

# Delta Gamma

NEWPORT-SOUTH COAST ALUMNAE CHAPTER



As part of Do Good Week, our alumnae chapter collected non-perishable food, diapers and paper goods which were given to Families Forward to help families in financial need in our community.

## Events on Docks

**December 5, 2020 (2 pm)** – Holiday Luau (celebrating Hawaii)  
 Join us at Heleuma Coffee Plantation for a Hawaiian Luau! Wear your mask! Join in the gift exchange -- bring a gift in the \$15-\$20 range if you'd like to participate. Bring a gift to donate to the Blind Children's Learning Center, and you will receive a gift from NSCI!

**January 19, 2021** – Winter Wonderland (celebrating Canada)

**March 6, 2021** – Breakfast at Tiffany's (Founders Day)

**April 21, 2021** – Visions of Lilies–Painting with Monet (celebrating France)

**May 22, 2021** – Let's be Mermaids End of the Year Party (celebrating Maine)

*Dates are subject to change! Be on the lookout for your MemberPlanet invitation!*

## Per Capita & Local Dues

Alumnae Per Capita Dues: \$33.00  
 Local Dues Levels:  
 \$100.00 - Blue -- Anchor Club\*  
 \$35.00 - Pink  
 \*Free admission to all home events for the year

Your support of local dues helps us provide quality programming, alumnae activities, collegiate activities, fundraising efforts, and special events.

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## NSC Sister Spotlight: Michelle Dean



Michelle Xavier Dean, Epsilon Zeta, Loyola Marymount University is an outstanding and truly "unstoppable force for good." Michelle is an active member of both NSC and North Orange County alumnae chapters. If there is a "Do Good" event, you can always count on Michelle being part of it. She has held numerous officer and chairperson positions, graciously hosted events, raised funds for DG scholarships and so much more. Of all her activities and endeavors, however, the most remarkable is her relentless pursuit of doing good.

The list of local community organizations and causes that Michelle tirelessly volunteers with and serves is as impressive as it is long. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Blind Children's Learning Center in Santa Ana and has been a faithful volunteer there for years. She promotes their mission which is to prepare children with visual impairments, from birth to age 22, for a life of independence through early intervention, education, and family support. Founded by 6 blind adults in 1962, when there were no services for blind or visually handicapped children in Orange County, they developed a learning plan that has assisted thousands of children and their families. Michelle is continuing their efforts in serving the marginalized through Service for Sight, using her talents and leadership capabilities to plan for the future and advocate for a better world for the visually impaired. She is also on the Board of Directors for The Wooden Floor in Santa Ana, an exciting and innovative organization that gives young people the tools and guidance to follow a path out of poverty and creates real change by serving at risk students, grades 3-12, after school for up to 10 years with a comprehensive strategy that is grounded in dance and long term mentoring relationships. She is an integral part of the services provided by Families Forward in Irvine which exists to help families in need achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through housing, counseling, education and other support services. Michelle developed a targeted and effective program to assist those at risk of losing their homes serving over 1000 families a year. She is an avid volunteer for them, supports their fundraising efforts and food pantry on a regular basis. She has been a volunteer with Meals on Wheels since 2003 assisting the elderly who are experiencing physical decline, isolation or financial hardship. She serves on the Board of Trustees at Loyola Marymount University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree. She is a founding member of LMU's Alliance of Women Philanthropists and served as a member of the LMU Board of Regents from 2006-2015. And there is more...

Michelle is an inspiring member of our Do Good Sisterhood and has made an incredible impact on the lives of so many - with no signs of stopping - no matter what. Not even the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed her down. She has just kept serving others, finding a way, never asking for anything in return or expecting a thank you. She is altruistic at heart and in all ways exemplifies the Delta Gamma philosophy of service to the community through volunteer and philanthropic activities. Through the years she has devoted her talents to improve the quality of life not only around her - but for everyone she meets. She makes us stand tall, be courageous in our own philanthropic efforts and very proud to know her. She brings honor to our Fraternity and alumnae groups. We are so proud of her, all she is, and all she does.

## DO GOOD SISTERHOOD UPDATE:

NSC celebrated Do Good Week 9/6 - 9/12 by Joining Forces with Long Beach, North Orange County and South Orange County alumnae chapters for an "Anchored in Hope" writing campaign providing over 234 handwritten notes of encouragement and hope to our veterans who have been isolated during the Covid-19 pandemic at the the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. The notes were hand delivered by "Anchor Mail" by our contact in the Blind Rehabilitation Center and lifted hundreds of spirits.



On 9/6/20 we hosted a DG-Drive By-Drop Off-Do Good food drive to stock the food pantry at Families Forward in Irvine serving the needs of our local community in this unprecedented time. Many neighbors and members of the community participated in the drive. We collected 5 large bins of food and paper goods as well as \$75.00 in cash donations. The event also honored member Michelle Dean who received the Partner in Hope Award at Families Forward Gala Event in August for her volunteerism and commitment in supporting their mission and establishing a Prevention & Diversion Program that serves more than 1,000 families a year.



11/7/20 we continued our support of Families Forward and their Thanksgiving Baskets at our "Thankful for Sisters" fall get together featuring hot apple cider and homemade pumpkin bread. The Give Thanks - Give Back - Grocery Gift Card Drive demonstrated, once again, the generosity and Do Good spirit of NSC members. \$270 in grocery gift cards decorated our giving tree and were donated to put the gift of a turkey and trimmings on the tables of families in need.



What is your favorite way to Do Good? A Do Good page on the NSC Website is coming! Please let us know the charities you support and how you Do Good. Are you willing to let us share it on our NSC website? We're designing a Do Good page! Send an email to: hthies1873@gmail.com. Keep track of your Do Good hours. Let's see how many we have as a group by Founders Day in March.



## Recap

### September 2020 - Take a Bite out of the Big Apple

Newport-South Coast's Fall Kick this year was all about celebrating New York, Zoom style. We began with a demonstration of how to make apple martinis followed by introductions of five New York sisters who joined us. We invited a speaker, Regina F. Lark, PhD, who discussed ways to silence the inner critic while organizing and tossing items. NSC officers introduced themselves with a brief presentation of an iconic New York locale (New York Library, Rockefeller Center, Ellis Island, Plaza Hotel, Trinity Church, Niagara Falls, Guggenheim Museum and Cipriani on 42nd) along with a Zoom background depicting their chosen locale. We had a birthday celebration, and also conducted the Foundation candle lighting ceremony "for Hope, for Strength, for Life". We raised funds for a scholarship for a UCI Delta Gamma Collegian. Delta Gammass dressed in bling and sparkle, and we saw more than one anchor!



### October 2020 - Terror in Transylvania Murder Mystery

Newport-South Coast members & guests gathered for a spooky Terror in Transylvania murder mystery via Zoom. Guests were provided their parts (vampire, monster, werewolf, witch, ghost, skeleton, mummy, scientist, or agent of death) and wore great costumes! A "Dressed to Kill" award was given for best costume. An award was given for "Drama Queen". A birthday celebration was done with candles lit by everyone, and a happy birthday song. A recipe for a special cocktail, Hannah's Purple Poison, was provided for making the drinks at home.



**Book Club Recap:** Book club met via Zoom to discuss *The Unexpected Spy* written by Delta Gamma Tracy Holder. Tracy discussed her role at the CIA as an operative, and later for the FBI. Such an interesting life!



Our DGs Out & About Special Interest Group had an outdoor walk on the beach event. They then enjoyed lunch at a local park!



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If you've recently moved, changed your name, or set up a new email address, let us know! You can update your contact information the following ways:

1. Logging into the main Delta Gamma website. Click your email address and select "Profile" which will direct you to your member profile page.
2. Send your updated contact information to addresschange@deltagamma.org
3. Email Lynn Johsz at: johszfml@aol.com. Be sure to include your current last name and name you were initiated as.

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