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President's Update

Welcome to 2023, sisters!

Looking back on 2022, it was a transformational year for the Edmonton Alumnae Chapter. After reintroducing in-person events to our chapter, the Executive Board really reflected on what's working in our chapter, what isn't, and what we would like it to look like in the future. Through feedback from our membership, we affirmed that our sisters love connecting with each other in meaningful ways and would like to see more large-scale, ticketed events like the one we held in the Fall to celebrate DG's 150th and Beta Beta Chapter's 90th. Because of this feedback, we have shifted our focus to provide fewer events that are higher-quality throughout the year. These more intentional events will allow you to get together with your DG friends as well as provide education, Foundation opportunities, and foster new DG connections too!

As you may have heard, we have proposed merging Calgary Alumnae Association with the Edmonton Alumnae Chapter. This proposal is in the process of being sent to Council for approval, and our hope is that we will be able to celebrate the amalgamation of our groups this year! We know that many of our sisters live, work, and play in both Calgary and Edmonton, so we hope that the joining of our groups will make it easier for you to keep Delta Gamma in your life through all its stages and iterations.

For the first time since 2019, you can look forward to an in-person Founders Day. We hope that you will join us as we have so much to celebrate! We also have several other opportunities available for you to get involved with, whether it's attending an event or joining our Executive Board. All are welcome and we'd love to get to know you!

TDH,

Jenna Lee Redpath

Finance Update



A huge thank you to our members who have paid dues for the 2022-2023 fiscal year! Without you, our chapter would not have remained as strong as it is!

| Bronze | Pink | Blue |
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| \$5 - 49 -1 entry for a \$30 Earls Gift Card draw -1 entry for a free Founders Day ticket draw | \$50 - 74 -2 entries for a \$30 Earls Gift Card draw -2 entries for a free Founders Day ticket draw | \$75+ -3 entries for a \$30 Earls Gift Card draw -Free Founders Day ticket |
| Linda VanBrabant Marissa Poon Celine McEachern Serene Wolfe Krista Burdeyney Jacqueline Staric Marina Kirillovich Karah Folk Shandi Connolly-King Lisa Glover Jessa-Lynn Munkler Christina Swinnerton Manujitha Herath Leanne Bramm Mariah McConnell | Katherine Krause Fitzgerald Isabella Nelson Alandra Kruszewski Randi Kondrunk Hauptman Monique Descoursey Mallory Lussier Krista Nelson-Marciano Kelsey Saxby McKay | Tiffany Whorrie Jenna Lee Michelle Jones Christie Harty Erin MacAlpine Jennifer Wong Lisa Saxby |

Our draw for a Free Founders Day ticket for Bronze and Pink tier members will take place on **February 10th**. Please ensure that you have paid your dues by then if you would like your name entered for a free ticket! Blue tier members will receive a free Founders Day ticket, but will still need to RSVP to the event.

Please e-transfer dues to edmontondues@gmail.com or email our vp: finance, Marina, if you would prefer to use another payment method: kirillov@ualberta.ca If you have any questions or concerns about dues, please contact Marina at one of the above e-mail addresses. We so appreciate your continued dedication to DG!

Get Involved

Elections

This year, we will be electing the following positions: president, vp: communications, and vp: membership. Thank you to Sabina Reid, Britanie Lanz, and Cristina Swinnerton for volunteering to be our nominating committee! If you are interested in running for a position on the 2023-2025 executive board, please connect with one of these sisters or fill out the following intent form: <https://forms.gle/e27FMHD8aVvMUXPr9>.

Applications are now open, and will close on February 14th. Voting will take place in early March, followed by a transition period until the start of our next fiscal year on July 1, 2023.

Volunteering for the alumnae board is a great way to spend time with sisters, develop your leadership skills, have your voice heard, and to help provide an enriching alumnae experience for our local alumnae. All alumnae members are welcome and encouraged to apply!

Founders Day

We are so excited to celebrate Founders Day on March 19th at 10:30 AM!

This year's event will be held at the Glendale Golf and Country Club.

Tickets are \$30 for dues paying members, and \$35 for non-dues paying members and can be purchased by e-transfer to edmontondues@gmail.com

Support Ukraine!

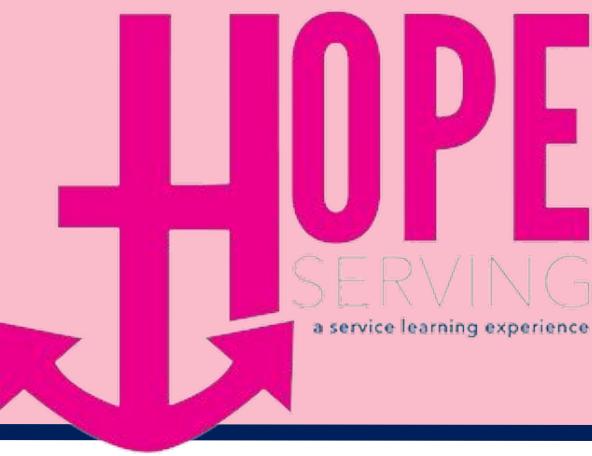
Local alumna Alexis Desrosiers and her family have been supporting Ukrainian newcomers by hosting them in her home while they settle into life in Canada.

There is a desperate need for more people to host these families, couples, and singles as they arrive here with little more than the clothing on their backs. Typically, families need a place to stay for a few weeks while they get their paperwork in order and find a more permanent place to live.

If you are willing and able to host a family, or are interested in learning more about how to donate items to support these families, please get in touch with Alexis at alexis.desrosiers@gmail.com or check out the Facebook Group Edmonton Hosts Ukrainians.

Going back to school?

If you will be a graduate student in the 2023/24 school year, consider applying for a Delta Gamma Foundation merit-based graduate fellowship! Applications are open until April 1st. To learn more and apply, [click here](#).



Our very own vp: finance, Marina Kirillovich, spent a week this January working at the Foundation for Blind Children (FBC) in Phoenix, Arizona! During her time at FBC, Marina had the opportunity to get to know the school's students and staff, and to learn about the school, the visually impaired population and their needs, tools and strategies to make our world more accessible, and more!

She enjoyed the opportunity to help with making toy bars for babies. These long bars ensure babies can find their toys easily. She worked on making tactile books for children, gluing in sensory items that were related to the images and words on the pages. She also had the opportunity to learn about braille, and translate print books to braille using a special typewriter. Marina worked to make tactile shapes to help the students learn basic geometry, and centerpieces for their fashion show. In addition to all of these creations, she was able to spend time assisting with music therapy and in the media centre.

Thank you, Marina, for your dedication to Service for Sight!



Marina working to create a baby toy bar.



The Hope Serving 2023 Team!



Exploring Braille resources in the media centre.

Catching Up With

Sisters



Dana Marsh (BB '06) got engaged to their partner, Jess, after 2 years of dating. The proposal took place in December in their partner's home province of Nova Scotia.



Shandi Connolly-King (BB '08) welcomed her third daughter, Méabh Marie King this summer.

Karah Fok (BB '19) was recently promoted and now works as a Ministerial Assistant and Policy Advisor! She also has accepted an offer to study at Aberystwyth University and will be starting her MA in International Relations (specialization in global security) in September!

Have an update to share? We would love to include you in the next issue of the Anchor Clanker!

E-mail edmontondgalum@gmail.com with a short write up and a photo or two to share your news with your sisters.

Sunshines

To: Mariah McConnell

Sending love to you in any and every way I can because you are just that amazing. I'm so thankful DG brought us together all those years ago and that we are still besties today. Love you so much!!!

LITB, Jenna Redpath

To: Amanda Marshall

There's no one I'd rather see on a weekend morning every 4 weeks! I love you and our chats so much. I love that we can discuss everything from relationships to book reccos...our relationship is like a great wine - it just gets better with time!

LITB, Jenna Redpath

To: Jenna

Thank you for always taking the time to chat things out with me and being my sounding board!! I love our dates every few weeks



LITB, Amanda Marshall

To: Michelle Feng

You are such a ray of sunshine! I miss you!

LITB, Mariah McConnell

To: Cristina Swinnerton

Your love and commitment to DG is so inspiring. I appreciate that you continually make time for Delta Gamma in your busy life and I love seeing you at events!!

LITB, Jenna Redpath

To: Sabina Reid

Thank you for being such a great sister!! I loved spending time at Convention with you and am so happy that I gained a friend because of it!!!

LITB, Jenna Redpath

To: Hannah Haugen

Thank you so much for hosting Alumnae Charge this past fall. It was great to reconnect with you and catch up. I know you are on your way to doing great things and wish the best for you in all your endeavours!!

LITB, Jenna Redpath

To: Kelsey Saxby-Mackay & Lisa Beztilyn

I appreciate y'all so much for making time for DG in your alumnae life. It's always exciting when I see your faces at an event and I know I will end up laughing with you both!!

LITB, Jenna Redpath

To: Jenna Redpath

Even when life gets crazy, I know you are always by my side and I am so thankful for that!

LITB, Mariah Tyson-McConnell

To: Amanda Marshall

You always know how to make me laugh. I love when you send me hilarious memes and it's always so much fun when we are together!

LITB, Mariah McConnell