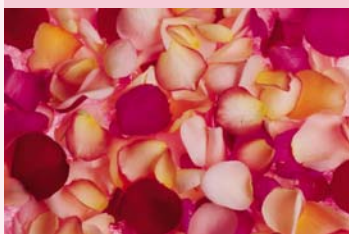


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Introducing *Petals*

The newsletter of Delta Zeta's Southeast Area Alumnae

Welcome to *Petals*, the new newsletter for the Southeast Area Alumnae of Delta Zeta Sorority. I hope that you will find this newsletter informative and that it will make you feel a bit more connected to your DZ sisters who live in neighboring states.

Let me also introduce myself, my name is Melissa Bullard and I accepted the position of Southeast Area Public Relations Chairman last Spring when Robin Donoho decided to



"retire" from the position. I am a member of the Huntsville, Alabama Alumnae Chapter and have served in many leadership positions in the chapter. I was initiated into the Lambda Kappa Chapter at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and received my B.A. in Communications from the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) in 1993. I work professionally in the field of Public Relations as the Communications Director for the City of Huntsville and the Mayor's Office. I have been married for 8 years and have a 3-year-old son.

I know that we are all busy with careers, children, and many other commitments, so I will try to keep the information in *Petals* brief and useful. I hope you enjoy it and if you have any comments or suggestions, I will welcome them. You will find my contact information on the back page of the newsletter.

In future issues, there will be updates from each chapter in our region and more photos. I will be contacting each chapter to gather this information prior to each newsletter. I have to confess that this issue isn't

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All SE Alumnae invited to attend Region XV Weekend February 18-20

Want to go to the beach for the weekend and hang out with your DZ sisters? Well, here's your chance!

Region XV's Region Weekend 2005 is planned for February 18-20 at the Four Points Sheraton Destin-Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Many alumnae attended last year and had a great time. The Region Weekend Committee is working hard to make sure you have a great weekend. They are planning workshops that will be enjoyed by both alumnae and collegians. An alumnae roundtable is scheduled so

we can all share concerns and ideas.

HURRY to make your reservations! Christie needs them IMMEDIATELY! You can contact her by email at :

christieh@mindspring.com or by phone at 256-539-6408.

The schedule includes Saturday workshops, free time, fun night and a Sunday Awards Luncheon. You



The Four Points Sheraton Destin-Ft. Walton is the location for Region Weekend next month.

will have time to go shopping, sight-seeing, or just relax. The registration fee is \$10 and meals will be provided on Saturday night and Sunday at lunch at a cost of \$15 each.

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Southeast Area Convention Report 2004

What a great Convention this year for the Southeast Area! Not only did our area show true Southern hospitality as we hosted the event, but we also left with some of the most impressive awards. I was honored to be able to represent the alumnae of the Southeast by giving one of the opening welcome speeches and by helping to host the alumnae reunion party. We had a great turnout of Southeastern Delta Zetas! Convention had its usual events – business meetings, a financial seminar, etc. But this time, there were several new events – Fun night was a great time with the different regions performing skits (and including alumnae) and poking fun at National President Debbie Raziano regarding panty-hose! This was the second time alumnae reunions were held – the first time was during the Centennial Convention. We had a beautiful Parade of Flags Luncheon, where collegians walked in with flags from other national sororities. Members from the other sororities were invited to this luncheon. The Sound Beginnings Program was unveiled. And we had a great workshop on the importance of our ritual presented by Dr. Mari Ann Callais, National President of Theta Phi Alpha. The Gainesville Alumnae Chapter and Pi Alpha Chapter at the University of Florida were recognized as new chapters for the 2002-2004 biennium. All in all, this was a wonderful Convention, filled with exciting events, true sisterhood, and many wonderful memories.

As an Area Alumnae Director, it was a great opportunity for me to meet so many women of the Southeast with whom I have corresponded or talked to, but never met in person. I cannot count how many times I was asked about my status at the next Convention in 2006. You see, this was the third consecutive National Convention where I was pregnant! As always, I was reminded of how “rich” our area is in volunteers at the National level. We are very fortunate to have so many talented and dedicated ladies who serve Delta Zeta.

I was extremely proud of our area chapters. All the hard work and dedication of our alumnae were evident. Of the 39 Achoth Awards given to alumnae, 9 were from the Southeast. That is quite impressive considering that there are 10 areas – our area received almost 25% of those given! In addition, we had chapters receiving achievement and excellence awards. The Atlanta Alumnae Chapter received a Hearing Help Grant and a Chapter Achievement Award. The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter won a Silver Philanthropy award, the Gail Patrick Velde Award from the Foundation for Chapter Excellence in Overall Philanthropy, and the Myrtle Graeter Hinkly Award for Top Large Alumnae Chapter (over 50 members). Our chapters have set the bar for alumnae chapter excellence and are a role model for other alumnae chapters. You help

make my job as Area Alumnae Director more rewarding and worthwhile. I look forward to what the area will accomplish in this biennium as we work toward the next National Convention!

In the Flame,

Christie Harmon

Southeast Area Alumnae Director



Southeast AAD Christie Harmon (right), accepts the Myrtle Graeter Hinkly Award for the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter along with chapter president Carolyn Seaman (left).

The following women were elected at Delta Zeta's 46th National Convention to serve our sorority as its National Council. Congratulations to them all!

We look forward to a great biennium!

National President

Deborah Raziano, Kappa Alpha, (Louisiana)

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National Secretary

Sharon Moncrief Slovinski, Zeta Rho, (Missouri)

National Director

Mary Christine (Chris) Kolodgie Kern, Iota Xi, (Missouri)

Congratulations to the following alumnae and collegiate award winners from National Convention...

Collegiate Awards Banquet - July 10, 2004

Joan Dondrea Lowry Public Relations Award - University of Alabama/Huntsville, Lambda Kappa Chapter

Lisbeth Innis Francis Award - Auburn University, Beta Xi

Margaret Huenefeld Pease Award - Georgia State University, Delta Delta

Florence Hood Miner Award - Jamie Ferenbach, University of Tampa, Delta Beta

Anna Walley, University of Alabama, Alpha Gamma

Excellence in Philanthropy

Silver Awards - Auburn University, Beta Xi

University of Alabama/Huntsville, Lambda Kappa

Certificates - Columbus State University, Lambda Psi

University of Alabama, Alpha Gamma

Risk Management Awards

Silver - University of Alabama/Huntsville, Lambda Kappa

Recruitment Certificate Awards
Years of consecutive quota

Certificate awards

Jacksonville State University, Lambda Gamma, (4 years)

Auburn University/Montgomery, Lambda Nu (5 years)

University of Alabama, Alpha Gamma (6 years)

Georgia College and State University, Lambda Pi (7 years)

Columbus State University, Lambda Psi (10 years)

University of Tampa, Delta Beta (10 years)

Florida State University, Alpha Sigma (13 years)

University of Georgia, Zeta Pi (17 years)

Silver awards

University of Alabama/Huntsville, Lambda Kappa (20 years)

Georgia State University, Delta Delta (26 years)

Auburn University, Beta Xi (26 years)

Years of maintaining total

University of Georgia, Zeta Pi (5 years)

University of Alabama, Alpha Gamma (5 years)

North Georgia College and State University, Xi Xi (6 years)

University of Tampa, Delta Beta (8 years)

Auburn University, Beta Xi (10 years)

Rose Luncheon Awards, July 11, 2004

Alumnae Philanthropy Awards - Silver - Huntsville (Alabama) Alumnae Chapter

Gail Patrick Velde Award - Huntsville (Alabama) Alumnae Chapter

Alumnae Chapter Achievement Awards - Atlanta (Georgia) Alumnae Chapter

Alumnae Chapter Excellence Awards - Huntsville (Alabama) Alumnae Chapter

Order of the Golden Rose (50 year members)

Tommy Grafton, Dorothy Jackson, Johnnie Faye Lane, Celine Mack, Barbara Simon, Grace Trice

Order of the Pearl (65 year members)

Alicia Lancaster, Sheena Johnston

Initiation Banquet, July 12, 2004

New Member Education Awards

Caryatides Award - Auburn University, Beta Xi

University of Alabama/Huntsville, Lambda Kappa

University of Georgia, Zeta Pi

Installation Banquet, July 13, 2004

Myrtle Graeter Hinkly Council Award - Huntsville (Alabama) Alumnae Chapter

Crest Awards - Auburn University, Beta Xi

University of Georgia, Zeta Pi

University of Alabama, Alpha Gamma

University of Tampa, Delta Beta

Founders Award - Auburn University, Beta Xi

Congratulations to the following women who received **Achoth Awards** at National Convention. The **Achoth Award** is a very prestigious award given to alumnae who have shown outstanding loyalty and service on the local level, working at least 15 years as an alumna.

Pat Beatty, Florida

Cheryl Bennett BeMent, Florida

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exactly like I wanted it to be, but “life” kept getting in the way (sick child, computer crash, projects at work) and I kept putting it off until I had more time. Well, *months* passed by and I decided that the “more time” would always escape me and if I didn’t get a newsletter out, Christie and Doretta were going to give me the boot before I even got started! So I just jumped right in and finished the task. It wasn’t so bad!

I am very excited about the opportunity to serve Delta Zeta in an official capacity as the SE PR Chairman, even if my procrastination makes it seem otherwise. I am especially looking forward to meeting many of you, my DZ sisters who are serving our organization and preserving the tradition of sisterhood we have all come to love.

Region Weekend, continued from Page 1

The hotel cost is \$88 per night (including tax). You may have up to 4 in a room. So, that breaks down to:

\$22/night/person for 4 in room

\$29.34/night/person for 3 in room

\$44/night/person for 2 in room

Remember that these costs are per night, so if you are arriving on Friday and staying until Sunday, you will have 2 nights.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next month in Florida!

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