

Calling All Deltas

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November and December, 2020 Newsletter

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Fall for KINDNESS

Proclamation

This year has been a time of enormous challenge, change and opportunity. We've been challenged to reconfigure our lives as COVID-19 has become a global, shared reality. We've changed the way we interact, the way we conduct business and the way we recruit new members. And we have had the opportunity to listen and learn, stand up bravely, speak up boldly and demonstrate kindness in the wake of social and racial injustice.

While such challenge, change and opportunity may be unprecedented in our lifetime, it is not the first time Tri Delta members have been called to face an uncertain world with grace, hope and resilience.

In a time when a woman's place in higher education was still questioned, Sarah Ida Shaw set her sights on attending the prestigious all-women's institution Wellesley College. When her mother fell ill the summer before she was to leave home, she decided, instead, to attend Boston University and stay closer to home. After her first year, she made plans again to attend Wellesley, only to have those plans change once again, this time due to her father's illness. Sarah knew what it was like to have unexpected illness change one's life plans.

Nevertheless, Sarah thrived at Boston. When she was unable to find an existing sorority to call home, even after participating in recruitment, she was undeterred. In her senior year she, along with Eleanor Dorcas Pond, committed to "set heart and hand to creating a society that would be kind alike to all and think more of a woman's inner character than her outward appearance or personal circumstance."

On Thanksgiving Eve of 1888, Sarah and Eleanor pledged their eternal loyalty and fealty to Tri Delta and initiated a sisterhood based on the values of truth, self-sacrifice and friendship. It is these values that have allowed us to withstand challenge and change, no matter how great.

These values, and the women who embodied them, are why Tri Delta has been able to face other previous global challenges. We endured another pandemic—the Spanish flu of 1918—along with the Great War and World War II. In the midst of turmoil, TriDelta members remained steadfast in their love for one another and in service to others.

And these values are exactly the reasons that Tri Delta remains strong today. Perhaps never before has the power of sisterhood been so important. We do not shy away from hard conversations or fear adapting to challenging times. Tri Delta has moved quickly to adopt new technology and create new opportunities for members to connect with and support one another.

Through our Let's Talk Tri Delta podcast (launched summer 2019); our networking app, CONNECTDDD (launched fall 2019); our new online learning platform, LEADDDer.org (launched summer 2020); *The Trident online* (launching fall 2020); and the plethora of online events and experiences offered through our Summer of Sisterhood and Fall for Kindness, Tri Delta is working to meet our sisters where they are and inspire a lifelong journey of friendship, personal development and growth.

It is also paramount that Tri Delta ensure an equitable and inclusive lifetime membership opportunity for *all our sisters*, especially our Black, Indigenous and Sisters of Color. While Tri Delta was the first national women's fraternity with a non-discrimination policy, we humbly acknowledge that our efforts around diversity, equity, inclusion and access have not come far enough or fast enough.

In 2020, we are intentionally focusing our energy, effort and resources on identifying and dismantling systemic racism in Tri Delta; promoting education, understanding and healing; and fighting for racial equality, equity and justice. The body of work designed to accomplish this is reflected in our LEADDD Now action plan, available for review at tridelta.org/leaddnow.

A critically important step in implementing the LEADDD Now plan is the expansion and enrichment of our governing boards. We are very grateful to the Sisters of Color who have stepped up to lead: Executive Board – Emily Greer, *Rhodes*; Tyce Williams, *Wake Forest*; TriDelta Housing Board – Caroline Chin Goldwater, *James Madison*; TriDelta Foundation Board – Ashley Baskerville, *Cal State/Long Beach*; Diane Petersen, *Ohio Wesleyan*. The depth of talent, perspective and experience they bring to TriDelta is transformational. You can read more about these incredible leaders at tridelta.org/leaddnow. We have also launched an organization-wide diversity audit, the results of which will be shared openly with our members in the spirit of sisterhood and transformational culture change.

At the same time, we have been committed to supporting sisters through some of the most difficult circumstances they've ever faced. To date in 2020, TriDelta's Foundation has granted more than \$260,000 to sisters in need through our Crescent Fund programs, including \$208,000 in emergency funding related to COVID-19. The stories our sisters have shared in their outreach to Tri Delta's Foundation have been poignant and empowering. The common themes in their stories have been their love of Tri Delta; the influence our sisters and sisterhood has had on their lives; and a sense of hope and resilience – inspired by our timeless values.

As we celebrate our 132nd Founders' Day, as a society founded to be kind alike to all, I can truly say I have never been prouder to be a Tri Delta. While no one could have predicted the challenges 2020 has delivered, one thing remains certain: TriDeltas everywhere remain committed to our founding Purpose.

In my first Founders' Day message as Fraternity President, I charge you all to remain loyal to that Purpose, while being open to new opportunities for personal and community growth. As our sister Dr. Sarah Burgamy, *Dartmouth*, said in her recent podcast interview, "Be aware, be patient and be generous with yourself and with others."

Sister Deltas, do not give up when your best-made plans fall to the wayside. Instead, like Sarah Ida Shaw before you, ask yourself not **if** but **how** you will take the next step forward. And when someone asks you **how** you're making it through, you can say – with perfect confidence – "I am a Tri Delta."

Here's to facing the year ahead by renewing our commitment to truth, self-sacrifice and friendship; being brave, bold and kind; and leveraging our collective influence in service and kindness to all.

Loyally, your Fraternity President,

Megan Shaw James

Megan Shaw James, *Millsaps*





November Meeting Founders' Day

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Karen Robertson's Home
Gleannloch Farms
1310 Cricklewood Lane
Houston, Texas 77379

Please join us for our Founders' Day meeting on November 10th at Karen Robertson's home in Gleannloch Farms. We will be having a box lunch dinner provided by Jason's Deli complete with a sandwich, chips, pickle, your choice of fruit salad or pasta salad, and a cookie. The cost will be \$12.00 per person. The meeting will be in Karen's backyard around her pool. We hope you will be able to join us. If you do not feel comfortable meeting in person, we will have a Zoom option for you to log in and watch our Founders' Day ceremony. Please RSVP to Kathy Stafford by text and let her know your sandwich choice by November 5th. You will have a choice of ham and cheese, chicken salad, or turkey. You can call or text Kathy at (832)721-8044. If texting, be sure to include your name.

December Meeting Christmas Gift Exchange

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: To Be Determined
(Watch your email for details)



Please join us for our annual Christmas party and gift exchange on December 8th. We are still looking for someone that would be willing to host us at their home. Instead of doing a Secret Santa style exchange, we plan on drawing names and exchanging gifts with the person who we pick. With this plan, we will have fewer hands touching the gifts. You can purchase a Christmas item for \$10 to \$15 dollars. It does not have to be an ornament, just something Christmasy! If you do not feel like you can attend in person but you want to participate in the gift exchange, I will be glad to pick up your gift and also deliver yours to you. Please let me know if you would like to participate by November 30th. If you are willing to host at your home, or be a hostess, please text or call Kathy Stafford at (832)721-8044. Be sure to include your name in the text.



DDD Hosts A Special Week of Kindness

Tri Delta's season-long celebration of sisterhood will be anchored by a week of special events. Kicking off with our International Founders' Day celebration on Sunday, Nov. 8, the week will feature opportunities to share sisterhood, stories and steadfast love! The week will include a new, virtual social event on Wednesday, Nov. 11 and will culminate on World Kindness Day, Friday, Nov. 13, with Tri Delta's Day of Giving. Save these dates today and make plans to join us all week long!

Sunday, November 8

International Founders' Day Celebration

2:00 pm CT | [RSVP HERE https://connectddd.org/events/83](https://connectddd.org/events/83)

Sisters from across the globe are invited to join us as we celebrate 132 years of Tri Delta with:

- A message of inspiration and hope from 2014 Olympic Gold Medalist and Tri Delta Woman of Achievement Meryl Davis, *Michigan*
- The 2020 Founders' Day Proclamation delivered by Fraternity President Megan Shaw James, *Millsaps*
- Exciting updates and announcements
- Our beloved Candle-lighting and Chapter Roll Call ceremonies

Wednesday, November 11

Wear Your Letters, Share Your Stories

Get ready to wear your Tri Delta letters and share your favorite stories of sisterhood and friendship. Stay tuned for more information on what promises to be a fun and memorable, mid-week sisterhood event.

Friday, November 13

Tri Delta's Day of Giving

It is World Kindness Day and as an organization founded to be kind alike to all, we've adopted this day as Tri Delta's Day of Giving. Celebrate with us and share the joy that comes from sisters helping sisters. Want to help us make sure Tri Delta is ready to help when our sisters need us? Sign up to be a Day of Giving Ambassador. All you have to do is share a special message (provided to you) via email and/or social media on Nov. 13 to encourage others to give in support of all the impactful work of Tri Delta's Foundation: scholarships, needs-based grants and our empowering leadership and educational programming. [Sign up now](#) to be a Day of Giving Ambassador!



Membership Milestones

Tri Delta recognizes membership milestones achieved by alumnae members—10 years, 25 years, 50 years, and 75 years. The 10-year, Pearl Circle is new this year. We will celebrate all of our milestone members at our annual Pansy Dinner in April.

Pearl Circle—Initiated in 2010 or before

Silver Circle—initiated in 1995 or before

Golden Circle—initiated in 1970 or before

Diamond Circle—initiated in 1945 or before

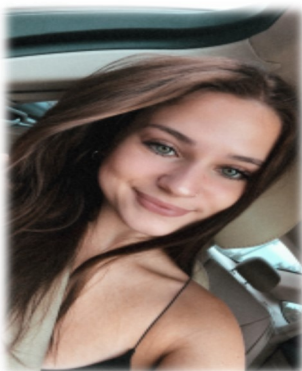
If this is your year or you have passed one of these milestones and have not participated in the ceremony, we invite you to do so this year. Please contact Christina Kluth at ckluth@sbcglobal.net or (281)281-0770

Tri Delta Connections



Patsy Johnson (1973) recently volunteered to sponsor a t-shirt for a new Beta Xi, Stephen F. Austin member to support the Christine Crain Scholarship fundraiser that the chapter was having. A new friendship began from Patsy's sponsorship—all because of their Tri Delta connection. Here's the story about Patsy's and Toni Holewinski's (2020) meeting as told by Patsy:

"We were sitting outside Panera Bread on a Saturday morning—two strangers united by the common sisterhood of Delta Delta Delta at Stephen F. Austin. Toni is a new initiate and I was in the first pledge class at SFA (1973). We "met" when Toni texted me thanking me for a DDD shirt I had donated to her to support a chapter fundraiser. After texting back and forth, we found out we lived near each other and Toni was coming home soon, so we decided to meet. We even exchanged pictures so we would recognize each other.



The conversation that Saturday morning came easy. Tri Delta is a strong bond that just helped both of us feel at ease, even though forty-seven years separates our initiations. After our engaging visit, Toni and I agreed to keep in contact and meet again. How wonderful that our Tri Delta sisterhood has grown stronger!"

Patsy Johnson

Membership in Tri Delta Is For A Lifetime

Membership is for a lifetime. The experiences, skills, friendships and support system remain a part of your life as you begin a career, start a family, face challenges and look for new ways to make a difference in the world. By supporting Tri Delta monetarily, we show support and love for our sisters — those we have met, those we have not met and those who are yet to come.

Benefits for Dues-Paying Alumnae Members:

- Regular updates and communications from Tri Delta Executive Office
- Annual subscription to The Trident (4 issues per year delivered to your home) and the new Trident Podcast coming soon
- Fun and engaging events with Tri Deltas in your area

If you haven't joined our group yet, it's not too late! Just fill out the form found on the next page and send it in along with your dues to Vicki James. You can also pay your dues online through PayPal. We can't wait for you to join us!





Tri Delta Northwest Harris County Alumnae Chapter
2020-2021 membership form

first name

maiden name

last name

birthdate

Returning Members - update any change below

New Members - fill in all information requested

personal information

☐ check if your information has not changed

_____	_____	_____
College initiated	Chapter name (Greek name)	year initiated
_____	_____	_____
Street Address	City	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____
Subdivision	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Preferred number	email (required)	Spouse

membership level descriptions

recent graduate \$21

alumnae members who graduated between
December 2018 and June 2020

regular member \$43

\$22 for local dues and \$21 for national

golden circle \$21

Members initiated 1970 or earlier
\$0 for local and \$21 for national

life loyal \$22

\$22 for local and \$0 for national

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[PayPal.Me/nwhcDDD](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tridelta.org%2Fdonate%2F)

Please mail to:

Dues Amount (one of above) \$ _____

Vicki James

6630 Butler Oaks Ct.

Additional Contribution to Chapter (optional) \$ _____

Spring, TX 77389

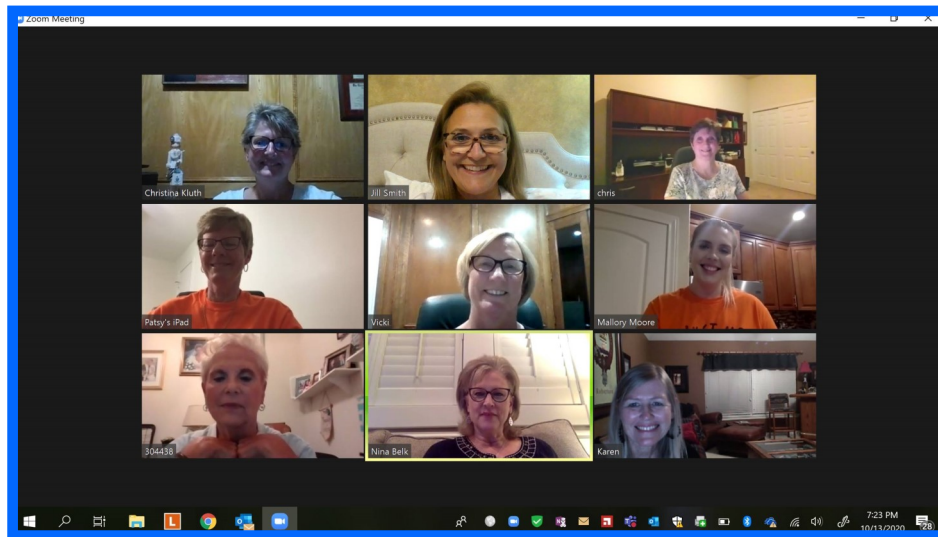
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Contribution to St. Jude (optional) \$ _____

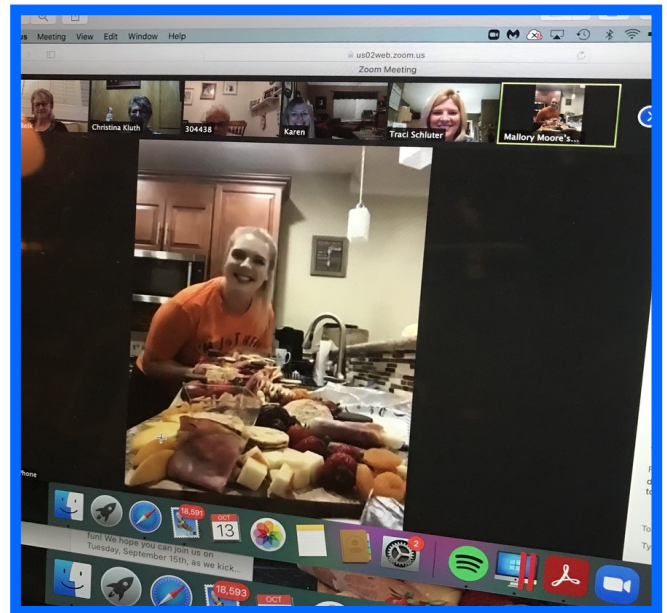
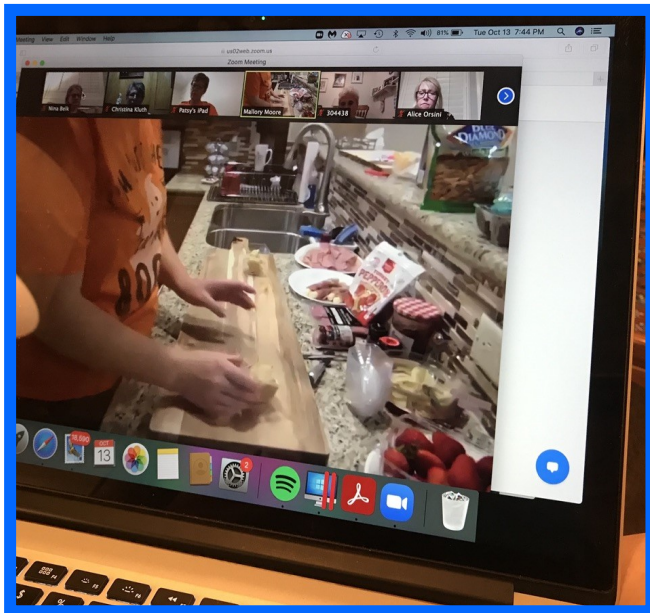
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**Are you interested in helping out with a Tri Delta event get together?* ☐ yes ☐ no

Tri Deltas Learn How To Charcuterie



Covid is not going to stop our Tri Delta group from gathering together and having fun! We had a fantastic October Zoom meeting with a fun demonstration from our very own, Mallory Moore. Mallory guided us through the step-by-step process of putting together a charcuterie board complete with meats, cheeses, crackers and other snack items. It all looked delicious! Her finished board was beautiful and an inspiration for our upcoming fall entertaining! Thanks, Jill Smith, for snapping a screen shot of just a few of the Deltas that participated!



We Love Our Collegiates to "Pieces"

NW Harris County Chapter provided treats, not tricks to the Beta Xi Chapter, Stephen F. Austin State U. because we Delta Love them to "pieces!"

Special thanks to Kathy Ferguson Stafford, Jill Doxey Smith, Lisa Ely, Janice Dueitt, Kara Dennis Toller and Alissa Horn Faircloth for making it happen! AND... thanks to Alissa for coming up with such a cute slogan.



Check Out Our Social Media Accounts!



On **Facebook**: search for 'Northwest Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae'

-This is a private group, so you will need to request 'Join The Group' to see information posted



On **Instagram**: search for 'NW Harris County Tri Delta' or username: @nwharriscounty_tridelta

-Press 'Follow' to see posts on your feed

-If you want to be notified when new information is posted:

- △ Press 'Follow'
- △ Click on the button that now says 'Following'
- △ Select 'Notifications'
- △ Slide the bar to select 'Post' notifications and/or 'Stories' Notifications

And...

Look at all of the wonderful photos that were sent in by our members for Mallory's Social Media Challenges!

mallorymoore2018@gmail.com





**“DDDeck the Halls” this holiday season
with greenery from Lynch Creek Farm!**



This holiday season, you can support your Tri Delta sisters by ordering your greenery from Lynch Creek Farm. Lynch Creek Farm will donate 15% of your purchase to Tri Delta's Foundation. Plus, you'll enjoy free shipping anywhere in the U.S.!

Look for an email, coming soon, from pinetree@trideltaeo.org, or visit: <https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/245602> between September 1 - December 15, 2020, to take advantage of this special opportunity to help Tri Delta members live, learn and lead - with Purpose - for a lifetime.

For more information, email Foundation@trideltaeo.org.



Happy Birthday

to all of our members that have
November and December
Birthdays!

Time to Celebrate!



Bouquets of Pansies for...



Mallory Moore

For

A fantastic charcuterie board demonstration!

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Upcoming Recruitment Dates

Baylor 1/5/2021—1/8/2021
Bid day 1/9

Miami January 2021

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With any news, care, or con-
cerns at

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(713)416-7102



Northwest Harris County DDD Fall 2020 Event Calendar

Save these dates! Please join us this fall as we navigate this pandemic and keep our sisterhood going. Nothing will keep us down! We have some creative events planned for you and will continue to be flexible in the coming months. Hope to see you virtually and hopefully in person soon!

November 10

Founders' Day Celebration

7:00 pm

We'll gather together at Karen Robertson's home in Gleannloch Farms with social distancing to celebrate Tri Delta's Founding.

December 8

Christmas Gift Exchange

7:00 pm

Our annual gift exchange is always exciting! We've got a plan on how to get it done, but are still working on location details. Watch your email for more information.

