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Alumnae Chapter Per Capita Dues Deadline is March 10, 2005

Delta Zeta Great Lakes Area 2005 Alumnae Chapter Per Capita Dues are due March 10, 2005. The dues remain at \$2.00 per chapter member. Please pay promptly!

Per capita dues stay in the Great Lakes Area. They are used to help defray costs for awards, workshops, and travel expenses for special guests at Region Day (Michigan) and State Day (Ohio). We are able to keep the registration costs down if everyone helps to support the Great Lakes Area events by paying per capita dues.

Please submit your dues (payable to Delta Zeta Great Lakes) to Melissa Brundjar, Great Lakes Area Treasurer. Contact Melissa at mbrundjar@core.com with any questions or for her mailing address.

Still Looking for CCDs...

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

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

If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who might be interested, contact AAD Mella Davies.

March 7, 2005 is NPC International Badge Day. Don't forget to wear your Delta Zeta badge with pride!

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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, found on the Delta Zeta National Website. Links to full articles for these and many other Great Lakes Area headlines can be found by visiting Dateline: Delta Zeta online at www.deltazeta.org.

- Mary Ellen Biery Cole A'34 was recently featured in a Findlay newspaper.
- Jane MacFarlane ZN '90 reappointed to the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns by Governor Jennifer Granholm
- Georgianna Arnett Bonds ΓA '56 was featured in the Annual Report for the Girl Scouts of Lake Erie Council.
- Cleveland-Eastside Alumnae Chapter Members Honored
- The Youngstown Alumnae Chapters attended Youngstown State University's 2004 Homecoming and hosted the Senior Dinner.
- The Golden Horseshoe Alumnae Chapter held its annual Christmas party at the Chapter President's house, and conducted a Secret Santa gift exchange.
- Alpha Eta sisters returned to the University of Michigan for football games.
- In October, members of the Dayton Alumnae Chapter attended a Founders Day celebration hosted by the Kappa Iota Chapter (Wright State University).
- The Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter gathered in October to celebrate Founders Day, as well as the chapter's 50th anniversary.
- The Columbus Alumnae Chapter celebrated Founders Day with Theta Chapter (The Ohio State University) collegians.

Greetings from Glenna

Great Lakes Membership Report from Glenna Paukstis

Alumnae Chapter Presidents - please review the Winter 2005 Alumnae Mailing. Report forms were included and are due March 10.

Tidbits



-Two Ohio Panhellenics are being chaired by Delta Zeta this year - Dayton (Lori Campbell) and Findlay (Marti Price).

-Florence Hood Miner's 96th birthday is March 20th. Per Delta Zeta policy we can't print her address in this online newsletter - but we'll post it to the Great Lakes e-mail list so that Chapters or individuals can send her a birthday wish!

-Many Great Lakes Alumnae celebrated milestones in their Delta Zeta sisterhood in 2004. For a list of Great Lakes Golden Rose (50 years), Order of the Pearl (65 years), and Order of the Diamond (75 years) members, visit the Great Lakes website. We encourage you to send congratulatory notes to these individuals.

Snipits from Sandy

Great Lakes Development Report from Sandra Alspach

Welcome to Jennifer Kayackas Sauber, ΓT '94 and Nicole (Nikki) Nelson, ZN '99, new Development State Chairmen for the Great Lakes Area.

Jennifer represents the state of Ohio, and Nikki represents Michigan. Both will help immensely as we develop our network and learn what roles we can play in keeping Delta Zeta alive and growing in the hearts of all our members, collegians and alumnae.

Kudos to Jennifer Anderson...

...who has taken on the National New Member Education Committee Chairman position! Jenn served as Region V (Ohio) CCD from 1997 through 2004, and she is already busy in her new role. Best of luck to Jenn - you will be sorely missed by Region V and the Great Lakes Area.

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Sound Beginnings Update

Sound Beginnings - Delta Zeta's National Philanthropic Project



Ohio Update

Dear Delta Zeta Sister,

We are the Sound Beginnings Coordinators for Ohio/Region V. We're delighted to work with your chapter on this new program in Delta Zeta. We have before us a wonderful opportunity to present a positive public image of Delta Zeta, while fulfilling a great need.

By now, you've received your Sound Beginnings packet from National Headquarters. We hope you've had time to read it through. You should have made time for the part of the program involving the Chapter—the PowerPoint presentation and related activity. Be creative in the presentation specifics to the Chapter if the technical issues are a problem. You could use campus resources or break the presentation up into smaller groups clustered around a PC. You could also print out the presentation as notes and review it with the chapter.

You may have received the announcement on the revised report dates. The first report is now due on **March 10**. The second report is due on either **May 10**, or the end of your spring term, which ever is earlier. So you have more time to get this new project organized. Now, what needs to be done?

The **first** thing you need to have your chapter do is to decide how many sites your chapter would like to visit and for which you'll order kits (\$15 each). **Then** the chapter member in charge of the Sound Beginnings program (philanthropy chair?) needs to contact one of us by e-mail or phone. See our contact information below. We'll contact the State Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Coordinator and send your coordinator the names and contact info for programs in your area.

The **other thing** you should consider doing is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Sound Beginnings Program. This can be part of the regular philanthropy fundraiser your chapter does, or something new. Your chapter can decide. The money you raise can offset the cost of your kits, with the remainder donated to the Sound Beginnings Fund within the Delta Zeta Foundation. This fund will be used for furthering our efforts to see all newborns are screened for hearing loss and hearing assistance is started as early as possible.

We have a long way to go. Babies are being screened at birth for hearing loss, but over **half** of those identified never return for further testing. If a child is fitted with hearing appliances before age six months, speech communication develops normally. If assistance is delayed, communication doesn't develop normally. This program **can** help. Let's work together to get the message out there!

Thank you for your efforts. If you have questions, please let us know. Tell us what you are doing so we can share with other states.

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Foundation Focus



The Oxford Society - Planned Gifts

The Oxford Society has been established to honor and recognize those alumnae and friends of Delta Zeta who have made provisions in their estate plans for future generations of student members through planned gifts via will bequests, life insurance, trusts, gifts of appreciated assets, etc. To date, 59 alumnae and friends have become members of this special group.

Sound Beginnings Update *(cont.)*



Michigan Update

Dear Delta Zeta Sister,

I hope this message finds you well. I also hope that you aren't concerned that I crawled under a rock and forgot about Sound Beginnings! It is taking a bit longer to get things rolling than I had hoped but I am sure that your group will have what it needs in time to participate in the program this spring if your plans allow for it.

I have been in touch with the state's EDHI coordinator (Debby) since November. I actually met her in person in early December. We resumed contact after the holidays. I requested 10 to 15 places for each collegiate chapter and alumnae group (the national goal being 5 to 20).

I received information from Debby. In my conversations with her, we came to the determination that the best place for us to begin is with the Prenatal Coordinator at each of the 99 hospitals in Michigan where babies are delivered. In my experience, expectant parents (particularly those expecting their first child) attend a birthing class before delivery so I think we can make the biggest impact via the birthing classes at the hospitals. The prenatal coordinator at each hospital is thus the best place to start. She will tell you if she runs the classes at the hospital and if she does not, she can tell you who does. You can then report this birthing program and the contact person for it on the report that you have due in March.

When the program was launched with NCAM, the office in Lansing used available funds to purchase a video for every hospital in Michigan where babies are delivered. The video was sent to the infant hearing coordinator at the hospital. It is possible that the Hearing Coordinator gave the video to the Prenatal Coordinator but it is also possible that this sort of exchange did not occur. Therefore, you may contact the Prenatal Coordinator at a hospital and be told that her department already has the video. Even if this is the case, I see great value in determining if this is the case. If that hospital doesn't need our SB packet, your group can use the kit for another needy site.

I have gone through the list of hospitals and have made some determinations about which collegiate chapters or alumnae groups could handle which hospitals. As a general guideline, I thought I would attempt to identify about 5 hospitals for each alumnae group to hit (and 10 for each collegiate chapter). I was able to assign 50 of the 99 hospitals based on addresses and my knowledge of Michigan but I must admit that I am going to need to pull out my Michigan map to best assign the remainder of the hospitals! Please let me know if 5 hospitals is an acceptable number to work on.

For those groups who would like to place more than 5 kits, we can either add hospitals farther out or target other places that a SB kit would be useful. There are a very large number of obstetricians and midwives whose offices could be contacted. I am also very open to ideas that you have for your area. As a member of your community, you are in a great position to know of places your chapter could work with.

I will send an e-mail to each alumnae group's contact individually with the hospitals I believe are in your area. You should hear from me next week.

In addition to the Delta Zeta Sound Beginnings packet, Debby's office (Michigan Department of Community Health) has assembled a packet for each site from them for each site you place a DZ kit with. I will mail these folders out to you in early March if you indicate that you will be placing SB kits.

Of course, I am more than happy to clarify anything contained in this message or about the program in general. If I don't know the answer, I will find the person who does. Once your work begins in contacting the sites and then placing the kits, I will continue to make myself available to assist you. Please call (734.485.4462) or e-mail (ahenders@comcast.net).

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Preview



Don't be late to State Day '05 ...
Remember, Daylight Savings time begins at 2:00 am on Saturday, April 2, 2005. State Day begins promptly at 9:00 am on Sunday, so don't miss out on the opening session by forgetting to change your clock!

Return to Oxford for the 2005 Region V Day!

Many of us may have been lucky enough to return to Delta Zeta's birthplace for the 2002 National Convention, but if you missed it, you now have another opportunity to visit! Alpha Chapter of Miami University is playing host to this year's Region V (Ohio) State Day on Sunday, April 3.

The day will begin promptly at 9:00am, so plan to be there early to assemble for the welcome session. The event will take place in the Shriver Center, and the cost for alumnae is \$15.00, which covers morning refreshments and a deli buffet lunch. Watch the Great Lakes website for registration information, coming soon.

This year we will be bringing back the tradition of presenting alumnae awards. After working hard to track down many of the missing silver awards, Area Alumnae Director Mella Davies and Ohio Awards Chairman Liz Wood will be presenting the *Outstanding Ohio Delta Zeta Alumna Award* to one lucky Ohio alumna. *Lamplighter* awards will again be distributed for each Alumnae Chapter that makes a nomination. Visit the Great Lakes website at www.dzgreatlakes.com for nomination forms for both of the above awards.

Also this year, the *Traveling Gavel Award* will be presented to the Alumnae Chapter with the highest attendance at State Day. Show your support by attending, and your chapter could be the lucky winner of this award!

In addition to all of the wonderful activities that are planned for Ohio State Day 2005, we will have the opportunity to participate in a Golden Rose ceremony honoring Marsha Morse Haffey, A.

Hope to see many of you on April 3, in celebration of our sisterhood!

Great Lakes Calendar

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

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

October 24, 2005 - Happy Founder's Day!

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

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

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A New Look for the Great Lakes Area Website!

Watch www.dzgreatlakes.com for a fresh new look, coming soon!

The Great Lakes website contains area news, along with links to all Great Lakes Alumnae and Collegiate Chapters and area Chapter Associations. You can even view current and past editions of the Great Lakes Gazette there! Visit often to keep in touch with all area news and events.

Alumnae Chapter "Event Swap"

A new feature of the Great Lakes website is the Alumnae Chapter "Event Swap" page. Visit the website at www.dzgreatlakes.com for suggestions of events that have been popular and/or successful among Alumnae Chapters in the Great Lakes Area.

Each event is listed with a description, average cost, planning tips, links to additional related information, and the sponsoring Alumnae Chapter.

We always have room for more event suggestions, so if you or your chapter have information to add to this section, please send it to Denise Brenner, Public Relations Chairman, at dmsabo@hotmail.com.

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



Ohio Alumnae Awards

By Elizabeth Miller Wood, Ohio Awards Chairman

At Ohio State Day on April 3, we will present the **Lampighter Award**, which recognizes an outstanding contributor to her local alumnae chapter; the **Outstanding Ohio Alumna**, presented to the alumna who is both actively involved in Delta Zeta and her profession and community; and the **Traveling Gavel**, awarded to the chapter with the largest percentage of paid members in attendance at State Day.

It has been several years since we have presented alumnae “silver” awards at Ohio State Day. We have several awards in honor and memory of outstanding Ohio alumnae, and we would like to continue these and present them at the 2006 Ohio State Day. These awards are: **Olive Mc Cune Loyalty Award**: Presented annually to an Ohio alumna member who has made a significant contribution to Delta Zeta through her loyalty, interest, and devotion; **Lucile Crowell Cooks Award**: Awarded jointly to an alumnae chapter and a collegiate chapter for outstanding Alumnae/Collegiate programming, activities, and support; **Helen Reimund “Love” Philanthropy Award**: Presented for supreme excellence in philanthropy—total monies and time donated to philanthropic causes to both Delta Zeta Foundation and local charities; **Joan Dondrea Lowry Philanthropy Award**: Presented for supreme excellence in philanthropy—total monies and time donated to the Delta Zeta Foundation.

We haven’t reviewed the other alumnae awards in at least ten years, and since the alumnae chapter structure has changed, and some awards may no longer be viable, we would like your input. What other areas would you like to see recognized? Additional awards include: **Alumnae Chapter Achievement Award**: recognizing the greatest improvements in alumnae chapter activities; **Outstanding Alumnae Chapter**: recognizing the chapter exhibiting excellence in all activities; **Best Yearbook**; **Best Newsletter**; **Outstanding Alumnae Chapter President**; and **Alumnae Chapter Presidents retiring after two or more years**. Certificates have been awarded for **Membership**, **Programs**, **Ways and Means**, **Philanthropy**, and **Collegiate Support**.

I will be working to update our Ohio awards this year, and I need your help. In addition to selecting the awards, I also need your input about the kinds of awards you like—silver-trays, silver bowls, silver cups—jewelry—glass awards—or ????. Please share your comments, suggestions, and ideas with me at Email: lwoodfkark@msn.com.