



## Hannah Highlights: November 2008

Well ladies, the holiday season is upon us again. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is NEXT WEEK!!! I hope you all are preparing for fun family festivities and flipping through your favorite cookbooks deliberating which yummy recipes to cook this year. For those of you who attended our Holly Clegg Party, I'm sure you'll have a trove of great appetizer ideas to choose from!

The Delta Gamma Baton Rouge Alumnae Chapter will be meeting in the next few weeks to decide what fun activities we'll offer for next spring. Current ideas include: "Death by Chocolate Night" in early February, where we'll learn how to prepare chocolate dishes for your certain someone for Valentine's Day; A Sunday afternoon seminar with a local landscape professional learning how to create your own container garden; and more! If you have a great alumnae activity idea you'd like to propose, please share it with Bettsie Norton at [Bettsie1@hotmail.com](mailto:Bettsie1@hotmail.com). We'd LOVE to hear from you!

Also, be on the lookout for the Delta Gamma Alumnae Spring Newsletter in your mailboxes mid-January!

Do you currently find yourself in a Thanksgiving culinary rut, cooking the exact same dishes year after year? If so, in an effort to diversify your Thanksgiving feast this month, we have included a delicious-looking recipe for ***Roasted Pumpkin Soup with Cider Cream***, courtesy of November's William-Sonoma catalogue.



## Ingredients:

- 4 baking pumpkins or kabocha squash, each about 2 lb., quartered and seeded
- Olive oil as needed
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 4 carrots, peeled and thickly sliced
- 6 shallots, thickly sliced
- 2 celery stalks, thickly sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- ¾ tsp. freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 Tbsp. minced fresh sage
- 12 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- ½ cup apple cider, reduced to 2 Tbsp. and cooled

## Cooking Instructions:

Position 1 rack in upper third of oven and 1 rack in lower third; preheat to 425 degrees. Divide squash among 2 baking sheets. Drizzle with oil and season with salt and pepper. Place the squash, cut side down, on sheets. Roast, turning squash occasionally, about 45 minutes—rotating the two sheets on each shelf halfway through roasting. Let the squash cool and then scoop out the flesh.

In a large stockpot over medium-high heat, warm 2 Tbsp. oil and add carrots, shallots, celery, salt and pepper. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 7 minutes. Then add garlic, nutmeg and sage, cook for 1 minute. Add squash and broth to the pot and cover, bringing to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 15 minutes. Using an immersion blender, puree the soup until it is smooth. In a bowl, whisk the cream until it is slightly thickened. Then whisk in the reduced apple cider. Ladle soup into warmed bowls and drizzle with cider cream on top. Serves 12-14. Bon Appétit!

## Upcoming Delta Gamma Events:

### **Cindy Leblanc Puckett Weekend- November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Many of you ladies may know fellow alumna Cindy Leblanc Puckett, Gamma Zeta '99, whose husband Adam was tragically killed September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. In the past year since, Cindy has done an amazing job coping—going back to LSU at night to take prerequisite courses to pursue her dream of becoming a Physician's Assistant. All of her hard work and studying has paid off—last week she was accepted into Duke University's prestigious P.A. program and will be moving to Durham, North Carolina next summer. Many of you have asked what you can do to help her this year, and now you have your chance! This coming Saturday and Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are soliciting the help of DG alumnae and their husbands/significant others to help paint the outside of Cindy's house and install new landscaping! Think of it as a Home Makeover, and you can help one of your sisters in her time of need! If you are interested in participating or have any equipment you can loan for this effort, please contact Bettsie Norton at [Bettsie1@hotmail.com](mailto:Bettsie1@hotmail.com). Thanks so much!

## Decorate the DG House for Christmas!

You are invited to help decorate the DG house for Christmas! Join members of the Mother's Club to fill the house with Christmas cheer on Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m.

## Delta Gamma Trim the Tree Cookie Exchange

Join us on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Delta Gamma house to help decorate the Christmas tree in the living room by brining ornaments that will be shared with a needy family. Bring a plate of your favorite homemade cookies, candy or bite size holiday sweet. Make multiple copies of the recipe to share with others as they taste your holiday goodie. After the event, extra treats will be shared with non profits throughout the area. We welcome you to share a tray of delicious desserts with a nursing home, homeless shelter, or community organization.

## Previous Delta Gamma Events and News:

### Holly Clegg Appetizer Party

For those unable to attend our Holly Clegg Appetizer party last month, we are truly sorry because we had a BLAST! Over 18 alumnae attended the event at the home of Bettsie Miller and everyone gave rave reviews. Ladies were randomly paired up to prepare their dishes, and at the end of the evening no one could decide whose dish was the best! Stay tuned for more fun activities like this in the future. Pictures of the event are below.



*Bettsie Norton, Bettsie Miller (host),  
Debbie Leone, and Holly Clegg*



*Chrislyn Miller, Jane Serbin and Kathleen  
Cooper*



*Anne Crochet, Kathleen Cooper, & Debbie  
Leone*



*Allison Zeringue*



*Beth O'Quinn and daughter*



*Suzanne Sexton and Debbie Leone*

**All Gamma Zeta new members Initiated!**

It has been a terrific fall for Gamma Zeta new members! All 78 new members were initiated into our fraternity. Included in this email is a listing of all the new members and where they are from! Thank you to all alumnae who volunteered during Recruitment—we could not have recruited and initiated these lovely young women without your help and support!

***If you have any special news or events that you'd like to share with our Delta Gamma Alumnae Group, please don't hesitate to contact Bettsie Norton at [Bettsie1@hotmail.com](mailto:Bettsie1@hotmail.com)***