

Petals and Pearls

The Newsletter of the St Louis Club of Alpha Gamma Delta

Fall 2018 Edition

Letter from the President

The Three W's of Membership

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony at our May meeting, I told those attending that in my many years of serving organizations in various capacities I had encountered three primary types of members: the What Ifs, the Whatevers and the Why Nots.

The "What If" members are the Debby Downers of the group. No matter what you propose or plan they always seem to find the negative or a "what if" to dampen the group's spirit. What if it rains? What if no one attends? What if we don't have enough money? What if the program bombs?

And then there are the "Whatever" people. Without enthusiasm or energy, no matter what you plan or propose they just quietly shrug their shoulders or sigh and say, "Whatever." Whatever you say. Whatever you want to do. Whatever...it really doesn't matter.

If you are lucky, you might find yourself in a whole garden of "Why Nots." These are the energetic, visionary members who look for ways to do innovative programs or are eager to support the members who propose new ideas and changes that rejuvenate!

When I joined the St. Louis AGD Club in 2014, I felt almost immediately that this was a "Why Not" organization, and I have not been disappointed!

It started with a phone call from Diane Wicker. I had never met her, and she certainly didn't know me. Nevertheless, she said, "Why not carpool with us to your first meeting, since you don't know anyone?"

And the "Why Nots" have continued over the last four years as new ideas have been proposed and accepted by our membership: Why not try bocce for our Alpha Gam Always? Why not try a meeting at a different location other than someone's home? Why not have a Sister's Night Out—just for the fun of it? Why not do some "off the wall" programs—literally and figuratively?

I ended my speech that evening with a challenge to the members of our club: Why not be a Why Not Club for 2018-2019? Why not seriously try to get at least thirty tables at our trivia night? Why not expand our sphere of influence on the Illinois side this next year? Why not find new ways to interact with our adopted collegiate chapters?

I know our program/social committee has some wonderful plans for 2018-2019. Why not come to our meetings or events to hear what they have planned?

Loyally,
Linda Pratz Shugert,
President

FROM THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF MY HEART, THANK YOU!

I was totally surprised and overwhelmed at our IRD luncheon this year as Jan Petersen, on behalf of the Awards Committee, presented the Heart Award to me. In truth, I really feel as though I should be giving a heart award to the St. Louis Club for all their acceptance, support and encouragement.

I also want to thank this club for allowing me to be the St. Louis representative at the 2018 International Convention in San Antonio. It was stupendous! Truly, it is an experience I shall long remember and cherish.

--Linda

Letter from the Editor

Dear Sisters,

I'm pleased to present the Fall 2018 Newsletter.

My history with this club has stretched back over a decade now – in the blink of an eye as I remember it. I've served in many roles from Ritual & Remembrance to VP Membership to Electronics Communications...and I've served in ways that do not have a title. I've enjoyed all of my roles for different reasons. Some challenged me to think outside the box, some presented problems I needed to solve, some required me to ask people I didn't know for help. I've learned more than I ever thought possible.

Our club has a wealth of talented sisters. And I know this to be true – we can do greater things *together* than we could ever do by ourselves. Our fundraising mission asks us to give the most necessary of provisions – food – to those in need. Together we can meet and even exceed the goals we set earlier this year.

I hope you will consider giving your talents to our club this year in any way that you can. Let's do this together.

Loyally,

Jane Miller Taylor,
Newsletter Editor



The Alpha Gamma Delta Purpose

To gain understanding that wisdom may be vouchsafed to me.

To develop and prize health and vigor of body.

To cultivate acquaintance with many whom I meet.

To cherish friendships with but a chosen few and to study the perfecting of those friendships.

To welcome the opportunity of contributing to the world's work in the community where I am placed because of the joy of service thereby bestowed and the talent of leadership multiplied.

To honor my home, my country, my religious faith.

To hold truth inviolable, sincerity essential, kindness invaluable.

To covet beauty in environment, manner, word and thought.

To possess high ideals and to attain somewhat unto them.

*This shall be my Purpose
that those who know me may esteem
Alpha Gamma Delta
for her attainments, revere her for her
purposes and love her for her
womanhood.*



Alpha Gam Always October 2017



International Reunion Day April 2018



Trivia Night April 2018



International Reunion Day April 2018



Holiday Party December 2017

SNAPSHOT 2018 -2019 Meetings & Events

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Dinner & Meeting
Diane Wicker's home

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 @ 2 – 4pm
Alpha Gam Always event
Italia America Bocce Club

Wed., Nov. 14, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Appetizer & salad meeting
Joy Straney's office

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Holiday Party
Patricia Ferry's home

Wed., Jan. 9, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Appetizer & salad meeting
“Sister time” themed event
Sheri Tucker's home

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Appetizer & salad meeting
Bunco game night
Jan Petersen's home

Wed., March 13, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Appetizer & salad meeting
Trivia Workshop & Collegiate Chapters
Carol Amling's home

Saturday, April 13, 2019 @ 7pm
14th Annual Trivia Night
The Heights Community Center
Richmond Heights

Saturday, April 20, 2019
International Reunion Day
(details to be announced)

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Dinner & Meeting

Installation of Officers
Jennifer Wood's home

Wed., May 29, 2019
Alpha Gam Night Out
(details to be announced)



2018-19 Meetings & Events

All Regular Club Members need to serve on one dinner committee each year AND contribute a minimum of \$15 (in food and/or cash) toward that dinner.

Associate Members are always welcome to come to meetings, but we ask for a \$5 contribution toward the meal. Please contact the Dinner Chairman to let her know you're planning to attend.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Dinner & Meeting hosted by Diane Wicker
Diane's home address:
11909 Moorland Manor Court
St. Louis, MO 63146

Dinner Chair: Margie Craft Halley
Committee Members: Megan Epperson,
Betsy Lueg

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 @ 2 – 4pm
Alpha Gam Always
Italia America Bocce Club
2210 Marconi Street
St. Louis, MO 63110

Wed., Nov. 14, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Appetizer & salad meeting
Isaiah 58 Ministries presentation
Hostess: Joy Straney
Co-Hostess: Bonnie Sanguinet

Joy's office address:
Renaissance Financial Corp.
5700 Oakland Ave. Ste. 400
St. Louis, MO 63110

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Holiday Party hosted by Patricia Ferry
Patricia's home address:
503 W. Madison Street
Millstadt, IL 62260

Dinner Chair: Lucia Oswald
Committee Members: Tracie Noel, Melissa Steckler, Nancy Berthold, Linda Shugert

Wed., Jan. 9, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Appetizer & salad meeting
"Sister time" themed event
Hostess: Sheri Tucker
Co-Hostess: Kathleen Miller

Sheri's home address:
16752 Babler View Drive
Wildwood, MO 63011

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Appetizer & salad meeting
Bunco game night
Hostess: Jan Petersen

Jan's home address:
1928 Kings Row Manor
St. Louis, MO 63146

Wed., March 13, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Appetizer & salad meeting
Trivia Workshop & Collegiate Chapters
Hostess: Carol Amling
Co-Hostess: Jane Taylor

Carol's home address:
4563 Ferbert Estates Drive
St. Louis, MO 63128

Saturday, April 13, 2019 @ 7pm
Trivia Night
The Heights Community Center
8001 Dale Avenue
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Saturday, April 20, 2019
International Reunion Day
(details to be announced)

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Installation of Officers
Dinner & Meeting hosted by Jennifer Wood
Jennifer's home address:
990 Sheffield Forest Court
Wildwood, MO 63021

Dinner Chair: Jackie Rahm Dunn
Committee Members: Kathy Broska

Wed., May 29, 2019
Alpha Gam Night Out
(details to be announced)

Executive Board Meetings

All meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30pm. If you plan to attend and you're not on the board, please let the hostess know you are coming.

August 21, 2018 Hostess: Linda Shugert
October 23, 2018 Hostess: Jan Petersen
January 22, 2019 Hostess: Robin Hollrah
April 23, 2019 Hostess: Sonya Potter



2018-19 Officers & Committee Chairs

*President - Linda Pratz Shugert
*Vice President - Jackie Rahm Dunn
*Recording Secretary - Megan Epperson
*Permanent Sect. & Epsilon Pi Chairman - Robin Hollrah
*Treasurer - Janet Ragsdale Petersen
*Foundation Fundraiser - Sonya Potter
*Editor - Jane Miller Taylor
*Electronic Communications Chair - Kathleen (Kathy) Miller
RSVP Chairman - Diane Brown Wicker
*Past President - Catherine (Katie) Fitzgerald Sotiriou
*Collegiate Support - Alyssa Fixley
*Ritual/Remembrance Chair - Sarah Rudis
Yearbook Chairman - Robin Hollrah
Philanthropy Chairman - TBD
Panhellenic Delegate - Jackie Rahm Dunn
Panhellenic Alternate - Melissa (Missy) Steckler
Junior Circle - By Committee
IRD Chairman - Lucia Campbell Oswald
Dinner Chairman - Tracie Fream Noel

Program/Social Committee – Margie Craft
Halley & Melissa (Missy) Steckler
Singles Bridge - Bonnie Lyngaa Sanguinet
Couples Bridge – Nancy Brummett Bruce
Epsilon Pi Committee -
Janet Ragsdale Petersen, Sonya Potter,
Diane Brown Wicker
Election Chairman - Carol Reppel Amling
Recruitment Information Coordinator -
Alyssa Fixley
Book Club - Lucia Campbell Oswald

**signifies Board Member position*

Support Fees

Regular Active Members \$40
Associate Members \$10
Glamour Squirrels \$20

Regular Members

Carol Reppel Amling
Nancy Perkinsin Berthold
Jacquelyn Held Dunn
Megan Epperson
Patricia Ferry
Meg Brannan Fortney
Marge Craft Halley
Robin Hollrah
Betsy Lueg
Kathleen Miller
Tracie Fream Noel
Lucia Campbell Oswald
Janet Ragsdale Petersen
Sarah Rudis
Bonnie Lyngaa Sanguinet
Mary Wosman Saranita
Linda Pratz Shugert
Missy Steckler
Jane Miller Taylor
Diane Brown Wicker
Jennifer Moore Wood

Associate Members

Jen Bell
Irma Stender Patton
Carol Clemons Thomas

Glamour Squirrels

Kathy Kite Broska
Mary Susan Greenwalt
Rosemary Brown Hopson
Haylee Rethman
Karen Routsong

Speaking of Glamour Squirrels!!
In an effort to reach out to younger
alumnae, the board has agreed to have the
Glamour Squirrel membership:



The St. Louis Club of Alpha Gamma Delta now offers a discounted membership of \$20 to sisters who were initiated as a collegiate within the last 12 years.

To receive the discount, you must be new to the club/did not participate the previous year
-OR-

Attend at minimum:

1. One Regular Business Meeting
2. One Junior Circle event
3. One other meeting, Junior Circle or club event (This can be Book Club, Trivia Night or any other sisterhood event or activity sponsored by the club!)

Can I attend more?

Certainly! We'd love to see you! However, we understand that you have a new and exciting life and sometimes attending club events have to take a backseat to work, other community service opportunities and interests.



Supporting Our Sisters

You never know when it might happen to you - a natural disaster or a financial emergency. But rest assured that you are not alone. Your sisters and the [Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation](#) are here to help.

The [SIS Grant](#) program provides funds to sisters and dependent family members who have suffered severe economic or medical hardship and have exhausted all other means of support. Since emergencies arise unexpectedly, applications are accepted at any time.

[Disaster Relief Grants](#) provide immediate assistance to sisters faced with emergency need due to a disaster, such as tornados, hurricanes, wildfires, floods or other emergency situations. No application is required but contact information and proof of need is requested.

If you or a sister you know is experiencing a hardship or emergency situation, please know that the Foundation is here to help.

Not sure if a situation applies?

Call the Foundation office at 317.663.4242.

CLUBS WITHIN OUR CLUB

BOOK CLUB

Gatherings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6pm for dinner/discussion at Schneithorst's Restaurant. Please contact Lucia Oswald with any questions at 314-807-4516 (cell).

Sept. 6th: The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared
By Jonas Jonasson

Oct. 4th: The Little Paris Bookshop
By Nina George

Nov. 1st: Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery
By Scott Kelly

Jan. 3rd: Little Fires Everywhere
By Celeste Ng

Feb. 7th: Glory Over Everything: Beyond the Kitchen House
By Kathleen Grissom

March 7th: The Underground Railroad
By Colson Whitehead

April 4th: Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI
By David Grann

May 3rd: My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry
By Fredrick Backman

COUPLES SOCIAL BRIDGE

Chair- Nancy Brummett Bruce 636-225-7707

Play on the second Saturday of the month following dinner. The host couple chooses the restaurant. Dinner is at 6pm.

Sept. 8, 2018 – Elaine & Mike Thorne
Nov. 10, 2018 – Nancy & Bob Bruce
Jan. 12, 2019 – Diane & Steve Wicker
March 9, 2019 – Bonnie & Craig Sanguinet

PLAYERS:

Nancy and Bob Bruce 636-225-7707
Bonnie and Craig Sanguinet 636-284-6772
Elaine and Mike Thorne 314-821-6667
Diane and Steve Wicker 314-994-3955

SUBSTITUTES:

Nancy and Jim Berthold 314-822-1270
Lucia Oswald 314-961-4879

SINGLES SOCIAL BRIDGE

Chair- Bonnie Lyngaa Sanguinet
636-395-7582 or 636-284-6772

Meet on the third Monday of the month from 10am until 2pm except in December. Hostess provides drinks, salad greens & dressing, and dessert. Please bring two ingredients for the salad if not hosting.

Sept. 17, 2018 – Elaine Thorne
Oct. 15, 2018 – Jan Petersen
Nov. 19, 2018 – Nancy Berthold
Dec. Holiday Break

Jan. 21, 2019 – Carol Amling
Feb. 18, 2019 – Margie Halley
March 18, 2019 – Diane Wicker
April 15, 2019 – Bonnie Sanguinet
May 14, 2019 – Jackie Dunn

PLAYERS:

Carol Amling 314-892-1924
Nancy Berthold 314-822-1270
Jackie Rahm Dunn 314-640-1154
Margie Halley 314-302-8299
Jan Petersen 314-878-8213
Bonnie Sanguinet 636-395-7582
Elaine Thorne 314-821-6667
Diane Wicker 314-994-3955

SUBSTITUTES:

Nancy Bruce 636-225-7707
Joan Huisenga 314-448-1700
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Alpha Gamma Delta News

2018 Convention News & Updates

St Louis Alumnae Club President Linda Pratz Shugert and club member Meg Brannan Fortney attended Alpha Gam's Golden International Convention in June of this year. The Convention was held in San Antonio, Texas. The St Louis Alumnae Club received the Award for ***Outstanding Support of the Foundation in 2017-2018 Biennium***. Our Club also won the ***Jewel Society Award for Outstanding Support of the Foundation in 2017-2018***, and ***Most Improved Financial Support in 2017-18***. These awards wouldn't have been possible without the support of each and every one of you.

Trivia Night planned for Saturday April 13, 2019 @ 7pm

It's our 14th annual event! Whether you've attended none, all, or any number in between, we want you to join us this year! If you'd like to purchase tickets for a table, or volunteer the night of the event, or donate a raffle item, or any other time or talents you could provide to make this year's event a success – we are SO appreciative! Trivia Night will be held at The Heights Community Center, 8001 Dale Ave, Richmond Heights, Missouri. Please save the date! **Contact Sonya Potter, Foundation Fundraising Chair**, for additional information or to volunteer at **314-420-4001** or email Sonya: stlpotter@gmail.com.

Alpha Gamma Delta Announces Leadership for the 2018-2020 Biennium

International Council

Alpha Gamma Delta is pleased to announce the installation of International Council for the 2018-2020 biennium:

- Lee Woodham Langub, Gamma Alpha, University of Georgia – International President
- Melissa Jacobson James, Rho, Iowa State University – International Vice President - Alumnae
- Stephanie Simpson, Gamma Zeta, University of Memphis – International Vice President - Collegians
- Julie Berger Karstetter, Iota, University of Washington – International Vice President - Membership
- Karen Donaldson Metzger, Gamma Phi, Georgia Institute of Technology – International Vice President - Extension
- Alicia Adams, Gamma Beta, Florida State University – International Vice President - Finance
- Catherine Matthews, Theta Eta, University of Tennessee at Martin – International Vice President - Education

Foundation Leadership

The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation Board of Trustees for the 2018-2020 biennium:

- Sue Maggio Sim, Sigma, University of Illinois – Foundation Board President
- Carol Richards Peske, Alpha Beta, University of Michigan – Foundation Board Vice President
- Janis Lang Bartosz, Zeta Delta, Towson University – Foundation Board Treasurer
- Patti Guthrie Rogers, Gamma Delta, Auburn University – Foundation Board Secretary
- Adrienne Kerr Beckett, Zeta Omicron, Kettering University – Foundation Trustee
- Lee Woodham Langub, Gamma Alpha, University of Georgia – Foundation Trustee/International President
- Martha Mae Petry Parham, Gamma Lambda, Longwood University – Foundation Trustee
- Lynne Dunford Rossell, Omega, University of Akron – Foundation Trustee
- Julie Waitman, Beta Beta, North Dakota State University – Foundation Executive Director

FHC Leadership

The Fraternity Housing Corporation Board of Directors:

- Mary Beth Dulcey Morabito, Zeta Beta, Lehigh University – President
- Katie Jolley Abernathy, Delta Theta, University of Idaho – Director
- Gail Calkins Duree, Epsilon Gamma, University of Denver – Director
- Catherine Matthews, Theta Eta, University of Tennessee at Martin – Director
- Michele Camarco, Interim Managing Director

Alpha Gamma Delta is thankful for the dedication and service of alumnae who volunteer to serve in such a great capacity. For more information on volunteering, please email info@alphagammadelta.org

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**For general inquiries, call 317.663.4200
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