

Petals and Pearls

The Newsletter of the St Louis Club of Alpha Gamma Delta

Spring 2019 Edition

Letter from the President

So You Think You Know Me!

Our January club meeting is usually dedicated to “sister time”—some program or idea that brings us closer together or helps us get to know each other better. For instance, in January of 2018 we enjoyed a program entitled “Off the Wall.” This allowed the attendees a fun way to peek into the recent or past history of the participants.

Following up on this idea, January 2019’s sisterhood program was entitled “So You Think You Know Me.” This time I passed out individual private forms that included only a name and the completion of this phrase: “bet you don’t know this about me.” These secrets were then given back to me for revealing at a future date.

I received seventeen amazing revelations! Some of them caused me to laugh out loud, most of them produced a smile, and at least a few of them caused my jaw to drop! I can hardly wait to hear the stories behind these sentences!

So! This is what I plan to do with all this enjoyable information: at the March 13th meeting held at Carol Amling’s home, I will give each sister in attendance a sheet with the seventeen names printed in alphabetical order followed by a listing of the secrets revealed on the forms. None of the correct answers will be given at that meeting. Rather, these sheets will be taken home, reviewed and completed by the members—guessing which sister did what.

The correct answers and the stories behind these phrases will be our special program at the May dinner meeting held at Jennifer Wood’s home. May is traditionally great sisterhood month: we install new officers, do some pre-planning for the new year and

enjoy each other’s company at Alpha Gam Night Out (May 29th).

I always feel it is important to know each other at more than a superficial level. With so many wonderful new members added to our club, it is even more important now!

I hope you will be able to attend our May meeting and our Night Out. Even if you were not able to participate in the January program, this is a perfect time to learn more about each other and celebrate our sisterhood!

Loyally,

Linda Pratz Shugert,
President

Letter from the Editor

Dear Sisters,

I’m patiently waiting for spring this year – looking forward to the flowers blooming, trees budding, and bees buzzing. It has been a long winter and I will be glad to welcome a new season.

Our club has many activities planned this spring including our major fundraiser Trivia Night and Silent Auction on April 13th. In addition, we have International Reunion Day planned on April 27th along with other meetings and events.

When looking through your spring calendar, please consider how you can contribute to the world’s work through this club. You would be welcomed with open arms!

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 Gamma Delta Convention 2018



Holiday Party December 2018



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SNAPSHOT 2019 Meetings & Events

Saturday, April 13, 2019 @ 7pm
Trivia Night & Silent Auction
The Lodge at Des Peres

Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 11am
International Reunion Day
MAC-West

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)

2019 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.

Saturday, April 13, 2019 @ 7pm
Trivia Night & Silent Auction

Please see separate article on page 7.

new venue
The Lodge at Des Peres
1050 Des Peres Rd.
Des Peres, MO 63131

Saturday, April 27, 2019 @ 11am
International Reunion Day

Please see separate article on page 8.

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.

April 23, 2019 Hostess: Sonya Potter



2019 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 - Sarah Rudis
*Ritual/Remembrance Chair - Diane Brown
Wicker
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 Lyngaas 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 Perkinson Berthold
Jacquelyn Rahm Dunn
Megan Epperson
Patricia Ferry
Meg Brannan Fortney
Margie Craft Halley
Robin Hollrah
Elizabeth Lueg
M. Therese (Tess) McMahon
Kathleen Miller
Tracie Fream Noel
Lucia Campbell Oswald
Janet Ragsdale Petersen
Sonya Potter
Sarah Rudis
Bonnie Lyngaas Sanguinet
Mary Wosman Saranita
Linda Pratz Shugert
Catherine Fitzgerald Sotiriou
Melissa Steckler
Jane Miller Taylor
Elaine Goss Thorne
Sheri Branscum Tucker
Diane Brown Wicker
Jennifer Moore Wood

Associate Members

Jennifer Bell
Stacy Fleer
Irma Stender Patton
Carol Clemons Thomas

Glamour Squirrels

Amy Allen
Teresa Bradley
Lisa Allen Breig
Kathy Kite Broska
Mary Susan Greenwalt
Rosemary Brown Hopson
Joan Furlong Husiniga
Haylee Rethman
Karen Routsong

Speaking of Glamour Squirrels!!

In an effort to reach out to new alumnae, the board has agreed to a new membership level – the Glamour Squirrel membership.



The St. Louis Club of Alpha Gamma Delta now offers a discounted membership of \$20 to new sisters regardless of age.

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

-OR-

Attend at minimum:

1. One regular meeting
2. One alumnae event
3. One alternate club activity
(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 sometimes life gets busy!

Please let us know if you're interested in a Glamour Squirrel membership – talk to Jackie Dunn, VP or Linda Shugert, President, for more info.

The Honors of Epsilon Pi

The Honors of Epsilon Pi are bestowed upon alumnae members who have given faithful, continued and outstanding service to the Fraternity. The Arc, Crescent, and Circle were created at the 1919 convention, with additional Honors of Epsilon Pi being approved in later years. Members who serve local collegiate chapters, alumnae chapters or clubs and/or the International Fraternity for 5-6 consecutive years are eligible. The honors are presented at each convention.

At the 2018 Alpha Gamma Delta International Convention, several of our club members were bestowed an honor. Sonya Potter and Jennifer Bell received the Arc of Epsilon Pi with Diamond. Diane Brown Wicker received the Arc of Epsilon Pi with Diamonds and Pearl. Carol Reppel Amling received the Crescent of Epsilon Pi with Diamonds.

Let's congratulate them for their honors.

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).

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

May 2nd: Winter Garden: A Novel
By Kristin Hannah

June 6th: Prodigal Summer
By Barbara Kingsolver

August 1st: A Gentleman in Moscow
By Amor Towles

Sept. 5th: The Stranger in the Woods
By Michael Finkel

October 3rd: The Poisonwood Bible
By Barbara Kingsolver

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.

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 Lyngaas 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.

April 15, 2019 – Diane Wicker
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
Lucia Oswald 314-961-4879

ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE CLUB NEWS

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!

Join our emcee 5 On Your Side's Art Holliday for a night of trivia, extra games and a great silent auction. ***The event will take place at a new venue this year:***

The Lodge at Des Peres, 1050 Des Peres Rd., Des Peres, MO, 63131

Doors open at 6pm; trivia starts at 7pm. \$25 per person / \$200 team of 8. Free beer, soda and Gus' Pretzels. Players can bring their own snacks. \$320 first place cash prize, \$240 second place cash prize. There will be mulligans for sale, 50/50 raffle, heads or tails, wine toss, and a large silent auction. We take credit cards!

This year we are teaming up with **Isaiah 58 Ministries** so bring canned food items and get a chance to win your entry fee back! Proceeds benefit the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation which supports Isaiah 58 Ministries and others in the Fight Against Hunger!

For reservations, questions or auction donations: call **Joy at 270-319-7856** or e-mail stalphagam@gmail.com

Adult Recruitment Program

St. Louis Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta has initiated an Adult Recruitment Program this year. Women who are currently not affiliated with another NPC (National Panhellenic Council) sorority are welcome to attend our club activities so that we can meet them and they, in turn, can learn about our sorority, its mission and purpose, and our members themselves.

If our alumnae club appears to be a "good fit", the potential initiate submits an application to AGD IHQ and they will be included in the next initiation at Kappa Delta - Westminster College.

If you know of any woman, friend, family member or co-worker who would be interested in this program, please call **Jackie Dunn at 314-640-1154** for more information.

IRD planned for Saturday April 27th, 2019 @ 11am

International Reunion Day will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 11am. Our new IRD location will be MAC-West, 1777 Des Peres Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63131. Our speaker this year is Joan Huisenga, H'58 and her speech will be on "The Scandalous Women of Saint Louis".

The cost for the luncheon is \$25.00. **Please prepay by check or cash at the door.**

Reservations can be made by contacting:

Lucia Oswald stlouislucia@sbcglobal.net phone **314-807-4516**

-or-

Patty Ferry ferrymom@gmail.com phone **618-698-0695**

MEMBER NEWS

Diane Wicker is proud to announce the birth of her granddaughter Elizabeth Grace (her daughter Carol's baby) born on November 7th. Big brother James adores his baby sis!



Elizabeth Grace and big brother James



Jan Petersen and Jackie Dunn at IRD 2018

Jackie Dunn was recently awarded the Thanks II badge, the highest national volunteer award of Girl Scouts of the USA. Jackie has been a Girl Scout volunteer for 40 years and over this span of time has been a troop leader, neighborhood chair, learning facilitator (trainer), and camp director for day camp, resident camp, and weekend camp programs.

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