



# Anchors by the Bay

PALO ALTO DELTA GAMMA ALUMNAE

FALL 2010

## FALL KICK-OFF

Soup & Salad Supper

Thursday, Sept. 9

6:30 pm

at the home of Marilyn  
McKeen

### RSVP

mlmckeen@earthlink.net or  
650.941.0856

Hosts: Jo-Al Smith

&

Marilyn McKeen

Join us for dinner and a  
relaxing evening of catching  
up with DG friends.

We'll do the cooking!

## Captain's Call

Dear Sisters,

I just returned from Denver where I spent several days in the friendship of nearly 1000 Delta Gamma sisters at Convention 2010! It was a whirlwind of activities running the gamut of electing new officers to a glittery awards ceremony. As in the past, the Palo Alto chapter was recognized at the Awards Ceremony with both the *Excellence in Philanthropy Service* and *Five Stars to Alumnae Success* awards.

Many attendees also toured the Anchor Center for the Blind, founded, run and partially funded by Delta Gamma alumnae. The Anchor Center serves children from birth to age 5 for the entire state of Colorado. The tour was incredibly inspirational with facilities including a sensory garden focused on smells and textures, flooring whose textures change from room to room as an aid to the children's sense of direction, and an onsite ophthalmologist. If you are ever in Denver, I encourage you to visit in person, or go online at [www.anchorcenter.org](http://www.anchorcenter.org).

Founders Day 2010 was again a sight to behold with nearly 250 DGs in attendance at the gorgeous home of Barbara Broyles. Collegians from both the San Jose State and Santa Clara chapters celebrated with alumnae from both the Silicon Valley and Palo Alto chapters where we honored our founders, our chapters and our members. It was a delight to socialize with those in attendance and we hope to see even more of you next year!

Our annual Holiday Party for the blind and visually impaired in December, which we've held continuously for over 50 years, was also a major highlight. We look forward to a full program again this December! (See inside) This is a much loved event for our guests and it couldn't happen without you – and your families. Thank you.

We hope to see all of you at an event or meeting this coming year! If you can't join us for the Holiday Party or Founders Day, there are smaller events planned and monthly meetings. Our board members range in age from recent college grads to golden retirees, so there should be something of interest for all. Please watch your inbox for our evites, keep your newsletter handy, or go to our website at [paloaltdg.org](http://paloaltdg.org). Thank you for your devotion to Delta Gamma!

In closing, I would like to remind you to pay your dues and encourage you to help us in our support of our Foundation and local philanthropies. Our alumnae chapter has been active for 87 years and while we take our name from Palo Alto, our members live and work throughout the Bay Area. We look forward to seeing you very soon!

In the Bonds,

Lynne C. Thieme  
Beta Xi-Michigan State

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## Holiday Party 09 Recap

The 2009 Holiday Party took us a little further south (to San Jose)... where we helped out at the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center. Thanks to the experienced leadership of Lolly Osborne, we had a fabulous response to the call for volunteers and donations. Thank you one and all!!

Here are the statistics:

- We served food to 95 guests
- 33 DGs + 8 other assistants helped with driving, greeting, prepping food, serving and enjoying.
- 9 DGs drove 18 guests (FYI: Most guests use public transportation outfit for the handicapped –OUTREACH- or family member.)
- 30 Sweet Adelines came to entertain and enjoy refreshments

Sandra Short was our "**kitchen boss**." Mona Siegel, Nancy Huber, and Dolores Fuller and Mayerly (Sandra Short's daughter) were in the kitchen.

Jo-Al Smith was our fabulous **table decor & set up lady**. (Jo-Al was also the **party favor wrangler** at the end of the party.) **Drivers** included: Kristy Chernick, Mary Jack, Gerry Anderson, Barbara Reid, Carrie Welton, Kathy & Ron Mize, Lynne Thieme & teenage daughter Molly Gould and hubby Jeff Gould, Laurie Khoury, Tara Cano & SVCB helpers.

Marilyn McKeen & Gerry Anderson managed our super-organized **check-in table**. Kathy Mize served as event **photographer**. **Servers and Table Crew** included: Peggy Zagelow, Anne Steiner, Sylvee Walenczewski, Gerry Anderson, Marilyn McKeen, Bobbi Sheets, Heather Bauer, Marge Larkin, Lolly Osborne, Kim, and lots of other SVCB helpers. **Clean Up** was ably handled by Heather Bauer, Vanessa Kelman and Sylvee Walenczewski. Thank you to the **many** who **donated funds and food**.

What a tremendous turnout. Thank you all!



*From left: Party angels Mary Jack, Carol Cutting (Mary's mother), and Lolly Osborne ensure guests enjoy themselves at the 2009 DG holiday party.*

### SAVE THE DATE! HOLIDAY 2010

Saturday, Dec. 11th 2010, 11:00am to 3:00pm Sweet Adelines will sing (52nd year) and the musical members of the Silicon Valley Council of the Blind will perform their various instrumental numbers. Holiday soup and sandwiches, the usual fabulous array of pies and cookies will be served by the DGs. This is a great location as so many of our attendees live in this area. Outreach will provide most of the transportation. Let's polish up our anchors and get ready to set sail for our most well-attended DG event of the year!! Donations of \$\$, food and support are welcome. Lolly , [lolly@osbofamily.com](mailto:lolly@osbofamily.com)

## AWARDS

The big news in the Awards department is that Marilyn Pyne McKeen (Gamma) received the Cable Award this spring for her many years of service to the Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma. She received the award at Founders Day, surrounded by over two hundred sisters, including several of her Gamma sisters.

At Convention, Palo Alto Alumnae received the "Five Stars to Alumnae Success" Award at the Awards Banquet and an Excellence in Foundation Service at the Region 8 meeting.



Congratulations, Marilyn!

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## Notices and Reminders

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deltagamma.org is great and you don't want to miss out on one of the best features...myDG! myDG is where many alumnae resources are, it is where the online forms are, and it is where the new networking area is for each and every Delta Gamma member. You NEED to get online and check it out!

**Moved?** If you move or change your e-mail address, please contact

vp:membership,  
Brittany Stevens  
brittany419@hotmail.com

(Especially if you wish to be notified of upcoming events!)



**Looking for a few good women:**

Our Santa Clara (Zeta Epsilon) collegiate chapter is seeking alumnae advisers. If you are interested, please contact advisory team chair Lauren Arquilla via email [lauren.arquilla@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.arquilla@gmail.com).

# Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 9th 6:30 PM

## Soup & Salad Supper

Home of Marilyn McKeen, Los Altos

Please RSVP to Marilyn at 650-941-0856. Your hosts are Jo-Al Smith & Marilyn McKeen. Join us for dinner and a relaxing evening of catching up with old and new DG friends. You don't have to cook!

Wednesday, October 13th 6:30 - 9:00 PM

## Braille Books for Children Crafting Event

Borders, 456 University Ave, Palo Alto

We will each create a Children's Braille Book! Please write a 500-1000 word short story on any topic appropriate for a 4-8 year old (Think "Cat in the Hat," etc.). We will be crafting 'Picture' books where the 'pictures' are all textiles and the lettering is all Braille. Traceable Braille letters, paper, and multi-colored glue dots for the Braille letters will be provided. We are asking you to bring the textiles: anything furry, rough, smooth, that you can find! This will be our first book crafting session and we will decide upon a follow-up meeting to continue crafting. Put on your creative hats and get excited!

The books will be delivered to visually impaired children.

Friday, October 22nd 5:30 PM

## DG Happy Hour

Vintage Wine Bar, Santana Row Join other local DGs to wind down the right way after a long week of work! We will have some potential "new recruits" at the Happy Hour so please stop by to show everyone just how fun the Palo Alto DGs are!

Saturday, November 6th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Presentation and DG Brunch

Palo Alto Recording Studio 2445 Faber Pl (off Embarcadero Road and E. Bayshore Rd.)

We will attend a one-hour presentation at RB&D to learn about current recording needs in the Palo Alto visually impaired and dyslexic community. We will then individually schedule recording sessions. Afterwards, we will head across the street (0.2 mile walk) to the Palo Alto Golf Course Cafe for brunch: 1875 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto.

Saturday, December 11th 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Annual Holiday Party for Blind & Visually Impaired Adults see page 2 and stay tuned for more info!



*Fun at the spring Stanford walk: Kristy Chernick, Dolores Fuller, Joan Vendley and guide Lolly Osborne.*

**Form for Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma Local Dues & Contributions**

**For Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011**

Note: ***Explanation of national and local dues:*** Alumnae dues are both national and local. National (per capita) dues of \$22 are requested by the Executive Office of Delta Gamma. Alumnae who have reached fifty years since initiation do not owe national dues. All others will receive an invoice in the mail from the Executive Office. The form below is for local dues of \$20 and for special contributions to Foundation and Friendship funds.

Local Alumnae Chapter Dues for fiscal year 2010-2011:

- All alumnae (regardless of year of initiation) \$ 20

Local Alumnae Voluntary Contributions:

- Delta Gamma Foundation (local funds distributed to organizations assisting the visually impaired) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Palo Alto Friendship (funds added to the local chapter general fund) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$

**ALERT: Everyone** paying local dues and/or contributions (either by check or PayPal) must mail **this form** to:  
Marilyn McKeen, **Questions?** Please contact Marilyn at [mlmckeen@earthlink.net](mailto:mlmckeen@earthlink.net).

- If paying by check:** Make check payable to Delta Gamma and mail check with form to Marilyn McKeen.
- If paying by PayPal:** Go to our local website at [www.paloaltodg.org](http://www.paloaltodg.org) to make payment. Also mail form.

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, husband's first name \_\_\_\_\_ Year of initiation: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter (Greek name) \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

- If you have reached fifty years since your initiation into Delta Gamma, please check box.***

**Would you like to be reminded of meetings and events?** Yes: \_\_\_\_ by phone \_\_\_\_ by e-mail \_\_\_\_ No thanks: \_\_\_\_

**Please pay your dues! It helps us plan more effectively.**

## News from Gamma Eta - San Jose State

The Delta Gamma Chapter of San Jose State University, Gamma Eta, has experienced a blissful 2009-2010 academic year. After welcoming a stupendous pledge class of 35 amazing women, our chapter is thrilled to explore the increased potential and impact that Delta Gamma will have on the campus community, both Greek and non

-Greek. This year our chapter was excited to plan and attend sisterhood events ranging from a midnight "Twilight" theater visit to a kayaking trip up beyond Santa Cruz. The chapter was also honored to have accepted the award for Sorority of the Year from the San Jose State University's Greek Life unit. Gamma Eta now presses

onward and upward in preparation for Fall recruitment, as we are anticipating success and new opportunities to create memories with Delta Gamma that will last for a lifetime.

Much Love and ITB,

Camille Davis, President  
Delta Gamma Fraternity  
Gamma Eta Chapter

## Zeta Epsilon News - Santa Clara Univ.

It has been quite the year for Zeta Epsilon. We jumped into recruitment at the start of fall quarter, welcoming 40 amazing new members. From that point on, our calendars were packed with social events, including an 80s themed fall ball, mixers and SSDG, philanthropy opportunities with Chandler Tripp and Belmont, and sisterhood activities like a hike in the Santa Cruz Mountains and Big-Little Week.

Winter Quarter brought many of our juniors back from abroad. We soaked up all of their tales of adventure and growth. We turned our focus to leadership by sharing a sisterhood yoga retreat and preparing for elections. We still had time to let our hair down at Cream Rose and give back to the Foundation by participating in the San Francisco Glaucoma Benefit. Spring Quarter brought new offi-

cers and adventures. We welcomed our moms for a weekend of mother-daughter bonding filled with good company and plenty of sunshine. With date-dashes and mixers, there was never a dull moment. We celebrated our seniors with a special senior week including a fireside ritual and one last dance.

Convention in Denver brought even more excitement for ZE. We were honored and humbled to receive the HK Stuart Spirit of Service Award. It was an incredible feeling to know that our small actions could cause such an impact beyond the bounds of our immediate community. We have such a strong relationship with the organizations we serve, and we are constantly inspired and reminded how blessed we are to have the opportunity to serve them through Service for Sight.

Fall will bring another strong recruitment and constant opportunities to bring the spirit of hope from convention back to ZE. We thank you, the alumnae, for all the support you have given us throughout the year. If anyone misses recruitment, we would love to have your help behind the scenes or your ideas for the special touches that made us all fall in love with Delta Gamma when we went through the process.

In the Bonds,  
Marina Gilmore  
Zeta Epsilon Chapter President.



Collegians enjoying treats at Founders Day 2010, created by our own Jo-Al Smith!

# Founders Day's 2010 Recap

Looking back at a bit of history, the 1887 Delta Gamma Convention voted to set aside March 15, (or a date near) as a national reunion day for chapters. That date was chosen to honor the founding of Eta chapter, University of Akron. Eta Chapter had urged celebrating such a day. Founders Day replaced Reunion Day at the 1947 Convention in the Delta Gamma Constitution and Bylaws. This was a way to remember the Founders, the last of who had died in 1940.

Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter and Silicon Valley Alumnae Chapter celebrated Founders Day 2010 on Saturday March 6, at

the beautiful home of Barbara Broyles. Members of Zeta Epsilon, Santa Clara University and Gamma Eta, San Jose State University joined the alumnae to hear Betsy Fous, Executive Director of Delta Gamma Foundation. Betsy, a dynamic speaker, shared many touching examples of how the foundation continues to do good.

Recognition of 50 year and 75 year members was very heart-

warming. A very special moment was the presenting of The Cable award to Marilyn Pyne McKeen, with four of her Gamma sisters (three from her wed-

ding) fifty years ago present.

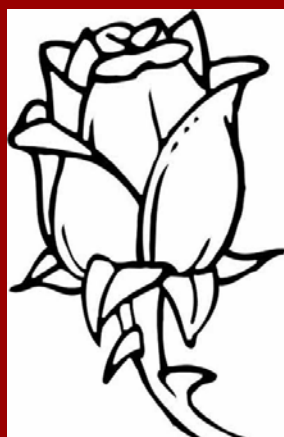
Camille Davis, Gamma Eta president and Marina Gil-



Founders Day hostess Barbara Broyles and Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter President Lynne Thieme share a smile for the camera.

more, Zeta Epsilon president shared the highlights of their chapters' past year. It was a happy time in glorious surroundings.

*-Dolores Fuller*



## IN MEMORIAM

Jan Auletti Wood – Jan was initiated at Gamma Chapter at U.C. Berkeley in 1956. Jan passed away October 26, 2009.

Elba (Bunny) DeCamp Petersen – Bunny was initiated at Tau Chapter at the University of Iowa in 1953. She was President of the Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter from 1977-1979, and she had a scholarship named in her honor for the scholastic year of 2001-2002. Bunny passed away January 14, 2010.

# Founders Day 2010



*Founders Day speaker Delta Gamma Foundation Executive Director Betsy Inch Fous, center, chats with guests Julie Tomlin, left and Sherry Herrgott, right.*



*50-year member Sherry Herrgott is honored at our 2010 Founders Day gathering.*



*50-year member Beverly Bailey is recognized at the 2010 Founders Day meeting.*



*Honorees Joyce Allegro (left) and Jane Wilson (right) are recognized for reaching 50-year and 75-year membership, respectively.*

## ... and more photos



*The Jingleers... guests at the Silicon Valley / DG Holiday Party gather to make merry with music.*



*Palo Alto chapter member Sandra Short and her daughter Mayerly helped make our holiday party successful—again! Thank you!*



*Palo Alto board members (l to r) Kristy Chernick, Brittany Stevens, Carrie Whelton and Lolly Osborne enjoy their treasures at the end of a Sip and Swap event held at Lolly's home.*

*Serving on the Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter board is rewarding. If you think you'd like to contribute to Delta Gamma in this way, please contact Lynne Thieme at [lynne@actionbits.org](mailto:lynne@actionbits.org).*

## Chapter Finance Report 2009-2010

The Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter **received** \$8,115 from local membership dues, friendship and foundation contributions, Holiday Party donations, Founders Day receipts, garage sale, and bank interest.

The following is a condensed breakdown of how these funds of \$8,115 and reserves of \$185 for a total of \$8,300 were **distributed**:

Payment to D.G. Executive Offices for fees, dues, & convention @ \$609  
Donations to D.G. Foundation to support organizations helping the visually impaired @ \$1,750  
(see article, page 11 for break down of donations)  
Payment to D.G. Foundation for scholarship in honor of Dolores Mechling Fuller by Palo Alto and Silicon Valley Alumnae Chapters @ \$1,000  
Payment to D.G. Foundation for a brick in memory of Elba (Bunny) DeCamp Petersen @ \$125  
Glaucoma Basket for auction @ \$158  
Holiday Party expenses @ \$833  
Founders Day expenses @ \$3,431  
Local website hosting fees @ \$239  
Santa Clara University expenses @ \$75  
Miscellaneous costs @ \$80

### Contributions and Donations Over the Past Ten Years By Our Alumnae Chapter

From the fiscal years of 2000-2001 through 2009-2010 the Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma has donated and contributed a total of **\$25,151**.

*Submitted by Marilyn McKeen, Treasurer*

## Doing Good - with a Smile!



*Spring Garage Sale Fundraiser: Hostess Sherry Herrgott (l) and chapter president Lynne Thieme, kneeling, sorting items for sale. The chapter raised more than \$150.*



*Fall craft gathering: Jo-Al Smith (l), Mona Siegel (c) and Barbara Kilburn (r) make tactile ghosts for visually impaired children..*

## Scholarship Update

Last year's 'Senior Scholarship' of \$1000 in the name of Barbara Gerow Broyles — donated by both Silicon Valley and Palo Alto Alumnae Chapters—was recently awarded to Meghan Skarzynski from Santa Clara University. Meghan is from Illinois and plans to graduate in 2011. Congratulations!



*Barbara Broyles receives a certificate naming a scholarship in her honor from Dolores Fuller at the 2009 Soup & Supper meeting.*

## *Foundation Donations 2009-2010*

### **Delta Gamma Loyalty Fund = \$300**

This donation supports the Fraternity's educational and leadership programming. It also impacts the scholarship and fellowship programs.

### **Hatlen Center (formerly Living Skills) = \$350**

This donation helps to provide programs that teach blind students age 19 thru 22 how to live independently. It is located in San Pablo, CA. It was started by a Delta Gamma twenty-five years ago.

### **Lucile Packard Children's Fund = \$350**

This donation goes to Dr. Mosfeghi who performs retinal surgery on premature babies at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital located on the Stanford University Campus in Palo Alto, CA.

### **Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired = \$350**

This donation provides the counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara with resources and programs that promote independence and improve the quality of life for individuals with vision loss. It is located in Palo Alto, CA.

### **Blind Babies Foundation = \$200**

This donation provides help when an infant or preschooler is identified as blind or visually impaired. The foundation provides family centered services to support the child's optimal development and access to the world. It is located in Oakland, CA. It was started by a Delta Gamma.

### **Glaucoma Research Foundation = \$200**

This donation helps to actively pursue a cure for glaucoma. It is located in San Francisco.

Submitted by Kristy Chernick, V.P. Foundation, Marilyn McKeen, V.P. Finance, and Sherry Herrgott, outgoing V.P. Foundation.