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Sister Deltas,

My term as President is coming to an end. I have enjoyed serving you these past two years. I would like to thank my board for their service. I could not have done this job without them. I also wish to thank all of our dues paying members. Without them, our chapter could not function. Please see our treasurer's report. It's not too late to pay your dues. If you're not sure if you have paid, contact Kate Crawford at kate.e.crawford@gmail.com or check our website at www.tampatridelta.com and click on membership for a list of who has paid their dues.

Thank you to our hostesses for allowing us into your home: Lisa Mulfinger hosted our Mother and Daughter Christmas Coffee and Lindsey Robbins hosted our Fall luncheon. If you would like to host an event for 2008-09, please contact Liz Wherley at landmand3@aol.com

We have a few board and committee positions available for 2008-09. Please consider volunteering for House Corp Chair, Panhellenic delegate or one of the other positions. Our nominating committee (Michelle Garis, Solveig Ruppel, and Shannon Walsh) is anxious to fill the slots. Please contact Shannon for more information. Her e-mail address is swalsh3d@hotmail.com

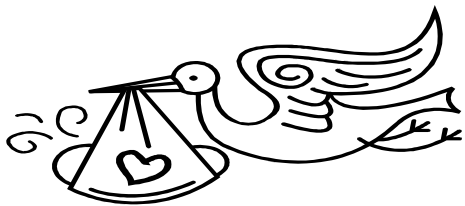
Please consider becoming a Life Loyal member of Tri Delta. The Life Loyal program is an excellent way to support Tri Delta. Once you pay your dues (lump sum or payment plan), then you never have to pay National dues again for as long as you live. You will only have to pay dues to your local chapter. Regular dues to the Tampa Alumnae Chapter cost \$50 but \$18 of that money goes to the Executive Office. If you are a Life Loyal, then you only have to pay \$32 to your local chapter since your national dues have been paid for life. You can get more data at www.tridelta.org and click on Life Loyal. Please support your chapter with your service and/or financial support. Hope to see you at the next Tri Delta function!

Delta Love,

Elaine Perez Taylor

Phi Rho, 1984

Announcements:



Jen Brandt Little (Alpha Psi, 1994) and Tommy Little welcomed the birth of their twin boys- Barrett Brandt Little and Traynor Wells Little on January 14, 2008. They weighed 4 pounds 14 ounces and 6 pounds, 4 ounces.



Jennifer Meilan Singleton - married to Sam Singleton on March 10, 2007 and is expecting a baby in June 2008.

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all of you who have mailed your dues payment. For those who haven't, don't worry - there is still time. Our fiscal year runs from August to July. We have surpassed last year's membership and more of you are continuing to join and support the Tampa Alumnae Chapter. Your dues are critical to our success, they fund our:

- communication efforts – e-mail account, invitations, flyers, newsletters, and website
- social activities and events – Founders' Day, the Christmas Coffee, wine tasting, Beta Alpha events (recruitment, bowling, Circle Degree), and luncheons (Fall & Spring)
- administrative costs – bonding fee, convention, Panhellenic, Beta Alpha house corp and foundation contributions, and executive dues
- awards and gifts (Jean Ann Cone Award, Silver, Golden and Diamond Circle Degree; Outgoing President's gift).

Without you, none of it would be possible. We are constantly looking for ways to expand our membership and get more of you involved, but this takes money. Did you know that over 800 Tri Delta Alumnae reside in the Tampa Bay area? Yet we only have 100 dues paying members who fund our chapter. We bring in a little over \$5,000 in dues, which includes \$1400 for Executive dues, leaving us with \$3600 in operating income. Our current expenses are slightly outpacing our income but we are exploring how to reallocate funds and reduce expense so that we do not dip into our reserves.

If you have ideas as to how we can inexpensively reach those alumnae that have not joined our chapter, please let us know. If you know of alumnae that aren't members, encourage them to join. And, as always, if you have suggestions as to how we can improve our efforts and events, please let us know. In the bonds, Kate Crawford.

SPRING LUNCHEON

Join us for our annual Spring Luncheon and celebrate our Circle Degree ceremonies-
Circle Degree, Silver Circle Degree and Golden Circle Degree

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2007 *Cost:* \$10 per alumnae *Time:* 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Place: Nancy Nelson's home, 3320 Sierra Circle, Tampa, FL 33629

Directions: West on Bay to Bay; Cross Manhattan, South on Schiller and dead ends into Sierra

RSVP to Liz Wherley at 831-9136

Please mail \$10 to Delta Delta Delta, P.O. Box 320414, Tampa, FL 33679

We will be honoring the following:

Golden Circle Degree: Harriet Scarbrough Crawford, Marion Helbing Gustin, Berdina Tarr Morgan, Ruth Breland Reynolds, Kolleen Kerr Steadman, and Helen Lebo Straske.

Silver Circle Degree: Angela Perella Bryant, Caroline Nation Burt, Kendell Murphy Donohue, Bonnie Duggan, Monica Farrell, Melissa Musser Higgins, Carrie Clark Huerta, Laurie Giunta Lackman, Lowelle Meyer Lomel, Kathleen Patterson Lopez, Kimberly Melendi, Lora Brown Miles, Colleen Cuffe Roddenberry, Nancy White Schmidt, Donna Manning Sewell, Laura Stevenson, and Yvette Lyons Tremonti.

TAPA ANNUAL WINE TASTING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 7 at 7PM at Vintage Wine Cellars, 3629 Henderson Blvd, Tampa.
Tickets are \$20 if pre-paid or \$25 at the door. Purchase tickets from Elaine Taylor at 760-1374 or Natalie Thomas at thomasnataliep@hotmail.com

Philanthropy Chair

Thank you to all those who volunteered and purchased poinsettias in 2007. This year we participated once again in the CCC Holiday Adopt-A-Family program. We sent \$3,279.50 to the Children's Cancer Center (two checks: \$3,029.50 + \$250 Holiday Adoption program). I would also like to extend a special thank you to Cherry Flynn for volunteering her home for the point of pick-up. Information regarding the 2008 Poinsettia sale will be available this summer! Shannon Walsh, Philanthropy Chair

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The Beta Alpha Chapter Needs Your Help!

Beta Alpha needs our help to purchase new initiation equipment. This is the same equipment we use for many of our Alumnae ceremonies. The cost of the new equipment is \$5,000 and must be purchased from a special vendor. Many of you have already responded to our request for help—thank you for your support. So far, we have raised **\$778**. As you can see, we still have a way to go to reach our goal of \$5,000 but we can take small steps to get there. One way to help us is to reach \$1,000. Why \$1,000? We have a wonderful anonymous donor who has agreed to match dollar for dollar of donated funds up to \$1,000. So, please help us get there... we're so close. How can you help you may ask? Use the dues form to send in your donation, and remember no amount is too small. Thank you!

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Board Position -- House Corp Chair

Attends monthly USFGH meetings at USF with the chapter's Housing Chair and helps with housing issues, i.e. fixing appliances, communicating with USF on rent issues, and works with Rosie Kreis, House Corp Treasurer, on money issues. A lot of work can be done via email, but this person should attend Chapter a couple of times a semester and also attend the monthly Tri Delta housing meeting. Please contact Bee at hhoney-bee1819@yahoo.com or Shannon at swalsh3d@hotmail.com

Board Position -- Panhellenic Delegate

Our delegate will serve as President of the Tampa Alumnae Panhellenic Association (TAPA) for one year (2008-09). This office is on a rotating basis and it is Tri Delta's turn to provide the President for Panhellenic. In 2007-08, the sorority that was supposed to provide the President failed to do so. This office is not very time consuming. The board members set up the calendar of events during the summer (approximately 6-8 meetings held throughout the school year). The biggest event is the Annual Wine Tasting event held in March at the Vintage Wine Cellars. Please contact Elaine Taylor or Shannon Walsh regarding this position at wbandet@gmail.com or swalsh3d@hotmail.com

2007-2008 DUES AND MEMBER INFORMATION

Please send this form with your check payable to "Delta Delta Delta" to: Kate Crawford, Treasurer, P.O. Box 320414, Tampa, Florida 33679. Accepting dues through May 15th. If you have any questions, please email Kate at kate.e.crawford@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

- Step 1 - Select Dues Level: \$50 Regular, \$60 Supporting or \$70 Sarah Ida Shaw _____
- Step 2 - If you are Life Loyal deduct \$18 (-) _____
- Step 3 - Interested in advertising in the Summer Pansy Press? Add \$15 (+) _____
(don't forget to enclose your business card with your payment)
- Step 4 - Donation for Beta Alpha (New initiation equipment) (+) _____
- Step 5 - TOTAL _____

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Dues include: National Dues \$18 § House Corp Fund \$5 § Convention Reserve Fund \$5 § DDD Foundation \$1 § \$21 Local Dues

Life Loyal Membership is offered through the Executive Office. Contact Stacy Cross Gillard at sgillard@trideltaeo.org or (817) 633-8001 for more information.

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