

# Great Lakes Gazette

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**Above:** Sandy Alspach, Great Lakes Development Chairman, shows off the Delta Zeta Lamp of "Goals" in Dallas.

## Great Lakes Team Members "LEAP" for Delta Zeta

### Attend First Ever Alumnae Academy in Dallas

In November, three of your Great Lakes Area Team members were fortunate enough to attend the first ever Delta Zeta Alumnae Academy in Dallas, Texas. AAD Mella Davies, Development Chairman Sandy Alspach and Public Relations Chairman Denise Brenner joined Area Teams, RCCs, National Directors and National Council members for a jam-packed weekend of learning, collaboration and most importantly, love for Delta Zeta!

The Academy was not just about learning how to be "better leaders" in our volunteer roles as area chairman. More importantly, we were encouraged to think about why we are serving in our respective positions, how we can serve our sisters most effectively and what even brought us to our positions in Delta Zeta in the first place. The Academy also challenged our beliefs about leaders, what makes an effective leader and what our roles are with respect to these ideas.

Probably one of the most motivating exercises we participated in was an in-depth reading and discussion of the Delta Zeta ritual. Some of us present had never experienced our ritual as an alumna, when the depth of meaning of our vows is able to be seen and understood in a completely different light. We discussed the promises made throughout our ritual ceremonies, and how they can and should be translated to everyday life, not just as a member of Delta Zeta, but as a friend, boss, wife, mother, leader or woman; the Delta Zeta ideals can be translated to every facet of our lives.

Our training team for the weekend introduced us to the LEAP model of "radical leadership". The team shared with us that effective leadership means cultivating LOVE, generating ENERGY, inspiring AUDACITY (the positive type) and most importantly, providing PROOF. As leaders, we must not fear the OSIMs (translated loosely as "Oh Shoot! Moments") that we encounter along the way. It is through following these principles and having the courage to... **continued on page 7**



## 2007 Region Day Wrap-up Inside!

### Theta Initiate Chosen as 2007 Florence Hood Miner Award Winner

Rose Babington (above left), a senior English and Political Science double major at The Ohio State University, was selected as one of the 2007 Florence Hood Miner Award winners. Rose was initiated into Theta Chapter on March 9, 2006, and admits that she didn't anticipate that she would be involved in Greek Life in college.

"Sorority life wasn't initially part of my plans for college, but I decided to experience formal recruitment at Ohio State to meet people and to test out the experience. Upon meeting the women of Delta Zeta, I felt at home immediately - but with a whole new family."

Judi Jacobs, Theta Chapter CCD was thrilled that Rose was chosen as one of the 2007 award winners. "I have tried to pick just one part of the Delta Zeta Creed to describe Rose - she gives graciously of herself in her efforts to promote Ohio State to potential... **continued on page 7**

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# Letters Today. Leaders Tomorrow.

## Region Day 2007 - University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada

They said it would never happen, but on November 3, 2007, Region VI Day came to Windsor, Ontario. Over 175 Delta Zetas, collegiate and alumnae, crossed the border into Canada and were welcomed with open arms by Omicron Nu Chapter at the Roseland Golf and Curling Club.

The day began with welcomes from RCC Andrea Henderson, AAD Mella Davies, and Omicron Nu CCD Ange Berynk. Ange gave us some quick facts about Windsor, remarking upon the overabundance of *Tim Horton's* restaurants and the mild weather (after all, Windsor is actually farther south than most of the entire state of Michigan!).

Keynote speaker John Postons, a marriage and family therapist from Essex County, then took the stage to inform us about the current "healthcare epidemic" - our failure to take good care of OURSELVES. John reminded us to "stay grounded," and showed us how the Delta Zeta creed should be used as a model to keep us focused on the important aspects of life. After all, "it's not easy doing a life" - we need to "nurture the flame within."

After lunch and a wonderful Founders Day ceremony hosted by Omicron Nu Chapter, Judy Christian announced the Evelyn Adams Costello scholarship winners. This year three women were honored - Jennifer Walker of Epsilon Sigma Chapter received a full scholarship, while Michelle Vargas (Epsilon Sigma) and Julie Goral (Lambda Theta) received partial scholarships.



**Above:** Great Lakes Area alumnae in attendance at the 2007 Region Day pose with National Director Diane Stecher, front row, seated third from left.

Next, the Omicron Nu Chapter Association led us in a ceremony to honor the seniors in attendance, and the Metro Detroit Alumnae Chapter presented each senior with a handmade sewing kit nestled in a pink and green fabric box.

Omicron Nu Chapter then paid tribute to Richelle Chumbley, a sister who passed away on October 16. In addition to sharing some heartfelt memories about the sister that left too soon, chapter President Angie Robinet-Tedesco read a poem that Richelle wrote for her new member class right before Initiation. A portion of that poem follows:

*"Sisterhood confirms the reason we're here today, we'll be there for all of you, anytime, anyway."*

Throughout the day, ON women also sold homemade chocolates in honor of Richelle. Proceeds from the chocolates sale will be used to purchase a brick in her memory at the Delta Zeta Headquarters and Museum in Oxford.

After our breakout workshop sessions led by alumnae Kim Brothers, Jacque Schafer and Rachel Czech, we reconvened to the address of the day's featured guest, National Director Diane Stecher. Before informing us of some exciting endeavors that Delta Zeta will be undertaking in 2008, Diane challenged us to "raise the bar" and "commit to Delta Zeta."

The ever popular "State of the Chapter" addresses were up next, providing us the opportunity to learn about the accomplishments of our Region VI chapters over the past year. Visit the Great Lakes website for a wrap-up of the State of the Chapter addresses.

**Right:** Two soon to be Delta Zeta alumnae show off their sewing kits, handmade by the Metro Detroit alumnae.



**Left:** ON CCD Ange Berynk and RCC Andrea Henderson show off their DZ spirit!



As always, the highlight for alumnae came during the awards portion of the program. AAD Mella Davies recognized CCDs Gwen Shick and Tommy Gilpin with this year's awards - see the next page for much more information about the winners! Andrea Henderson then announced the long list of collegiate award winners, including Outstanding New Member Danya Alawie of Epsilon Sigma chapter and Miss Region VI, Brittany Gauthier of Lambda Theta chapter. See the Great Lakes website for a complete list of collegiate award winners.

The day concluded with the drawing for the Chinese auction winners and an invitation to the 2008 Region Day, which will be hosted by Xi Psi Chapter at Grand Valley State University. Looking forward to seeing you all in Allendale next November!

**Right:** Metro Detroit alumnae Colette Gilewicz, Liz Davenport, Kathy Rogers and Judy Christian enjoy each other's company at the 2007 Region Day.



**Above:** Omicron Nu Chapter was estatic to host their first Region Day in Windsor!

# Alumnae Awards

2008 Region Day, November 3, 2007 - Windsor, Ontario, Canada

## Pamela McClure Cronenwett Loyalty Award

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.



**Above:** Tommy Gilpin receives her award from AAD Mella Davies.

This award was first presented to Pam Cronenwett in 2001. The women who have been subsequent honorees also have served Delta Zeta with love and loyalty.....and giving graciously as volunteers.

There are varying levels of volunteer commitment ranging from occasional to nearly 24/7.

Imagine moving to an area where there are very few DZ alumnae. How does one stay in touch with her sorority? Today we have the Surfing Sisters, but 18 years ago, this was not an option.

With a Masters in Education in hand, she first found a job as a Consultant/Trainer in a mental health facility. Then she decided to use her communication skills and love of Delta Zeta to become a CCD. Since making that decision she has given generously of her time and talents to the collegiate chapter in her city. She guides them with a strong sense of sisterhood and ensures that they continue to build a chapter strong on academics, community involvement and sisterhood.

She also helped to coordinate activities in active chapters for 18 months as a Province College Director, a position similar to today's Regional College Coordinator. Did I mention that after nearly two decades, this lady is still serving as the CCD for Lambda Theta?

Marlene Thompson Gilpin was initiated into Delta Nu chapter at Parsons College in 1960. She went on to earn a Masters degree at the University of Illinois. Husband Michael and daughter Jacqueline complete her family.

She is a "shining star" example of devotion to the role of CCD. Always looking out for the best for her Delta Zeta family, she is respected and loved by the Lambda Thetas of Michigan Tech.

Tommy Gilpin continues to inspire us all with her wit, charm, and giving personality. Her dedication has guaranteed that Delta Zeta remains a viable part of not only Michigan Tech, but also the surrounding community of Houghton and beyond.

## Outstanding Alumna Award

The Outstanding Alumna Award 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.

Alumnae and collegians have an opportunity to nominate a candidate for this award. Many excellent nominations were received this year but one stood out because it was sent by a chapter and an alumna.

It's rather amazing, but not surprising, that both alumnae awards were given to women who are longtime and dedicated volunteers. They have been in the same Delta Zeta leadership position for the same length of time. - 18 years! Most folks don't stay in a paying position that long.

Gwendolyn McHugh Shick was initiated into Zeta Nu chapter at Ferris State in 1962. She is married and the mother of three children. Has anyone ever seen Gwen when she doesn't look like she has just stepped out of a beauty shop? That's because she is a hairdresser.

Gwen Shick is an active member of the Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter. This connection between alumnae and actives has served as a vital supporting link for the women of Xi Psi Chapter at Grand Valley State University. For 18 years as CCD, Gwen has guided and counseled the chapter in matters Delta Zeta and about sisterhood and life.

To quote from her nomination:

"Gwen is one of the most dedicated women to Delta Zeta that I have ever come across. She has always been there when we needed her and given the best advice a chapter could ask for. Gwen puts in a lot of time by coming to our chapter meetings every week and meeting with us in between when needed. Without her, our chapter would not be able to be what it is today. She has gotten us through things that no one else could (and) has never complained once, but instead asked if she could do any more."

She is a great influence to all that go through Delta Zeta and it would be well deserved for her to win the outstanding alumna award."

And she has!



**Above:** AAD Mella Davies presents Gwen Shick (right) with the 2007 Outstanding Alumna Award.

## Delta Chapter Update - November, 2007

Delta Zeta National Sorority and DePauw University have reached a resolution terminating the litigation between them. Although Delta Zeta does not have a chapter on campus, the parties have agreed that with support of a group of DePauw Delta Zeta alumnae, Delta Zeta National Sorority will have the opportunity to seek a return to campus beginning in academic year 2010/11. DePauw values its relationship with its alumnae who are members of Delta Zeta and recognizes that like DePauw, Delta Zeta has an objective to develop college students.

**Delta Zeta is pleased to conclude this matter and looks forward to continue to work with all of its partner institutions throughout the United States and Canada.**

Contact Delta Zeta Leadership, Delta Zeta Sorority National Headquarters, leadership@dzshq.com, 513/523-7597 with questions.

# Mella's Musings

Great Lakes AAD Report from Mella Davies

As we enter the holiday season, I am mindful of the many blessings of this life. Pretty close to the top of my list are the friendships, new and old, that have enriched and empowered me.

During the past year Delta Zeta and her leaders have been challenged and criticized by the press and others who were ready to believe the worst. Adversity has unified and made us stronger. Our members have continued to support the Foundation and its programs, and recruitment results this fall have been excellent. We are proud to welcome many new members to our sisterhood.

Delta Zeta National Sorority and DePauw University have reached a resolution terminating the litigation between them. Delta Zeta will have the opportunity to seek a return to the DePauw campus beginning in academic year 2010/11.

In September, the Strategic Planning Committee met in Oxford to complete its charge to develop a mission statement, vision and key result areas to guide our sorority for the next three to five years. Members of the committee represented every area of Delta Zeta membership and governance and included four members from other national fraternities and sororities. National Council approved the plan in October. I am excited with the results and look forward to seeing the plan as well as the strategic objectives and tactics presented at our National Convention in June.

Glenna, Denise and I enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Windsor as guests of Omicron Nu chapter at Region VI Day. There were as many ON alumnae attending and supporting their chapter as there were active members. The theme for the day was "Letters Today. Leaders Tomorrow." Tommy Gilpin, Lambda Theta CCD, was honored with the Cronenwett Loyalty Award. Gwen Shick, Xi Psi CCD, was selected the 2007 Outstanding Alumna. Together, Tommy and Gwen have served as CCDs for 36 years.

The first Alumnae Academy for RCCs and Area Teams was held in November, and Sandy, Denise and I all attended. We learned so much about Delta Zeta's future plans and we returned home enriched, empowered and excited.

I wish to express appreciation and thanks to Glenna Paukstis, Beta Pi, who has served as Membership Chairman on the Great Lakes Area Team for eleven years. She helped develop the membership goals for the team and has diligently reviewed rosters, yearbooks and newsletters to keep us connected and reconnected to Delta Zeta. We will miss her good humor and thoughtful advice as she leaves the Great Lakes Team.

May your Holiday Season be filled with Love and Joy. 🍀



## Flame Eternal

Mary Judith "Judy" (Gamm) Lettinga, age 72, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2007. Judy worked as an elementary school teacher for many of her years teaching children in the Grand Rapids Public School system, Wyoming Public School system, Caledonia Public schools, and in Sarasota, Florida. She received her Golden Rose in 2005, and was an active member of the Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter. Chapter President Karen Miron reflected upon how Judy "was a loyal Delta Zeta, and brought fun and laughter to all of our meetings. She will be dearly missed by all of us."

## Greetings from Glenna

Great Lakes Membership Report from Glenna Paukstis

### Membership: Making Our Alumnae Chapters Strong

I hope you are well underway with your chapters this year. It's always so nice to greet friends and meet new sisters at our meetings. Membership is so important. Here are a couple questions for your group to think about to help you strengthen your membership.



#### **Do you have a Membership Chairman and Committee?**

This person is the contact with the State Membership Chairman and has the latest membership lists and strip lists for your area. A phone/email committee can be formed to contact regular and new members about the meetings, news of members, etc.

#### **Have you talked with your members about Chapter Associations?**

Review the difference between Chapter Associations and Alumnae Chapters. Your alumnae can belong to both groups. If someone is interested in establishing a Chapter Association for their college chapter, please have them contact their respective State Membership Chairman.

#### **Does anyone in your chapter have a DZ sister living in an area where we have a collegiate chapter but no Alumnae Chapter?**

You probably remember how much the alumnae helped you when you were a collegian. We all live busy lives, but it's important that we have active alumnae in the areas where there are collegiate chapters. Talk with that sister and notify your respective State Membership Chairman if she is interested. We have many alumnae in these areas who are not involved but are willing to spend some time with the collegians. We just have to make the contacts.

Good luck to you this year. Again, please send me copies of your newsletters. From those that I have received, your meetings sound great! I wish I could "pop in" to attend them. Feel free to contact anyone on your area team with questions or concerns. 🍀

# Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Collegiate Chapters

## Epsilon Sigma Chapter - Wayne State University

During our recent recruitment, we welcomed 17 women on bid day, exceeding quota and showing our new members that "Delta Zeta is not something you become, it's something you've always been". Epsilon Sigma was recently notified that we are among the top five Delta Zeta chapters nationally for fundraising dollars per person, and locally, we were recognized for having the highest GPA of the sororities on campus. We have assisted with WSU's Welcome Back Week and Student Organization Day, created care packages for the Ronald McDonald House and decorated cups and CD cases for the Painted Turtle Camp. As part of our COB activities, we kept our bodies healthy and active by sponsoring "Kick it with DZ" in which we participate in Kickboxing classes. Additionally, during National Alcohol Awareness Week, we passed out information on campus to inform students about the dangers of drinking and how to do it safely in support of Delta Zeta's "I have a choice" campaign.

## Gamma Sigma Chapter - Eastern Michigan University

For Homecoming, Gamma Sigma hosted a breakfast and open house for our parents and alumnae. We participated in the student organization tailgate with Tau Kappa Epsilon, and attended the Homecoming game to support two of our sisters, Dana Tonak and Alli Sheppard, on the Homecoming court. We participated in Ann Arbor's Breast Cancer walk, and made Halloween cards for the local children's hospitals. We just finished our annual clothing drive, collecting much needed materials for the homeless and nearby shelters. In addition, our new member class is making cookies and fun little holiday cards for our nearby women's shelter, Safe House.

## Gamma Tau Chapter - Bowling Green State University

Gamma Tau chapter is happy to announce that we have 24 new members. We celebrated Founders Day with a luncheon at our house on Sunday, October 21, and had several alumnae attend. On Saturday, October 27 we held a parents luncheon during our annual family weekend. Ashley Lombardo was recently selected sweetheart of Pi Kappa Phi.

## Kappa Chi Chapter - Youngstown State University

After starting the year with the annual collegian-alumnae picnic in Mill Creek Park, we moved on to Homecoming festivities. Dalene Scott was the Homecoming Chair and organized the events for the day, while Tiffany Lyden was crowned queen by former Queen and DZ sister, Sarah Gavalier.



*Above: Dalene Scott, Tiffany Lyden and Sarah Gavalier.*

Welcome new Great Lakes CCDs,  
Sheree Hoover (Xi Eta)  
and  
Suzanne Hsu (Kappa Chi)!

# Recruitment News

From Region V RCC, Pam Asher

**Region V had an EXCELLENT recruiting season in the Fall 2007 semester. Seven out of eight chapters took quota during formal recruitment:**

Baldwin Wallace College – Gamma Alpha chapter  
Kent State University – Gamma Kappa chapter  
Bowling Green State University – Gamma Tau chapter  
Youngstown State University – Kappa Chi chapter  
Ohio University – Omicron Gamma chapter  
Ashland University – Theta Psi chapter  
Ohio Northern University – Zeta Kappa chapter

**Congratulations to all of these chapters!**

## Lambda Theta Chapter - Michigan Technological University

For the spring semester 2007, Delta Zeta ranked first in both semester GPA and cumulative GPA among all of the 21 Greek organizations on campus. This semester, Lambda Theta was one of four chapters nationally to be selected by Surfing Sisters for the 2007-08 Diamonds & Pearls Program. Surfing Sisters, the only Delta Zeta virtual Alumnae Chapter, thought that our chapter would benefit from having alumnae support because we are in an area without an active alumnae group. Our members are very excited when they are contacted by their "Diamond"! At the spring 2007 Greek Awards banquet, Jess Aho, Brittany Gauthier and Becky Klank were tapped for membership in Order of Omega. Julie Goral was awarded the Charlene (Potts) Chilson Scholarship through the Delta Zeta Foundation. Eight of our women were individually recognized with academic honors at the 2007 Region Day, and Julie Goral was named a recipient of a partial Evelyn Adams Costello Scholarship.

## Theta Chapter - The Ohio State University

This quarter, Theta chapter was recognized by OSU's Panhellenic Association as the chapter with the most community service hours per member out of all 16 sororities on campus! For Welcome Week 2007 we took part in Community Commitment, one of the largest single campus service events in the country. OSU celebrated Homecoming in October, and Theta chapter finished in first place after participating in many of the week's festivities including Greek Sing and Float building. We celebrated Founders day with the Columbus Alumnae Chapter and look forward to our service project with them later in the quarter. The chapter also celebrated Parent's Day with a combined service day and luncheon. We are proud that Rose Babington was chosen as a recipient of the Florence Hood Miner award for her commitment to her chapter, sisters, and college - congratulations Rose! 🍀



*Above: Theta Chapter members gather with OSU mascot Brutus on Homecoming.*

# Chapter Reports

## Great Lakes Area Alumnae Chapters



**Above:** Jean Heran and Janice Schmidt, Order of the Pearl Honorees.

### Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Karin Crivel - [kcrivel1942@aol.com](mailto:kcrivel1942@aol.com)

On October 28, the Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter joined the Gamma Alpha chapter at Baldwin Wallace College and guests to celebrate Founders Day. The chapter organized a wonderful buffet lunch and afternoon aided by Betty Ann Spero, our Alumnae Relations liaison. Jean Heran and Janice Schmidt, both members of Gamma Alpha chapter, received their Order of the Pearl. We recognized Sue Bungard, a Delta Zeta who is the Executive Director of the Lorain County office of the Cleveland Speech and Hearing Center, and presented her with a check for the center. Sue is hearing impaired and explained some of the new technology enabling the hearing impaired to communicate with computers. Charles Williams, a Professor at BWC, spoke to us with assistance from an interpreter about growing up and living as a deaf person in a hearing world. In early November, some of our alumnae returned to campus to help Gamma Alpha chapter decorate a Christmas tree to be auctioned off to raise money for the Genesis House, a transitional house for women and children seeking shelter from abusive relationships.

### Columbus Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Jessica Blevins - [jblevins12@yahoo.com](mailto:jblevins12@yahoo.com)

In June, we held an online auction fundraiser, receiving \$342.68 in donations. We divided the proceeds between Ohio's Mary Lou Barth Scholarship and the Delta Zeta National Historical Museum Fund. For Founders Day, we gathered for a luncheon with local alumnae and collegians, and hosted a storytelling program with six local alumnae discussing their collegiate Delta Zeta experiences. It was exciting and fun to hear about the many different generational and campus experiences. We finished the day with an Order of the Pearl Ceremony for Marguerite Kroener Speer and our Founders Day Ceremony. In November, we traveled to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank with Theta Chapter to volunteer for an evening of sorting food and personal products that are distributed to needy families throughout Ohio.

### Dayton Area Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Amy Uhler - [amyloouwho@ameritech.net](mailto:amyloouwho@ameritech.net)

This year the Dayton Area Alumnae Chapter is dedicated to many service projects, as well as weekly "Ladies Night Out" sisterhoods and hiking for health. The chapter was joined by several collegians from Kappa Iota chapter for the Dayton area Breast Cancer Walk, and our team raised over \$2,500 to support breast cancer awareness, research and advocacy. We also attended a dinner hosted by Kappa Iota and donated to the Delta Zeta Foundation in celebration of Founders Day.

### Delaware Area Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Anne Pistone - [anne.pistone@gmail.com](mailto:anne.pistone@gmail.com)

The Delaware Area Alumnae Chapter hosted a pottery painting event with Alpha Rho chapter in November and hopes to visit the

women of Zeta Kappa chapter this year as well. Melissa Cocoran, our Philanthropy Chair, is working with the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center to coordinate a visit of their new facility and plan activities we can assist with that will benefit their organization. For Founders Day, we joined the Columbus Alumnae Chapter along with women from Theta, Alpha Rho and Zeta Kappa chapters for a wonderful luncheon and program.

### Kent Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Kelly Gombert - [kgombert@mail2kelly.com](mailto:kgombert@mail2kelly.com)

The Kent Alumnae Chapter started the year by helping the women of Gamma Kappa with recruitment. Members donated their time during parties, provided goodies to help keep spirits high, and hosted a spaghetti dinner after the third party. For Founders Day, we celebrated with the women of Gamma Kappa, enjoying a heartwarming ceremony and presentations. Following the ceremony we all participated in a philanthropy project assembling "birthday boxes" (which included cake mix, frosting, candles, sprinkles, balloons, plates, and napkins) for Kent Social Services to distribute to area families.

### Oakland County Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Sue Kuhn - [jayandsue@wideopenwest.com](mailto:jayandsue@wideopenwest.com)

Oakland County Alumnae Chapter hosted their Fall Harvest Mother-Daughter Tea and Silent Auction on November 19 at Sue Trevarrow's home. December 6 marked our Christmas Potluck and gift exchange, at which we also collect canned goods and paper items for the homeless. The event was hosted by Gerri Compton in Southfield. In the spring (February 9), we will be making Valentine Care packages for the collegians of Gamma Psi chapter, in hopes of visiting with the chapter and delivering them in person! In March, we will gather for our third annual volunteer day at Channel 56 Public television.

### Youngstown Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Angela Messenger - [chloefreak@aol.com](mailto:chloefreak@aol.com)

This year, our book club was selected by the local Barnes and Noble to run a series of book discussions leading up to the release the final installment of the Harry Potter series. Starting in June, we covered one Harry Potter book per week in sequential order, and were recognized in store advertisements and area newspaper press releases. We participated in the midnight book release festivities as volunteers and discussed *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* at our regular session in August. For Founders Day we shared a buffet dinner with the collegians of Kappa Chi chapter. Alumnae donated baskets for a Chinese auction to raise money for the chapter's new members, and the collegians made chocolate turtles for the favors. 🐢

### Attention Alumnae Chapters...

A power point presentation as well as "Delta Zeta Life After College" brochures are available for Alumnae Chapters who wish to touch base with senior members of their local collegiate chapters. Contact Public Relations Chairman Denise Brenner at [dmsabo@hotmail.com](mailto:dmsabo@hotmail.com) to obtain a copy of the presentation or brochures to distribute.

# Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Chapter Associations

## Epsilon Phi Chapter Association, University of Detroit-Mercy

Contact: Carol Sweeney - northville@hotmail.com

I had the wonderful chance to meet up with two Epsilon Psi sisters at the Oakland County Alumnae Chapter's Founders Day recently. Long-time Delta Zeta Mary McKenna had been at the University of Detroit as a member of one of Delta Zeta's merged sororities that happened to be on campus at that time. Mary, now a "Senior" senior citizen, was delightful to talk with, and is as spunky as ever. Stephanie Nichols Goodrich was also present at the Founders Day celebration. Stephanie was at UDM in the early 1960's. After raising a family and finding she now has time for other activities, Oakland County Alumnae sent her an invitation to come and see what's new with Delta Zeta alumnae. Although Epsilon Phi's are scattered throughout the US and abroad, it was great to find two more of us to share memories of UDM! 🍀



**Above:** Carol Sweeney and Sue Kuhn (Oakland County Alumnae Chapter President) enjoy the 2007 Region Day.

**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 on page 8 for upcoming deadlines, and be sure you are represented in the next newsletter by submitting your report in a timely fashion!

## Tidbits

News and Announcements from the Great Lakes Area

Joan Patterson (GT '92, Kent Alumnae Chapter) and her husband Thomas Mackey welcomed their son, Thomas Everett Douglas Mackey, to the world on July 10, 2007.

Kelly Petersen (GK '02, Kent Alumnae Chapter) and Matt Walmer became engaged on September 8, 2007. Matt proposed to Kelly by giving her a golden retriever puppy named Bell, which stands for wedding bells!

Theresa Peterson Maher (Theta, Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter) was married this summer in Cleveland.

Jane Telder's husband Denny was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Western Michigan University this fall. Jane is an active member of the Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter and is the New Member Education Advisor for Xi Psi at Grand Valley. Denny has been a big supporter of Delta Zeta, allowing the Grand Rapids alumnae to "steal Jane away" so often, and he even attends funerals of sisters who have passed. Thanks Denny for being such a big supporter of Delta Zeta, and congratulations on your honor!

## Rose Babington: FHM Winner (continued)

new students, to those closer friends she gives of herself to promote the current community at Ohio State, and to Delta Zeta she always gives of her best self and also appreciates those that give of themselves," Judi said.

As a member of Theta Chapter, Rose has served as the Risk Management chair and Panhellenic Association Director of Technology. In addition to being active in Delta Zeta, she is a member of Order of Omega and OSU's Undergraduate Student Government, is a University Telecounselor and Ambassador, is active in the English Undergraduate Organization and the Dean's Student Advisory Group for the College of Humanities, and has served as an Orientation Leader and the Student Orientation Coordinator.

Rose currently works in multiple capacities in the admissions office at OSU and hopes to continue to work in college admissions and higher education after graduation. Her goal is to attend law school in a few years to pursue a joint J.D./Masters of Public Administration.

Congratulations Rose! 🍀



**Left to right:** Sandra Alspach, Development Chairman, Mella Davies, Area Alumnae Director, and Denise Brenner, Public Relations Chairman at the 2007 Alumnae Academy in Dallas, Texas.



## LEAP for Delta Zeta (continued)

face our OS!Ms that we can aspire to change both our world (our smaller, more immediate Delta Zeta environment that directly affects us and a few of those around us), and the World (the bigger entity that is Delta Zeta, representing our sisterhood and all of the groups that our being affects).

We concluded the weekend by sharing our personal and team goals with all sisters in attendance in an inspiring and energy filled exercise. The photo of Sandy on page one shows how put together, our goals (each represented by one flame) form a brilliant, shining Delta Zeta Lamp of Gold. We have been inspired to LEAP for Delta Zeta, by serving you with LOVE, ENERGY, and AUDACITY, and most importantly, providing PROOF. May the Delta Zeta flame, burning bright with the warmth of sisterhood and love, endure forever! 🍀

**Note:** For more information about the Delta Zeta Alumnae Academy, or for information about the LEAP model of leadership, stay tuned to future Delta Zeta publications or contact your Area Team members. LEAP model based on the book *The Radical Leap: A Personal Lesson in Extreme Leadership* by Steve Farber.

# Foundation Focus

News from the Delta Zeta Foundation

## What the Delta Zeta Foundation Can Fund

- ◆ The mission of the Delta Zeta Foundation is to support the educational, leadership, scholastic and philanthropic programs of the Sorority.
- ◆ This means that 76% of all Sorority programs are eligible for funding by the Foundation.
- ◆ Currently the Foundation is able to support about 21% of fundable Sorority programs.
- ◆ Why isn't it more? Because when you designate your donation for a specific area, such as a particular philanthropy or scholarship, or a community project, the money MUST be used for that purpose only.
- ◆ The Foundation would like to increase its support of Sorority programs in the next biennium to at least 50%. We can do that if you make your donations to the General Fund instead of designating a specific program.
- ◆ We WANT to give back, but have to give FIRST. 🍀



## Great Lakes Calendar

February 10, 2008 - Deadline for submissions for Issue #2 of *The LAMP*

April 1, 2008 - Deadline for submissions for the Spring *Great Lakes Gazette*

April 5, 2008 - Region V Day  
*Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio*

June 27-July 1, 2008 - Delta Zeta National Convention  
*Doral Country Club, Miami, Florida*

September 10, 2008 - Deadline for submissions for the Issue #3 of *The LAMP*

October 24, 2008 - Happy Founders' Day!

November 10, 2008 - Deadline for submissions for the Fall *Great Lakes Gazette* and Issue #1 of *The LAMP*

November, 2008 - Region VI Day  
*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan*

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