

A Message from our Chapter President:

Meeting new people, one of the first questions that is generally asked is "What is it that you do for a living?" Of course, we all have our answers. Me, I'm a writer. Not, a fun-type of writer like a novelist or something. I have zero creative writing skills. I'm a technical writer. I write the instruction manuals that you probably don't read. Most people on hearing what I do, say something along the lines of 'Oh, that sounds interesting.' And, of course, interesting usually is made to sound like 'Are you crazy?' For those who are actually interested in learning about what I do, it's a hard field to explain. I write for a product that I don't even fully understand, so how can anyone else be expected to?

The same can be said about alumnae membership in TriDelta. So many people, males and females alike, have wonderful Greek experiences in college, where Greek life is a part of campus life and a part of your culture and identity. But, after college, it seems that the lifetime membership aspect of a Greek organization can be hard to explain.

"What does your alumnae chapter do?"

"Why do you still participate in an alumnae chapter?"

Those questions come up, and come up frequently, when I mention that I am involved with the San Jose TriDelta Alumnae Chapter. Similar to my profession, it's a hard thing to explain, and a hard thing for people not part of the experience to understand.

For me, I loved my undergraduate experience. From spending an evening trying to clean the bubbles exploding from the dishwasher when we were supposed to be having a new member meet & greet (it's a funny story, ask me about it some time!) to member retreats complete with cookie dough, I made a lot of friends and had a lot of wonderful experiences.

Involvement in the alumnae chapter has been a similar experience. From people willing to be a family away from home, giving hugs and support as needed, always willing to give airport rides (and at 4am, that's a big deal!), to go out to eat after a bad day or week at work, go shopping when you just need a break, tour guide helpers when you have friends or family visiting, and just people who care about you and want to see you once a month.

Throughout my three years as a member of the San Jose TriDelta Alumnae Chapter, I've come to know the women in the chapter as a fun-loving, supportive group who are always up for the latest *Sex & the City* movie (and if you haven't seen it, Jane must not be doing her job!), and dinner nights at Chili's to support St. Jude's. We've played getting to know you games and had speakers from our chapter share their areas of expertise - from insurance, to preserving photographs and creating family histories, to jewelry making.

If you are a returning member from the 2009 - 2010 year, I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming September kick-off meeting and hearing all about your summer vacation!

If you are an alumna who has not been active in the past (or even in the recent past as this is only my 4th year here), I want to personally invite you to the September meeting and encourage you to either join us for the first time or return after a 1- or even a 10-year absence. And, I'd love to meet you and get to know you and share collegiate stories as well as discuss our current hobbies. Plus, I, for one, can't wait to hear how Cindy traveled for over three weeks with a carry on. I have issues working with just a carry on when I travel for more than 4 days!

As a further incentive, any alumna who attends the first meeting and pays her annual dues on or before the September meeting will be entered into a raffle drawing for free movie ticket vouchers.



If you can't make the September meeting, please come when you can and know that any alumna, however frequently or infrequently, is always welcome at our meetings. There are some great events on the calendar this year, and some new and exciting things to look forward to!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the upcoming fall! I hope to see you shortly.

Delta Love and Mine,
Christi Guzik
San Jose TriDelta Alumnae Chapter President, 2010 - 2012
Alpha Tau, Carnegie Mellon University, Class of 2005



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Treasurer's Note

Hello Tri Deltas!

Just a friendly reminder that your dues for the 2010-2011 year are now due. They are \$40 per member, payable to Delta Delta Delta. If you are a Life Loyal, please pay only \$22.

If you would like to make a donation to our chapter, please add it to the dues check. Any donations will go into our general operating fund. We will have information about how you can donate to either the Children's Hospital at Stanford or St. Jude Children's Hospital at meetings.

Please bring your check or cash to the first meeting, which will be held at Cindy Decker's home on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR PAYING YOUR DUES ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 14!!!

We will be having a drawing for free movie tickets at the September meeting. To participate, you need to have paid your dues for 2010-2011!

NEW TO SJ TRI DELTA? WANT A CHANCE TO CHECK US OUT? ANNOUNCING REDUCED DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS!!

**For your first year, enjoy half priced dues. That means \$20 dues for your first year and FREE for any current Life Loyal Member.

Destination Tri Delta: Convention 2010!

Over the 4th of July weekend, over 750 members of collegiate and alumnae chapters of TriDelta descended upon the JW Marriott hotel in Orlando, FL for 4 days of convention activities.

From the San Jose Alumnae Chapter, Christi Guzik served as our chapter delegate. Renee Ropp and Kara Waggoner also attended as national Fraternity volunteers, both serving as Financial Specialists.

Right: Christi and Renee attending the final banquet!

Christi shared a few reflections from the weeks activities:

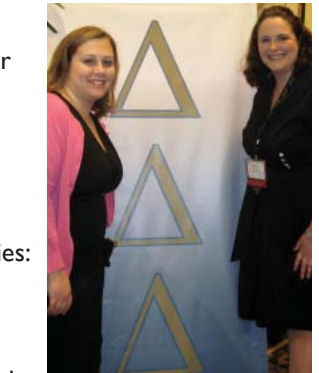
"Going to my first convention was a pretty cool experience. I got to meet up with one of my collegiate sisters from CMU who is now the Alumnae Chapter President of the Pittsburgh South Suburban Chapter. At the final banquet, we arranged a Pittsburgh table for all the CMU and Pitt collegiate and alum in attendance (well, the ones we knew about) and managed to fill a whole Pittsburgh table! I was able to spend lunch with Kara and Renee from our chapter. And, I got a chance to meet some great ladies from the other local alum chapters. Hopefully, I came back with some good ideas and you'll enjoy some of them!

"During convention, one of my favorite events was the Women of Achievement Luncheon featured a roundtable discussion with the four inductees this year: Bobbe Chaback Bridge, *Washington*, a former Associate Justice of the Washington Supreme Court; Meryl Davis, *Michigan*, an American ice dancer who is the 2010 Olympic silver medalist and the 2010 World silver medalist with partner Charlie White; Barbara Jones, *Indiana*, vice president/student affairs at the University of Miami/Ohio; and Kassie McClure Rempel, *North Carolina*, an entrepreneur and shoe lover who owns a thriving business, SimplySoles. That afternoon, Deborah Norville, *Georgia*, gave a keynote speech on the power of respect."



Left: Christi and Kara with Deborah Norville

"Friday, July 2 was focused on philanthropy as the morning started with the Miracle Mile 5K walk/run to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Each runner was asked to raise \$250 dollars to meet the goal of raising \$10,000 for St. Jude's. As a participant in the race, I raised \$325 with the help of the San Jose Alumnae Chapter! And, I finished the race with quite a distinguished group of ladies: (shown at right) new executive board members Julie Greene Haskell, *Vermont*, Heather Smart Evans, *William & Mary*, and Alison Ream Griffin, *Southern Methodist*, National Housing Corporation Board of Directors President Christi Crowder Flynn, *Washington*, and Ginny Carroll, winner of the one of three 2010 Vision Awards."



Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 PM Welcome back!



Cindy will share how she traveled 3 1/2 weeks with a carry-on bag
Tell us about your own summer vacation experiences and packing tips!
Hostess: Cindy Decker
Co Hostesses: Jane Ward & Debbie Hutchings

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 PM Book Review & Exchange



Tell us about a book you've recently read or recommend
Bring a book to share
Slate of officers will be announced
Hostess: Mary Grayson
Co Hostesses: Debbie Hein

Tuesday, October 12, 6:00 PM Delta Dishes

6:00 PM Meet at Valley Fair Food Court for a quick dinner
7:00 PM Williams-Sonoma Culinary Demonstration (1 hour)
Follow up with a cruise through the mall, or take in the nightlife at Santana Row.
Come whenever you can, for any or all
Location: Valley Fair Mall; Food Court 2nd Floor; Williams-Sonoma 1st Floor

Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 PM Founders' Day Potluck

Bring a dish to share and celebrate Tri Delta's birthday!
Hostess: Heather Rose
Co Hostesses: Kara Waggoner & Lilly Su



Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 PM Gardening Tips



Our own Master Gardener, Marsha Burlingame, will share gardening tools and techniques
Election of Officers
Hostess: Debbie Hutchings
Co Hostesses: Christi Guzik & Jennifer Davis

Left: Jane always has beautiful pansies planted!

Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 PM Holiday Gift Exchange

Bring a \$15 - \$20 wrapped gift to exchange (pansy items are popular!)
Hostess: Jane Ward
Co Hostesses: Ruth Price & Carol Mercer



Above: Members enjoying the Annual Holiday Gift Exchange!

Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 PM Pansy Salad Supper

Installation of Officers; Bring a salad to share for this annual celebration
Hostess: Renee Ropp
Co Hostesses: Connie Goddard & Laura Phillips

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 PM Fifteen in Five

Philanthropy focus with fun and prizes!
Hostess: Ruth Price
Co Hostesses: Margie McEachron & Marsha Burlingame



Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 PM Delta Dining

Join us for dinner at a local restaurant to wrap up the year
Location: To be announced



Tuesday, January 11, 6:00 PM Chili's and Chico's

6:00 PM Meet at Chili's Santana Row for dinner; 20% of our proceeds go to St. Jude's
7:30 PM Meet at Chico's Santana Row for style tips and 10% discount
Afterward, shop at your leisure or have a coffee or nightcap with your sisters. Come whenever you can, for any or all

Welcome back from summer sister Deltas!!

South Bay Alumnae Panhellenic has been hard at work over the summer to bring to you a full calendar of events for the 2010-2011 program year. We are so excited to present you with some new ways to mix and mingle with your Panhellenic sisters!

Thank you all again for your support of SBAP and our scholarship fund which benefits an active sorority woman at SJSU and one at Santa Clara University. This past year we were able to award two \$750 scholarships through our fundraising efforts! Through the events we host, we are able to raise money for our scholarship fund and we hope to be so successful this year that we can donate two \$1000 scholarships to our well deserving undergraduate members! Your support as Tri Deltas has not gone unnoticed and we are known for having the highest group attendance at events, so thank you again for all of your support of this wonderful group and cause!



COMING THIS FALL....

BEYOND THE BADGE IS BACK!

Come out and socialize with your sisters at Los Gatos' newest wine bar, Enoteca La Storia on N. Santa Cruz Ave! Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided as well as a less structured setting for networking and mingling amongst friends and sisters no matter what stage of your career you are in. Highlights include an AMAZING raffle (think massage session, free jewelry, personal photography session...) which will benefit the scholarship fund as well as wine pairing and tasting pointers from the pros at Enoteca La Storia! Bonus: 10% of all bottle purchases will go directly towards our scholarship fund. And parking is just right in front of the building!

Mark your calendar to join us:

Tuesday October 26th 6:30 - 8:30 PM
416 North Santa Cruz Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95034

Please contact Renee Ropp, renee_ropp@yahoo.com, if your or your business would be interested in sponsoring this event through a raffle prize or donation. Thank you!

JANUARY COMEDY NIGHT

Once again, SBAP will be hosting a comedy night out with proceeds from the ticket sales going towards our scholarship fund. In the past several years, we have been able to raise over \$750 dollars in just this event alone!! We are looking into moving the event from Roster T Feathers to the San Jose Improv. Details to follow, date will be mid to late January on a weekday evening.

ATHENA LUNCHEON

One of my favorite events of the year, the Athena Luncheon is always well attended by Tri Delta's!! This year we will be bringing our celebration back to Los Gatos' California Cafe. Tickets will be \$35 apiece and the luncheon will include the presentation of the Athena award winners and our undergraduate scholarship winners. We

will continue the tradition of each group making a "themed gift basket" to raffle off and last years Breakfast basket was a huge hit so I can't wait to see what creative ideas you ladies have for this year!!

Save the Date:

Saturday, April 30, 2011 11:30 AM
California Cafe
Old Town Los Gatos
50 University Avenue, Suite 260
Los Gatos, CA 95030

This year I will be serving as the chapter's delegate to SBAP as well as serving SBAP as the Athena Luncheon Chair. If you ever have any questions, suggestions, or inquiries about donating to our scholarship fund or attending our events, please don't hesitate to contact me, renee_ropp@yahoo.com



Lots of Delta Love,
Renee Ropp

Shopping for a Cause!!

Please remember to go through our website <http://www.sjtridelta.org/> when purchasing anything from Amazon.



We get a portion of the profit, and it really adds up. We made almost \$300 last year this way!! Just go to the Tri Delta website, click on the Amazon icon, and it takes you right to their website.

This year we will be participating in several charity projects to support Tri Delta's national Philanthropic Cause of aiding in Pediatric Oncology Centers, in particular St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Lucile Packard Stanford Children's Hospital. Here's how you can help to support both causes!

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL CHILI'S/ST JUDE MONTH!



The official day that all proceeds from the purchase of any food or drink at Chili's is Monday September 27th. Gather up some friends and dine out for a great cause! Chili's has other promotional items available with donations going towards St. Jude this month, including t-shirts and their "create a pepper" program. Chili's

HOPE shirts are available for sale at all locations.

COME OUT AND DINE FOR A CAUSE IN JANUARY!

Before our meeting on Tuesday, January 11th @ 6pm, we will meet at Chili's in Santana Row for dinner, and 20% will go to St. Jude. This meal will also be followed at 7:30pm by a visit to Chico's Santana Row for style tips and shopping!



UPCOMING VISIT AND TOUR OF LUCILE PACKARD!

Can't make it to St. Jude in Memphis?? Let's take a look inside the world of Pediatric Oncology right in our own backyard by taking a a tour and making a visit to the patients at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The event will be a Delta Doing most likely in February or March 2011, look out for more details!

We will also be looking into ways to make it easier for members to donate directly to Lucile Packard and even take advantage of matching donations from the company they work for!

CHRISTMAS FOREST WREATH AND GIFT SALES!



Love this tradition? Need a convenient and beautiful gift? Then feel free to visit www.christmasforest.com AND enter our club code D/SJA .The chapter will be provided with a 10% commission on every purchase. The code is valid all year long and the site also has beautiful blown glass holiday ornaments and blown glass hummingbird feeders, both made from

the ash from the Mount St. Helen's eruption, and which make great gifts any time of the year! Laura Phillips has ordered several for individuals and couples with rave results! Check out this easy way to support our philanthropic causes. (photo at left of actual product)

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING EXTRAVAGANZA!!

Join us on Saturday, December 11th as we gift wrap Holiday packages for donations with proceeds going towards our philanthropic partners! We will need volunteers for several shifts to cover the day (9 am - 10 pm) as we meet at Barnes & Noble in the Costco shopping center located at Hwy 85 & Almaden Expressway. Can't make it? While the paper will be provided for us, we will be accepting donations of bows and ribbons to embellish our packages and up our tips! More details to follow.

Thanks for being generous, kind-hearted sisters. You are the BEST!

Delta love and mine,
Laura Collins Phillips, Philanthropy Chair

Tri Delta meets it goal of \$10 million to St. Jude!



In 2006, Tri Delta made a pledge to raise \$10 million in 10 years for a new patient care floor at St. Jude. This program was named "10 in 10." In the 2005-2006 year alone Tri Delta members raised over \$2.5 million for a new Patient Care Floor. As the fraternity's philanthropic fundraising grew exponentially, Tri Delta created a new goal of raising the \$10 million dollars in only four years. This new pledge was named "10 by 10," as the organization would be raising \$10 million dollars by 2010. On July 1st at the Philanthropy Lunch during the 54th biennial Convention, the announcement was made that Tri Delta had not only met, but had surpassed the \$10 million dollar goal in less than four years. As of July 1st, 2010, Delta Delta Delta had raised \$10,643,582 since the \$10 million dollar pledge was made on July 4th, 2006.

On July 31st at the St. Jude Collegiate Leadership seminar held at the hospital in Memphis, TN, Tri Delta's celebrated our success and Tri Delta announced a new goal to benefit St. Jude: \$15 million in 5 years for a new specialty clinic!

