



# NEWSLETTER

## Senior Salute: Welcome New Alumnae!

Pictured Below: Vanessa Cloutier, Ashley Baudouin, Kaitlyn Guerin, Jeffrey Clifton, Heather Grosso, and Chelsea Pierce



Senior Salute took place on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the lovely home of Suzanne Sexton. DG seniors and their mothers and grandmothers enjoyed lunch and conversation. Local alumnae performed the Senior Bridge

ceremony helping link the passing from college to alumnae life for the seniors. Seniors shared future plans and were presented with anchor stationery from the alumnae chapter.

### Fall Alumnae Events:

- August 8th Mother-Daughter Luncheon & "The Purse and the Person" tour @ LASM & Capitol City Grill 11:30 am- 3 pm
- August 14th Skit Preview Party @ Gamma Zeta House 6:30 pm
- August 16th-22nd LSU Recruitment @ Gamma Zeta House
- August 22nd Gamma Zeta Bid Day @ Gamma Zeta House & CCLA 4pm-8pm
- August 27th "DG Night Out on the Town" @ California Pizza Kitchen 6:30 pm
- September 14th DG Bookclub @ Bettis Norton's Home 6:30 pm
- September 25th "DG Lunch Bunch" @ The Silver Spoon 11:30 am
- October 5th "Financial Planning During a Recession" Seminar @ Suzanne Sexton's Home 6:30 pm
- October 25th DG "Boo at the Zoo" Event @ Baton Rouge Zoo 1:00 pm
- October 28th "DG Night Out on the Town" @ Ninfa's 6:30 pm
- November 6th "DG Lunch Bunch" @ P.F. Chang's 11:30 am
- November 14th LSU Homecoming BBQ @ Gamma Zeta House 11:30 am
- November 18th DG Bookclub location TBD 6:30 pm
- November 29th DG Christmas Cookie Exchange with Mother's Club @ Gamma Zeta house Time TBD
- December 4th DG Holiday Wine Tasting Party @ Roxane Voorhies's home 7:00 pm

## BATON ROUGE DELTA GAMMA ALUMNAE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM



Name (including Maiden Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Chapter/Year of Initiation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution Amount:**

\_\_\_ \$40 Membership Dues (due 09/31)

\_\_\_ \$5 Donation for Exam Study Snacks

Please make checks payable to Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter and mail to:

Laura Simpson, Treasurer

18531 Bay Ridge Court Baton Rouge, LA 70817



## RECRUITMENT 2009!

Recruitment season is upon us once again, and the Gamma Zeta chapter needs your help in a variety of activities. The Alumnae Chapter is making concerted efforts to increase the amount of alumnae support this year and sincerely hope you will consider giving just an hour or two of time. Recruitment runs from Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please email our Alumnae Chapter at [brdeltagammas@gmail.com](mailto:brdeltagammas@gmail.com)

Gamma Zeta will also be performing their skit for DG Alumnae and legacies on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce your daughters to Delta Gamma and putting an anchor in her eye! We've been told that building a connection to Delta Gamma prior to Recruitment is the greatest factor in motivating legacies to become DGs! So please bring your daughters of all ages to this wonderful event. Lemonade and cookies will be provided.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Preparing sandwiches, snacks or desserts throughout Recruitment week (especially after Skit Parties on Thursday night, August 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Ironing chair covers and sashes during the day of Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> for Preference Party
- Preparing and serving beverages
- Chaperoning Bid Day activities at the Country Club of Louisiana the evening of Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Volunteer Schedule Shifts are listed below:

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>: 2:30 – 5 p.m.; 4:45 – 7:30 p.m.  
Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>: 1:30 – 4 p.m.; 3:45 – 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>: 2:30 – 5 p.m.; 4:45 – 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>: 9 a.m. -10:30 a.m.;  
 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>: 10 a.m. -1 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. –  
 4:30 p.m.; 4:15 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>: 5:30 p.m. -8 p.m.; 7:45 p.m. –  
 10 p.m.  
Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>: 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.



### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Columbus, OH and also our local Chapter—which helps fund the mailing of this newsletter and also offsets the cost of several special events throughout the upcoming year.

need your participation and financial contribution to make it a success!

Membership in the Baton Rouge Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter has steadily waned in the past 4 years—so **PLEASE** consider renewing your commitment today! We have numerous exciting Alumnae events scheduled this year and

Please make your check payable to the Baton Rouge Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter and mail to our Treasurer, Laura Simpson 18531 Bay Ridge Court Baton Rouge, LA 70817, before October 1<sup>st</sup>. THANK YOU for your continued support—we could not do it without you!

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Baton Rouge Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter entered a new fiscal year... which means it's time to pay your annual dues! National and local dues total \$40 this year. Your dues are used to support our Executive Office in

**Please use form on first page.**

### CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

The Baton Rouge Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter has recently launched a website, providing instant information about our Chapter's history, how to pay dues, volunteer opportunities and all upcoming DG events.

Please go online and check us out: [www.brdgalumnae.com](http://www.brdgalumnae.com)





GET YOUR CALENDARS OUT, LADIES!!!!

We are all busy women, and the Baton Rouge Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter knows this!!! In an effort to accommodate every woman's schedule and encourage participation from all our members, we have created several recurring events which cater to YOUR availability.

For ladies who are free to gather during the day, we have organized the "DG Lunch Bunch" events. These lunches allow you to gather with your Delta Gamma sisters at various restaurants throughout Baton Rouge. "Lunch Bunches" are held on Fridays, begin at 11:30 a.m. and will occur every other month. Restaurants include The Silver Spoon, P.F. Chang's, Zea's and Serop's. Lunch Bunch dates include: 9/25, 11/6, 1/8, and 3/19.

For women who are able to sneak out of the house and enjoy a dinner with the girls, we've created "DG Nights Out on the Town." Put your spatula down and let someone ELSE cook for a change! Dinners are held every other month (alternating between Lunch Bunch months) and are taking place at

California Pizza Kitchen, Ninfa's, Monjuni's and Ichiban's Sushi. Dinners will begin at 6:30. "Night Out on the Town" dates include: 8/27, 10/28, 2/11, 4/20.

Finally, we have created a Delta Gamma Bookclub! We will meet every other month in an alumna's home and discuss our recent book selection. Our first book selection is "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett and will take place at the home of Bettsie Norton on September 14th at 6:30 p.m. Dinner and wine will be served. The next book selection will be made at the end of the evening - so bring your recommendations with you! Because food will be served, we ask that you please RSVP to Bettsie by emailing [Bettsie1@hotmail.com](mailto:Bettsie1@hotmail.com) Future book selections and meeting information will be sent via our 'Hannah Highlights' e-newsletter. If you are not registered to receive the 'Hannah Highlights', please let us know by emailing the Alumnae Chapter [brdeltagammagmail.com](mailto:brdeltagammagmail.com) and we'll add you to our list!

HELP WANTED:

"AUNT HANNAHS"



So, what is an "Aunt Hannah?" The Aunt Hannah program is a fun and exciting new way to get involved with the Gamma Zeta Chapter. As an Aunt Hannah, you will be paired up with approximately 5-7 new members in order to introduce her to Delta Gamma and show how sisterhood is for a lifetime. Aunt Hannah's will stay in contact with new members by e-mail and are encouraged to get to know the young women by phone, email or meeting for coffee. All Aunt Hannahs must be at least three years out of college. If you are interested in volunteering to be an "Aunt Hannah," please e-mail Emily Burris at [emilyburris@yahoo.com](mailto:emilyburris@yahoo.com).

News & Announcements

- Allison Ingram Clement (Gamma Zeta '97) and her husband, Douglas, are expecting their second child in November. Congratulations!
• Lauren Ditta (Gamma Zeta '00) graduated #1 in her Medical School class at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport. She is now pursuing her residency in ophthalmology in Memphis, TN.
• Ellen Burris (Gamma Zeta '99) wed Josh DeCuir on January 10, 2009.
• Cindy Leblanc Puckett (Gamma Zeta '99) has moved to Durham, NC to attend Duke University's Physician's Assistant program. We will miss her but wish her the best!
• Jill Roshto (Gamma Zeta '85) graduated with her MBA from LSU in May.
• Lindsey Wren Roussel (Gamma Zeta '02) is the owner of Maui Wowi Smoothies. A delicious treat any time of the year! Check it out at www.mauiwowi.com
• Kathleen Forte Cooper (Gamma Zeta '73) and her husband Bill recently opened Forte Grove Bakery. Enjoy a tasty pastry in either downtown Baton Rouge or charming Plaquemine.
• Christy Marie Boustany (Gamma Zeta '03) and Andrew Ballard Mims, Sigma Phi Epsilon, exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, May 23 at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Lafayette. The bridal party included 5 Delta Gamma sisters and many DGs attended the celebration!



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# Alumnae Party Pictures



*Above:* **Allison Tate Zeringue** whipping up her dish at the “Holly Clegg Appetizer Party” last October.



*Above Right:* **Beth Forster O'Quinn** and daughter Erin at the same party.

*Right:* Delta Gamma Alumnae and their friends gathered to paint “Uptown Memories” at **Corks ‘N Canvas** last March.



## Spring Alumnae Events

- January 8th Lunch Bunch at Strube’s Steak House 11:30 am
- January 30th Preparing a romantic Valentine’s Day menu @ Chocollage 2:00 pm
- February 11th DG Night Out on the Town @ Monjouni’s 6:30 pm
- February 26th DG Foundation Fundraising Event location TBD 7pm
- FOUNDERS DAY-- TBD
- March 6th DG Alumnae Chapter participates in Susan G. Komen “Race for the Cure” @ LSU Campus 8:00 am
- March 19th Lunch Bunch at Serop’s on Corporate 11:30 am
- March 29th DG Bookclub place TBD 6:30 pm
- April 10th Mother-Daughter Lunch & Tour @ Nottoway Plantation 11:30 am
- April 20th DG Night Out on the Town at Ichiban’s Sushi 6:30 pm

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## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

In an effort to provide a variety of programming activities, we have organized numerous “Special DG Alumnae Events” throughout the year which, we hope, appeal to a wide array of interests.

Our first Mother-Daughter Event for all ages is a private tour of the new LASM exhibit, “**The Purse and the Person: A Century of Women’s Purses and the Contents Within**”.

We will gather for a dutch-treat lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Capital City Grill and then head across the street for a private tour of the exhibit. Feel free to bring your mother, daughters or nieces for this fantastic event! Tickets for Adults are \$6, Children are \$5—or if our group exceeds 15 tickets are only \$4! So please bring all the ladies in your life, young or old, out to see how purses reflect the evolution of the roles of women over the course of the 20th century!

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the **Financial Planning during a Recession Seminar** provides young alumnae and their spouses/significant others the opportunity to learn about investing during this financial crisis, gain critical information about the stock market and determine where the economy goes from here. Mr. Rudy Blanchard, owner of Regatta Research and Money Management Firm and Registered Investment Advisor, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Blanchard is a course instructor at LSU and author of the book Mutual Funds for the Serious Investor. This seminar will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Sexton, 18414 North Mission Hills in the Country Club of Louisiana. Beverages and appetizers will be provided. Please RSVP to [brdeltagammas@gmail.com](mailto:brdeltagammas@gmail.com) to reserve your spot today!

LSU plays Louisiana Tech for Homecoming this year, and we are sponsoring a **Tailgating Barbecue** at the Gamma Zeta house for Delta Gamma alumnae and their families. This is another wonderful opportunity to introduce your daughters to our fraternity, and express to them that membership truly lasts for a lifetime! The grill gets fired up around 11:30, so please bring your family and take a tour of the house, walk up and down the row and admire all the decorations!

Our Alumnae Chapter will be sponsoring a **Holiday Winetasting Party** at the home of Roxane Voorhies in the Country Club of Louisiana on Friday evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will provide a wine instructor to teach us about the wines we are sampling. Spouses and significant others are welcome—so don your favorite cocktail dress and come on out to celebrate the season! The address is 19118 South Augusta Drive. Please RSVP to the Alumnae Chapter, [brdeltagammas@gmail.com](mailto:brdeltagammas@gmail.com) to let us know you’re coming!

Are you considering staying in this year for Valentine’s Day? If so, you won’t want to miss our event, “**Planning the Perfect Valentine’s Day Menu**,” with alumna Toni Forte Hayes. Toni will walk us through how to plan a multi-course, romantic-themed dinner for 1, 2 or an entire family! She will also share with us everything you wanted to know about chocolate! So you won’t want to miss this utterly delicious event we’re ‘whipping up’! More information will be sent out via the Hannah Highlights e-newsletter next year.

A first for our Baton Rouge Alumnae Chapter, this year we have decided to organize a **Delta Gamma Fundraising Event** which benefits our Delta Gamma Foundation and Service for Sight philanthropy. The event will raise funds to sponsor the

training of a seeing-eye dog for a visually impaired individual. Details are still in the works, but any assistance you can provide would be most appreciated—be it financial contributions, marketing, or organizing the event itself! Please contact Foundation Chair Lindsay Chustz at [lindsayvc@lmfj.com](mailto:lindsayvc@lmfj.com) if you are interested in helping out or contributing!

Breast Cancer is affecting an increasing number of our relatives, coworkers and friends—so let’s do something about it! Our chapter is organizing a team to walk in Baton Rouge’s **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** on Saturday morning, March 6<sup>th</sup>! We will be designing t-shirts for this special event and support the philanthropy of our Panhellenic sisters, Zeta Tau Alpha. More information will be sent early next spring via our Hannah Highlights e-newsletter.



Our spring Mother-Daughter event will include lunch and a private tour of **Nottoway Plantation**! Don your best sundress and wide-brimmed hat and show off your true Southern belle nature! We will meet for lunch at Nottoway’s restaurant Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., followed by a tour of the recently renovated plantation. Mothers and daughters of all ages are welcome to attend. Tickets will cost ~\$12, possibly less depending on our group size, and lunch is dutch-treat. If you are interested in attending, please email the Chapter to let us know.