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Ritual Reflection...

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What do our rituals mean to you? How many of us have thought about our rituals without being in the midst of an initiation ceremony. Most of us haven't participated in our rituals since we were in college. If you have not thought about our rituals since your collegiate days, it is time to think again. Our rituals are the heart and soul of Delta Zeta. Our rituals provide the bond that connects thousands of sisters around the world. We have all been brought together as sisters through our rituals, it is what brings us together and it is what separates us from the rest. Becky Slusher-Thelen, Xi Psi, expressed her feelings on our rituals, "Our Ritual is what binds us together as Delta Zetas. I am so fortunate to be part of an amazing and diverse alumnae group. There are women of all ages and backgrounds, many who I would not have in my life if it was not for Delta Zeta. While we are all so different, we are all Delta Zetas."

Our rituals have been shared with initiated women since 1902. Thousands of women have experienced the same rituals of Delta Zeta; its secrets have been passed down for over a hundred years. "I myself enjoy going up to Ferris State University to watch the initiation ritual. It was especially meaningful when I went to watch my daughter get initiated. The chapter invited me to read one of the alumnae parts, and allowed my daughter to be initiated with my badge. That made me feel a special sense of connection in knowing that the ritual has changed very little over the years," wrote Karen Miron, Zeta Nu.

"Our rituals are the heart and soul of Delta Zeta. Are we giving graciously of what is ours?"

Our initiation ceremony is just the beginning of a lifelong commitment to our rituals. Just because we are not in college anymore and are not present at our rituals does not mean we do not have the ability to live our rituals daily. Our creed reflects the meaning behind our rituals. According to Jane Telder, Gamma Pi, "Our creed is a reflection of our rituals in our everyday life. If you are using the words and principles of our creed, then you are living our rituals daily." If you have not studied our creed for a long time, please take the time to take another look. Do we offer understanding and appreciation to our friends? Are we giving graciously of what is ours? By living our creed we are living the principles of our rituals. Read our creed and ask yourself if you follow the principles in your daily life. Would our founders be proud to stand next to us and call us sisters? If we

continue to live our creed, the reflection of our rituals, I believe our founders would not only be proud, but they would be honored to stand next to us and call us sisters. 🌱



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Oakland County Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Oakland County (Michigan) Alumnae celebrated their 50th anniversary as a chapter with over 20 women in attendance. An afternoon of laughter and memories including scrapbooks and picture boards was shared with long-term and new members, along with some sisters from the Metropolitan Detroit Alumnae Chapter.

The old photos were a wonderful topic of conversation. Sue Kuhn, Past-President, marveled at a photo from a June, 1974 progressive dinner, showing alumnae and their husbands all dressed up - 11 couples in all. Current President Lee Kerr reflected that, "We had a

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2008 Region V State Day - April 5, 2008



Above: Participants in the National Museum session gather with Past National President Norma Andrisek.

Baldwin-Wallace College was the site of the 64th annual Region V State Day on April 5, 2008. Gamma Alpha Chapter and the Cleveland Westside-Berea Alumnae Chapter hosted over 400 collegians and alumnae to the theme "Delta Zeta Rocks!"

Alumnae gathered at Max & Erma's on Friday evening to get the weekend started. On Saturday morning, we were welcomed by Gamma Alpha State Day Chair Tiffany Allison, Region V Regional Collegiate Coordinator Pam Asher, BWC Director of Greek Life Marc West, BWC Vice President of Student Affairs Trina Dobberstein and Great Lakes Area Alumnae Director Mella Davies.

After the welcome, many alumnae served as workshop facilitators while others attended sessions such as Creative Stamping, Women's Health and Nutrition, Facebook Basics, Delta Zeta's National Museum and New Member Education Program - An Overview for Alumnae. A number of alumnae were able to spend some time with soon-to-be-graduates at the Senior workshop, and both groups benefited from their time together.

The collegiate and alumnae spirit award winners were announced during a buffet style lunch accompanied by a fabulous assortment of desserts. Alumnae State Day Chairman Betty Ann Spero presented the alumnae spirit awards for Oldest Alumna (Alice "Ame" Stahl), Youngest Alumnae (Sarah Justice and Jillian Venci), Ms. DZ (Cindy Fitzpatrick) and Furthest Traveled (Dayton Alumnae). After lunch we heard from Keynote speaker Mandi Wise, Chapter Services Director. Mandi discussed the book "The Radical LEAP" by Steve Farber, informing us how we can be effective leaders by inspiring Love, cultivating Energy, generating Audacity and providing Proof.

AAD Mella Davies then honored five of our alumnae as Golden Roses, and Past National President Norma Andrisek inducted Alice Evanick Stahl into the Order of the Pearl (see page 8 for more information and photos of all our anniversary sisters). The alumnae awards ceremony was next - the 2008 Lamplighters, Helen Reimund Love Philanthropy, Joan Dondrea Lowry Philanthropy, and Olive McCune Loyalty Award winners were announced by Mella and Awards Chairman Liz Wood (see page 3 for more award details). The Traveling Gavel was awarded to the Kent Alumnae Chapter for having over 50% of their members in attendance for the day. The Dayton Area Alumnae Chapter was announced as the Outstanding Alumnae Chapter award winner for the second year in a row. More information about all alumnae and collegiate award winners can be found on the following page.



Above: Beta Chi sisters Polly Sems, Cindy Fitzpatrick, and Carol Kile.
Below: Golden Rose/Order of the Pearl honorees.



After Pam Asher recognized the Region V CCDs and announced the 2008 collegiate award winners, we finished the day with a Senior Ceremony and Friendship Circle led by the alumnae chapter Presidents in attendance. The Cleveland Westside-Berea and Cleveland Eastside Alumnae chapters distributed roses and "Welcome to Alumnae Status" notes to the seniors. Alpha Rho Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University will serve as State Day host in 2009.

Left: Laurie Walburn was honored with her five-year CCD award by RCC Pam Asher. Also pictured is little legacy Ashleigh Walburn.



Outstanding Alumnae Chapter Award

The 2008 winner has given generously to local charities and the Foundation, volunteered for many local community organizations and participated in local philanthropic events, enjoyed many creative and non-traditional program activities, and worked closely with their local collegiate chapter. Congratulations, for the second year in a row, to the **Dayton Alumnae Chapter**.



Lucile Crowell Cooks & Mella Cooks Davies Alumnae Collegiate Relations Award

This award is presented to the Alumnae Chapter that has shared their meetings and events with a collegiate chapter, has supported the collegiate chapter financially and has participated in their activities.

The 2008 recipients are the **Delaware Area Alumnae Chapter** along with **Alpha Rho and Zeta Kappa Chapters**.



Pictured at left are Traci Kennedy-Brockfield, Delaware Area Alumnae Chapter representative, and AAD Mella Davies.

Alumnae Awards

Ohio State Day 2008 - April 5, 2008

The 2008 Olive McCune Loyalty Award Winner

This award is given to an alumna member in Ohio who has made a significant contribution to her sorority through her loyalty, interest and devotion. Visit the Great Lakes Website at www.dzgreatlakes.com for more information about Ms. McCune and past Olive McCune Loyalty Award winners.

**Pamela Gehlhausen
Asher (Gamma Kappa)
was nominated by the
Kent Alumnae Chapter.**

Pam has been a dedicated and loyal member of the Delta Zeta Sorority since the moment she stepped into our sisterhood. Pam was initiated into Gamma Kappa in January 1991. As an undergraduate, she served her chapter as House Manager, Vice President of New Member Education, Risk Manager, Awards Chairperson, Sorority Education and Ritual Chairperson.



Upon graduation, Pam immediately joined the Kent Alumnae chapter. Her enthusiasm and desire to be involved resulted in her accepting the positions of Vice President and Collegiate Relations Chairperson. An opportunity to directly serve her home chapter in the sorority arose and she was elected to the office of Treasurer of the Gamma Kappa House Corporation in May of 1996, an office she held for 8 years.

Little did she realize at the time that her skills would be such a great benefit to the collegiate sisters at Kent State University. Pam soon found herself doing double duty when she was appointed as CCD for Gamma Kappa. Pam enjoyed her years as advisor to the chapter. One of her favorite DZ memories is her first National Convention as CCD in 1998. This gave Pam a real opportunity to represent her home chapter but also see Delta Zeta Sorority on a grander stage.

In 2005, the role of Regional Collegiate Coordinator for Region V became available and Pam was asked to take on the challenge. She gracefully accepted and continues in this role today. She travels all over the region supporting our Delta Zeta women by conducting workshops and assisting chapter officers. She has been a tireless cheerleader for our sorority and has put on a positive face even in times of adversity.

In the years since her college graduation with the work involved as House Corporation Treasurer, CCD and now RCC, Pam still continues to be active in the Kent Alumnae chapter, working in the kitchen during recruitment, attending business meetings and being involved in the senior workshop. Pam was honored with the Kent Alumnae Chapter Lamplighter Award in 2003.

Pam is married to Benjamin and has two young sons, Maxwell and Matthew. She holds a full time position in the import/export department of CPH Services Corp, a chemical company in Stow, OH. She also teaches Sunday school at My Temple in Hudson and enjoys scrap-booking. 🌱

Congratulations Pam!

2008 Helen Reimund "Love" Philanthropy Award

This award is presented to an Alumnae Chapter for supreme excellence in philanthropy - total money and time donated to philanthropic causes, the Delta Zeta Foundation and local charities.

The 2008 recipient is the Toledo Alumnae Chapter with total philanthropic donations of \$6,100.

2008 Joan Dondrea Lowry Philanthropy Award

This award was established at State Day 1992 and is presented to the Alumnae Chapter donating the greatest time and money to the Delta Zeta Foundation.

The 2008 recipient is the Toledo Alumnae Chapter with total donations of \$2,100.

2008 Lamplighter Award Winners

The Lamplighter Award acknowledges the member in each chapter who has given that extra bit of spark, devotion and loyalty as an officer or member. For more information about the 2008 winners, visit www.dzgreatlakes.com.



Left: Jean Rains was announced as the Cleveland Eastside Lamplighter.



Right: Suzanne Hsu accepts the Youngstown Lamplighter Award.

Recipients are listed below with their nominating chapter:

Cleveland Eastside

Jean Rains, Alpha

Cleveland Westside/Berea

Melody Ross, Gamma Alpha

Columbus

Joyce Beers, Iota Rho

Delaware Area

Anne Pistone, Alpha Rho

Youngstown

Suzanne Hsu, Theta Rho

Collegiate Awards

Ohio State Day, April 5, 2008

The following is only a partial list of Collegiate Award winners from State Day 2008. Please visit www.dzgreatlakes.com for a full list of award winners.

Most Improved Scholarship - Gamma Tau Chapter

Mary Collins Galbraith Award for Highest Scholarship in the Region - Alpha Rho Chapter

Cindy Winslow Menges Communication Award - Gamma Kappa Chapter

Programming Excellence Award - Kappa Iota Chapter

Sandra Bailey Philanthropy Excellence Award - Gamma Tau Chapter

VIP (Vision, Innovation, Perseverance) Award - Theta Psi Chapter

Lynnda Wolf Hoefler Most Improved Chapter Award - Gamma Tau Chapter

Outstanding New Member Program Award - Alpha Rho Chapter

Phyllis S. Favorite Outstanding New Member of the Region Award - Kristina Sunderlin, Kappa Iota Chapter

Outstanding Chapter Treasurer - Sherri Gress, Theta Chapter

Outstanding Chapter President - Char Smith, Alpha Rho Chapter

Heart and Soul Award - Brandi Alter, Gamma Kappa Chapter and Mandy Means, Gamma Alpha Chapter

Pride of the Region - Allison Dassani, Theta Chapter

Mella's Musings

Great Lakes AAD Report from Mella Davies

Exciting things are happening in DZ Land. Members are joining Delta Zeta Pink Goes Green and working at the grassroots level to improve the environment, educating the public on what they can do and then helping them do it. In February, an online program, MentalHealthEdu, was implemented to serve as a resource for chapter advisors. It is designed to help our advisors assist students with mental health concerns. The Strategic Planning Committee completed its work last September. Based on the committee's recommendations, subcommittees were appointed. Committee members have been teleconferencing as they seek ways to enrich our sorority experience and be relevant in the next decade. I'm proud to report that our Great Lakes PR Chairman, Denise Brenner is serving as a subcommittee chairman. We look forward to learning more about the Strategic Plan when we convene in June at the Doral Resort for Convention.



The Oakland County Alumnae Chapter celebrated her 50th Anniversary on April 20th, and the Wooster Alumnae are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. Congratulations to both chapters on these milestones.

This issue of the Gazette will feature some highlights from Region V Ohio State Day at Baldwin Wallace College. April 5th was a memorable day for everyone who attended. Special thanks go to Tiffany Allison, Gamma Alpha Chairman and CCD Lauri Walburn. They worked closely with Region V RCC Pam Asher, to inspire, inform and entertain over 400 visiting collegians. Alumnae planners who hosted over 60 visiting alumnae include Betty Ann Spero, Chairman, Karin Crivel, Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter and Carla Woodcock, Cleveland Eastside Alumnae Chapter.

As we recognize our Delta Zeta volunteers during National Volunteer Week April 26 - May 3, I wish to thank the Great Lakes Area Team members, past and present, for their time, loyalty and support as we figured out what we needed to be doing and who needed to do it. All ten Area Teams have experienced this process as we shared our ideas and worked to implement activities directed by National Council. Killarney Roses to you all. 🌱

Greetings from Glenna

Dear Delta Zeta Sisters,

I have retired, and turned my records over to your new Great Lakes Membership Chairman, Christyle Broadworth.

Thanks so much for your cooperation during these past years. I know we're all working hard to help with the continued success of our groups. We treasure our Delta Zeta friendships.

Christyle has so much enthusiasm, knowledge of Delta Zeta, and contacts. I'm sure you'll enjoy working with her and welcome the new alumnae groups she and your state chairmen will be establishing.

Even though I won't be an active member of our Great Lakes team, my love and support are still with you and your alumnae chapters.

In Delta Zeta,
Glenna Vander Meer Paukstis 🌱

Coming next issue...
Christyle's Corner



Snippets from Sandy

Development Report from Sandy Alspach

Anne Pistone (Alpha Rho) has volunteered to serve as the State Development Chairman for Ohio. Read more about Anne in the New Faces section on page 8.

Anne and Lindsey Bonner (Zeta Nu) will be working with me to recognize our wonderful sisters who have volunteered their services to Delta Zeta during the last year as part of Volunteer Appreciation Week during the last part of April. 🌱

Kappa Chi Member Candidate for Miss Ohio

Kappa Chi member Heather Wells was named Miss Maple City 2008. Heather is a freshman telecommunications major at Youngstown State University.



The Miss Maple City pageant included a private interview, swim suit, evening gown, and talent competitions and on stage question. For winning the title, Heather received a \$1,000 scholarship and earned the right to participate in the Miss Ohio pageant in June in Mansfield.

Heather graduated from Howland High School, where she participated in choir, band, track, cheerleading, and was a majorette. She is president of the Trumbull County Junior Fair Board and the Silver Claws 4-H Cat Club, ranked in the top 100 nationwide in the 2007 National Forensics League Tournament, and participated in the state speech tournament, placing ninth in dramatic interpretation.

Heather was also named first runner-up in the Miss Ohio Teen Pageant. She is a model for WFMJ Today and is the daughter of Dennis and Andrea Wells.

Congratulations Heather and best of luck in the Miss Ohio Pageant! 🌱

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Alumnae Chapters

Cincinnati

Contact: Lori Hoggatt-Campbell - 1lilpig@woh.rr.com

We have planned a series of drop in meetings for women interested in being part of the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter. There are no strings attached - these meetings will serve as a way for you to meet other sisters or get reacquainted with old friends, share your ideas about what you want to see in an alumnae chapter, and give you an opportunity to see if the Cincinnati Alumnae Chapter is a good fit for you. If you are interested come to one of the following locations.

May 14, 2008 at 6:30 PM

The Pub - Crestview Hills, 2853 Dixie Highway, Crestview Hills, KY 41017 - 859-426-7827

June 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Panera-Community Room, Deerfield Towne Center, 5095 Deerfield Boulevard, Mason, OH 45040 - 513-770-0160

If you know that you are planning to attend one or all of these meetings please contact me so that I can make sure we have enough space. If you are interested, but cannot attend one of these meetings please contact Lori Hoggatt-Campbell, State Membership Chairmen for Ohio by email at 1lilpig@woh.rr.com or by phone at 937-395-1614. Also, if you know of someone who may be interested please let her know.

Cleveland Westside/Berea Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Karin Crivel - kcrivel1942@aol.com

Cleveland Westside/Berea chapter had their annual ice cream social with the Gamma Alphas in March, and has been busy working with the GAs to renovate their suite. We are very proud of our sister, Joan Lowry, and congratulate her on her Lorain County Leadership Award for Excellence presented to her at their annual dinner in February.

Dayton Area Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Amy Uhler - amylouwho@ameritech.net

In celebration of National Women's History Month, the Dayton Area Alumnae Chapter centered our March meeting around women's empowerment. The chapter had a guest speaker who discussed ways women can empower themselves and other women. The chapter made homemade cards with messages of inspiration for women who are going back to or entering the workforce. In May, the chapter will be contributing professional clothing to a local charity that helps to empower women through the Panhellenic Style Show fundraiser.

Kent Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Kelly Gombert - kgombert@mail2Kelly.com

The Kent Alumnae Chapter held its annual holiday party/auction with the women of Gamma Kappa in December. Kelly Petersen, Gamma Kappa '02, served as the auctioneer and the items auctioned included everything from vintage DZ t-shirts to hand crafted pillows. Kelly provided so much energy and excitement during the bidding that there was nothing left at the end of the night! The auction successfully raised over \$100 for philanthropy projects. Upcoming Kent events include Senior Tea on May 4 at

the Gamma Kappa house and an outing to Sarah's Vineyard in Cuyahoga Falls on May 10. Plans are also underway to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Gamma Kappa chapter in October.

Toledo Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Sandy Bowdle - umosubowdle@aol.com

This year our members decided to spend the funds that have been accumulating in a Certificate of Deposit we opened in 1999. Marion Barth Wells (Theta 1928) left our chapter a donation of \$5,000 in her will. Through the past several years it has accumulated interest and in December of 2007 we were happy to share \$6,000.00 with some worthy local organizations as well as the Delta Zeta Foundation.

Through the Delta Zeta Foundation, we contributed \$1,000.00 to the Painted Turtle camp and \$1,000.00 to Sound Beginnings. In addition, we made a \$100.00 donation in memory of Karen Burgess, a long time member of our chapter.

We also contributed to local Toledo charities: \$1,000.00 to Mom's House; \$1,000.00 to: The Sparrow's Nest; \$1,000.00 to Beach House; \$500.00 to The Sight Center; and \$500.00 to St. Luke's Hospital Foundation for Diabetes Center.

This December, in lieu of our annual fund raising auction, we decided to purchase much needed supplies for the Sparrow's Nest. This may become an annual event.



Right: Youngstown Alumnae and legacies gathered for the holidays.

Youngstown Alumnae Chapter

Contact: Madonna Barwick - chloefreak@aol.com

Our book club continues to meet monthly. In December eight alumnae and two legacies gathered for a holiday party at Madonna Barwick's house in Canfield. Continuing with tradition, we exchanged ornaments.

On April 18, we will attend the Collegiate Awards Night, and on May 16, we will host a senior dinner. Our annual summer picnic will take place on Sunday, July 13 at Slippery Rock Pavilion in Mill Creek Park 4 p.m. All alumnae and their significant others, children, friends, etc. are invited to enjoy some food and games with the DZ collegians of YSU. Contact Angela (Barwick) Messenger at 330-518-9963 or ajbarwick@ysu.edu to RSVP. 🍄

Visit the new and improved Delta Zeta National Web site at www.deltazeta.org!

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Collegiate Chapters

Alpha Rho – Ohio Wesleyan University

We are proud to have the highest GPA of the sororities at Ohio Wesleyan and one of the highest among all organizations on our campus. We participated in Relay for Life, raising the most money of all the sororities. In March, our new members held a bake sale to raise money for KODA camp in Dayton, Ohio. The camp provides a week long stay for children 8-14 years old that have deaf or hard of hearing parents or who are deaf themselves.

Epsilon Sigma – Wayne State University

In February, we held a Lunchbox Social in which members prepared meals and mini baskets that were auctioned off to help raise over \$1,000 for the Delta Zeta Foundation. We finished winter semester with a 3.1 GPA average and were named 2007's Most Outstanding Student Organization. In April, we participated in a fundraiser at Cold Stone Creamery, Relay for Life and Warrior Games, an annual WSU event in which student organizations compete in events such as raft racing, scavenger hunts, tug of war, dunk tank and a pie eating contest.

Gamma Alpha – Baldwin-Wallace College

Aside from being busy with State Day planning, we hosted an alumni ice cream social, socialized with other sororities on campus while making t-shirts and cookies and watching movies, and filled Easter baskets to donate to a local children's home. We are looking forward to our annual Turtle Tug event and are very proud that Rosie Jovic was recently installed as President of Panhellenic Council.

Gamma Kappa – Kent State University

Lip Sync 2008 was a huge success and included a variety of themed performances, including High School Musical, Revenge of the Nerds, The DZ Bunch, 300, and DZ Spring Break. Thanks to some of our alumnae for serving as judges. In February, Gamma Kappa six women accepted a bid through COB,

bringing the chapter to total. In March, we paired up with the men of Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Epsilon Pi for Songfest.

Gamma Pi – Western Michigan University

We won Sigma Kappa Volly-fest and placed third in Greek Week. We earned 5 Stars in Leadership, Citizenship, Values, Intellectual Development and Positive Relations as we were also named a 5 Star Overall Chapter, the highest rating for WMU's Greek Standards of Excellence. Two members represent Delta Zeta on Panhellenic Board as Vice President of Recruitment and Treasurer.

Gamma Tau – Bowling Green State University

We participated in BGSU's Dance Marathon to raise money for Toledo Children's Hospital. Some members participated while others served as Moralers, supporting the participants who were on their feet for 32 hours. We have participated in intramural soccer, volleyball and softball. We hosted a Mother's tea and received the most improved GPA Greek life award, after increasing from a 2.81 to 3.2 GPA and a rank of second among NPC chapters on campus.



Left: Kappa Iota members at Initiation.

Kappa Iota – Wright State University

Our 6th annual Mr. WSU male scholarship pageant was held on April 10 and raised over \$1,500.00 for the Delta Zeta Foundation. Mr. WSU is our annual philanthropy event in which male contestants compete in sportswear, eveningwear, talent, and a final interview competition for a half-quarter tuition scholarship. The evening includes interactive games, a door prize raffle and the opportunity for the audience to vote on Mr. Congeniality. We also participated in Relay for Life on April 18th.

Kappa Chi – Youngstown State University

Tiffany Lyden was voted YSU's 2008 Homecoming Queen, Dalene Scott was named YSU's Sorority Woman of the Year, Lindsey Golubic and Diane Platton were inducted into Order of Omega and a number of sisters were named to the Greek Honor Roll. We were crowned Greek Week Champions for the second year in a row and received the highest chapter attendance and best T-shirt design awards at State Day.

Lambda Theta – Michigan Technological University

For fall 2007, we were number 1 of 21 Greek organizations for both semester and cumulative GPA. We were above the all women's GPA and 46% of our members achieved Dean's List status. During Winter Carnival 2008, Becky Klank was first runner-up in the Queen competition and received the Audience Choice Award. We placed third in the Snow Statue competition and second overall. We volunteered at the Mexican Dinner benefit fundraiser for Dial Help, a 24-hour, 7 day/week agency that provides crisis intervention, prevention services, parenting assistance and other support.

Great Lakes Calendar

June 27-30, 2008 - Delta Zeta National Convention
Doral Golf Resort and Spa, Miami, Florida

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

October 24, 2008 - Happy Founders' Day!

November 8, 2008 - Region VI Day
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan

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

February 10, 2009 - Deadline for submissions for
Issue #2 of *The LAMP*

April 1, 2009 - Deadline for submissions for the
Spring *Great Lakes Gazette*

April, 2009 - Ohio State Day
Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio

Chapter Reports

Great Lakes Area Collegiate Chapters



Left: Omicron Gamma "Plungers" at the Polar Plunge.

Omicron Gamma – Ohio University

We raised \$547.00 for the Special Olympics in the first annual Phi Kappa Theta Polar Plunge on February 16. The six members of the "DZ Plungers" team solicited friends and family and went door-to-door offering to take out trash for donations. Delta Zeta was the only sorority of the nine invited to brave the icy waters. We travel with members of other sororities to an elementary school in one of Ohio's poorer, rural areas to serve lunch to the children. This spring we held a cornhole tournament to benefit the Starkey Hearing Foundation. We are planning a drive to collect items from the wish list for My Sister's Place, a local battered women's shelter.



Right: Omicron Nu collegians and alumnae at the Reminiscence of 1902 formal.

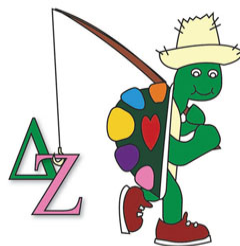
Omicron Nu – University of Windsor

We spent a Saturday night in November babysitting four children free-of-charge so the parents could go out for a much needed night on the town. One of the children suffers from leukemia so the chapter treated the parents to dinner and a play at a local theatre, as well as a limousine service for the evening. Our winter new member class camped out in tents inside the student center on campus for three days and had a bake sale to raise money for the Painted Turtle camp. In March we celebrated our 16th anniversary at our "Reminiscence of 1902 formal held at Willistead Manor, a historical mansion in Windsor.

Theta – The Ohio State University

Theta chapter welcomed 17 new women into our sisterhood this quarter. We held our quarterly Service Day in which our women traveled to various locations around Columbus to help out local organizations. We also hosted the first annual DZ Deserts to raise money for our philanthropy and the Delta Zeta Foundation. We will be hosting our annual philanthropy Spaghetti Dinner on May 16th.

Omicron Gamma Raises Over \$6,000.00 through T-shirt Project



The Painted Turtle
a Hole in the Wall Camp

Makenna Knight, a junior member of Omicron Gamma chapter, organized the chapter's first philanthropy t-shirt project, which raised \$6,044.17 for the Painted Turtle.

Knight designed a t-shirt that displayed a turtle and the saying "No matter our letters, we're all Dee Zees together" on the front, and a list of the country's Delta Zeta chapters on the back. She then sent the design and an order form to those chapters.

The project elicited an enthusiastic response. Shirts were sent to approximately 1,100 individuals all over the country, from Maine to California.

"It was really cool to see all of the chapters unite for our philanthropy," assistant philanthropy chair Chelsea Heil said.

The sisters of Omicron Gamma are excited about the positive results of the project, and hope that this could encourage other fundraising events that allow all of our Delta Zetas to support each other, no matter their letters. 🌱

Theta Psi – Ashland University

"Trick-or-Treat Help Someone Eat" helped Theta Psi collect and donate over 4,000 cans to the Salvation Army, and was nominated for the Outstanding Service Project on campus. We raised over \$250.00 in our second annual Spa Party fundraiser during Sibs and Kids Weekend, doubling the proceeds from one year ago, and participated in the St. Jude's Up Til Dawn letter writing campaign. Delta Zeta also teamed up with the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity to help raise money for Feed the Children.

Zeta Kappa Chapter – Ohio Northern University

To show appreciation to our fellow Greeks, we hosted a "Heart Attack" event the night before Valentine's Day in which sisters decorated fraternity and sorority doors in hearts. We are planning our annual Buy-A-Woo fundraising event to auction off sisters for tasks such as laundry, cleaning, and cooking. We will be participating in Relay for Life and have raised over \$1,200.00 so far. We have also adopted a troop in Iraq to send letters to, and will have a dirt ice cream area set up for Lil' Sibs Weekend. Last quarter, our chapter had the highest GPA of all Greek organizations at ONU. 🌱



Above: Zeta Kappa members at their "Heart Attack" event.



Left: Alice "Ame" Stahl is installed as an Order of the Pearl member by Past-National President Norma Andrisek.

Sixty-five years of membership in any organization is difficult for most people to maintain. But, as Delta Zetas, we know we are sisters for life.

The following Ohio alumnae achieved Order of the Pearl status in 2008. They were invited to attend Ohio's State Day on April 5th and we received responses from many of them.

Elsa "Jane" Baer, Alpha

Elsa lives in Oxford near DZ Headquarters.

Betty Doughman Dillahunt, Beta Chi

Betty is a snow bird, living in Florida during Ohio winters. She resides in Springfield the rest of the year.

Juanita Yeomans Grewe, Beta Phi

Juanita wanted to come to the State Day, but she was unable to attend. She lives in Streetsboro.

Fran Wackerman Keller, Gamma Alpha

Fran lives in Akron and stays in touch with her Gamma Alpha sisters. She says, "I can't believe it has been 65 years."

Dorothy McCullough Morehead, Delta

Dorothy was active in the Middletown alumnae chapter until it became inactive about 10 years ago.

Helen Ayer Ormston, Alpha

Helen lives in Cincinnati and her daughter, Nola Jacobs, is also a Delta Zeta from Theta. Helen writes, "It was a big surprise to open your letter which brought back so many precious memories of Miami and Delta Zeta."

Lois Hurst Ross, Gamma Alpha

Lois lives in Wakeman. She says, "This brings back many great memories of my friends in DZ."

Alice Evanick Stahl, Gamma Alpha (pictured above)

Alice attended State Day at Baldwin Wallace. She lives in nearby Elyria. She writes, "I can't believe it has been 15 years since my 'Rose' ceremony!" She told Mella Davies that she and Sally Beach started the Cleveland Westside Alumnae chapter.

Gracia Becker Scrutton, Alpha

Gracia lives in Novelty.

Eleanor Vance Talmage, Theta

Eleanor lives in Marysville. 🌱

Congratulations to all of our Order of the Pearl sisters!

Alumnae Report for the period

April 2, 2006 through April 1, 2007

Top Service Hours by Area

6th of 10 - Great Lakes Area - 297 total hours, 1.73 hours/member average

Top Service Hours Chapter in the Great Lakes Area

Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter - 7.24 hours/member average

Top 10 Service Hours Chapters in the Country

#10 - Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter - 152 total hours

Top Fundraising by Area

4th of 10 - Great Lakes Area - \$6,340.24 total, \$36.83/member average

Top Fundraising Chapter in the Great Lakes Area

Dayton Area Alumnae Chapter - \$121.79/member average

Top 10 Fundraising Chapters in the Country

#4 - Dayton Area Alumnae Chapter - \$3,410.00 total

Overall, Delta Zeta alumnae donated \$83,100 to deserving organizations and assisted their local community with 12,957 community service hours. Nice job!

Collegiate Report for the period

April 16, 2007 through October 31, 2007

Top Service Hours in the Region

Region V - Bowling Green State University (Gamma Tau) - 50 hours/member average

Region VI - Eastern Michigan University (Gamma Sigma) - 53 hours/member average

Top 10 Service Hours Chapters in the Country

#7 - Eastern Michigan University (Gamma Sigma) - 53 hours/member average

#8 - Bowling Green State University (Gamma Tau) - 50 hours/member average

Community Service Hours by Region

1st of 17 - Region VI - 7,219 hours total, 23/member average

13th of 17 - Region V - 7,171 hours total, 10/member average

Top Fundraising Chapter in the Region

Region V - Miami University (Alpha) - \$138.43/member average

Region VI - University of Windsor (Omicron Nu) - \$105.24/member average

Top 10 Fundraising Chapters in the Country

#4 - Miami University (Alpha) - \$138.43/member average

Fundraising by Region

8th of 17 - Region V - \$24,858 total - \$34.82/member average

12th of 17 - Region VI - \$8,559 total - \$26.75/member average

Overall collegians donated \$367,852.07 (\$36.84/member) to deserving organizations and assisted their local community with 137,907 service hours (14/member). Great job!

New Faces...

...In the Delta Zeta Great Lakes Area

Sheree Hoover (Lambda Theta '97)

Xi Eta (Northwood University) Chapter CCD

Collegiate involvement: Chapter President, Treasurer, New Member Education Assistant, IFC Rep

Alumnae involvement: Looking forward to getting involved in the Mt. Pleasant chapter

Professional: Chemical engineer at Dow Corning

Family: Currently planning an October wedding and looking forward to a lifetime full of happiness with future hubby J

Hobbies: Love to play golf and am actively involved in the Auburn Jaycees

Favorite DZ memory: The one that sticks out is ironing snow at 6 in the morning during Winter Carnival with 10 other sorority sisters. Even though we were so tired from working on our DZ snow statue all night long, we had such a good time laughing about how we never thought we'd be caught dead ironing the SNOW! The statue looked great when it was done and it was a huge accomplishment when we took first place.

Suzanne Hsu (Theta Rho '92)

Kappa Chi (Youngstown State University) Chapter CCD

Collegiate involvement: Sorority Education Chair, Treasurer, VP Membership

Alumnae involvement: House Corp, Pasadena Foothill and Youngstown Alumnae Chapters

Professional: RN, returning to school this month for MSN

Family: Two daughters and a son

Hobbies: Reading and sewing, Association Operating Room Nurses member

Favorite DZ memory: Receiving an award from my CCD, and as an alumna, going to state day (province day then) and going into labor on the way home and having my legacy that night.

Suzanne adds: "I am so thankful to have the support of my sisters here in Ohio, and I am enjoying the Kappa Chi chapter."

Traci Kennedy-Brockfield (Alpha Rho '98)

Alpha Rho (Ohio Wesleyan University) Chapter CCD

Collegiate involvement: President, Secretary, Sisterhood Chair, Bid & Judicial Committees, Panhellenic Standards Board

Alumnae involvement: National New Member Education Committee Member, Columbus Alumnae Chapter President & Philanthropy Chair, Delaware Alumnae Chapter Founding Member

Professional: In my seventh year of teaching fourth grade at Buckeye Valley East Elementary, and working on my Master's in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University and will graduate in the summer of 2009.

Family: Husband Mike and we are expecting our first child, a DZ legacy, in August!

Hobbies: I am very active in my school community including advising our elementary student council. I helped organize the Ohio Wesleyan Alumnae Panhellenic Group and serve as its secretary. I enjoy scrapbooking, walking, hiking and biking with my husband and playing in the bell choir at my church.

Favorite DZ memory: The event that changed my life in DZ was attending my first National Convention in 2000 in Phoenix

Arizona as our chapter's delegate. This experience helped me fully realize the depth of our sorority. I was officially "hooked" in living my life as a Delta Zeta for a lifetime. I have attended each Convention since and will do so again this summer in Florida while being 7.5 months pregnant!

Traci adds: "I am THRILLED to be back working with the collegians and serving as Alpha Rho's CCD. The chapter women are wonderful, our house mom is amazing and I look forward to helping to have great things happen on campus with our Alpha Rho chapter!"

Anne Pistone (Alpha Rho '96)

Great Lakes Area State Development Chairman, Ohio

Collegiate involvement: Historian, sunshine chair, programming board, Treasurer

Alumnae involvement: Treasurer, Delaware Alumnae Chapter

Professional: Was a recruiter for four years, then a customer service representative for a relocation company for four years prior to becoming a stay at home

Family: Husband Jeff and Mom to 14-month old Zachary

Hobbies: Spending time with my family and friends, training for a 5K this summer, activities with a mom's group

Favorite DZ memory: I would have to say becoming part of Executive Board and participating in initiation would be one of the tops - participating brought a whole new level of understanding and appreciation of Delta Zeta. 🌱

Tidbits

Great Lakes Area News and Announcements

Facebook users – Join over 100 of your sisters on the new Great Lakes Alumnae Area group! Visit www.facebook.com for more information or to join.

Delta Zeta launched Pink Goes Green in February - visit www.dzpinkgoesgreen.org for more information.

Congratulations to Sharla Buxton, Laurie Walburn and Megan Ferda on the arrival of their babies!

Andrea Henderson and Denise Brenner represented the Great Lakes Area on the 2008 National Nominating Committee.

Delta Zeta has a new look! Watch for a newly re-designed web site at www.deltazeta.org to be launched soon.

Congratulations to Gamma Omicron Chapter at San Diego State University, installed on March 15, 2008!

Watch for a wrap-up of the 2008 Delta Zeta National Convention, coming in the Summer, 2008 issue of the *Great Lakes Gazette*.

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Total Great Lakes Alumnae Donors: 249

Total Michigan Alumnae Donors: 73

Total Ohio Alumnae Donors: 176

Ohio Chapter with most alumnae donors: Alpha Chapter - 25

Michigan Chapter with most alumnae donors: Gamma Psi Chapter - 9



Right: Joan Lowry is surrounded by her fellow "Difference Makers."



Joan Lowry - A Difference Maker

By Kristen Jones, Leadership Lorain County Development Director

Leadership Lorain County, one of the country's top leadership development programs, celebrated outstanding community activism with their fifth annual Difference Makers Gala and Excellence in Leadership Awards ceremony, held on February 22nd in Elyria, Ohio. The Gala honored individuals and an organization that have demonstrated their remarkable leadership and have made a significant impact on the community. Among the five honorees was Joan Dondrea Lowry, recognized for her outstanding commitment to leadership and service to her community.

"Service to Mankind", "Outstanding Service", "Woman of Achievement", "Community Leader of America" are just a few of the numerous distinctions Joan Dondrea Lowry has garnered during an illustrious career of dedicated community service.

Beginning her career as a teacher, Joan transitioned into the broadcasting field and has flourished in this profession over the years. Joan's contributions have been on both a local and national level. Professionally, Joan has worked in corporate affairs, public relations, educational outreach, and radio and television broadcasting.

Joan has been able to continue her commitment to education by incorporating educational themes into her cable television shows. Some of these shows have been recognized by awarding Joan the "Beacon Award" –given by the Cable Television Public Affairs Association for shows such as "Dope is for Dopes" – first place nationally for Community Service and Innovation; "Cultural Diversity – Native American Tradition" – first place nationally for Community Service; and "Ultimate Invention" – first place nationally for Education. Additionally, Joan has received awards from the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association for video excellence statewide with Best Program Series along with the Cablecasting Award for Government Affairs Programming, Community Service Project, Education Outreach and Entertainment Programming.

Some interesting components of her professional career have included the opportunity to serve as a judge for numerous pageants and contests, and interview celebrities such as Carol Lawrence, Richard Pryor, Caesar Romero, Steve Allen, Vincent Price, Ben Vereen, Richard Simmons, Chef Mario Batali, Florence Henderson, Tiny Tim, Miss America Heather Whitestone McCallum, and Charlton Heston, among countless others.

Joan's service to the community has been extensive and widespread. Joan has served on many Boards and Councils both locally and nationally in general membership and leadership roles. Her contributions to the Lorain County community have included serving in leadership roles for many organizations, including the Leadership Lorain County Board, President and Vice President of the Lorain County Office on Aging, Vice President of the Board of the Volunteer Action Center, and Erie Shores Girl Scout Council. She was the founder of the Lorain County Council for Better Hearing & Speech and was a member of the Founding Committee for Lorain County 911.

Joan has spent thousands of volunteer hours and has held leadership roles with the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Easter Seals, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Lorain County Council on Aging, Salvation Army, and the United Way. A graduate of Baldwin-Wallace College and member of Delta Zeta, Gamma Alpha Chapter, Joan is a past national president of the Baldwin-Wallace College Alumni Association, a past National President of the Delta Zeta Foundation, and was honored as the 1995 Delta Zeta *Woman of the Year*.

"Our 2008 honorees for Excellence in Leadership epitomize the spirit and mission of Leadership Lorain County through their wonderful activism, philanthropic and community work," said Executive Director Gail Stumphauzer. "We were thrilled to have this opportunity to celebrate their commitment to strengthening our community and serving the many needs of those who have benefited from their involvement."

About Leadership Lorain County: Leadership Lorain County was established in 1984 by a group of concerned local leaders for the purpose of fostering new leadership to carry on the cooperative spirit of community involvement throughout Lorain County and Northeast Ohio. The organization provides programs and services that engage and strengthen the communities of Lorain County and the region as a whole, including the Annual 10-month signature Leadership Program, the Leadership Society, Leadership Breakfast Series, educational and networking events, and a wide variety of leadership and career programming for high school and college students. 🌱

Oakland County 50th Anniversary

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wonderful day; Delta Zetas love to talk! It was like an old rush party. It was lovely seeing several gals find their pledge pictures and locate a pledge sister...very touching."

A delicious luncheon was served and Secretary and Newsletter editor Joan Knapp took many new photos, to be featured in a future edition of the Oakland County newsletter. Sisters who are now in the Flame Eternal were remembered with love and a circle of friendship and the singing of Delta Zeta Lamps Are Burning concluded the happy day.

Congratulations Oakland County on your Golden anniversary!

Coming soon...

Check the summer issue of the Great Lakes Gazette for a Wrap-up of the 2008 Delta Zeta National Convention in Miami, Florida!

Attention Mt. Pleasant Area Alumnae!

A Meet-and-Greet Potluck has been scheduled for Mt. Pleasant area Delta Zeta alumnae on Sunday, June 1 at 6:30pm. Please join us for this wonderful event!

When: Sunday, June 1, 2008, 6:30pm

Where: Condo Clubhouse of Stefanie Dombrowski, Gamma Psi Chapter CCD

Address: 1700 Piper Place
Alma, MI 48801

RSVP: Stefanie Dombrowski at 989-430-4032
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We hope to see you there!

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