

Baton Rouge Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter

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A Fabulous February

Like CMT year after year, changes are coming to our alumnae chapter! After doing a wonderful job in her two-year term, it's time for Bettie Norton to hand over the reigns as President. Melanie Johnson moves from her position as Nominating Chair, to fill the role of President. Our board Secretary, Christy Boustany Mims is also moving on after keeping us organized for the past year, leaving two openings on the leadership board. You don't need leadership experience, just a love for Delta Gamma and the willingness to commit some time and energy to the Chapter. How much time, you ask? Get in touch with Melanie for all the details!

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So where does the "fabulous" part come in, you ask? Even if you aren't able to be part of the leadership team, there are still plenty of upcoming events to take part in. We've got a busy month ahead, all in the name of sisterhood!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, February 19: Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure

Dear Sisters,

Looking for a happy occasion with opportunity for fun, fellowship and opportunity to "do good?" Look no further than the upcoming Race for the Cure. If last year's race and DG Alumnae participation is any indication, the 2011 event will provide equal enjoyment, and you will be helping a great cause. As a breast cancer "thriver" myself, (somehow, "survivor" does not describe how I view those of us who are fighting the good fight in this battle), I know the benefits and results of the efforts of so many in organizing and actualizing the Race for the Cure. It is well worth your participation. Won't you join the DG Team again? It is time once again to "Think Pink!"

Anchorlove, in the bonds,

Beth Bryant Phillips~Gamma Zeta, LSU-

Joining the Delta Gamma team is simple. Just [click here](#). Once you're on the Komen site, click "join team" and pay via credit card.

Sunday, February 20: Foundation Event at Bark in the Park

For the first time ever, the Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter is going to "do good" at the annual "Bark in the Park" event, at the starting line of the Krewe of Mutts Parade. Join us as we educate the public about service dogs, provide tasty treats for our canine visitors, and collect donations for Father Pat Mascarella. Father Pat is a retired Catholic priest, who is visually impaired. He used a cane – until Pace came along. Stop by the event (10am-4pm, Downtown Baton Rouge between 4th & 5th – we're booth 22) or even better, volunteer to "man the booth" for part of the day. Email Nancy for more information, or if you can help out.

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Sunday, February 27: Founders' Day

The Baton Rouge Alumnae Chapter and the Gamma Zetas at LSU will hold the annual event at 11:30am, Sunday, February 27th at the Capital Hilton on Lafayette St. Downtown. Reserve your space by logging onto www.brdgalumnae.com. The cost for brunch is \$30; pay online via PayPal.

Thursday, March 24: New Alumnae Happy Hour

If you've graduated in the last three years, or are a newcomer to the Baton Rouge Chapter, this is the event for you! Get to know your sisters at Boudreaux & Thibodeaux's on 3rd St. Join us from 5-8pm. The Chapter will provide appetizers, B& T's will provide drink specials. "Older" members, we hope to see you there, too!

Thursday, April 14: Corks & Canvas

Grab a bottle of wine and get ready to show your artistic side! Back by popular demand, the DG Alumnae group has reserved space at *Corks & Canvas*. This time around, we'll get to create our own painting of a cream-colored rose. Keep an eye out for more information, including how to sign-up.

Has Your Personal Information Changed?

Make sure you don't miss an issue of Hannah Hilites! Email brdeltagamas@gmail.com to update your email or home address, name, phone number, and more. While you're at it, make sure you're up-to-date on your dues. Log onto www.brdeltagammaalumnae.com to pay your local and national dues.

Gamma Zeta News by Sabrina Trahan, PR Director

Meet the Officers! Gamma Zeta elected its 2011 officers in November, and they are off to a strong start. Officers have begun proactively planning events ranging from a revamped Delta Glamour fundraiser to an overnight retreat at a special location to Gamma Zeta's second Lectureship event. The new chapter management team is comprised of Lexy Graves, president; Hanna Broadus, vp programming; Taylor Schaal, vp social standards; Miranda Masson, vp member education; Kasey Mang, vp membership; Madeline Lafont, vp finance; Nicole Verges, vp foundation; Molly Csaki, vp panhellenic; and Ellyn Gary, vp communications.

Lexy Graves is from Dallas, Texas. She is studying English. Lexy previously served as director of crews.

Hanna Broadus is from Mandeville, La. She is studying medical physics. Hanna previously served as vp foundation.

Taylor Schaal is from Mandeville, La. She is studying communication disorders.

Miranda Masson is from Baton Rouge, La. She is studying elementary education. Miranda previously served as director of programming.

Kasey Mang is from Metairie, La. She is studying psychology. Kasey previously served as director of recruitment.

Madeline Lafont is from Kenner, La. She is studying accounting. Madeline previously served as director of T-shirts and director of banners.

Nicole Verges is from New Orleans, La. She is studying accounting. Nicole previously served as director of Anchor Bowl. Nicole is the daughter of Gamma Zeta alumnae, Ellen Elliot, (P/C).

Molly Csaki is from Slidell, La. She is studying political science. Molly previously served as sophomore honor board member.

Ellyn Gary is from New Orleans, La. She is studying mass communication. Ellyn previously served as director of social awareness.

The director of alumnae relations is Allison Sage. Allison is from Little Rock, Ark. Allison is excited to hold an office during her first year at LSU and cannot wait to work with alumnae. The director of public relations is Sabrina Trahan. Sabrina is from Kenner, La. She is studying public relations. Sabrina previously served as director of electronic communication.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming chapter events include Founder's Day at the Hilton on **Sunday, Feb. 27**. Allison Sage, director of alumnae relations, has been working with alumnae to plan a wonderful Founder's Day.

Gamma Zeta will hold its 3rd annual LSU Fan Day **Thursday, March 10**, at 7 p.m. LSU athletes and cheerleaders will come to the Delta Gamma house to meet children from the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired, and LSU running back Charles Scott will serve as the guest speaker.

Delta Glamour will be held on **Sunday, March 20**, from 1 to 5 p.m. The location is still pending, but Delta Gamma hopes to make this year's Delta Glamour bigger and better than ever by having more vendors and opening the event up to alumnae. Vendors are to be determined. Last year's event included vendors like Mignon Faget, Rage Hair Salon, Mark makeup and Claire Sanchez hand bags, to name a few.

Delta Gamma will hold its 2nd Lectureship at the Union Theater **Wednesday, April 5**, at 6 p.m. The inspiration for the 5-time Academy Award nominated film 127 Hours, Aron Ralston, will share his heroic story of how he saved his life after having his arm trapped under a boulder for about 5 days while mountain climbing. His touching story of hope, family and perseverance will be an opportunity not to miss.