



# 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 Whatever's, 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.

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**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

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**Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 @ 2 - 4pm**  
**Alpha Gam Always**

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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**Saturday, April 4, 2020 @ 7pm**

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

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**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**International Reunion Day**  
(details to be announced)

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**Wednesday, May 13, 2020 @ 6:30pm**

**Installation of Officers**  
Dinner & Meeting hosted by Melissa  
Steckler  
Melissa's home address:  
703 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit 302  
St. Louis, MO 63103

Dinner Chair: Kathy Miller  
Committee Members: Sarah Rudis and  
Patricia Ferry

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**Monday, June 1, 2020**

**Alpha Gams Night Out**  
(details to be announced)

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## 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 Husinga  
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.

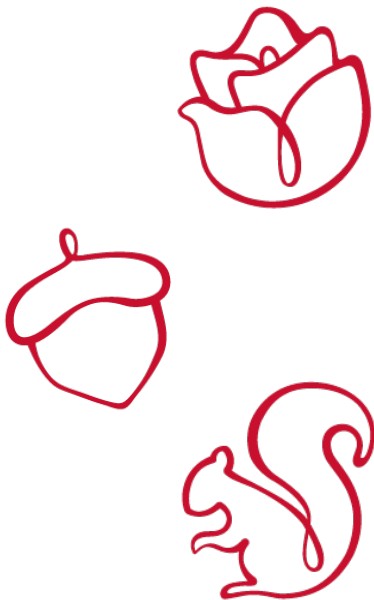
1. A sister starts the process by bringing the potential new member to our gatherings during the year.
2. Vote by club members: at May meeting. After approval (step 3)
3. Application due to International no more than 6 months prior to initiation: May 1 – Sept. 1.
4. IHQ sends a letter to the new initiate 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](mailto: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. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** The Woman in the Window  
By A.J. Finn

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>:** The Poisonwood Bible  
By Barbara Kingsolver

**Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Britt-Marie Was Here  
By Fredrik Backman

**Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>:** The Underground Railroad  
By Colson Whitehead

**March 5<sup>th</sup>:** The Supremes at Earl's  
All-You-Can-Eat  
By Edward Kelsey Moore

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** The Library Book  
By Susan Orlean

**May 7<sup>th</sup>:** The Day the World Came  
to Town  
By Jim DeFede

**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

<b>Sept. 16, 2019</b>	<b>– Elaine Thorne</b>
<b>Oct. 21, 2019</b>	<b>– Jan Petersen</b>
<b>Nov. 18, 2019</b>	<b>– Nancy Berthold</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>– Holiday Break</b>
<b>Jan. 20, 2020</b>	<b>– Carol Amling</b>
<b>Feb. 17, 2020</b>	<b>– Margie Halley</b>
<b>March 16, 2020</b>	<b>– Diane Wicker</b>
<b>April 20, 2020</b>	<b>– Bonnie Sanguinet</b>
<b>May 18, 2020</b>	<b>– Jackie Dunn</b>

## 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

## SUBSTITUTES:

Nancy Bruce 636-225-7707  
Mary Susan Greenwalt 314-966-6279  
Joan Huisinga 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stlalphagam@gmail.com)

### ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE CLUB NAMED TOP DONATING CLUB

It's time to CELEBRATE our success!  
On August 30<sup>th</sup>, 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	<b>\$6,000</b>
Auburn-Opelika Alumnae Chapter	<b>\$3,500</b>
Houston Alumnae Club	<b>\$3,426</b>
Beta Beta Alumnae Chapter	<b>\$2,500</b>
Omega Alumnae Chapter	<b>\$2,223</b>
Los Angeles Area Alumnae Chapter	<b>\$1,873</b>
Fox Valley Alumnae Club	<b>\$1,582</b>
Orange County Alumnae Chapter	<b>\$1,392</b>
Chesapeake Alumnae Chapter	<b>\$1,350</b>
Dallas Alumnae Chapter	<b>\$1,349</b>



## **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](mailto: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.

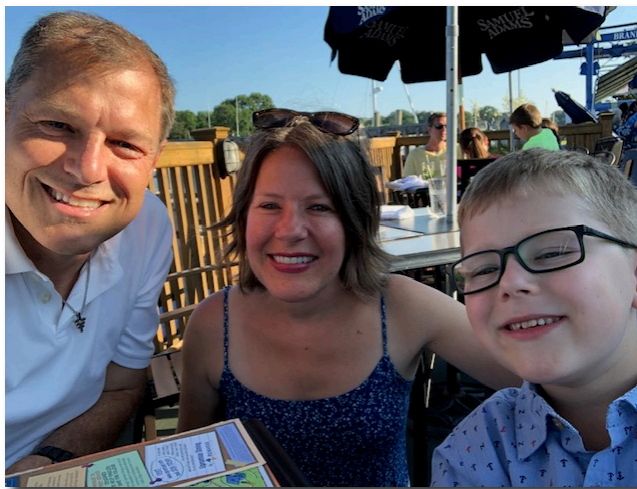
We will find out more about Kathy as we celebrate with her at our November club meeting.

### 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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