

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

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Dear Sisters,

I never thought I would be writing this letter and having to look for another white dress. I joined the DuPage Area Alumnae Club years ago because one of my pledge sisters, **Nan Jackson Wesselink**, BI-Eastern Illinois University, moved to Naperville and was a member.

I took a hiatus with the club when I had to start driving my son to a special school in Northfield every day for 6 years. Once my son started high school, I was able to resume my alumnae club activities.

The wonderful ladies of the DuPage Alumnae Club are just amazing. I am truly blessed to have found such great sisters both in college and as an alumna. I will be travelling to California to celebrate my 60th birthday with 10 of my pledge sisters. We pledged in 1980 and have remained close since college.

The DuPage Alumnae Club lets you be as involved as you would like to be. Whether going to our socials, meetings, or our philanthropic endeavors you are always welcome.

We had a very successful garage sale this summer and are planning one for next summer. In September, we will have a pot luck dinner at the home of **Becky McDonald Mark**, BA—Nebraska Wesleyan University. In October we will support the JDRF One Walk® (Ron Santo Walk). If you would like to see the largest squirrel collection ever, we will be going to the home of **Carmen Muirheid Auerbach**, BI—Eastern Illinois University, in March.

We anticipate an exciting year of sisterhood as we support our fraternity mission of Hunger Awareness.

Your support through attendance and payment of support fees is greatly appreciated.

Loyally in Epsilon Pi

Jody Lanciotti King, BI - Eastern Illinois University
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Why I Joined DuPage...

A squirrel-on-the-street reporter interviews sisters on why they got involved with the DuPage Alumnae Club:

"I became involved for the built-in connection; you are connected through AGD even though you just met." BO—Illinois State University

"Friendship!!" Λ—Northwestern University

"I wanted to volunteer in my community and found the most wonderful women at the DuPage Alumnae Club." BI—Eastern Illinois University

"When I attended a 'meet and greet' everyone had great attitudes and made me feel comfortable." EΓ—University of Denver

"A new phase of life allowed me the time to connect with sisters I didn't know lived near me." BΔ—Indiana University

"The desire for continued sisterhood and support." BO—Illinois State University

Do any of these scenarios sound familiar to you? Are you new to town, are your kids just starting school full-time, are you a new empty-nester? Come check out DuPage Area Alumnae Club, there's an event near you coming soon!

(Look for more quotes in the newsletter.)

Bonnie Brown, BΞ—Purdue University, Vice President

Chapter Grand



Carmen Muirheid Auerbach, BI—Eastern Illinois University and **Susan Laverty Dunton**, BE—Carroll College

Our dear sister, **Susan Laverty Dunton**, BE—Carroll College, entered Chapter Grand on July 4, 2021. Sue's urn was privately placed in the Sanctuary Columbarium at First Congregational Church UCC, Glen Ellyn, IL on August 28. Dan Ptak and a friend were there with the minister for committal prayers. The congregation offered prayers at the regular Sunday service. Sue's ashes are interred right next to the niche occupied by Sue's Sister-Mother, **Hazel Hinger Valentine**, AΔ—Ohio Wesleyan University. Sisters and friends, together once more.

We are also sad to report the passing of our friend, **Patricia Holm Smith**, Σ—University of Illinois (Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club) on July 2, 2021. We will miss Pat dearly.



“An invitation from a college friend brought me into a diverse new group of sisters I’ve learned from and enjoyed.” Λ, Northwestern University

And Now, A Word from Our Treasurer: What a Great Year We Had!

Our Garage Sale was a resounding success. Its proceeds will enable DuPage Area Alumnae Club to remain a Foundation Jewel contributor, to support our club’s local philanthropy efforts including BO, our Adopt-a-Chapter, and to provide a stipend for our President to attend the next Alpha Gamma Delta Convention in Louisville. Thank you to all who contributed goods and



participated in the Wednesday through Saturday set up, sale, and cleanup days. Each sister who worked knows what a rewarding and exhausting task it is. An enormous **Thank You** goes to **Jody Lanciotti King**, BI—Eastern Illinois University, and the King family for providing the location and living with the upheaval that a garage sale entails.

Support Fees are also an important part of our club. A portion of each member’s fee goes to IHQ for Spring Dues and Insurance. Support Fees are also used for program fees, postage, printing costs, IRD needs, etc.

Jody Lanciotti King, BI—Eastern Illinois University, (two customers), Allie Stanko Pleiter, Λ Northwestern University, Kim Woodman Webb, BI— Eastern Illinois University

V, Kim, Mariann, Sue C, and Julie. I am accepting Support Fees by check or PayPal. You can send a check for \$35 payable to DuPage Area Alumnae Club to Jean Frisoni, 925 W. Bailey Road, Naperville, IL 60565 or to www.PayPal.com and enter dupagealphagamtreasurer@gmail.com to send payment to our account.

We currently have 15 paid members (in no particular order): Carmen, Kathy, Laura, Bonnie, Clarise, Jean, Nanci, Jan M, Jody, Gail K, Gail

Loyally,
Jean Larum Frisoni, BΔ - Indiana University, Treasurer

“I got involved to have a monthly night for ‘me.’ I savored learning from wise women, of various ages & stages.” BO, Illinois State University



Adopt-A-Chapter News



Clockwise from left: Nancy Gross Gannon, BO—Illinois State University, Jean Larum Frisoni, BA—Indiana University, Gail Harris Kramer, AK—Bowling Green State.



Once again, we are asking Sisters to volunteer to coordinate Adopt-A-Chapter activities for BO—Illinois State University. **Susan Rumsfield Clary**, BO—Illinois State University kicked the year off for us with surprise bags filled with treats and recruitment suggestions. Sue asked each of us to send in suggestions about how to handle meeting with potential recruits. We got great ideas, like “Smile, and meet their eyes” and “Don’t be on your phone.” Our Redbird Sisters really enjoyed the treats.

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

This year the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) One Walk® is once again virtual. **Carmen Muirheid Auerbach**, BI—Eastern Illinois University, will pass an envelope for you monetary donations at the September gathering. Our officer board voted to add to that envelope to make a total of \$150 to JDRF in our local area. (We appreciate your assistance to this effort.) Well, how about we walk? Of course you can do a virtual walk at home, by yourself, logging steps or miles. Better yet, why not join your sisters on Saturday October 2, 2021 at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve (Rt. 53 & Butterfield Rd.) at 9:00 a.m. for a “walk & talk.” There is a paved loop and larger loop, so you can decide which is your preference. If several attend, we can pair up to chat, catch up and walk for our own health, and the health of others. Please reply if you plan to attend to: sueclary@sbcglobal.net. Let's work together to help “erase diabetes” for children and adults.

Sue Rumsfield Clary, BO—Illinois State University, Philanthropy & Community Service Chair

DuPage Area Alumnae Club Events 2021-2022

We're keeping our fingers crossed that we can—carefully—be together for much of this year. Please follow whatever the current Illinois mandates are for gathering/wearing masks/etc. as you prepare for the following events with DuPage Area Alumnae Club:

In-Person Event

Thursday, September 16, 7:00 pm

Potluck Dinner

Hostess: **Becky McDonald Mark**, BA—Nebraska Wesleyan University
2052 Stonebridge CT.
Wheaton, IL 60189
630 917-3901

Please state what you will share on the evite. Bring cash or a check for a donation to the JDRF One Walk®. We will also fill goodie bags for BO (everything provided), our Adopt-A-Chapter, and discuss Hunger Action Month.

In-Person Event

Thursday, October 21, 6:45 pm

Moonlight Walk at Lyman Woods/ After-Gathering at Bonnie Brown's home

Lyman Woods Interpretive Center
901 31st St.
Downers Grove, IL

We will meet at Lyman Woods and take a guided (slow) walk, listening/looking for owls and night creatures. We will then drive over to Bonnie's house for drinks and dessert.

Hostess: **Bonnie Brown, BΞ**—Purdue University
19 W 068 Normandy South
Oak Brook, IL 60523
630 852 1770

(If you are only coming to Bonnie's, please state that on your response to the evite or email invitation)



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In-Person Event

Thursday, November 18, 7:00 pm

Mission: Montana

Hostess: **Nanci Gross Gannon, BO**—Illinois State University
808 Lilac Ln.
Naperville, IL 60540
630 305-7348

Sue Rumsfield Clary, BO—Illinois State University, will speak about her three experiences at Fort Kipp and Fort Peck in northeast Montana.



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In-Person Event

Thursday, December 16, 7:00 pm

Sing Along/ Holiday Party

Hostess: **Jody Lanciotti King, BI**—Eastern Illinois University
176 Derby Glen Drive
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
630 965-6649

Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Bring unwrapped mittens, hats and gloves.



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Remote Event

Thursday, January 20, 2021, 7:00 pm

ZOOM Game Night

Details to follow on the evite

In-Person Event

Thursday, February 17, 7:00 pm

Glen Ellen Food Pantry Project: Filling Birthday Bags (details to follow)

Hostess: **Lauren Bierschenk, ΔΓ**—Montana State University
Farmers Insurance Office
3540 Seven Bridges Dr.
Suite 140
Woodridge, IL 60517
630 335 1878

In-Person Event

Thursday, March 24, 7:00 pm

“Squirrel Girl” Night

Hostess: **Carmen Muirheid Auerbach, BI**—Eastern Illinois University
8128 Chesterton Dr.
Woodridge, IL 60517
630 707-8128

Adorn yourself with AGD/Squirrel attire. Prizes for the “Squirrely-est.” Tour the famous “Squirrel Museum.” (Aka Carmen’s house)

In-Person Event

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm

Allie Pleiter Book Discussion

Hostess: **Christina Carrington Riley, Λ**—Northwestern University
638 Duane
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
630 364-0029

Come join the fun as we listen to **Allie Stanko Pleiter, Λ**—Northwestern University, talk about “Knit or Dye Trying.” Copies will be available that night.

In-Person Event

Thursday, May 19, 7:00 pm

Salad Supper and Officer Installation

Hostess: **Pat Jumer Larson, Δ**—University of Minnesota
1457 Rill Ct.
Naperville, IL 60565
630 697-0242

If weather permits, we will walk to the nearby riverfront park.

Kim Woodman Webb, BI—Eastern Illinois University

Carmen Muirheid Auerbach, BI—Eastern Illinois University

Programs and Social Co-Chairs

But Wait! There’s More!!!

We hope you can join us for these extra gathering times.

Saturday, September 25 at 9:30 am

Breakfast at Harner Bakery and Restaurant

10 W State St.
North Aurora, IL 60542
630-892-4400

Saturday, October 2 at 9:00 am

JDRF One Walk® Hidden Lake Forest Preserve

Rt. 53 and Butterfield Rd.
Lisle, IL 60532
sueclary@sbcglobal.net



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Sunday, October 17, 5:00 pm

Couples Oktoberfest Outing at Schnitzel Platz

729 North Ave.
Glendale Heights, IL 60139
630-942-9900

Grab your significant other and your lederhosen to enjoy German music, food and entertainment!

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Thursday, November 11, 11:30 am

Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant

1801 Butterfield Rd
Downers Grove, IL 60515
331-215-9463

Friday, December 3, 11:30 am

Jason's Deli

739 Freedom Dr. Ste 122
Naperville, IL 60563
630-995-1179

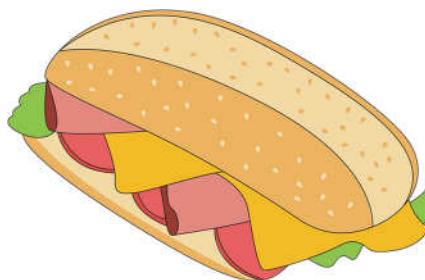


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Wednesday, January 12, 11:30 am

Mission BBQ

1570 Butterfield Rd.
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 824-3606



Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 pm

Two Hound Red Brewery/Alpha Gam Always

486 Pennsylvania Ave.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
630-547-2912

Thursday, March 10, 11:30 am

Quigley's Irish Pub

43 E Jefferson Ave.
Naperville, IL 60540
630-428-4774



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Friday, April 29, 11:30 am

Cheesecake Factory

2020 Spring Rd.
Oak Brook, IL 60523
630-573-1800

Thursday, May 12, 11:30 am

York Tavern

3702 York Rd.
Oak Brook, IL 60523
630-323-5090

If weather permits, we will walk over to Grau Mill/Fullersburg Woods

Wednesday, June 15, 11:30 am



The Forge: Lemont Quarries Concession area

1001 Main St.
Lemont, IL 60439
30-473-8871

Watch adventurous folk kayak, paddle, repel, and zip line in the beautiful quarries of Lemont.

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Kim Woodman Webb, BI—Eastern Illinois University

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DuPage Garage Sale Re-Cap!

WOW! Was it HOT, HOT, HOT!. Yes the temperature and merchandise. Thank you to the King family for hosting another amazing Garage Sale. Your garage was full, your heart was full, our tables were full!!!!

Many hands contributed to the sales, meals, staffing and more of our three day weekend. We

benefited with a great profit, to assist the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, our Ways & Means Fund (helping to send our President to Convention 2022 in Louisville) and local community service offerings. Yes, your junk is someone else's treasure! :-) And our garage sale proves this, time and time again. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

Garage Sale 2022 will happen; your "treasures" are our profit. Dates and plans will follow this spring.

Hey Baby it's Cold Outside. No, it is really cold outside.....

Sisters in Alpha Gam, once again we will assist the Briar Glen School, CCSD 89, Glen Ellyn, Lombard, Wheaton, IL, with hats and mittens for the students in need. Previously we assisted the "homework club." Well, sadly, the Covid virus has put a pause on this effort. Yet, we can make a difference in OUR community! The ELL teacher Mary Krajcir, and the School Social Worker will identify the children with needs at the school. *Your donation in December of hats and mittens for various school age children, will get them through the winter cold.* More details will follow, watch our Evite, FB page, or e-mail for details.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

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

Need to Contact International or the Foundation?

Recruitment Information Forms (RIFs) can be found under the "Join" tab at the Alpha Gamma Delta main web page:

<https://alphagammadelta.org/>

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info@alphagammadelta.org

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Indianapolis, IN 46260
(317) 663-4242

foundation@alphagammadeltafoundation.org



Summer Fun



On August 4th, The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn and String Theory Yarn, Co. sponsored a book reading by our own **Allie Stanko Pleiter**, Λ —Northwestern University at the Lake Ellyn Boat House in Glen Ellyn. We sat on blankets and lawn chairs and had a great time listening to Allie read from “On Skein of Death.” Allie graciously answered questions about the



writing process used, too. Later, we met at the home of **Christina Carrington Reilly**, Λ —Northwestern University for an after party. Great book, Allie! Great fun for all of us.

(Pictured at left, **Allie Stanko Pleiter**, Λ —Northwestern University. At right: Standing: **Carmen Muirheid Auerbach**, BI —Eastern Illinois University, **Bonnie Brown**, $B\Xi$ —Purdue University, **Mariann Babka Gutshall**, Σ —University of Illinois, **Allie Stanko Pleiter**, Λ —Northwestern University, **Christina Carrington Reilly**, Λ —Northwestern University, **Kim Woodman Webb**, BI —Eastern Illinois University. Sitting: **Jean Larum Frisoni**, $B\Delta$ —Indiana University, **Gail Harris Kramer**, AK —Bowling Green State University, **Susan Rumsfield Clary**, BO —Illinois State University)

“After moving to Wheaton and not knowing anyone, I thought what I always knew about Alpha Gam--Instant Friends!” BA —Nebraska Wesleyan University

News, News, News

Mariann Babka Gutshall, Σ —University of Illinois, is doing well after a second knee replacement surgery. Mariann spent two nights in the hospital and is now home. Walking is still an... adventure.



We send condolences to **Jean Larum Frisoni**, $B\Delta$ —Indiana University, whose sister passed from lung cancer on August 27th.

Congratulations to **Helene Martucci Lamarre**, $B\Xi$ —Purdue University, of the Fox Valley Alumnae Club, on receiving a Talent of Leadership Award! So very much deserved.

We really enjoyed having **Lauren Bierschenk**, $\Delta\Gamma$ —Montana State University, involved in our meetings this last year. Lauren’s an insurance agent and offered meeting space at the office both last year and this. Thanks,

Lauren—and a great program on insurance last year, too!

Another new face is **Hannah Gleason**, Theta Tau—Belmont University. Hanna lives in Naperville, and is Director of Bach to Rock. Looks like Hanna and Lauren had some fun this summer—check it out on our FaceBook page.



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