
ROSE AND ANCHOR

South Bay Delta Gamma Alumnae

Fall 2009

Presidents' Message

It is a sincere pleasure to be taking over this important leadership role. We have grown to value and appreciate every member of the chapter during the past few years and are excited for the activities and events planned for the year ahead.

The two of us connected at a night of Easter basket making for the Blind Childrens Center almost two years ago. We quickly realized that there was a shared passion for all things Delta Gamma and went on to become close friends. In discussion over the past few months, we have come to recognize how many wonderful ways DG has enriched our lives from Bid Day to the present. From Ava's relief and instant bond with a Craigslist roommate after seeing each other's matching Delta Gamma license plate frames to Ashley stumbling upon a career through the recommendation of a sister, our experiences are proof that there is more to sisterhood than four years in college.



Special thanks to our outstanding board of officers for their support during the transition and always. We appreciate the warm welcome and are so thankful for your hard work and dedication.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Friendship Dinner on September 16th!

ITB ~ Ashley Laakso and Ava Hirschsohn

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Fraternity Web site: www.deltagamma.org

Mark your Calendar



Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Fall Friendship Dinner

Location: Ava's home
Manhattan Beach.

RSVP to southbaydg@gmail.com or to the phone number above by September 13th.

Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Go GREEN! Guest speaker **Randy Striff** will share environmental tips on how to make a difference in your home and community.

Location: Justine Bookin's home
Manhattan Beach.

Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Disaster Preparedness: How to prepare yourself and your family for emergencies, from natural disasters to safety around your home.

Location: Ashley Laakso's home, Hermosa Beach.

Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Annual DG Christmas Cocktail Party

Bring a date or come solo! Celebrate the start of the holiday season. (A separate invitation will be mailed to chapter dues-payers.)

Location: Marion Ruth's home, Rolling Hills.

Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Hab, not RE-Hab!

Dr. Lisa Cavalero discusses health issues and how to use preventive maintenance for a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

Location: Kim Hall's home
Palos Verdes Estates.

For the complete 2009-2010 calendar, see the attached schedule or go to www.southbaydg.com/calendar.htm

Dinners Out locations on page 4!

2009 – 2011 Officers

We are thrilled to present the new officers for the upcoming term. With many of them continuing in their roles from last term, it will be a very smooth transition.

Co-Presidents: Ava Hirschsohn and Ashley Laakso
VP Programs: Lisa Stott
VP Membership: Shaina Jennings
VP Finance: Julia James
VP Communications: Kathy Gonzalez
VP Foundation: Lisa Whitman
VP Hospitality: Jane McNeil and Ann Komick
VP Publicity/Anchora: Leila Khalil
Columnae Rep USC: Franci Agajanian
Columnae Rep LMU: Julie Wolfenden
Historian: Kat Hogan
Awards and Rituals: Ally Taketa
Dinners Out Coordinator: Lynn Cardarelli
BCC Representative: Marion Ruth
City Sponsorship Chair: Susan Truax
Golden Anchor Chair: Debbie McGowan
Panhellenic Rep: Kathy Gonzalez
Panhellenic Alternate: Susan Truax

Open Board Positions

VP Homes
VP Hannahs
Columnae Rep, UCLA

DG Foundation

This year we'll continue to support the **Blind Childrens Center** in Los Angeles with our annual bunko party and bridge benefit, and making Easter Baskets for the siblings of the BCC students.



The BCC recently added a first grade class! Be sure to visit www.blindchildrenscenter.org often to see the latest news.

Chapter News

Marian Aylesbury is a great-grandma! She's happy to announce the March arrival of her great-granddaughter Heidi.

Brenda Kuehnle and her family have relocated to Danville, California.

Dolores Foley says "Thank You!" to all the DGs who sent cheery cards as she recovered from eye surgery. Dolores also reports the sad news that her sister, a DG from Ohio State, passed away in early August so all of your notes helped her immensely.

Lynn Bryant memory book: Kathy Gonzalez is putting together a little memory book for Lynn's sister Pam Stengel. If you have any stories or photos to share, please send them to Kathy at kbgonzalez@aol.com and she will compile them and send to Pam in Las Vegas. Kathy spoke with Lynn a few weeks before Lynn lost her battle with cancer, and Lynn mentioned again how truly thrilled she was with all of the DGs' support during this past year.

Ann Komick's son Dennis has written a book! ***Brodie and the Yeti*** (the true tales of two little dogs) is now available. It is a delightful book for children and also dog lovers of any age. His second book will be out later this fall. Needless to say Ann is happily sharing the news with everyone. You can go to the web site for information: www.brodieandtheyeti.com.

Kim Hall recently started a career in residential real estate and will be working in Palos Verdes and the other South Bay communities. To get information about an investment or a move you are thinking of making, call her at (310)721-7526.

Have out of town guests and want to share a little LA history with them? Want to have a "stay-cation" and enjoy some fun culinary treats in the LA area? **Melting Pot Food Tours** offers a three-hour walking tour in two great locations: the Farmer's Market (3rd and Fairfax) and Old Pasadena. Each tour traverses about a mile and a half and includes 10+ tasting stops. (Sounds like a fun DG event!) **Trish Procetto** has joined the MPFT team as an independent tour director. For more information check out www.meltingpottours.com.

Chapter News (cont'd)

Marion Ruth and the rest of the "Adventure Ladies" are going on their 24th annual September trip. This year they are going to a summer house in New Hampshire to hike, canoe, kayak and who knows whatever else. With DGs such as **Jane Redner, Jane McNeil, Jane Meek, and Mary Dryer** in attendance it is bound to be a fun week!

Tracy Hahn has launched a new business as a consultant with Silpada Designs Jewelry. She reports her family is well: her son is working hard for an advertising firm in San Francisco. Her daughter, a DG from UCLA, and her husband just moved to Lexington, Kentucky for one year while he does a fellowship in sports medicine at the University of Kentucky. He is an orthopedic surgeon and wants to specialize in sports medicine when they move back here. She is employed in an architecture and design firm in downtown LA and they are letting her work from Kentucky.

Dues are Due!

As the leaves turn and the weather cools, it's time to bring your DG membership current. As you probably know, EO now bills you directly for per capita (national) dues of \$20.50. You can save EO the cost of mailing the invoice by going to www.deltagamma.org and paying your per capita dues online. And of course, South Bay Chapter dues are due this fall as well. Please continue to support our local chapter by mailing your dues to Shaina Jennings, vp: membership, Include the member form (attached here and available on our Web site) to make sure your info is current. You can also pay your chapter dues by going to www.southbaydg.com/contact.htm and paying via PayPal.



Chapter dues are:

First-time alums (graduated in 2005 or later): \$15.00

Regular members: \$25.00

50-year members (initiated in 1959 or earlier): \$20.00

Additional donations are also welcome!

Panhellenic (SBAPA)

In 2009, we raised \$12,000 for scholarships at our luncheon benefit, and we awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to our 2009 recipients. Many thanks to **Franci Agajanian, Kathy Fisher and Kathy Gonzalez**, the DG reps for South Bay Panhellenic, who headed up the SBAPA scholarship committee. Our 2010 benefit luncheon will be on **Saturday, March 20th** at Los Verdes Country Club, so save the date for another worthy philanthropic event. **Kathy Gonzalez** will remain as our Panhellenic rep, filling the role as treasurer. **Susan Truax** joins the SBAPA team as DG's alternate rep.

Golden Anchor

Debbie McGowan, Golden Anchor chair, is rounding up volunteers to participate in the Bartlett Senior Center's annual holiday arts and crafts show. This year it's scheduled for Saturday, November 21st from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd, Torrance (behind the Benstead plunge). Set up is from 7:00 – 9:30 a.m. and tear down is from 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Debbie is looking for 2 volunteers for each shift. Volunteers are also invited to donate pre-packaged goodies, like brownies or cupcakes, and Debbie can arrange pickup. Contact Debbie at debjapan@hotmail.com if you can help. By the way, this is a GREAT place to get some of your holiday shopping done – Debbie reports that she picked up several gifts there and they were a huge hit.

Networking Groups

South Bay Delta Gamma is forming a couple of networking sites on the Internet. Many of you are familiar with **LinkedIn** and **Facebook**. If you would like to join either site, search for South Bay Delta Gamma and join in. (If you don't sign up, no worries – you will still be getting our e-mail communications and can always go to www.southbaydg.com to keep current with our chapter events.)



Dinners Out

Try a new restaurant and enjoy good food and lively conversation.

NOTE: Dinners are now on the LAST THURSDAY of the month. Drop by at 5:30 for a drink as your time allows, and join us at 6:30 for the official dinner.

RSVP: Lynn Cardarelli at l.cardarelli@att.net

- September 24, 2009** **El Gringo Hermosa**, 2620 Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach. (310) 376-1381
www.elgringo.com
- October 29, 2009** **McCormick and Schmicks**, 2101 Rosecrans Avenue, El Segundo. (310) 416-1123
www.mccormickandschmicks.com
- November 19, 2009** **Grill du Chateau**, 767 Deep Valley Drive, Rolling Hills Est. (310) 265-0914
3rd Thursday!
www.grillduchateau.com
- January 28, 2010** **Tropi Cuba Café**, 21730 Vermont Avenue, Torrance. (310) 961-9550
- February 25, 2010** **HT Grill**, 1701 S. Catalina Avenue, Redondo Beach. (310) 791-4849
www.htgrill.com
- March 25, 2010** **Buffalo Fire Department**, 1261 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance. (310) 320-2332
www.buffalofiredepartment.com
- April 29, 2010** **Original Red Onion**, 736 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Est. (310) 377-5660
www.originalredonion.com
- May 27, 2010** **Aliotta's Via Firenze**, 4485 Torrance Blvd., Torrance. (310) 371-9555
www.aliottas.com

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