



Petals and Pearls

The Newsletter of the St Louis Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta

Fall 2019 Edition

Letter from the President

In my last newsletter message, I wrote about three different types of club members: the Whatevers, the What Ifs, and the Why Nots. Hopefully, some of you may remember my strong belief that our St. Louis Club is a good example of women who are willing to take a chance and dream big—the “Why Not?” group.

A perfect example of this attitude is the approval of and initiation for Kathy Georgen. When Vice President for Membership Jackie Dunn heard about the Alumnae Initiate Program, she immediately brought it to the attention of our club, and the members basically said, “Why not? Let’s do it!”

And so, we are going to enjoy a brand new member initiated into the life of our Club and the full life of Alpha Gamma Delta. Some of us have met Kathy as she has participated in various Club events, and we know she will be a great asset to our group.

Do you have a new idea that you think might be uplifting, enjoyable or a benefit to our Club? Why not bring it to the attention of the membership? It might be just the spark we need!

By the way, Jackie Dunn can further explain the Alumnae Initiate Program to anyone who has a friend or associate who might be interested in becoming an Alpha Gam.

Loyally,
Linda Pratz Shugert,
President



Letter from the Editor

Dear Sisters,

Fall is almost here. Change is inevitable and the seasons go through their cycles. In some ways, I’m ready for a new season; in other ways, I’m not. Ready or not, here it comes.

As we look back at where we’ve been, then look forward to where we want to be, I’d ask that we take a few minutes to stay in the present tense. Quoting the Hamilton musical lyric, we need to “look around, look around at how lucky we are to be alive right now...” It’s a challenging task for me, so please be my reminders to savor the moment, to live in the ‘now’ as much as possible.

Loyally,
Jane Miller Taylor,
Newsletter Editor

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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.*



AGD International Reunion Day April 2019



Alpha Gams Night Out May 2019

St. Louis Alumnae Club
Trivia Night & Silent Auction
April 2019



SNAPSHOT
2019-20 Meetings & Events

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Dinner & Meeting
Diane Wicker's home

Sunday, October 6, 2019 @ 2pm

Alpha Gam Always
Italia America Bocce Club

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Appetizers & salads meeting
Katie Sotiriou's home

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Holiday Party
Sheri Tucker's home

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Appetizers & salads meeting
Jan Petersen's home

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Appetizers & salads meeting
Bunco game night
Robin Hollrah's home

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Appetizers & salads meeting
Margie Halley's home

Saturday, April 4, 2020 @ 7pm

Trivia Night & Silent Auction
The Heights Community Center

Saturday, April 25, 2020

International Reunion Day
(details to be announced)

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Dinner & Meeting
Installation of Officers
Melissa Steckler's home

Monday, June 1, 2020
Alpha Gams Night Out
(details to be announced)



2019-20 Meetings & Events

All **Regular Club Members** need to serve on one dinner committee each year. The club will contribute to the September, December and May dinners. Committee members will be responsible for covering the costs of the remainder of the meal.

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Philanthropy

Dinner & Meeting hosted by Diane Wicker
Diane's home address:
11909 Moorland Manor Ct.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Dinner Chair: Tracie Noel
Committee Members: Megan Epperson & Jennifer Wood

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 @ 2 – 4pm

Alpha Gam Always

Italia America Bocce Club
2210 Marconi Street
St. Louis, MO 63110

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Appetizer & salad meeting
Kappa and Kathy Night
Hostess: Katie Sotiriou
Co-Hostess: Linda Shugert

Katie's home address:
221 Lindeman Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Holiday Party hosted by Sheri Tucker
Sheri's home address:
16752 Babler View Drive
Wildwood, MO 63011

Dinner Chair: Jackie Dunn
Committee Members: Mary Susan Greenwalt, Lucia Oswald, Sonya Potter and Cynthia Hunt

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Appetizer & salad meeting
"Wouldn't Want To Be Without It" theme
Hostess: Jan Petersen
Co-Hostess: Margie Halley

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

Wed., Feb. 12, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Appetizer & salad meeting
Bunco game night
Hostess: Robin Hollrah
Co-Hostess: Jane Taylor

Robin's home address:
4110 Shepherds Hill Circle
St. Charles, MO 63304

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Appetizer & salad meeting
Trivia Workshop & Collegiate Chapters
Hostess: Margie Halley
Co-Hostess: Carol Amling

Margie's home address:
823 Pine Village Court
Ballwin, MO 63021

Saturday, April 4, 2020 @ 7pm

Trivia Night
The Heights Community Center
8001 Dale Avenue
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

Saturday, April 25, 2020

International Reunion Day
(details to be announced)

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Installation of Officers

Dinner & Meeting hosted by Melissa Steckler
Melissa's home address:
703 N. 13th Street, Unit 302
St. Louis, MO 63103

Dinner Chair: Kathy Miller

Committee Members: Sarah Rudis and Patricia Ferry

Monday, June 1, 2020

Alpha Gams 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.

Oct. 22, 2019 Hostess: Diane Wicker
Jan. 28, 2020 Hostess: Robin Hollrah
April 21, 2020 Hostess: Sonya Potter



2019-20 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 - Patricia Sheehey Ferry
*Past President - Catherine (Katie)
Fitzgerald Sotiriou
*Collegiate Support - Sarah Rudis
*Ritual/Remembrance Chair - Diane
Brown Wicker
Yearbook Chairman - Robin Hollrah
Philanthropy Chairman - Sheri Branscum
Tucker
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 -
Carol Reppel Amling, Janet Ragsdale
Petersen and Diane Brown Wicker
Election Chairman - Janet Ragsdale
Petersen
Book Club - Lucia Campbell Oswald

*signifies Board Member position

Support Fees

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

Regular Members

Amy Allen
Carol Reppel Amling
Nancy Perkinson Berthold
Jacquelyn Rahm Dunn
Megan Epperson
Patricia Sheehey Ferry
Meg Brannan Fortney
Mary Wheeler Greenwalt
Margie Craft Halley
Robin Hollrah
Joan Furlong Huisenga
Kathleen Miller
Lucia Campbell Oswald
Janet Ragsdale Petersen
Sarah Rudis
Linda Pratz Shugert
Jane Miller Taylor
Diane Brown Wicker

Associate Members

Jennifer Bell
Kathy Kite Broska
Kristin Hinrichs Perry
Bonnie Lyngaas Sanguinet
Carol Clemons Thomas
Terry Deal Waggle

ALUMNAE INITIATES

Our Fraternity provides the Alumna Initiate program for women who do not hold membership in another National Panhellenic Conference or Panhellenic Council Fraternity and are of good character and achievement. By becoming an alumna initiate of Alpha Gamma Delta, she will have full access to sisterhood, resources and a lifetime of Purpose.

St. Louis Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta

Please inform Jackie Dunn that you have a potential Alumnae Initiate.

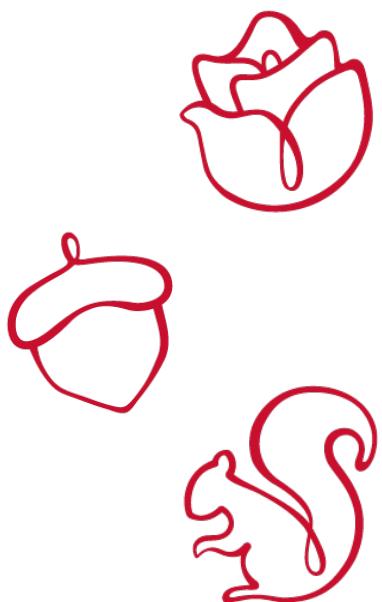
1. A sister starts the process by bringing the potential new member to our gatherings during the year.
2. Vote by club members: at May meeting. After approval (step 3)
3. Application due to International no more than 6 months prior to initiation: May 1 – Sept. 1.
4. IHQ sends a letter to the new initiate which includes cost information.
5. Cost: a check for \$200 (\$170 for Initiation fees and \$30 to Initiating Chapter) and \$60+ for life leasehold on a Badge.
6. Initiation Target: Fall – late October/early November at Kappa Delta, Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri.

Committee Members:

Jackie Rahm Dunn, Vice President (membership)

Megan Epperson, Secretary

Meg Brannan Fortney, Chapter Advisor, Kappa Delta, Westminster College



REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

EA Alpha Gams are planning a reunion gathering in Columbia, MO on October 18-20th. There will be a Friday dinner gathering as you arrive at Heidelberg roof top, a Saturday lunch gathering at Flat Branch pub, a Happy hour on Saturday at 5pm on the rooftop bar of The Broadway Hotel followed by a dinner at The Sycamore. There is a block of rooms reserved at The Broadway for us. Sunday brunch plans are still in the works.

Contact Michelle Yuenger at alphagam@q.com for further details or to let her know you will be at the dinner on Saturday.

CLUBS WITHIN OUR CLUB

BOOK CLUB

Gatherings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6pm for dinner/discussion at La Bonne Bouchee in Creve Coeur.

Please contact Lucia Oswald with any questions at 314-961-4879.

- Oct. 3rd:** The Woman in the Window
By A.J. Finn
- Nov. 7th:** The Poisonwood Bible
By Barbara Kingsolver
- Jan. 2nd:** Britt-Marie Was Here
By Fredrik Backman
- Feb. 6th:** The Underground Railroad
By Colson Whitehead
- March 5th:** The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat
By Edward Kelsey Moore
- April 2nd:** The Library Book
By Susan Orlean
- May 7th:** The Day the World Came to Town
By Jim DeFede
- June 4th:** Where the Crawdads Sing
By Delia Owens

COUPLES SOCIAL BRIDGE

Chair- Nancy 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. 27, 2019 – Elaine & Mike Thorne**
Nov. 9, 2019 – Nancy & Bob Bruce
Jan. 11, 2020 – Diane & Steve Wicker
March 14, 2020-Bonnie & Craig Sanguinet

PLAYERS:

Nancy and Bob Bruce 636-225-7707
Bonnie & 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 Sanguinet 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. 16, 2019** – **Elaine Thorne**
Oct. 21, 2019 – **Jan Petersen**
Nov. 18, 2019 – **Nancy Berthold**
December – Holiday Break
Jan. 20, 2020 – **Carol Amling**
Feb. 17, 2020 – **Margie Halley**
March 16, 2020 – **Diane Wicker**
April 20, 2020 – **Bonnie Sanguinet**
May 18, 2020 – **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 636-284-6772
Elaine Thorne 314-821-6667
Diane Wicker 314-994-3955

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Mary Susan Greenwalt 314-966-6279
Joan Huisenga 314-448-1700
Lucia Oswald 314-961-4879

ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE CLUB NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT planned for Saturday April 4, 2020 @ 7pm

SAVE THE DATE: It's our 15th annual event! We're back at The Heights Community Center and we will be ready to raise money to fight hunger again this year!

The Heights Community Center, 8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights

Now is the time to start planning how you will participate...volunteer, talk to friends to put a table together, check with donors for silent auction items...whatever you can do, we would GREATLY appreciate any help provided to make this another successful fundraiser! (see below about our *fundraising award*)

If you have any questions or need help with auction donations: call **Sonya Potter, foundation fundraiser chair** at [314-420-4001](tel:314-420-4001) or e-mail stlalphagam@gmail.com

ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE CLUB NAMED TOP DONATING CLUB

It's time to CELEBRATE our success!
On August 30th, 2019, the St. Louis Alumnae Club was named the

HIGHEST DONATING CLUB

to
Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation
during the latest fiscal year 2018-19!

We donated \$6,000!

We're not ones to rest on our laurels, however. Let's increase that amount this year... are you ready?

TOP 10 ALUMNAE CHAPTERS/CLUBS



2018-2019

Special thanks to the following highest-donating alumnae chapters/clubs for their dedication and hard work raising money for the Foundation last fiscal year (6.1.2018- 5.31.2019).

St. Louis Alumnae Club

\$6,000

Auburn-Opelika Alumnae Chapter

\$3,500

Houston Alumnae Club

\$3,426

Beta Beta Alumnae Chapter

\$2,500

Omega Alumnae Chapter

\$2,223

Los Angeles Area Alumnae Chapter

\$1,873

Fox Valley Alumnae Club

\$1,582

Orange County Alumnae Chapter

\$1,392

Chesapeake Alumnae Chapter

\$1,350

Dallas Alumnae Chapter

\$1,349



The Foundation's TeamRaiser is now available for Alumnae Chapters and Clubs!

This crowdfunding site, launched at Convention 2018, helped collegiate chapters raise more than \$136,000 last year. It is easy to use, branded for Alpha Gam and provides those who can't attend events a way to support your fundraising efforts. TeamRaiser also offers an online giving option and a tax-deduction to donors.

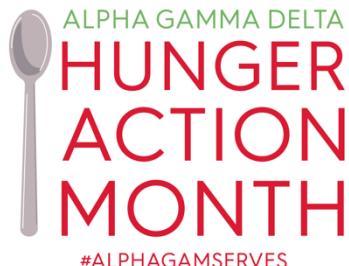
Based on our collegiate chapter's success, the Foundation is extending this fundraising resource to alumnae groups. More information can be found in the [TeamRaiser for Alumnae Chapters/Clubs](#) flier.

Questions? Contact Jamie Law, Development Manager, at jlaw@alphagammadeltafoundation.org or 317.663.4242.

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

September is Hunger Action Month and we want you to join us in the fight against hunger! No matter where you live you can do something this month to create awareness around hunger in your local community.

Whether you do this alone or with a sister—we can all make an impact and increase awareness. Utilize the resources [here](#)* so that while you're raising awareness you are also sharing that Alpha Gams are united in impacting the world.



*Website: <https://alphagammadelta.org/about/philanthropy/hunger-action-month/>

MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER: KATHY GEORGEN!

On October 6th, a new member will be initiated at Kappa Delta Chapter at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. Kathy Georgen is joining Alpha Gamma Delta through the Alumnae Initiates Program.

This Alpha Gamma Delta program was formed for women who do not hold membership in another National Panhellenic Conference or Panhellenic Council Fraternity and are of good character and achievement.

Kathy is a long-time friend of Jackie Dunn. Jackie nominated her for membership and facilitated the process. Many of our club members already know Kathy. She has participated in trivia night, Alpha Gam Always and is now a regular member of our Book Club.

We will find out more about Kathy as we celebrate with her at our November club meeting.

CINDY DUDA HUNT HAS MOVED BACK TO ST. LOUIS

Cindy and her family lived in Orange, Connecticut, for six years. They are now returning for a new job opportunity for her husband, Michael.

Cindy's son Joshua is 7 years old and in second grade at Incarnate Word. They are living in Chesterfield.

Cindy says, "I'm excited to be near my family and old friends again!" We're happy to have you back!



Michael, Cindy and Joshua Hunt

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