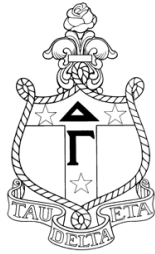


Meet the 2019-2020
Fort Myers Area Alumnae Chapter
Executive Board



Suzie Nowell
President

Chandra Briers
VP Finance

Francine VanOlst
VP Foundation

Gail Rowland
VP Programming

Nina Amoroso
Columnae & Panhellenic

Positions open for YOU!
VP Membership
VP Communications
Recording Secretary
(Seasonal sisters are welcome too!)

If you're interested in joining us,
please email Suzie Nowell at
FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com

We would love your input in planning Foundation,
Sisterhood and other events! We encourage you to
reach out by email, join us on Facebook
Fort Myers Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter AND Fort
Myers Area Delta Gamma Alumnae
and Instagram FortMyersDeltaGammaAlumnae

Welcome to the 2019-2020
Fort Myers Area Delta Gamma Alumnae
Chapter newsletter!

We have several exciting bits of new to share:

As we start our third year of programming, I'm honored to announce that we were a **2018 Region 3 Alumnae Excellence Award Winner!** We will continue to follow the 12 Fraternity Standards for Alumnae Groups, which are the set of requirements that each alumnae group uses to shape programming, membership recruitment, membership retention, and day-to-day operations. Maybe we will be fortunate to be recognized again this year!

The Theta Zeta Chapter has established at Florida Gulf Coast University! We were thrilled to welcome 96 new members to our fraternity!



Executive Offices has an Aunt Hannah program for alumnae members to mentor new members. If you would like to be an Aunt Hannah please review the information on page 2. Then email us at
FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com.

Finally, we will be adding volunteer opportunities and other Foundation events as the year progresses. Please take a peek at the calendar on our website for updated info. **FortMyersArea.DeltaGamma.org**

I hope to see you at an event, or two, this year!

ITB,

Suzie Nowell

Alpha Xi ~ West Virginia

Aunt Hannah for FGCU

Executive Offices coordinates this program. If you are interested, please email us at **FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com**. We will relay your willingness to mentor and/or befriend a new member of Theta Zeta chapter at FGCU.

This pen-pal relationship is meant to create deeper bonds of friendship through the many generations of Delta Gamma. Aunt Hannah's will be expected to welcome their Little Hannah to DG and keep in touch throughout important milestones of the year. This could include sending notes or small gifts during finals weeks, recruitment, and Initiation. Aunt Hannah's could also invite their pals out for coffee or dinner if they are local!

To get started your first outreach will be to welcome your Little Hannah to DG and get to know one another. The following points could all be included in this message:

Welcome to Delta Gamma!

- Get to know me
 - Your Name
 - Your city
 - Your profession/activities
 - Your chapter of initiation
 - Why you joined/still love Delta Gamma
- Get to know your Little Hannah
 - Year in school
 - Area of study
 - Aspirations after college
 - Why they wanted to join Delta Gamma
 - What has been their favorite experience thus far
- Set up a time to meet (if local)

Future communication topics are outlined below and can be scheduled around Theta Zeta's Twin Reveal (a new chapter's version of Big/Little!) and their Initiation and Installation (which you are invited to attend as a Delta Gamma guest!)

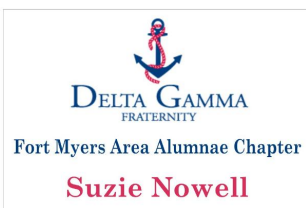
- ï **Now that Bid Day is Over** – making the most of membership in Delta Gamma
- ï **Twin Reveal** – creating a supportive network within the chapter, consider sharing a story about your experience with the Big/Little program as a collegian!
- ï **Preparing for Initiation** – making a lifelong commitment to Delta Gamma
- ï **(At Initiation) Congratulations!**
- ï **Balancing DG and Other Commitments**
- ï **Making the Most of your Membership** – continued support to get involved and attend events
- ï **Becoming a Big**
- ï **How to Be a Leader (with or without a formal position)**
- ï **Lifetime Membership** – share your experience with Delta Gamma after college!
- ï **Other**
 - Send Little Hannahs holiday cards
 - Send Little Hannahs birthday cards
 - Invite Little Hannahs out to lunch if visiting campus
 - Connect on social media
 - Help Little Hannah with networking opportunit

NAME TAGS

If you wish to purchase a name tag, please **send a check for \$8.50** along with this form. The name tags have a magnetic back and are a bit smaller than a credit card. The name tag will be personalized with your name but, the colors are as is (blue anchor with red cable, blue letters with your name in red.)

Name to be printed on name tag: _____.

Mail, with check, to: Delta Gamma at 1141 Paper Fig Court, Sanibel, FL 33957



Fort Myers Area Directory

We will have a directory ready by January 1, 2020. All members who pay their Per Capita dues, pay their local dues, and return this form by November 31, will be included and will receive a copy of the directory.

Name for directory: _____

Maiden name: _____ Spouse's name: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Florida address: _____

Name of neighborhood or community: _____

Other address: _____

Chapter of Initiation: _____ Year initiated: _____

University of initiation: _____

Is there anything you would like included in the directory? _____

Mail to: Delta Gamma at 1141 Paper Fig Court, Sanibel, FL 33957

Have you paid your 2019-2020 dues?

Local alumnae dues support member activities, mandatory national expenses such as website fee, insurance, operational expenses, mailings, support and supplies for Foundation events, and more!

The Fort Myers Area Alumnae Chapter is kicking off a local dues tiered program!

\$10 “Welcome Aboard!” a one-time option for members who are new to the area, have never paid local dues before, had a recent status change such as divorce, etc. Needs prior approval.

\$25 “I’M ON BOARD” level receives a special pin to show our appreciation!

\$50-\$74 “ALL ABOARD” level receives a special pin and newsletter recognition

\$75+ “STARBOARD” level receives a special pin, newsletter recognition, reserved seat at Founders Day

To pay your local dues, login to www.memberplanet.com or send a check to:

**Fort Myers Delta Gamma
Chandra Briers, VP for Finance
17019 Tremont Street Fort Myers, FL 33908**

Or

Delta Gamma at 1141 Paper Fig Court Sanibel, FL 33957



Delta Gamma per capita dues are required for your first 50 years of membership.

Alumnae per capita dues for the 2019-2020 year are \$31. These dues support Fraternity initiatives, the publication of our award winning ANCHORA, extension and recruitment efforts to establish new chapters (such as FGCU!), visits to our collegiate chapters from Fraternity visitors and Collegiate Development Consultants, and much more!

To pay your \$31 per capita dues:

Mail a check payable to Delta Gamma
Delta Gamma Executive Office
3250 Riverside Drive Columbus, OH 43221

Or pay online at www.deltagamma.org
Click “Pay Alumnae Dues” in the top right corner

2019 – 2020 Calendar of Events

Invitations for each event are sent via email and/or Evite.

If you're not receiving these emails, please contact Suzie Nowell at FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com

October 15

White Cane Day with Lighthouse of SWFL

Twistee Treat at #10 Pine Island Rd, N Ft Myers 9:00-11:00AM

Corner of Business 41 (N Tamiami Trail) and Pine Island Rd

Sighted staff members will guide blindfolded community members while crossing the road. This gives them the experience of being blind / visually impaired.

Lighthouse needs Delta Gamma volunteers to work as greeters, staff the intersection for safety, distribute water. Spouses welcome!

RSVP at FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com or Evite

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**October 25**

### **Welcome Back Dinner!**

KJ's Steakhouse 5:30-8:00PM

10950 South Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers

We will have a special guest with information about SE Guide Dogs

We will also learn more about the newly established Theta Zeta

Chapter at FGCU and the accompanying Aunt Hannah program;

and the new digital Box Top program!

**RSVP at [FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com](mailto:FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com) or Evite**

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October 26

Lee County Panhellenic

Cypress Lake Country Club 10:00-noon

RSVP at FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com (no Evite)

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**November 9**

### **FGCU Theta Zeta initiation/charter weekend**

Time and location TBA

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November 13

Friendsgiving

Hosted by Francine VanOlst 5:30-8:00

953 Clarellen Drive, Fort Myers

This potluck sisterhood dinner will kick off our angel giving with Lighthouse of SWFL. Details to follow.

RSVP at FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com or Evite

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**December 8**

### **"An Inspector Calls" play**

Historic Arcade Theatre

2267 First Street Fort Myers 2:00PM

We will be meeting for luncheon prior to the production.

Tickets are \$55+\$4 convenience fee. We will let you know what section/rows we're close to so you can purchase your tickets.

**RSVP at [FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com](mailto:FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com) or Evite**

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January date TBA

Sisterhood luncheon

F.M. Don's 11:30-1:30

201 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda

RSVP at FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com or Evite

January 25

Lee County Panhellenic

Cypress Lake Country Club 10:00-noon

RSVP at FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com (no Evite)

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**February 10**

### **Galentine's Celebration**

Hosted by Gail Rowland 6:00-9:00

22965 Lone Oak Drive, Estero

Please join us for our second annual event!

Gail will have chocolates, champagne and DG trivia!

**RSVP at [FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com](mailto:FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com) or Evite**

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March 14

Founders Day

Time and location TBA

We will honor our Founders alongside our alumnae from the Greater Naples Alumnae Chapter and our new members from the

Theta Zeta Chapter at FGCU

RSVP at FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com or Evite

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**March 21**

### **Lee County Panhellenic**

Scholarship Luncheon, Silent Auction, and Style Show

Cypress Lake Country Club

**RSVP at [FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com](mailto:FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com) (no Evite)**

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April 18

Southeastern Guide Dogs Walkathon

JetBlue Park 9-12:30

Our fundraising goal is \$500

Join our Delta Gamma Alumnae team!

Spouses, family and canine friends are welcome!

RSVP at FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com

Or

find our team at www.participate.guidedogs.org

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**April 25**

### **Lee County Panhellenic**

Cypress Lake Country Club 10:00-noon

**RSVP at [FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com](mailto:FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com) (no Evite)**

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Dining in the Dark TBA

Lighthouse of SWFL

Opportunity to Attend or Volunteer TBA

Spouses and friends are welcome!

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**May 16**

### **End of season beach day**

Sanibel Causeway-Island B Pavilion 10:00-2:00PM

A casual potluck afternoon enjoying our beautiful beaches!

Spouses and friends are welcome!

**RSVP at [FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com](mailto:FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com) or Evite**

# Foundation Information

In support of our Foundation's focus on sight-related causes, last year we initiated several activities to support Lighthouse of SWFL and Southeastern Guide Dogs. This year, plans are bigger and better – continuing last year's activities and beginning some new ones to support these very important charities. The first new volunteer opportunity is **White Cane Day on Oct. 15**. See page 5.

I am continuing our work with Lighthouse of SWFL. Last year our group was very generous to Lily and she was overjoyed with our efforts! Thank you all so much! The iPad we purchased has helped her with continuity from school to home. This year, I would like to take advantage of our generosity toward gifts to benefit several individuals. The Lighthouse of SWFL wish list can be found at <https://lighthousewfl.org/donate/wish-list/>

We would like to donate some of the items from their wish list.

- \$9.95 **Talking Clock**-This device allows a child to set an alarm or use a clock independently.
- \$10.95 **Liquid Level Indicator**-This device allows a child who is blind to pour liquids by themselves, thus encouraging them to be independent.
- \$13.80 **20/20 pens (12 pack)** These pens allow a child with low vision to write & be able to read what they wrote.
- \$75.00 **Rainbow II Color Reader**-This device allows a child with low vision or blindness to identify the color of their clothing, allowing them to better dress themselves.
- \$150.00 **Pen Friend** – This device allows a child with low vision or blindness to identify objects in their environment and label them appropriately.
- \$402.79 **Totally Tactile Communicator** – This device allows children who are nonverbal or still learning to talk the ability to communicate their wants or needs. This device allows children to have options of choices of what they want to do.

## Foundation service hours are due to me by January 5.

If you volunteer in any capacity, please email a description of your activity and total hours spent between 7/1/19 and 12/31/19 to me at [FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com](mailto:FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com).

Examples of service hours include but aren't limited to:

- Vision screening
- Reading to individuals who are blind or visually impaired
- Recording books
- Organizing holiday parties at centers for those who are blind or visually impaired
- Promoting sight preservation education at community and campus health related events

Are you interested in the DG **"Joining Forces"** program? If so, please let me know of a local organization that serves blind or visually impaired military personnel.

The **Golden Anchor Program** seeks to support, enjoy the company of and bring joy to elder Delta Gammas and other senior citizens residing in health care facilities. Please let me know if you recommend a local facility where we can volunteer.

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Box Tops:

Box tops are going digital and it is super easy!

- Traditional box tops are being phased out. However, both clipped physical box tops and digital submissions of receipts are options to earn money for schools and earn service hours. A maximum of two service hours per year may be received from participating in the Box Tops program.
- You may choose to support a local school for the blind or one of the Delta Gamma schools that participates in the Box Tops program:
 - **Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, St. Augustine**
 - Blind Children's Center, Los Angeles
 - Children's Center for the Visually Impaired, Kansas City
 - Foundation for Blind Children, Phoenix
- To participate using the digital submission, you need to either download the box tops mobile app or use the website BoxTops4Education.com, register and select one of the above schools. Receipts with eligible items must be processed through the Box Tops app or website within two weeks of purchase.
- Physical submission (Bring your Box Tops to any of our events)
 - 30 box tops = one service hour
 - 60 box tops = two service hours
- Digital submission:
 - \$3.00 earned = one service hour
 - \$6.00 earned = two service hours

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Did you know that Florida supports vision-related services with a special license plate? Are you buying a new car? Renewing your registration? You can get "A STATE OF VISION" Florida license plate to support Florida Agencies Serving the Blind, Florida ASB (such as Lighthouse of SW Florida). It has an attractive lighthouse on it!

ITB,

*Francine VanOlst*

Delta Rho – Virginia Tech

## **We have 437 DG alumnae members on our Fort Myers Area roster, and we're taking you digital!**

As you can imagine, it is very expensive to print --and mail-- 437 copies of the annual newsletter, plus 437 personal invitations to Founders Day.

Executive Offices has encouraged us to switch all invitations, newsletters, information, etc. to email. At a recent meeting, I spoke to members of the Sarasota and the Greater Naples Alumnae Chapters. Their member base is similar to ours and both groups exclusively email newsletters and invitations to members.

If you are reading this printed newsletter, please see if you also received an email copy from  
[FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com](mailto:FortMyersDeltaGamma@gmail.com).

If you have an email address but did not receive an emailed copy, please shoot me an email so I can add or update your address for Delta Gamma.

If you do not have an email address, or if you don't have access to a computer, we will be happy to send you a paper copy of the annual newsletter. Just send a note and let me know you need a printed copy.

Suzie Nowell  
1141 Paper Fig Court  
Sanibel, FL 33957

Finally, I would love to hear from you! Let me know if you're receiving information. I'd love to know what we can do to get you involved! But please, send me an email, mail a note or message me on Facebook or Instagram – I rarely have pen & paper handy when my phone rings.

Thank you ITB,

Suzie

### **You can follow us, find us, or contact us everywhere!!**

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Website = [FortMyersArea.DeltaGamma.org](http://FortMyersArea.DeltaGamma.org)

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