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News from the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma

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Atlanta DGs Kick-Off New Year With Enthusiasm

Greetings!

2009 started with a bang for the local chapter. Former Newsletter Editor/Anchora Correspondent Allison Kirchner Dawson (Delta Iota) welcomed her first child (see baby Marshall Barry Dawson on Page 4!). Allison will understandably have her hands full with her brand new bundle of joy. I am honored to have the opportunity to take over the newsletter and keep you all informed on all the exciting events for our chapter! Just a few weeks into the new year and already participation in our regular programs continues to increase. On January 31, we proudly sponsored the annual Red & White Ball for the STARS children of the Center for the Visually Impaired at All Saints Episcopal Church. This wonderful event is our largest service project of the year and is at the core of our motto, Do Good. I was excited to see so many sisters pitching in to make sure it was a success. Volunteers helped decorate the hall and chaperoned the dance where students enjoyed a lively auction and bid on cool prizes. Thanks to your hard work this year's Red & White Ball was a success.



This newsletter is produced quarterly with upcoming events and ways you can be an active in our group. Take a few minutes to skim this publication to stay on top of the latest Atlanta DG scoop!



Local Website up and running!

Thanks to Alanna Montoya, the Atlanta Alumnae chapter website is up and running! Visit www.deltagammaatlanta.org to pay your dues and learn about upcoming events.

Enjoy reading about our chapter's events and make a commitment to get involved!

Mel Meadows

Newsletter Editor/Anchora Correspondent

Support Your Local Chapter

If you haven't paid your local dues to the Atlanta Alumnae chapter, now is the time! Your dues provide great programming and philanthropic outreach. You may pay online at <http://www.deltagammaatlanta.org/joinus.htm>.

DG's attend annual Henderson Society Dinner

Alanna Montoya, Kay Royal, Marianne Lee and Jennifer Hamilton attended CVI's Henderson Society Dinner January 22. It was a fun and inspirational evening featuring a keynote address by Mike May, who has lived a successful and exciting life despite being blinded as a toddler. He is a living example that it is always possible to accomplish your dreams. Despite his disability, he obtained a Masters' Degree from Johns Hopkins University, broke world records in downhill skiing, and later became a successful inventor and entrepreneur. George and Jean Henderson launched the agency that later became the Center for the Visually Impaired, which the local DG alumnae are proud to support through donations and volunteer efforts. Members of the Henderson Society help carry on the Henderson's legacy and ensure that CVI can adequately provide vision rehabilitation services to more than 5,000 children and adults annually.



Delta Gamma Dinner Club

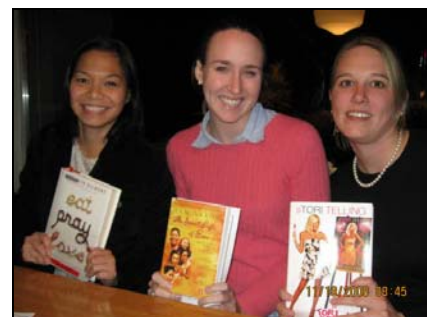


The DG Dinner Club began 2009 with a Italian themed potluck dinner! We had a great time and have many fun events planned for this year. If you have any interest in hosting an event or suggestions please email amyfalzone@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing all of our sisters in 2009!

Sisters brave the cold for DG Book Club Meeting

A group of ten braved the cold on January 20 to meet at Seattle's Best Coffee inside Borders Books in Buckhead. The topic was *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls, which generated a thoughtful discussion. We also wrapped up our book drive with over 60 books collected for Reach Out & Read, an organization partnering with pediatricians to promote literacy. The November book club gathered at Fellini's on Roswell Road for a potluck book club meeting. Each DG alumna read a book of her own choosing and shared the plot, along with what she liked and didn't like about the book with the group. Book choices included *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert and *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand. Our next meeting was held Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm where we discussed *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs.

Contact Katherine Dzula (kdzula@yahoo.com) for more information or to get involved.



Get Involved with Foundation

Founders Day at UGA

The Athens Alumnae Association will host this year's Founders Day March 28 at the Delta Iota chapter house. Part of the celebration will include lunch, speakers and house tours. The cost is \$35 per person. Pay online at www.athensdg.com/founders or send your check payable to "Athens Delta Gamma Alumnae Group" to: Kathy Cole, 365 Crystal Court, Athens, GA 30606. Prior to the start of the celebration, at 10 am, there will be a casual networking event for the collegians to meet with alumnae and talk about their careers. Contact Leslie Carter Hoppe (lacarter17@yahoo.com, 678-793-3004) if you are interested in participating. There will be a carpool from Atlanta to Athens. Please check your email for the Founders Day E-vite and when you RSVP, please include your phone, email and the part of town where you live. It will be up to each individual to make contact and set up the carpool.



Auction Items Needed for Founders Day

Our Atlanta chapter will have a silent auction at Founders Day. Proceeds of the auction will go toward collegiate scholarships (including Delta Iota) distributed through DG Foundation; the Center for the Visually Impaired and Foundation Fighting Blindness. We are still in need of auction items. Suggested items: restaurant gift cards, gift baskets or providing a service/product if you are a business owner. If you are interested in donating items, please contact Amy Falzone (amyfalzone@comcast.net, 404-580-9161).

Delta Gamma Volunteer Opportunity

CVI Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt for Children



For those not going to DG Founders' Day 2009 in Athens, there's an alternative way to "let your anchor shine." Delta Gamma volunteers are needed primarily to donate items for the Center for the Visually Impaired's Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt for Children. The event takes place March 29 at CVI's outdoor playground, 739 West Peachtree St. NE, from 9am—11 am. CVI is asking for Delta Gamma volunteers to assist with the annual Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt for visually-impaired and blind children ages 1-5 years old. The pre-schoolers served by CVI eagerly anticipate this joyous event. Come help the Easter Bunny fulfill their dreams of a fun-filled morning! DG volunteers are needed to bring and donate food, help decorate the playground, greet parents and children, distribute party favors and help hide Easter Eggs.

Many sisters have already stepped forward to volunteer at this event. However, there is still a need for cash and food donations. If you are interested in helping out with this event in any way, please contact Jennifer Hamilton as soon as possible at 678-576-2511 or jennifershamilton@gmail.com. Friends and family of DG volunteers are more than welcome to come out and lend a hand so bring someone with you to help make this special event a success!

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHS

Introducing Marshall Barry Dawson



Allison Kirchner Dawson (Delta Iota) and husband, Michael, welcomed their first child on January 5th, 2009. Marshall Barry Dawson weighed 8 lbs, 11 oz and was 20.75 inches long. Mom, Dad, and baby are all doing great and enjoying this special time together!

Brouillard Family Welcomes Baby Boy

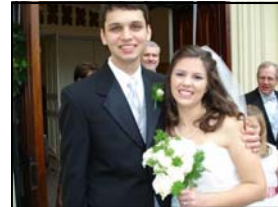


Drena Hollingsworth Brouillard (Delta Iota) and husband, Adam, welcomed Oliver Brouillard into the world on December 16, 2008. Oliver weighed 8 lbs 10 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

WEDDINGS

DG marries her Anchor Man

Natalie Grundhoefer married True Merrill January 9, 2009. Both attended Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama where True was Anchor Man in 2008. There were several DGs in attendance and they even sang "Dream Girl" to the happy bride.



Do you have news you want to share? Email mel62269@yahoo.com.

Atlanta DG Alumnae Spring Calendar

March, 2009

- March 25, DG Dinner Club Shop for a Cause
- March 28, Founders Day, UGA
- March 29, CVI Spring Fling & Easter Egg Hunt for Children
- TBA, New Member Gathering

April, 2009

- April 7, Board Meeting
- TBA, Lunch Bunch
- TBA, New Member Gathering

May, 2009

- May 2, Spring Scholarship Luncheon
- May 7, CVI True Blue Do Fundraiser
- TBA, Lunch Bunch
- TBA, New Member Gathering

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