

# Anchors by the Bay

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## Captain's Call

## Save the Date!

Dear Sisters,

In April, I attended the inaugural Helen Dunbar Lucas Alumnae Leadership Academy in Columbus, Ohio where I met new sisters from all over North America, participated in inspirational seminars and toured Executive Offices for the first time! We celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Fraternity Housing Corporation (Delta Gamma's accounting and management service for house corporations), discussed vital relationships and genuine friendships, learned about organizing your life into 43 folders, jump-starting change, and the extraordinary opportunities within Delta Gamma. We were able to interact with women of five generations. We'll be trying many of these motivational ideas throughout this coming year, including Marilyn Fordham's infamous, "No-Fail, Nine-Month Delta Gamma Alumnae Achievement Plan"! We hope you'll join us for a meeting or an event soon to discover more.

Our 2009 Founders Day celebration was amazing with nearly 250 women in attendance. Barbara Broyles hosted at her gorgeous home in Saratoga. San Jose State and Santa Clara collegiate chapters celebrated with alumnae from both the Silicon Valley and Palo Alto chapters. We honored our founders, our chapters and our members. It was a delight to socialize with those in attendance and hear from special guest, Roxanne LaMuth from the Delta Gamma Foundation.

Our calendar covers many interests and ages. We have monthly meetings and several exciting events planned including making tactile Halloween cards, a Sharks hockey game, a docent-led walk of the Stanford campus, a garage sale to raise money for Foundation, and our renowned annual Holiday Party for local blind and visually impaired seniors. Please watch your inbox for our Evites, keep your newsletter handy, or go to our website at [paloaltodg.org](http://paloaltodg.org) for updates. Thank you for your devotion to our chapter and to Delta Gamma!

In closing, I'd 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 86 years. Although our name is 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  
BX – Michigan State



Our Founders Day celebration will be Saturday, March 6, 2010. Barbara Broyles and Dolores Fuller will co-chair. We are especially excited about our speaker, Delta Gamma Foundation Executive Director, Betsy Fouss, traveling to be with us. Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter and Silicon Valley Alumnae Chapter will include the two collegiate chapters, Zeta Epsilon, Santa Clara University and Gamma Eta, San Jose State University. Barbara Broyles is opening her glorious home for this event. We hope to see you all there!



Lynne Thieme, taking a break during her emcee duties at Founders Day 2009.

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# Foundation Report

A big **THANK YOU** to all members who supported the organizations that provide services to the blind and visually impaired in our area. Due to your efforts, our chapter was recognized nationally for Outstanding Philanthropy Service, Service for Sight hours, and support of our Golden Anchor program. Bravo!

In addition to our 2008-2009 volunteer activities, our Foundation funds supported the following organizations this past year:

1. Sensory Access Foundation: The SAF mission is to help blind and visually impaired to obtain or retain competitive employment.
2. Lucile Salter Packard Children's Fun: The donation goes to a doctor who performs retinal surgery on premature babies.
3. Living Skills Center: The Center provides programs that teach the visually impaired and blind to live independently.
4. Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Vista Center provides four counties with resources and programs that promote independence and improve the quality of life for individuals with vision loss.

Our Chapter also works with the members of the Silicon Valley Council of the Blind Club (SVCBC) in various ways. We help individual members and assist at their gatherings, whether it is a summer barbeque or Christmas luncheon.

One of our Foundation fundraisers in 2010 is a garage sale. The city of Sunnyvale sponsors a city-wide garage sale each April which coincides with Earth Day, usually on a Saturday. This year is looking close to April 24th. Check our website for the exact date/place, and join us at Sherry's house to sell your priceless goodies, for a great cause.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above organizations or you have new ideas on how to assist, let me know and I can connect you to the right person. You can also check our chapter website, <http://www.paloaltodg.org/> for volunteer opportunities. Click on the "Foundation" button for specific services and programs.

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Barbara Broyles, Janie Taylor and Mona Siegel at the 2008 Soup & Salad Supper.

## PAAC Recognized for Service Hours

Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter just received a Certification of Appreciation from the Delta Gamma Foundation "In recognition of outstanding support to the Delta Gamma Foundation and dedication to the philanthropic goals and ideals of Delta Gamma." Service for Sight Hours, 2008-2009

Congratulations to all!

## Leave a Legacy

Remember the Delta Gamma Foundation in your will and become a member of the Charter Group.

**Each Charter Group member enjoys:**

- a special gold Charter Group badge
- special recognition in the *ANCHORA* Annual Report and at official Delta Gamma gatherings
- a guarantee that she helps the Foundation grow and touch as many lives as possible!

**DELTA GAMMA FOUNDATION**

## CHARTER GROUP

For more information, contact Hope Lynch, Development Director,  
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# 2008-2009 Activities Recap

## Soup & Salad Supper



Sherry Herrgott leading the program at the fall Soup & Salad Supper.

Our alumnae chapter enjoyed a wonderful year of sisterhood, doing good, learning and having fun. We kicked off with the Soup & Salad Supper at the home of Marilyn McKeen. What a gorgeous evening it turned out to be! Thanks to our hostesses, Marilyn and JoAl, the food was every bit as good as the program. Member Sherry Herrgott shared some of her expertise with us as we explored new facets of our own personalities and communication styles.



Attendees at the 2008 Soup & Salad Supper

## Holiday Party 2008

The annual holiday party never fails to bring out the best in all of us. Hostess Lolly Osborne relocated our celebration to the Mountain View community center on Rengstorff where we had more room than ever to sing, dance, snack, visit with guests and enjoy the Sweet Adelines.



Delta Gammas (and a small fry) at the 2008 Holiday Party

# Calendar of Events

Fall 2009 - Summer 2010

## September 2009

**Event:** Soup & Salad Supper

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 PM

**Location:** Marilyn McKeen's home

**Day Chair:** Marilyn McKeen (mlmckeen@earthlink.net) and Jo-Al Smith

**Description:** Take a night off from cooking and join us for good food, socializing, and sharing DG memories. Edyta from Spa Edyta in Los Altos will share tips on skincare and skin treats.

## October 2009

**Event:** Tactile Jack-o-lanterns

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, October 27

**Location:** Home of Joan Vendley

**Day Chair:** Brittany Stevens

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**Description:** We will be making tactile jack-o-lanterns for Zeta Epsilon (Santa Clara University) to give to their Halloween 'guests'.

## December 2009

**Event:** Holiday Party for Blind and Visually Impaired Seniors

**Date & Time:** Saturday, Dec. 12 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Location:** Santa Clara Valley Blind Center

101 Bascom Ave., San Jose

**Day Chair:** Lolly Osborne (lolly@osbofamily.com)

**Description:** Co-hosted with the Silicon Valley Council for the Blind Club, guests will be served lunch. In lieu of treats and snacks, donations are welcome as SVCBC is providing its own food. A festive, music-filled afternoon with our friends (new and old). The Sweet Adelines and the Jingleers will entertain us with song. We need drivers, servers, kitchen helpers, hostesses. Family members are welcome. Mark your calendar and let Lolly know you can help.

## January 2010

**Event:** San Jose Sharks Game

**Date & Time:** TBD

**Location:** HP Pavilion

**Day Chair:** Ashley Emling Cheechoo

**Description:** Get out and root for the home team with the gals! Details to follow as the date approaches.

## March 2010

**Event:** Founders Day

**Date & Time:** Saturday, March 6 Time TBD

**Location:** Home of Barbara Broyles, Saratoga

**Day Chairs:** Barbara Broyles (gagab@ihot.com) & Dolores Fuller (dmecfuller@sbcglobal.net)

**Description:** Once again, we are co-hosting a large Founders Day celebration with the Silicon Valley Alumnae Chapter and have invited the two local collegiate chapters, San Jose State University and Santa Clara University. Our speaker will be Betsy Inch Fouss, Executive Director of the Delta Gamma Foundation. More information to come.

## April 2010

**Event:** Foundation Garage Sale

**Date & Time:** A Saturday in late April

**Location:** Sherry Herrgott's home, Sunnyvale

**Day Chair:** Sherry Herrgott (sherryH50@aol.com)

**Description:** Our Foundation fundraiser will be a multi-group garage sale on the same day as Sunnyvale's city-wide garage sale, which coincides with Earth Day. Clean out your closets and garage! Remember one man's (woman's) trash is another man's treasure! Proceeds to benefit The Delta Gamma Foundation and philanthropies aiding blind or visually impaired.

## May 2010

**Event:** Tour of Stanford campus

**Date & Time:** Sunday, May 9, Time TBD

**Location:** Stanford campus

**Day Chair:** Lolly Osborne (lolly@osbofamily.com)

**Description:** Get an insider's perspective of historic Stanford University while Lolly takes you to some well-known... and not-so-well-known spots around campus.



Members at the Soup & Salad event in September 2008

**Form for Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma Local Dues & Contributions**  
**For Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

Note: ***Explanation of national and local dues:*** Alumnae dues are both national and local. National dues of \$20.50 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 2009-2010:

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

Local Alumnae Voluntary Contributions:

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

TOTAL \$

**Important:** Everyone paying local dues and/or contributions must mail **this form** to:

Marilyn McKeen, 640 Torwood Lane, Los Altos, California 94022-1658.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**REMINDER:** If you move or change your e-mail address, please contact  
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 We want to stay in touch!

# What sets Delta Gamma apart from other groups?

## It's our ritual.

Our Delta Gamma rituals. What does that conjure in your mind? Mostly we think of our pledging and initiation ceremonies. One of the things that sets Delta Gamma apart from other groups is our rituals. Our Oath of Friendship needs to be spoken often to remind us of all things related to Delta Gamma. The Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter is trying regularly to do that at our meetings. If you are asked to think of a word that means Delta Gamma to you, what word would you pick?



Fifty-year alumnae members from around the Bay Area honored at Founders Day 2009

-Dolores Fuller

## Did you Know?

Look what our Palo Alto Alumnae Chapter members are doing with international scope for our Delta Gamma Fraternity.

Barbara G. Broyles has been chosen to be the Director: Lectureships in Values and Ethics for the Delta Gamma Foundation. Many of your universities have benefited from the sponsorship of outstanding prominent speakers coming to speak to the campus communities. The speakers share some of their life stories. The Delta Gamma chapter at each individual campus is responsible for raising money to finance this experience.

Anne Hohenberger is a member of the 2008-2010 Nominating Committee. This committee is charged with selecting the slate for the seven members of The Council of Delta Gamma Fraternity. The election takes place in June 2010 in Denver, Colorado at the Fraternity Convention. Anne represents all of Region 8, which consists of California and Hawaii. Anne was elected by the region at the 2008 Convention in Palm Springs. During the two-year term, Anne takes an active role in filling other fraternity positions. Anne is also Advisory Team Chairman at University of California, Berkeley, Gamma Chapter.

## Collegiate Update: Santa Clara University

The Zeta Epsilon chapter of Delta Gamma at Santa Clara University had an exciting spring quarter! We started off with a very successful Anchor Splash in which participants from all areas of campus got involved and we raised \$18,500 for Service for Sight. Members were able to share our sorority with their parents when we had a moms weekend and dads weekend. Our members also loved our variety of social and sisterhood events that took place. Some of these included mixers, date dashes, a tie-dying day, laser tag and a s'mores night. We ended the quarter with a week full of events dedicated to our graduating seniors. We had a fireside night, a banquet dinner, and the Senior Banquet Dance. We are looking forward to welcoming new members to our chapter after our fall recruitment October 10-13. Thank you for all of your support!

In the bonds,

Aundrea Dahl, president, Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Gamma

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Glendale-Burbank alumnae chapter



Gamma (UC, Berkeley) alumna Maria Murnane, author of “Perfect on Paper.” Maria joined us for a book review at the home of Lolly Osborne on April 14. Update: Maria has found a publisher for her book! She was previously self-published.



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**Our kickoff event is September 9!  
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