



The Newsletter of the DuPage Area Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta

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Dear Sisters,

We are preparing for our 2020-2021 year of sisterhood. It is a challenging time and we must be patient. Planning for the year certainly has its challenges, but we look forward to connecting with each other. We will be using Zoom for many meetings. If you have not put the app on your computer or phone, this would be a great time to get it set up.

Our September meeting will be outside, in person, with social distancing and masks. I am ready. Are you? We will celebrate major anniversaries for three of our sisters. Please respond to the e-vite when you receive it. We look forward to being together.

Regretfully, International Convention this summer did not happen. Those who planned to attend certainly missed it. Convention is the perfect opportunity to recharge, reconnect, make new friends, network, and learn more about our beloved fraternity. Convention 2022 will be in Louisville, KY. We all hope we are functioning as a healthy country by then.

Recruitment is happening. Do any of you still have your invitation to join?

Ah, the things we keep.

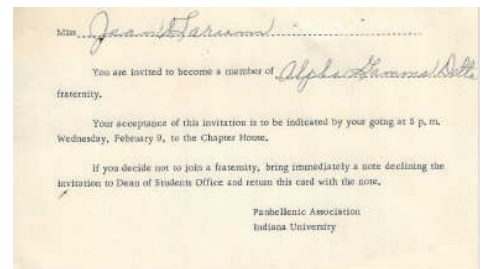
Loyally in Epsilon Pi,

Jean Larum Frisoni, Beta Delta—
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See us on-line at FaceBook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/113372945735/?ref=bookmarks>

or our website: <http://dupagealphagam.weebly.com/>



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Ooh, Allie's Got an Exciting Book for Us to Read and Discuss

Looking forward to December's meeting! Here's the back cover blurb from the book from **Allie Stanko Pleiter**, Lambda—Northwestern University, that we will be reading and discussing for December:

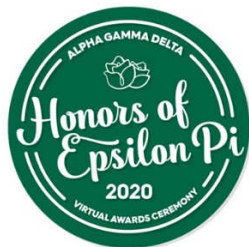
His Christmas Wish

All he wants for Christmas is a family...

To make his little nephew happy, this bachelor will need help...

After his nephew, Cole, is orphaned, Jake Sanders vows to give the little boy the best Christmas possible...except Jake doesn't know the first thing about kids! So when Cole's preschool teacher, Emma Mullins, offers to pitch in, Jake's grateful for her guidance. But while Jake and Emma share an immediate connection, their blossoming love must first survive the secret she's hiding...

Sounds intriguing. See the Events list for more details.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 4 • 6 p.m. ET

Visit our Facebook page to view the live broadcast

Will we have honored sisters? Can't wait to

find out. Watch your email for more details on how to join in!

News, News, News

Sue Rumsfield Clary, Beta Omicron – Illinois State University, welcomed a new granddaughter in May.

Our condolences to **Kim Woodman Webb**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, who lost her father, Kenneth Woodman, on July 10th.

We extend our sympathy to **Helene Martucci Lemarre**, Beta Xi – Purdue University from Fox Valley Club. Her husband, Tony, passed away suddenly on August 2nd of an apparent heart attack.

On August 15th, our West Suburban Club sister, **Janet Janson Kardatzke**, Beta Delta – Indiana University, fell and fractured her ankle in two places, which required surgery.

Alumnae Biennium (2019-2020) Awards

Congratulations to Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club on receiving two Honor Roll Awards for the Biennium: Outstanding Communications Honor Roll and Annulet Award for Alumnae Chapters and Clubs Honor Roll.

Fox Valley Alumnae Club received an Honor Roll award for Best Financial Support in the Biennium.

Great job, sisters! We congratulate you on your efforts and awards.

And Now, A Word from Our Treasurer: “Where does the money go?”

How often do you ask that question these days?

First, it makes sense to tell you the source of our club money. In 2019-20, we had 22 members, each paying \$35 in support fees. We also had a highly successful garage sale in 2019, bringing in over \$1400 in gross revenue. Study Nut Bags, our Foundation fundraiser, brought in roughly \$1000 in gross revenue.

That’s our income...now for the disbursements. We donated \$1150 to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, mostly earmarked for the DuPage Area Alumnae Club scholarship fund. That included a donation in memory of **Cindy Kopp Wright**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, a past president of DuPage Alumnae Club who entered Chapter Grand during the year.

Ever mindful of her budget, **Sue Rumsfield Clary**, Beta Omicron – Illinois State University, spent \$149.28 (of the \$150 budgeted!) for pizza, supplies and goodies for the Arbors Homework Club, one of our local philanthropies.

In support of Alpha Gamma Delta’s national philanthropy, Fighting Hunger, we donated \$100 to the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB), as well as donating a brand-new Soda Stream machine to their Women’s Board Spring Tea. As a silent auction item, it brought \$220 to their cause. The Soda Stream had been donated to us for the spring garage sale, but it was certainly better served as a fund-raising item for NIFB!

We also spent \$50+ on food for our February program. No...we didn’t have a feast, but we did prepare a feast---for the grateful families at the Ronald McDonald House at Central DuPage Hospital.

Beta Omicron chapter at Illinois State University, our adopted chapter, received \$80+ in goodies for the homecoming parade, a donation to the ISU Foundation to honor their Chapter Advisor, and remembrances throughout the year.

Of course, there’s also \$250+ in dues/fees to the international fraternity, and various supplies and postage that, just like in your household budget, eat away at our balance. We planned to spend more money, with a stipend for our President **Jean Larum Frisoni**, Beta Delta—Indiana University, to attend International Convention in the Phoenix area this summer, but, alas, the pandemic cancelled those plans. We’ll save that Ways & Means fund for the next convention in Louisville!

Bonnie Brown, Beta Xi—Purdue University, Treasurer



Treasurer’s Report: August 6, 2020

Operating	\$1480.23
Philanthropy	\$ 599.74
W&M	<u>\$1203.40</u> (does not include Garage Sale receipts)
TOTAL	\$3283.37

17 paid members in random order: Joan K, Bonnie B, Cathy H, Clarise F, Jill M, Nanci G, Mariann G, Jean F, Deb Z, Kim W, Joy U, Gail V, Allie P, Jody K, Pat L, Jan M, Carmen A.

Bonnie Brown, Beta Xi – Purdue University, Treasurer

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk Chicago (formerly the Ron Santo Walk)

The JDRF One Walk Chicago has been changed this year to allow a “virtual” walk for small teams created by friends and family. Would you be interested in a Saturday morning, October 17th, walk at Hidden Lake (Rt. 53 & Butterfield)? We could do a round robin walk, meaning: we all distance-gather by the shelter; loop 1 around the lake you walk with the first sister/partner; at loop 2 you change partners; and the final loop 3 change sister/partner again. You’d go your own pace, chatting and catching up while you walk. We can begin at 8:00am and be done by 10:00am. Bring your own water, and wear your walking shoes and mask. The path is paved in parts and crushed gravel in others. Don't want to walk? Sit under the shelter and visit as little or as long as you like. Individual donations can be collected to be sent in for our "team." Let's try to get a Team DuPage Alpha Gam for this fun time together, supporting an important cause. Contact **Sue Rumsfield Clary**, Beta Omicron—Illinois State University, to participate: sueclary@sbcglobal.net.

DuPage Area Alumnae Club Events 2020-2021

Gathering in the times of Covid-19’s pandemic can be challenging. We’ve tried to balance the ability to be safe (social distancing, masking, and being outdoors) with the risks of being together. Because the outlook is so uncertain, we have planned our main events only through December 2020 at this point. Look for more news for events after that – we will hope that we can be together in indoor spaces in that timeframe. Please “save the date” for the third Thursday of each month, January through May 2021! Lunches will be announced on our FaceBook page and through e-vites, so keep an eye out for those notices.



In-Person Event

Thursday, September 17, 2020

6:30 (early start)

Socially Distancing Outdoors “BYO Meet and Greet”

First Presbyterian Church

550 N Main Street

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

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We will gather under the lighted tent with access to the bathrooms in the church. BYO chair, drinks, and snacks. We have members receiving 50, 60, and 70 year anniversary awards! Come help us celebrate.



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In-Person Event

Thursday, October 15, 2020

6:30 (early start)

Dessert Night at the Outdoor Firepit

Ruth Lake Country Club

6200 S Madison St.

Hinsdale, IL 60521



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DuPage Club will pay for our desserts and coffee/tea. Since October is our philanthropy month, kindly bring packaged rice mixes, meal mixes (like Hamburger Helper), and mashed potatoes to be donated the AGD Foundation award-winning (2018-2019) Yorkfield Food Pantry. (Please do not bring canned foods.)



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Virtual Event (Zoom)

Thursday, November 19, 2020

7:30 (late start)

Cyber Security

Program by Alpha Gam **Denise DiFranco Browning**, Zeta Alpha– Eastern Michigan University, on Cyber Security. We will gather electronically with the Santa Clara Valley Alumnae Club in San Jose, California, and The Western Wayne County Alumnae Club in Michigan. Zoom link information will follow at a later date.

Virtual Event (Zoom)

Thursday, December 17, 2020

7:00pm

Book Discussion

Allie Stanko Pleiter, Lambda – Northwestern University, will lead a discussion about her

latest book *His Christmas Wish*. Kim, Jean, and Carmen will have the book available in middle to late September for \$6.00, so you may read it before the meeting and join in our *first ever* book discussion. You also may purchase the paperback from Amazon or Barnes and Noble after October 27th; the Kindle version will be available after November 1st.



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Zoom link information will follow at a later date.

Be sure to wear a festive (or ugly!) Christmas sweater, jacket, or blouse!

Kim Woodman Webb, Beta Iota – Eastern Illinois University

Carmen Muirheid Auerbach, Beta Iota – Eastern Illinois University

Programs and Events

The Joy of Sisterhood



DuPage at JDRF Walk, Fall 2019

(**Bonnie Brown**, Beta Xi—Purdue University, **Carmen Muirheid Auerbach**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, **Laura Wray Beckley**, Beta Xi—Purdue University, **Nanci Gross Gannon**, Beta Omicron—Illinois State University)



Study Bag Assembly Fall 2019

(**Pat Jumer Larson**, Delta—University of Minnesota, **Jan Ziegler Miller**, Beta Lambda—University of South Dakota, **Carmen Muirheid Auerbach**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, **Laura Wray Beckley**, Beta Xi—Purdue University, **Jean Larum Frisoni**, Beta Delta—Indiana University, **Michelle Davies Morse**, Beta Upsilon—Roosevelt University, **Gail Valentine**, Lambda—Northwestern University, **Jody Lanciotti King**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, **Katherine Luebke Austin**, Pi—Coe College)



*The Crew at Ronald McDonald House Feb. 2020
Week of Service*

(**Jan Ziegler Miller**, Beta Lambda—University of South Dakota, **Jean Larum Frisoni**, Beta Delta—Indiana University, **Laura Wray Beckley**, Beta Xi—Purdue University, **Jody Lanciotti King**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, **Gail Valentine**, Lambda—Northwestern University, **Bonnie Brown**, Beta Xi—Purdue University, **Carmen Muirheid Auerbach**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, **Kim Woodman Webb**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University)

We had a couple of fun lunches over the summer—outdoors, socially distanced, but still together! On July 2nd, Ruth Lake Country Club provided a lovely patio seating on a beautiful day. Reserve 22 at The Village Links of Glen Ellyn hosted us on August 9th. Great seeing everyone!



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New to Zoom?

Here's a helpful YouTube presentation on joining Zoom for the first time:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6flYWnfTc5o>.

Search YouTube for "Joining a Zoom Meeting for the First time—A Cozy Step-by-Step Guide" if you have trouble with the link.

Adopt-A-Chapter News



Erin Sandra, Beta Omicron—Illinois State University, Alumnae Relations Coordinator, is our Adopt-A-Chapter contact this year. She can be reached by email at escoll1@ilstu.edu or by phone at (630) 640-9691. Watch your email for ideas for supporting our Collegiate sisters.

Here's news from **Erin**: "Recruitment is all virtual and our recruitment chair **Makayla Hall** [Beta Omicron—Illinois State University] has been working endlessly trying to plan the video and give pointers to our women on the new adjustment. We're thinking of having bid day outside and having a maximum of 40 at the house at once. Obviously it will be outside with masks on. Active members will be able to sign up for time slots to come to the house to meet girls. But there is nothing set in stone with that yet!

"As far as the chapter is going there are currently no in-person sisterhoods scheduled. We do meet as a chapter once a week on Zoom for chapter or programming. "

Sounds like a really challenging year, and we wish our Beta Omicron sisters the best for a great recruitment!



Support Fees

It's Support Fee time! Your \$35 fee covers our dues to International, plus our insurance coverage through the fraternity, and also allows us to send cards and flowers to our members, sponsor some of our group activities, our newsletter and our website. You can either pay via PayPal or credit card via our website, <http://dupagealphagam.weebly.com/support-fees.html>, or send a check to **Bonnie Brown**, 19W068 Normandy South, Oak Brook, IL 60523 (or bring it to the September meeting).

Bonnie Brown, Beta Xi—Purdue University
Treasurer

Philanthropy and Community Service

The pandemic is changing the way we provide Community Service and raise funds for Philanthropy this year. In these challenging times we are aware of guidelines for everyone's health and safety.

Our Garage Sale was a great success. **Jody Lanciotti King**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, hosted us from August 26th through August 29th. We set up on Wednesday, then held the sale Thursday-Saturday and donated unsold items to Twice Is Nice Resale Shop in Wheaton on Saturday afternoon. Thank you especially to **Carmen Muirheid Auerbach**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, **Bonnie Brown**, Beta Xi-Purdue University, **Susan Rumsfield Clary**, Beta Omicron-Illinois State University, **Jean Larum Frisoni**, Beta Delta—Indiana University, **Jody Lanciotti King**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, **Gail Valentine**, Lambda-Northwestern University, and **Kim Woodman Webb**, Beta Iota—Eastern Illinois University, from Board, and **Nanci Gross Gannon**, Beta Omicron—Illinois State University, and **Allie Stanko Pleiter**, Lambda-Northwestern University, from the general membership. How often does the extra work of so few earn so much? In three days of sales in the heat, heat, heat, we provided a safe, distanced way to raise money for Ways & Means. We grossed \$1367.92 with a net profit \$1109.92, as of this newsletter. The Board has the authority to vote to use that money for Ways & Means or allow a transfer to Philanthropy. This will allow us a choice of using some of these funds to support our Jewel status with the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation or to donate to other, local charities.

We will investigate the possibility of Study Nut bags. Both Beta Omicron-Illinois State University, and Sigma-University of Illinois, are on campus in-person. Both schools are conducting in-person classes and remote learning options. University of Illinois is using the newly approved "rapid saliva test" for Covid-19 checking, leading science and research for the world! Check your e-mail for details on Study Nut bag donations and assembly decisions.

At this time, Briar Glen School students are remote learning, so the Arbors Homework Club is not meeting. There is a plan to return to in-person school late in September or October if possible. The Homework Club may re-start at that time. We are checking on providing hats/mittens to the students in January. Snacks are not needed at this time.

As your Philanthropy and Community Service coordinator, I am open to ideas or suggestions to give back "to the community where I am placed." Contact me at sueclary@sbcglobal.net.

Sue Rumsfield Clary, Beta Omicron—Illinois State University
Philanthropy and Community Service

DuPage Area Alumnae Club Helps With Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation Fighting Hunger Grants

In the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Biennia, Allie Stanko Pleiter, Lambda-Northwestern University, helped Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry apply for and receive Alpha Gamma Delta Fighting Hunger grants for their Dairy Program, providing milk and eggs to households.

For the 2019-2020 Biennium, Jean Larum Frisoni, Beta Delta—Indiana University, assisted the Northern Illinois Food Bank's Geneva location to obtain a grant for their Backpack Program to help feed children in 11 surrounding counties on the weekends.

If you are involved with an organization that is fighting hunger, please recommend they apply to the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation's grant programs. You can find information at the Foundation site under Grants > Fighting Hunger Grants. <https://alphagammadeltafoundation.org/>



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*.

Thank you!

Dear Jean Larum Frisoni,

I am overjoyed and very grateful to have received the DuPage Area Alumnae Club Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year from the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. It is such an honor to be recognized for my hard work not only in my college studies, but as a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. Thank you so much for selecting me as the recipient and giving me this opportunity for financial support in my college journey.

At Eastern Illinois University I study early childhood education. Ever since I began babysitting my little cousins and first experienced an early childhood education class in high school, I was very certain that working with children was the career for me. Since then I have had the amazing opportunity to work at a childcare facility in my hometown and be a student teacher in my practicum experiences at EIU. On top of working hard on my studies, I also work two on-campus jobs as a Greek court desk assistant and a group fitness instructor at the student rec center. I enjoy keeping busy and being involved on campus and in Alpha Gamma Delta. I first took a leadership position after being initiated my freshman year, and since then I have served four positions on the executive board as VP Philanthropy, VP New Member Experience, VP Recruitment, and currently as the Chapter President. I take pride in devoting my time as a leader in our chapter and I love seeing all of the amazing things my executive board, my sisters, and I do to make our chapter flourish and be successful.

This summer I am thankful to have been given the chance to work as full time nanny for three sweet children. I have been absolutely loving my experience working as a nanny and am happy to be able to use my teacher skills to keep the kids busy all summer. With this experience, I will be even more prepared for teaching my own classroom in the future. My experience in my future career as well as in Alpha Gamma Delta has helped me grow as an individual and a leader. I look forward to continuing to grow as a leader in my future. Thank you again for this opportunity!

Loyally in epsilon pi,
Jenna Wasso