



Petals and Pearls

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

Fall 2022 Edition

From the President

The pages are flying off my page-a-day calendar. How did eight months of 2022 pass by so quickly? My son started his junior year of high school a few weeks ago. Transitions are challenging for both of us. The reality of the last years of his high school along with his uncertain future path have made me want to slow down the clock and stop the progression of these days. (He's driving so "slow down" and "stop" are my favorite words when riding in the car with him, also.)

Transitions can bring...new experiences. I attended the Alpha Gamma Delta International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this past July. Our club was honored with several awards, including a first for us in a new category. I will report on my Convention experiences during our September 13th meeting along with an article in this newsletter.

Transitions can start...new relationships. We have a new Alumnae Initiate, Vickie Svaklic, who is sponsored by Club member Jackie Dunn, and will be initiated into the Kappa Delta chapter. We also have new Club members and sisters who might join our Club who are attending events for the first time. If you see someone you don't know at a Club meeting or event, please introduce yourself! I can tell you from experience, I was the "new girl" many times while moving and changing schools, and it doesn't get any easier when you're an adult. Please be the friendly face that other sisters remember.

Transitions can provide...new opportunities. Our Club will be busy this fall with many occasions to cultivate acquaintance, to cherish friendships, and to welcome the opportunity of contributing to the world's work. We will focus on fighting hunger through canned food drives at our September meeting and at Alpha Gam Always in October. And we will support Lydia's House by bringing extra "gifts" from their list of most-needed items to our Holiday Party.

Maybe the purpose of transitions is to show us a new way of living. The one thing we can depend on in life is change – everything from seasons to stages in life are dynamic. Just when you think you've got it all figured out, something new comes along and you have to start all over again. Let's embrace transitions this fall. We may not be able to slow down the clock or stop the days from flying by, but we can enjoy the time we share together.

Loyalty,

Jane Miller Taylor



STAY CONNECTED

ST. Louis Alumni Club Website—

<https://stlalphagam.com>

FACEBOOK:

Our Private Group page is:

"St. Louis Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta"

Group Email:

stlagd@googlegroups.com





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.

International Reunion Day 2022 Special Awards

Diane Wicker was awarded the **Talent of Leadership** award at IRD this year.

Alumnae who are given the Talent of Leadership award have made a positive impact in their local community. In our Purpose, we include the important section, "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." Diane has shared her joy of service with our club for many years. However, her continued, selfless leadership in our community was one of the many traits recognized through this award. She is a talented individual with a heart of gold and has contributed to our club in a myriad of ways.



Sarah Rudis was awarded the **Heart of AGD** award at IRD. This award is for service that is significant, faithful & dependable. Length of service is three consecutive years. Sarah has done all of these things, along with being cheerful, kind, diligent and an invaluable member of our club!



International Reunion Day 2022 Service Recognition

At IRD 2022 our sisters celebrated years of membership in the fraternity. Beginning with Kathy Morris Georgen, she was recognized for her **3 years of membership**, entering AGD as an adult initiate in 2019 Westminster University, Kappa Delta.

Recognized for 10 years of membership were Jackie Rahm Dunn, Southern Illinois Carbondale, Beta Eta 2012; Rachel Lang, Belmont University, Theta Tau 2012; Maurina Aranda, Alma College, Zeta Nu 2012. These sisters were presented with a 10 year membership certificate.



For 25 – 49 years of membership and service to Alpha Gamma Delta, the following sisters were recognized: Sonya Potter, University of Central Oklahoma Epsilon Nu in 1982 [40 years]; Melissa Steckler, Western Kentucky University Theta Iota in 1989 [33 years]; Jane Miller Taylor, University of Georgia Gamma Alpha in 1991 [31 years]. These sisters were presented with a 25 year certificate.

For 50 years or more, the following sisters were recognized: Jan Ragsdale Petersen, University of Missouri Epsilon Alpha in 1963 [59 years], Bonnie Lyngaa Sanguinet University of Wisconsin Beta in 1968 [54 years], and Diane Brown Wicker, William Jewel College Epsilon Epsilon in 1971 [51 years].

Recognized for 60 or more years of sisterhood were the following members: Joan Furlong Huisenga, Depauw University Eta chapter in 1958 [64 years], Linda Pratz Shugert, University of Central Oklahoma Epsilon Nu in 1960 [62 years]; Carol Reppel Amling, University of Missouri, Epsilon Alpha in 1961 [61 years]; Lucia Campbell Oswald, Parsons College Beta Zeta in 1962 [60 years]. These sisters were presented with a 60 year certificate.

And for her **76 years of membership** with Alpha Gamma Delta, Phyllis Miller Westermeyer was recognized for being initiated in 1946 at Depauw University Eta Chapter. She was presented with the 70 years membership certificate. Our circle is rich!!

NEWS From our SISTERS!

Sarah Rudis is heading back to school, pursuing a nursing degree,. Way to go Sarah!!



Keep **Sonya Potter** in your thoughts as she is recovering from a recent surgery.

Lucia and David Oswald have sold their house and are moving to temporary housing. We will continue to use the same address which will go to a post office box for now. In order to spend more time with our two families in Colorado and Virginia, we are looking to buy a condo or villa in our current area of Webster, Crestwood, Kirkwood, etc. We are in exciting but uncertain times in our lives, but welcome the change.





Foundation Fundraiser EXTRAORDINAIRE!! — SONYA POTTER!

Sonya Potter has been leading the St. Louis Alumni Club efforts as our Foundation Fundraising Chair from 2008—2022. She led the club's effort to raise \$72,910 for the Foundation over that time. Sonya was recognized for her leadership with the Arc in 2012 and the Arc with Diamond in 2018. The St Louis Club has been recognized at many Conventions for our Foundation contributions. The last few years were certainly a challenge as our Annual Trivia Night had to change formats for April 2020 and 2021.

Our Club has also recognized Sonya's contribution by presenting her with the plaque and vase with red and buff roses shown in the pictures.

THANK YOU SONYA for your tireless work for Alpha Gamma Delta!!



CONGRATULATIONS to **Rachel Lang** on the arrival of a new little miracle. Nora Margaret Jeney was born on 06/30/2022.

Letter From the Editor

Dear Sisters,

As we look forward to the year ahead of us, I am happy to have all of you by my side and the fun and safety of having a sisterhood. When our family moved to the St. Louis area in mid-2019, I was so glad to find a local AGD Alumni Club. You welcomed me and expanded my circle of Alpha Gam friends. A few short months later, the pandemic hit, and I was even more grateful to have my sisters to connect with, although virtually. As events this year are planned for in-person, online and hybrid, we all have learned flexibility and to stretch our thinking in ways to gather, celebrate and contribute to our community. Another reminder that Alpha Gamma Delta is a lifelong sisterhood... truly Alpha Gam Always!

Hopefully, this newsletter helps you to stay connected and find something to participate in with your AGD sisters in the area!

Loyally in E-pi,

Heather Perea Beering, *Editor*



AGD Convention Report—Louisville, KY

Alpha Gamma Delta's 2022 International Convention was held this year in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 14-16th. It was the first time in four years that our fraternity has met as a group since our 2020 Convention had to be cancelled. Jane Taylor, our Club President was honored to attend as a representative of the St. Louis Alumnae Club and a voting member.

On Thursday, our first full day at Convention, we gathered together for Opening Session along with Tina VanSteenbergen's presentation as our keynote speaker. Tina's speech about women supporting each other was inspiring and humbling at the same time. After Opening

Session, we broke into small groups by initiating chapter and participated in a service project which consisted of packing backpacks for school children in need. Thursday evening, as a member of the Jewel Society, I was invited to attend the Foundation-sponsored event held at Churchill Downs. It was my first time visiting the Kentucky Derby racetrack. In some ways, the track was larger and the grandstand was smaller than I imagined it after watching the Derby for years on television. Since this was a private event and not a race, we enjoyed dinner in the club area along with tours of the famous grandstands and track. One of the highlights of this special night was a bugle call-to-the-post by an official Churchill Downs musician in Derby-day uniform of red coat and riding hat. My heart raced to hear that call. It was an unforgettable event!



Friday began with Initiation and memorial services in the morning, then the Honors of Epsilon Pi brunch and service in the afternoon. I met many new sisters from all across the country (and Canada!) during this Convention. It was thrilling to see some of my new friends honored during the Epsilon Pi service. Another exciting event occurred that evening at the Awards Show when our Alumnae Club received the Outstanding Communications Award, a first-time award for us! I was extremely proud of our Club's achievements!

Saturday, the last day of Convention, we had a business meeting in the morning, followed by the AGD Foundation-sponsored Inspire and Impact Luncheon. AGD Foundation awards were presented to Chapters and Clubs during the luncheon. Our Club was awarded the Honor Roll for Best Financial Support of the Foundation by an Alumnae Club. I was grateful to represent St. Louis Alumnae members and to accept this award on the Club's behalf – another outstanding achievement!

Saturday evening ended with the traditional Feast of Roses, a sisterhood celebration, and Our Living Circle.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend Alpha Gamma Delta's International Convention this year. I thank you all for your support, your service, and your continued dedication to the St. Louis Alumnae Club.



Alumnae Club Officers

*President: Jane Miller Taylor
*Vice President : Melissa (Missy) Steckler
*Recording Secretary: Nancy Adams Gelb
* Permanent Secretary &
Epsilon Pi Chair: Robin Hollrah
*Treasurer: Carol Reppel Amling
*Editor: Heather Perea Beering
*Electronic Communications: Kathleen (Kathy) Miller
*Foundation Fundraiser: Jacquelyn (Jackie) Rahm Dunn
*Ritual/Remembrance Chair: Janet Ragsdale Petersen
*Collegiate Support: Sarah Rudis
*Past President: Linda Pratz Shugert
(*Denotes Executive Board Member position)

Standing Committee Officers

Philanthropy Chair: Diane Brown Wicker
RSVP Chair: Margie Craft Halley
Yearbook Chair: Robin Hollrah
Panhellenic Delegate: Jacquelyn (Jackie) Rahm Dunn
Panhellenic Alternate: Melissa (Missy) Steckler
IRD Chair: Lucia Campbell Oswald
IRD Committee Diane Brown Wicker
Linda Pratz Shugert
Dinner Chair: Jacquelyn (Jackie) Rahm Dunn
Singles Bridge: Bonnie Lyngaa Sanguinet
Couples Bridge: N/A
Election Chair: Janet Ragsdale Petersen
Election Committee: Maurina Aranda
Linda Pratz Shugert
Epsilon Pi Committee: Diane Brown Wicker
Program Chair: Nancy Adams Gelb
Book Club: Lucia Campbell Oswald
Interest Groups: Jacquelyn (Jackie) Rahm Dunn
Diane Brown Wicker

International Council

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LOVING LEADING LASTING

Alumnae Club Executive Board Meetings

All meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend. They start at 6:30 PM. Board members will be reminded before each meeting. If you are attending and are not on the board, please let the hostess or our President, Jane Taylor know for planning purposes.

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022	Jan Petersen / Zoom
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022	Robin Hollrah
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023	TBD
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	TBD

Chapter Grand

Barbara McKinnon Marks entered Chapter Grand on July 28, 2022. She was a longtime active member of our club. She held many offices, including 2 different terms as President and IRD chair; she was also a frequent host & chair of our monthly dinner committees. It was always a pleasure serving with Barbara. She was a gracious sister who made every event lovely. She will be dearly missed.



Disposition of AGD badge after

member is deceased

Upon entering Chapter Grand, a member may be buried with her Badge or her Badge must be returned to International. Barbara, who was cremated, chose to be buried with her badge. Please see photo. To make this process easier on your loved ones, it's a good idea to make these arrangements while you're still enjoying good health.

Alumnae Club Meeting Details

PLEASE NOTE: Meetings fall on the second Tuesday or Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30 PM.

Normally dinner meetings are held in September, December and May. In November, January, February and March members are asked to bring a salad or appetizer to share. The club will contribute up to \$50 to each September and May dinner committee and \$100 to the December dinner committee. The committee members will still be responsible for covering the costs of the rest of the meal. The club will not reimburse for alcoholic beverages.

Associate Members are always welcome to come to meetings, but we ask for a \$5 contribution towards the dinner meal. Please call the Dinner Chair to let her know you'll be coming. Hope to see you there!

TECHNICAL NOTES: You will be sent an Evite invitation via email two weeks prior to each meeting. Respond "YES" if you want to attend. For each meeting, a Zoom dial-in option is available for those who cannot or wish not to attend in person. For the Zoom event, you will receive another email with the Zoom link in advance.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 (Tuesday) at 6:30 PM

Convention & Philanthropy Reports

Hostess: Nancy Adams Gelb 314-469-9833

Dinner Chair: Diane Brown Wicker 314-650-0674

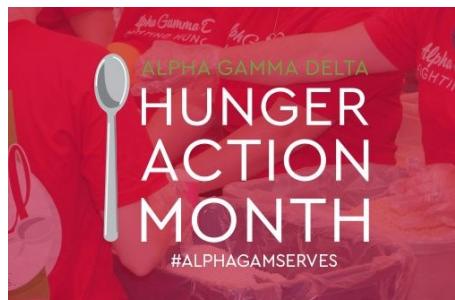
Committee: Maurina Aranda, Rachel Lang

Address: 370 Lyonnais Dr. St. Louis, MO 63141

Program: Convention Report from Jane & Philanthropy Report from Diane

In-person meeting with Zoom dial-in option is available for those who cannot attend or wish not to attend in person.

We are collecting non-perishable food items at this meeting!



October 9, 2021 (Sunday) 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Alpha Gam Always

Italia America Bocce Club

2210 Marconi Street, St. Louis, MO 63110

Flat shoes (no heels or boots) required if you want to try the sport of bocce. Cash bar and appetizers available.

Help us welcome potential new members to our Club, as we share our activities and opportunities for service with sisters who have not previously been involved!

Hostess: Melissa (Missy) Steckler 618-616-8416

November 9, 2022 (Wednesday) at 6:30 PM

"5 Things You Never Knew About Me"

Hostess: Robin Hollrah 636-447-6647

Co-Hostess: Bonnie Sanguinet 636-284-6772

Address: 4110 Shepherds Hill Circle, St. Charles, MO 63304

Program: "5 Things You Never Knew About me" - Pair off with a partner and tell her 5 things about yourself that the rest of the sisters wouldn't know. BUT 1 of the 5 is not true. Your partner shares your 5 things and we guess which one is not true. If participating virtually, just tell 5 things about yourself.

In-person meeting with Zoom dial-in option available for those who cannot attend or wish not to attend in person.



December 13, 2021 (Tuesday) at 6:30 PM

Hostess: Heather Perea Beering 269-615-3740

Chairman: Jacquelyn (Jackie) Rahm Dunn 314-640-1154

Committee: Nancy Adams Gelb, Mary Wosman Saranita, Linda Pratz Shugert, Missy Steckler

Address: 16688 Kehrs Grove Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63005

Program: **Holiday Party!** PLEASE BRING A \$10.00 WRAPPED GIFT FOR OUR EXCHANGE. Dinner details will be announced at a later date.

January 11, 2023 (Wednesday) at 6:30 PM

Treasures, Old & New

Hostess: Margie Craft Halley 314-616-8920

Co-Hostess: Kathy Morris Georgen 314-623-2587

Address: 314 Copper Tree Court, O'Fallon, MO 63368

PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR APPETIZER TO SHARE!

Program: "Treasures, Old & New" - Show and tell about an item that you have had a very long time and then an item more recently acquired that means a lot to you.

In-person meeting with Zoom dial-in option available for those who cannot attend or wish not to attend in person.



February 14, 2023 (Tuesday) at 6:30 PM

Impactful Travel Experience

Hostess: Janet Ragsdale Petersen 314-878-8213

Co-Hostess: Jane Miller Taylor 636-394-1846

Address: 1928 Kings Row Manor, St. Louis, MO 63146

PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR APPETIZER TO SHARE!

Program: "Impactful Travel Experience" - Share a special experience or person you met while on a trip or a trip that has special meaning for you.

In-person meeting with Zoom dial-in option available for those who cannot attend or wish not to attend in person.

MARCH 8, 2023 (Wednesday) at 6:30 PM

Trivia Workshop & Collegiate Chapters

Hostess: Kathy Morris Georgen

Co-Hostess: Lucia Campbell Oswald 314-961-4879

Address: 6681 Winding Creek Way, St. Louis, MO 63129

Program: *Collegiate Chapters Report & Trivia Night Workshop*

April 15, 2022 (Saturday) at 7:00 PM

16th ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night Chair: Jackie Rahm Dunn 314-640-1154

Let's rally all of our sisters, family & friends to FIGHT HUNGER! A great cause and a TON of FUN!!

St. Louis Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta



April TBD

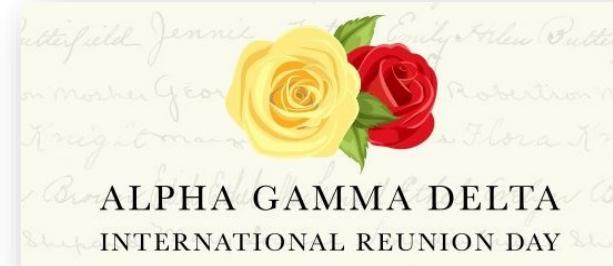
International Reunion Day

Chair: Lucia Campbell Oswald 314-961-4879

Committee: Diane Brown Wicker 314-994-3955

Linda Pratz Shugert 314-517-1004

Details to be announced!



May 9, 2023 (Tuesday)

Hostess: Heather Perea Beering 269-615-3740

Chairman: Jackie Rahm Dunn 314-640-1154

Committee: Kathy Miller, Tracie Fream Oxler, Meg Brannan Fortney

Address: 16688 Kehrs Grove Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63005

Program: *Installation of Officers / In person & Zoom*

Please bring your membership fees for 2023/2024

Clubs Within Our Club & Interest Groups

BOOK CLUB

Chair— Lucia Oswald 314-961-4879

This lively group of enthusiastic readers meets the first Thursday of each month via Zoom.

October 6 *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

November 3 *This is Happiness* by Niall Williams

December 1 *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Alison Pataki

January 5, 2023 *Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarty

February 2 *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

March 2 *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr

April 6 *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

May 4 *Mornings in Jenin* by Susan Abulhawa

June 1 *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman



GAME DAYS

Chair—Jackie Dunn 314-640-1154

2nd Thursday of Month, 12:30pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun, enjoying sisterhood and experiencing “the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat”. An email will be sent to those who sign up but attendance is flexible. There will be a sign up sheet to be a monthly hostess. Snacks to be shared are welcome.

The first game day will be Oct. 13.

Contact Jackie to be added to this distribution.

SINGLES SOCIAL



BRIDGE

Chair: Bonnie Lyngas Sanguinet 636-285-6772

Meets the 3rd Monday of every month from 10:00 a.m. and play until 2:00 p.m. Hostess supplies drinks, salad greens and dressing, bread and dessert. Please bring two ingredients for a salad if you are not the hostess.

Date Hostess

September 19	Jackie Dunn
October 17	Elaine Thorne
November 21	Nancy Berthold
December	Holiday Break
January 16	Jan Petersen
February 20	Diane Wicker
March 20	Margie Halley
April 17	Carol Amling
May 15	Bonnie Sanguinet

Players: Carol Reppel Amling 314-892-1924 Nancy Perkins Berthold 314-822-1270 Jacquelyn (Jackie) Rahm Dunn 314-640-1154 Margie Craft Halley 314-302-8299 Janet Ragsdale Petersen 314-878-8213 Bonnie Lyngas Sanguinet 636-284-6772 Elaine Goss Thorne 314-821-6667 Diane Brown Wicker 314-994-3955 **Substitutes:** Mary Susan Wheeler Greenwalt 314-966-6279 (H) 314-374-8208 (C) Joan Furlong Huisenga 314-448-1700 Lucia Campbell Oswald 314-961-4879



4th ANNUAL AGD CRAFT NIGHT

Chair—Jackie Dunn 314-640-1154

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Join us for a night of crafting. Jackie is planning to do Craft night in-person AND virtually via Zoom with craft bags. Jackie will send an email to announce the crafts and tell you how to sign up.

Philanthropy News

Summer food drive

This summer, a new alumnae, Allison Diamond, asked our club to help with a summer food drive where she interned. No surprise that our club members enthusiastically supported her request!

Thank you so much to the 11 AGD club members, & 2 friends of Nancy Gelb, who generously donated non-perishable food:

Carol Amling, Jackie Dunn, Nancy Gelb & 2 garden club friends, Robin Hollrah, Kathy Miller, Lucia Oswald, Jan Petersen, Bonnie Sanguinet, Mary Saranita, Linda Shugert, Diane Wicker

And special thanks to Nancy, Diane & Carol for being collection sites where food was dropped off.

About 400 total items were donated; our club contributed about half of that! The items were delivered to food pantries in Chester, IL and Perryville, MO.

From Allison: Thank you StL club! AGD sisters are the best! I am so proud to be an alum of AGD!

Fall Philanthropy Plans

International has designated September "Hunger Action" month. In support of this, **our club is collecting non-perishable food items at our September 13 meeting at Nancy Gelb's home & in October when we gather for Alpha Gam Always.** These will be

delivered to the StL Food Bank. If you are unable to attend either of these, Diane is happy to receive your items on her front step.

On December 13, in the spirit of holiday giving, we will once again be collecting items for Lydia's House. A list of recommended items will be emailed in November.



Thank you, dear Alum sisters, for fulfilling our purpose: to welcome the opportunity of contributing to the world's work in the community where (we are) placed because of the joy of service thereby bestowed and the talent of leadership multiplied.

Loyally,
Diane Brown Wicker, *Philanthropy Chair*

Regular Paid Members

Carol Reppel Amling

Maurina Aranda

Heather Perea Beering

Nancy Perkinsen Berthold

Amanda Ramo Crooks

Jackie Rahm Dunn

Megan Epperson

Patty Sheehan Ferry

Meg Brannan Fortney



Nancy Adams Gelb

Kathy Morris Georgen

Mary Susan Wheeler Greenwalt

Margie Craft Halley

Robin Hollrah

Kathleen Miller

Lucia Campbell Oswald

Tracie Fream Oxler

Janet Ragsdale Petersen

Sonya Potter

Sarah Rudis

Bonnie Lyngaa Sanguinet

Mary Wosman Saranita

Loretta Schnurbusch

Linda Pratz Shugert

Katie Fitzgerald Sotiriou

Melissa Steckler

Jane Miller Taylor

Elaine Goss Thorne

Diane Brown Wicker

Jennifer Moore Wood

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Nancy Brummett Bruce

Joan Furlong Huisenga

Kristin Hinrichs Perry

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