the Alumni and Panhellenic offices.

The message that Doris and Julie conveyed to us, and especially to our younger sisters, their Mothers and our guests, is that being a Delta Zeta is not just a college experience, but a lifetime experience. Wherever life may take you after college, you will find other Delta Zeta sisters nearby. No matter what our age or experiences to date, being a Delta Zeta brings us all together as sisters. 🌱

Foundation Focus

News from the Delta Zeta Foundation

National Scholarships for Collegians and Alumnae

For the 2007-2008 academic year, the Delta Zeta Foundation will be awarding more national scholarships than ever before! Through generous bequests by alumnae, several new scholarships will be available for our collegiate and alumnae members.

National scholarship information and applications have been posted on the Delta Zeta website, www.deltazeta.org, under Foundation Focus/Scholarships and are also available on DZLink Resources, <http://deltazeta.talent.com/resources.asp>. Please encourage your chapter members to view the scholarship materials and apply! 🌱



Delta Zeta Foundation Wins Award at North-American IFC's THE Foundations Seminar

The Delta Zeta Foundation received the top honor for its 2005 Annual Report at the North-American Interfraternity Conference's THE Foundations Seminar held in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 25-26, 2006.

For nearly 15 years, the North-American Interfraternity Conference has sponsored an annual program for sorority and fraternity foundation executives, staff, and volunteers. Unique to the Greek world, THE Foundations Seminar is the only such program devoting its entire agenda to sorority and fraternity foundation fund raising.

At the awards of Distinction Banquet, more than 20 awards were given to sorority and fraternity foundations for their work in a variety of venues. The Delta Zeta's Foundation Annual Report for 2005 was recognized for the top honor for "stand-alone" publications in the category of Donor Education/Relations. Ruth Weider Patterson, Delta Zeta Foundation President, accepted the award on behalf of the Foundation. Also representing Delta Zeta were Sonja Nay Wise, Trustee, and Bill Jenkins, Director of Development.

For more information about the Delta Zeta Foundation and to view the 2005 Annual Report, visit www.deltazeta.org and go to Foundation Focus. 🌱

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