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Request for Chapter Association Contacts

By Mella Davies, Great Lakes AAD

Delta Zeta is looking for a contact person for each Chapter Association. The purpose of the Chapter Association is to keep the members of its chapter, collegiate and alumnae alike, in contact with one another. Delta Zeta recognizes that many of you wish to be a part of Delta Zeta by being in contact with the chapter members with whom you were initiated. Therefore, we are looking to the Chapter Association to send out newsletters, plan reunions, come together at Homecoming, and provide assistance to your chapter.

Each Chapter Association is to decide how it wants to be in touch with its membership. Many chapters have been functioning as a Chapter Association and haven't realized it. Delta Zeta wants to let others know about your activities through our area newsletters, web sites and *The LAMP*.

The purpose of the contact person is to reach out to chapter sisters and help plan how the Chapter Association will function. She will occasionally be contacted with questions about the chapter. She **does not** advise the collegiate chapter, but works with the CCD and the chapter Alumnae Relations chairman to facilitate communications and plan collegiate/alumnae events. Chapter Association contacts will also be of assistance in helping the Area Alumnae Team locate missing members by generation or even pledge class by working with her alma mater's alumni office.

The Great Lakes Area Team is looking for at least one alumna from every active and closed collegiate chapter in Ohio, Michigan and Canada who would be willing to serve as the contact person for her Chapter Association. *(continued on page 4)*

CCDs, Recruitment Advisors Needed

Region V RCC Pam Asher is **seeking volunteers for CCD and Recruitment Advisor positions in Ohio**. CCDs are needed for Theta Chapter (The Ohio State University) and Gamma Tau Chapter (Bowling Green State University).

Recruitment Advisors are needed throughout Ohio. If you are interested, contact Pam at pradz@neo.rr.com.

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Dateline: Delta Zeta Headlines

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

- The Alpha Eta Chapter Association (University of Michigan) will hold its alumnae weekend October 14-15 in Ann Arbor.
- The Cleveland Westside-Berea Alumnae Chapter enjoyed a wonderful Founders Day with the Gamma Alpha Chapter.
- The Dayton Alumnae Chapter held its annual Christmas party and cookie exchange in early December.
- In October, the Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter celebrated two special events - the Sorority's founding and the chapter's 50th anniversary.
- The Youngstown Alumnae Chapter hosted its annual Holiday Dinner at the chapter president's house in early December.

Remember, the lamp of gold girls, whose lamp ever brightly gleams...

Over 350 Delta Zetas in Region V shared a beautiful Sunday in April in Oxford, Ohio. Members of Alpha chapter greeted sisters upon arrival and helped, in so many ways, to ensure a memorable experience for everyone. Guests from St Rita's School for the Deaf offered a visual presentation about the school, including pictures of Alpha chapter volunteers. Meghan Person, president of Alpha chapter, presented a check to the school for over \$12,000, earned from various campus fundraising activities.

Remember, the heart of gold girls, beneath the colors of rose and green....

More than 30 alumnae from Columbus, Dayton, Hamilton, Oxford, Cleveland, Youngstown, and National Headquarters were awestruck by Alpha chapter CCD Susan Vaughn's exciting adventures with her son, Patrick, as they competed for a million dollar prize on the ABC reality show, **The Amazing Race**. Her message for actives and alumnae alike, was to open your mind to try something new and challenging and to be willing to do it. The rewards are well worth it.

Remember, that Delta Zeta, could mean so much to you...

We all felt a special tie to our Founders with Julia Minton Peters, from Hamilton, Ohio in our midst. She is the great niece of Mabelle Minton. Another highlight was the induction of Marsha Morse Haffey, Alpha, into the Order of the Golden Rose. Marsha is helping to organize an alumnae group in Oxford which will provide advisors and support for Alpha chapter.

Remember, that we all love you. We want you to love us, too.

With just 6 weeks of experience, Pam Asher demonstrated her leadership abilities with the composure of a seasoned RCC. Jennifer Anderson, now National New Member Chairman, attended with her family to support and assist Pam.

Awards presented to collegiate chapters and alumnae (see pages 4 and 5 for a complete list of award winners) brought cheers and some surprises. Six alumnae were nominated for *Lampighter Awards*. Dayton Alumnae received the *Traveling Gavel Award* for attendance and Helene Cushenan, co-president of the Cleveland Westside Alumnae Group, was recognized with the *Outstanding Ohio Alumna Award*. The afternoon closed with a candlelit Senior Ceremony conducted by the Columbus Alumnae. Afterwards, many Delta Zetas visited National Headquarters.

The Delta Zeta song, **Remember**, does not seem to be well known to collegians. It is the closing song for the Order of the Pearl Ceremony and sounds so lovely when the recipient is serenaded by everyone present. I hope everyone has a chance to learn it.

Denise, Glenna and Sandy join me in wishing all seniors success as they leave college and undertake new challenges. Delta Zeta alumnae are nearly everywhere you travel. A check with National Headquarters will put you in touch with a great support system of sisters. ■

Right: AAD Mella Davies with Julia Minton Peters, great niece of Mabelle Minton.



Left: Marsha Morse Haffey, A, receives her Golden Rose pin and Certificate from AAD Mella Davies.

Black shoulder bags with pink polka dots and the Delta Zeta letters filled the Shriver Center on Sunday, April 3, 2005 for the annual Ohio (Region V) State Day. The Yellow Brick Road led us back to Miami University and we found that "There's No Place Like Home".

Alumnae in attendance had the privilege of judging the Best Cheer contest, of which Alpha Rho was chosen the winner. Omicron Gamma Chapter took Best Attendance honors, while Gamma Kappa's "Turtle Power" shirts won the award for Best T-shirts. Alpha Chapter garnered the Best Spirit award. The ever popular Chinese Raffle raised money for the Delta Zeta Foundation as did the Rose Tree, and collegiate members took the opportunity to make a donation to the 1902 Loyalty Circle and pick up a new dangle for their badge.

Many of our alumnae gave their time to serve as presenters for the day's very informative workshops. Penny Baker, Denise Brenner, Catherine Clark-Eich, Lisa Fortini, Judi Jacobs, Annette Marquez, Marsha Morse Haffey, Polly Sems, and Liz Wood participated in *Beyond College: For Those Interested in Becoming Active Alumnae*, a workshop for seniors. The room was packed with graduating seniors that will be departing to all walks of life in the next few months - women who are thrilled with the prospect of moving on to the alumnae phase of their Delta Zeta journey. We need to grab these ladies now and take advantage of their energy! They are our future and will be valuable assets to our Alumnae Chapters.

Great Lakes Calendar

July 8-10, 2005 - Norma Minch Andrisek Leadership Conference
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

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

April 1, 2006 - Deadline for submissions for the
Spring Great Lakes Gazette

Spring, 2006 - Ohio State Day
Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio

Alumnae Awards

Ohio (Region V) State Day, April 3, 2005

Congratulations to Helene Cushenan, Beta Omega (NYU) Initiate and Cleveland Westside Alumnae Chapter Member, **for being named the 2005 Ohio Outstanding Alumna Award Winner!** Below is some more information about Helene.

Name: Helene Cushenan

Chapter: Beta Omega, New York University, from which Helene graduated with her B.S. and M.A.

Service to Delta Zeta

Undergraduate: Rush Chairman, Social Chairman and President. Also, was President of Panhellenic on campus and President of Delion Council (Christian Sororities in NY area). Helene received the Delta Zeta Graduate of the Year award when she graduated.

Alumna: Has held the offices of Lamp Editor, Secretary and Vice President and for the last twelve years, has been President, with a co-President assisting her the last four. While President, Helene has done the newsletter and kept in contact with the rest of the Chapter, both by e-mail, phone calls and mail.

Professional Information: Helene is on the Adjunct Faculty at Lorain County Community College teaching English Composition. She is in partnership with her husband Ian in Real Estate working with the Realty One Bay Village office. She also owns a vending business.

Community Service: In addition to the current co-presidency of Cleveland Westside DZ, she is an officer in AAUW and on the Cleveland Playhouse Women's Committee. She works for and with the League of Women Voters, Genesis House, St. Thomas Church and the Lorain County Chapter of Cleveland Speech and Hearing Center.

Other Information: Helene's enthusiasm and love of Delta Zeta has inspired our group. She coordinates a get together with the Alpha Gammas at Baldwin Wallace at least once a year through an Ice Cream Social, and participation in other activities as they request. She maintains close contact with her NYU DZ sisters, attending an annual reunion. She started in the theatre at 14, and attended NYU at age 16. She is a member of a political "think tank" (read print journalism), and at one time, was a political speech writer. Her future plans include work with groups concerning women and children's issues.

Helene is remarkable in the enthusiasm and energy she has devoted to Delta Zeta, which is why not only the Cleveland Westside Alumnae, but also the Cleveland Eastside Alumnae, presented her for nomination to the Outstanding Ohio Delta Zeta Alumnae award. ■

Previous Ohio Outstanding Alumna Award Winners

1984 Joann Lefler - Dayton

1986 Joan Lowry - Berea

1988 Mella Davies - Cleveland Eastside

1990 Phyllis Howell - Cleveland Eastside

1992 Andrea Bloch - Cleveland Eastside

1994 Sandra Sebrell Bailey - Kent

Dayton Alumnae Chapter was awarded the **Traveling Gavel Award for highest attendance** at the 2005 Ohio State Day.

Pictured at right are (Row 1 L-R) Pat Van Atta, Roberta Imes, (Row 2 L-R) Rebecca Holmes, Ann Booher, Iris Mirelez, and Jan Kowal.

Congratulations to the Dayton Alumnae! ■



Spring 2005

Collegiate Awards

Ohio (Region V) State Day, April 3, 2005

Quota Awards

Alpha Rho, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Tau, Kappa Chi, Kappa Iota, Omicron Gamma, Theta Psi, Zeta Kappa

Total Awards

Gamma Alpha, Gamma Kappa, Kappa Iota, Theta Psi, Zeta Kappa

Most Improved Scholarship - Bowling Green State University

Above all Women's/All Sorority GPA & ranked #1 on campus Ashland University, Ohio Wesleyan University

Mary Collins Galbraith Award for Highest Scholarship in Region V - Ohio Wesleyan University

Outstanding Chapter Treasurer - The Ohio State University

Cindy Winslow Menges Communication Award - Baldwin Wallace College

Programming Excellence Awards

Ohio Northern University, Ohio Wesleyan University

Certificates for 100% Campus Involvement

Alpha Rho, Gamma Alpha, Gamma Kappa, Kappa Chi, Kappa Iota, Omicron Gamma, Theta, Theta Psi, Zeta Kappa

Sandra Bailey Philanthropy Excellence Award - Ashland University

Phyllis S. Favorite Outstanding New Member of the Region Award - Betsy Gates, Ohio Wesleyan University

Outstanding New Member Program - Kent State University

100% Initiation Awards

Gamma Tau, Gamma Alpha, Theta, Zeta Kappa

VIP Award - The Ohio State University

Outstanding President - Kelly Petersen, Kent State University

Lynnda Wolf Hoefler Award - Most Improved Chapter - Youngstown State University

Pride of the Region - Cheryl Smith, Bowling Green State University

Norma Minch Andrisek Award for Most Outstanding Chapter in Region V - Ohio Northern University ■

2005 Lamplighter Award Winners

The Lamplighter Award, established at State Day 1981, acknowledges the member in each chapter who has given that extra bit of spark, devotion, and loyalty an officer or member. It is a way of recognizing those hardworking alumnae members who may never hold an Area or National position, but are so invaluable to you in your endeavors as Delta Zeta alumnae. For more information about the 2005 winners, visit www.dzgreatlakes.com. ■

Winners are listed below with their nominating chapter:

Columbus

Traci Kennedy-Brockfield, Alpha Rho

Kent

Joan Patterson, Gamma Tau

Youngstown

Angela Barwick, Kappa Chi

Cleveland Eastside

Patricia Higgins Leech, Alpha

Cleveland Westside

Helene Cushenan, Beta Omega

Melody Ross, Gamma Alpha

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Greetings from Glenna

Great Lakes Membership Report from Glenna Paukstis

Ohio Has a New Membership Chair

We are pleased to announce that Jessica Blevins from our Columbus Alumnae Chapter is the new membership chair for Ohio. We welcome Jessica and look forward to working with her. She may be contacting your group to establish a contact person for membership. We are hoping to have a network of sisters for information and referrals. Thanks to Susan Little from Canton for her help as previous chairman. She is a loyal Delta Zeta and has gone on to other sorority projects. Jessica joins Liz Davenport, Michigan chair from the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter, to complete our Membership team.

Reminder to Alumnae Membership Chairs/Presidents

This year has flown—as they all do. In completing our projects for this year and thinking ahead to next year, we should keep in mind the potential members we have in our community. When was the last time you ordered an address list from Headquarters? If it has been a few years, order a new one. Most Alumnae Chapters order it alphabetically by the zip codes in their geographic area. If you have received a complete list recently, please order quarterly updates based on the date of your list. If financially possible, it would be great to send a fall newsletter to everyone on this list. Also, take notice of our “NO CURRENT ADDRESS” members. Be sure your chapter members are aware of these missing ladies - they may be able to help you locate some (neighbors, friends, collegiate chapter sisters, etc.). Send changes to Headquarters or to me at gcpauk@verizon.net. It is disturbing to see how many Sisters we have lost. Those of us in Alumnae groups cherish our friendships. There are “new” friends out there. Let’s find them! ■

Snippets from Sandy

Great Lakes Development Report from Sandra Alspach

A great big THANK YOU to all of our Delta Zeta Foundation donors! Thank you also to State Development Chairmen Nikki Nelson and Jennifer Sauber who have taken up the thank-you note writing for Great Lakes Area Foundation donors. ■

Tidbits

Great Lakes Area News and Announcements

Alpha Chapter (Miami University) CCD Susan Vaughn is currently one of 11 teams on the CBS reality program *The Amazing Race*. Look for a full update from Susan to appear in a future publication after this season’s finale.

Kristen Shymanovitz Trudeau, Epsilon Sigma ‘95, was recently appointed CCD for Epsilon Sigma Chapter (Wayne State University). Welcome to Kristen, and thanks to outgoing CCD Liz Czech for all your years of service!

Karla Chipelo McClain, Alpha Rho ‘95, has recorded a CD of Delta Zeta songs. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the CD, contact Great Lakes Public Relations Chairman Denise Brenner at dmsabo@hotmail.com.

Alpha Eta Chapter Association member Andrea Rae Markowicz is appearing in the Downtown Cabaret Theatre’s production of HAIR in Bridgeport, CT from February 18 - May 22. Tickets can be purchased at www.dtcab.com.

Congratulations to Zeta Kappa (Ohio Northern) CCD Jackie Lapp-Lee on the birth of her daughter on March 31!

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Check out the fresh new look and improved functionality of the Great Lakes Area website!

Quick and Easy Communication!

Would you like to quickly communicate with all of the Alumnae Chapter Presidents in your state or in the Great Lakes Area? It’s easy! Visit the Alumnae Chapters page of the Great Lakes website, and click on either the “Ohio” heading (for all Ohio Alumnae Presidents), or the “Michigan” heading (for all Michigan Alumnae Presidents). Your pop-up e-mail client will automatically address an e-mail to all Presidents in that respective state!

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

Chapter Associations (Continued from page 1)

Volunteer Chapter Association contacts are needed for: (* denotes a closed chapter)



- Akron, University of (OH)*
- Albion College (MI)*
- Ashland University (OH)
- Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
- Bowling Green State University (OH)
- Brock University (CANADA)*
- Central Michigan University
- Cincinnati, University of (OH)*
- College of Steubenville (OH)*
- Detroit, University of (MI)*
- Eastern Michigan University
- Ferris State University (MI)
- Grand Valley State University (MI)
- Kent State University (OH)
- Miami University (OH)
- Michigan State University *
- Michigan Technological University
- Mount Union College (OH)*
- Northern Michigan University *
- Northwood University (MI)
- Ohio Northern University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio University
- University of Findlay (OH)*
- Wayne State University (MI)
- Windsor, University of (Ontario, CANADA)
- Wittenberg University (OH)*
- Wright State University (OH)
- York University (Toronto, CANADA) (colony)*
- Youngstown State University (OH)

I have Chapter Association contacts from University of Michigan and Ohio Wesleyan.

If you are from one of these chapters and would like to volunteer, please e-mail Mella Davies, mellad@apk.net and I will assist you in connecting with the Chapter Association Consultant to get organized. If you are not from one of these chapters, but would like to assist your chapter, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the correct person. ■

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Alumnae Chapters

Ann Arbor

Contact: Andrea Henderson - ahenders@comcast.net

The Ann Arbor Area Alumnae group met at Karen Huckabone's house in January and spent some time reflecting on the highlights of the previous year. Each woman brought a memento from 2004 to share with the group. Being a newly formed group, it was a wonderful way to learn more about each other. In February, we had dinner at Gratz's in downtown Ann Arbor. Jennifer Alexander hosted us for a general meeting in March, at which we officially decided to call ourselves the Ann Arbor Area Alumnae Group. We discussed dues and the next few month's activities. We will be hosting a finals kickoff party for the collegiate women of Gamma Sigma at Eastern Michigan University on April 18 and member Jane MacFarlane Welker and her dog, Ukon, will be giving us a presentation on *Paws for a Cause* in May.

Cleveland Eastside

Contact: Lisa Fortini - boiler@prodigy.net

The Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter is busy this Spring. Recent programs included dining out, creating beautiful hand-stamped greeting cards, and joining Cleveland Westside for lunch at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. In April we will sell spring flowers and paint with member Gretchen Bierbaum, an accomplished watercolor instructor and collage artist. Four of our members enjoyed an overnight road trip to Oxford for State Day. In May we will participate in the Cleveland Area Panhellenic Annual Scholarship Luncheon, and install new officers at our monthly meeting. In June, we'll celebrate long service to Delta Zeta at our annual Golden Rose Luncheon. Our meetings are usually held the third Tuesday evening of each month. We are blessed to have many members who are so willing to give of their time and talents and look forward to hearing from anyone interested in learning more about our chapter! Visit our website at www.geocities.com/eastdzalum.

Cleveland Westside/Berea

Contact: Melody Arnold Ross - melodyr@trasystems.com

We currently have 37 members (12 Golden Rose), and meet about 7 times each year. Through our spring flower sale, we raise funds that are donated to a Speech & Hearing philanthropy. We also sell entertainment books to help raise money to assist the Gamma Alpha Chapter at Baldwin-Wallace College. We support and network with Gamma Alpha through an ice cream social, Founder's Day, Christmas tree decorating to benefit Genesis House in Lorain County, and a senior get together to welcome the graduating seniors to DZ alumnae. Our newsletter, the *Cleveland Signal*, is published about 6 times each year. Our biggest concern at the moment is holding our group together. Time is very precious to everyone, and our women aren't interested in getting together just to get together. They want meetings that are substantial and mind provoking!

Right: Columbus Alumnae members gathered for dinner with Theta and Alpha Rho Chapter members in February.



Columbus

Contact: Traci Kennedy Brockfield - tkdz@hotmail.com

The Columbus Alumnae Chapter has a full calendar of events planned this spring. In February, more than 30 Delta Zetas turned

out for an alumnae/collegian dinner at Champps. Alumnae were joined by collegians from Theta Chapter at The Ohio State University and Alpha Rho Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan. In March, we hosted a speaker from the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center to learn more about their "Just Turn it Down" campaign, and Regional Coordinator Penny Baker updated us on *Sound Beginnings*. A number of members traveled to Miami University in Oxford for State Day, and in late April we will host a Mother/Daughter tea. We will wrap up the year's activities with our annual potluck on May 10 and a beer tasting silent auction/philanthropy event in June.

Kent

Contact: Laurie Savage - savlaurie@yahoo.com

The Kent area alumnae and collegiate new members from Gamma Kappa Chapter joined together this past November to package 14 boxes for *Operation Christmas Child*. We hosted a Christmas party and auction (fundraiser) with the ladies of Gamma Kappa chapter in early December. This March, we had a sewing day at Gamma Kappa to help produce new initiation robes for the chapter.

Oakland County

Contact: Susan Kuhn - jayandsue@wideopenwest.com

Monday May 23 is a big meeting for Oakland County - our annual salad supper at 6:30pm in Royal Oak at Sandy Anderson's (phone: 248-399-6391). Everyone should bring any kind of a salad to share. Lots to do at that meeting & we always have a good turnout so see you all there!

Toledo

Contact: Sandy Bowdle - UMOSUBowdle@aol.com

The Toledo Alumnae Chapter gathers very informally about four times a year. We usually meet in the fall at a restaurant and in early December at Sandy Bowdle's home for our annual Christmas auction and dessert, at which we raise money for our philanthropy through donated craft and holiday items and baked goods. We met in March at the Toledo Museum of Art, and had dinner and enjoyed a tour of highlights of the Museum. In May, we will gather for a potluck dinner and Golden Rose ceremony for Barbara Schlatter.

Wooster

Contact: Lois Bangert - TomBangertT@aol.com

Chartered in 1958, the Wooster Alumnae Chapter meets 4-5 times per year. Several original members are actively a part of our group. We are small in numbers, but, our members truly look forward to meeting and socializing on a regular basis.

Youngstown

Contact: Angela Barwick - chloefreak@aol.com

The Youngstown Area Alumnae have concentrated on their book club this spring. Since January, Delta Zeta alumnae, collegians, and community members have been meeting once a month at a local Barnes and Noble where we select upcoming readings. To date we have had a rather eclectic selection including: Orwell's *1984*, Woodson's *I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This*, Maquire's *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, and *Come As You Are: The Story of Nirvana*. Next month's selection is H.G. Well's *War of the Worlds*. Members of the advisory board to Kappa Chi have also been working hard. Anna Masi has given numerous hours to the YSU Panhellenic Council's restructuring of the campus recruitment processes. Alumnae also attended YSU's spring informal recruitment parties and the annual singing/dancing competition, *Greek Sing*. The alumnae who attended State Day also had a wonderful time. Future plans include the annual senior dinner, hosted by the Alumnae Chapter for the graduating seniors of Kappa Chi, and assisting the Kappa Chi collegians in fundraising at the *Scrappers* baseball games in June. ■

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Chapter Associations

Alpha Eta - University of Michigan

Contact: Heather Dichter - dz_alphaeta@earthlink.net

The Alpha Eta Chapter Association will be hosting an alumnae weekend October 14-15 for the Michigan-Penn State football game. Outings will take place Friday and Saturday night, as well as a tailgate before the game. Interested sisters should send an email to dz_alphaeta@earthlink.net.

Alpha Rho - Ohio Wesleyan University

Contact: Traci Kennedy-Brockfield - tkdz@hotmail.com

The Alpha Rho Chapter Association will meet during OWU's annual Alumni Weekend, on Saturday, May 14 at 3:00 pm at the house on Winter Street. Visit the AP Chapter Association website at www.geocities.com/owudzalumni for more information. ■

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Collegiate Chapters

Miami University

The Alpha Chapter raised over \$12,000 in their annual "Puttin on the Hits" philanthropy event. On April 3, the Chapter was host to Region V State Day and presented a benefit check to the St. Rita's School for the Hearing Impaired.

Right: Epsilon Sigma members participated in the Detroit Walk for Hope.



Epsilon Sigma

Wayne State University

The Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Wayne State University is currently in first place in the Greek Week standings, and we hope to obtain the much sought after trophy and title. Recently we held a bowling crush party in which the women invited their "crush" and presented a bottle of *Crush* to their dates, hosted our annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night, and assisted with recruitment and staffing of the campus-wide Blood Drive. Other "healthy" things we got involved in were an annual Women's Health Fair, where we manned a table and worked to greet and register attendees, and Wayne State's first annual Bellydancing Workshop, which we helped host. In addition, we took part in and made a donation to the *Detroit Walk for Hope* at the Detroit Zoo in the fall. We are currently looking into fundraising for breast cancer by selling breast cancer wristbands.

Right: The ladies of Gamma Alpha Chapter during Homecoming Weekend.



Gamma Alpha

Baldwin Wallace College

Gamma Alpha Chapter welcomed 22 new members in the fall - quota plus two! In the spring, we added two more new members through COB. Our accomplishments were recognized at State Day when we received an award for reaching quota every year. This year, we placed second in our annual Greek Sing with our theme of "Watching TV with Delta Z". We placed third in Lip Sync as "Million Dollar DZ's". During Homecoming week this year, we won the annual Breezers Cup for best overall spirit and performance during the week. This was the third consecutive year in a row that

Delta Zeta has received this award! Gamma Alpha also placed second in the t-shirt contest.

Gamma Kappa Chapter Kent State University

Delta Zeta is the largest sorority on the Kent State University campus with approximately 90 members. Every Gamma Kappa woman is a member of an outside organization, and many hold leadership positions on campus as well as within the community. Gamma Kappa has shown excellence in academics by having the third highest GPA among sororities on campus. Our local philanthropy, Lip Sync, is a huge success on the KSU campus, and this year we raised \$725.00 for our national philanthropy. Outside of our own philanthropy, the Gamma Kappa sisters have participated in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash, Chi Omega's flag football and Phi Delta Theta's Volleyball Marathon. The accomplishments of the Chapter and its individual members would be impossible without the strong bond which exists between our Gamma Kappa sisters.

Gamma Pi Chapter

Western Michigan University

Gamma Pi is the only chapter that has continuously maintained campus ceiling, and we are preparing to initiate four beautiful new members. We just finished Greek Week, and teamed with Sigma Chi, we placed second overall. Gamma Pi also won second place in the Intramural Sports for Panhellenic, and took the Standards of Excellence award for the second year in a row. Overall this year, Gamma Pi Chapter has raised more than \$3,000 for speech and hearing. Our New Member class raised \$102 for Sound Beginnings and the Delta Zeta Foundation in their *Hearts for Hearing* philanthropy event, and \$100 for our Greek Week Couple at a pancake breakfast. Our Greek Couple contributed \$100.00 to the Delta Zeta Foundation and raised \$1,000.00 for the Western Michigan Audiology Department. The Chapter has also been very active in other philanthropy events, taking first place in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash, second in Sigma Kappa's Volley-fest and first in Alpha Omicron Pi's Run for the Roses.

Right: The women of Kappa Iota with their newly crowned Mr. WSU.



Kappa Iota Chapter

Wright State University

Kappa Iota Chapter at Wright State University just held our annual Mr. WSU pageant. Mr. WSU is our annual male beauty pageant held to raise money for the Delta Zeta Foundation. The men are judged on athletic ability, talent, and formal wear., and the man with the most points as judged is crowned Mr. WSU and receives payment of half of one quarter of his tuition. This year we had 17 contestants that were all sponsored by organizations on campus, and we raised over \$1,100 for the Delta Zeta Foundation. We have also been busy with other philanthropic events. Every Friday we cook and serve food at the Greene County Family Violence Center, and members attend the WSU Mini University (on-campus daycare) to teach preschoolers sign language. We also collected money to present computers to two families that otherwise couldn't afford them.

Omicron Gamma Chapter

Ohio University

The women of the Omicron Gamma chapter at Ohio University have experienced many recent accomplishments. This winter

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Great Lakes Area Collegiate Chapters (cont.)

our third annual *Hoops for Hearing* single elimination basketball tournament raised over \$2,000 for the Delta Zeta Foundation. Our chapter is raising money for *Sound Beginnings* by selling hand knitted scarves made by our own crafty women. We have also expanded our philanthropy efforts by partnering with the Delta Upsilon Fraternity to organize a fundraiser to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Beyond philanthropic achievements, Omicron Gamma received a communication award from National Headquarters, honoring our open communication with our CCD, the RCC, and Headquarters. We are looking forward to participating in Greek Week, as well as our favorite Greek Week event, Air Bands, in which we will be performing skits and dances to a retro 90's theme.

Omicron Nu Chapter University of Windsor

The Omicron Nu Chapter has been busy with many different philanthropic activities. After a sisterhood building chapter retreat, January saw us helping out the local Optimist Clubs organize and run two separate Tristar Basketball Tournaments, a skills competition for children aged 7-13. In February, we organized and hosted a campus-wide Sexually Transmitted Infections Information Seminar for students, in which guest speakers discussed the risks, myths, and facts of STI's. Our charity Steak Dinner took place the first weekend of April, and we were pleased with the large turnout that allowed us to raise about \$400 CDN for Gallaudet University and Hiatus House, a shelter for battered women in the Windsor area. In April, the chapter held the end of year formal, themed *Pretty in Pink*.

Theta Chapter

The Ohio State University

After having 100% initiation in winter quarter, Theta Chapter at The Ohio State University is looking forward to an eventful spring quarter with our wonderful new members. Right now we are busy with Spring recruitment events such as a "Petal Party," where we will be decorating flower pots and planting tulips, an all Greek community cookout, and a night of *The OC* and ice cream. Theta women have also formed an Intramural softball team this quarter, and are working on preparing for our annual Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center.

Recently this has become such a huge campus event that it had to be moved to a larger facility! We hope to raise even more than the \$3000 we raised last year.

Zeta Kappa Chapter

Ohio Northern University

Delta Zeta continues to have the highest grade point average for sororities. We held our annual service auction, *Buy-A-Woo*, in which pairs of sisters were auctioned off to provide 1 hour of service to the highest bidder. This year we raised \$800, a new high for recent years. The chapter has decided to revisit another philanthropy event, *Jell-O Turtle Tug*, to raise funds for the speech and hearing impaired. Winning *Turtle Tug* teams will receive a variety of prizes donated from the community (*we are still looking for donations, so any help would be greatly appreciated! Contact Megan May at 419-772-1463*). Zeta Kappa is gearing up to help with *Relay for Life* and a Blood Mobile, and working on building our float for this year's NASCAR themed Greek Week. Zeta Kappa also boasts a variety of individual standouts: Junior Amanda Dittmar placed first in the 500m and second as a part of the 400m relay at the OAC Indoor Track meet; sophomore Barbie Tate was elected Editor of PRSSA's national newsletter "Forum", and senior Amy Paul will be a traveling consultant for Delta Zeta this fall. ■

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