

# NEWPORT-SOUTH COAST APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

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*It's hard to believe Spring is here! It seems as though 2016 just began! We have had a busy calendar of activities that have taken place since the beginning of the year.*

*In **January**, we started the year by members having the opportunity to jumpstart the year with a fitness class at a local gym. Sixteen members got together to try out a Spin class that was taught by one of our members, Alisa Reich. We had a great turnout! Later in the month, the Book Club met for a wonderful dinner and fun discussion of the book, *The Postmistress*. Each member was chosen to read a letter "written" by the Postmistress, which engaged everyone in lively discussion. In **February**, our members went out for an evening of Wine Tasting. We rolled into **March** and attended the annual Founders Day Brunch that was held at Dove Canyon Country Club. The brunch was hosted by South Orange County alumnae chapter and 17 of our members were in attendance with the over 300 who were present. I had the pleasure of presenting Lynn Johsz, with the Cable Award of Delta Gamma, and Lauren Brown, with the Stellar Award. Six of our members were honored as 50-Year Members. Those in attendance had the opportunity to share a wonderful morning with North Orange County and South Orange County alumnae, and with the UCI and Chapman collegiate chapters.*

***April** begins our Spring Calendar with the meeting of a new Special Interest Group called the Silver Sisters Breakfast Club, for our members who are 50+. We are looking forward to connecting members of this age group, renew their involvement with Delta Gamma, while sharing a Saturday breakfast and stories in a member's home! In the middle of April, the Book Club will meet for dinner and a discussion of the novel, *The Witches*. In the latter part of April, we can look forward to our Bunco Fundraiser at a member's home in Shady Canyon. It is a Plus One (+1) event and the proceeds from the tickets will benefit our DGs for Doggies project. Please plan to attend and support this good cause. In **May**, our members will have the opportunity to join the Delta Gamma ITB team as we walk in the Blind Children's Learning Center's 12th Annual Destination Independence 5K walk. Come out to get some exercise and help raise money for another good cause! Later in May, members will gain some artistic skills in a new event for Newport-South Coast at our Sip and Paint Night! In **June**, we will finish the year with our End of the Year Party at a member's home, where we honor our Board Members for this year and introduce the new board for 2016-2017.*

*There is still time this year to Get in The Circle with attending events and getting involved with our chapter. As you attend more events, the more "anchored" you become to our chapter. Give us a try if you have not attended an event. We are always attracting new members! Maybe the time is right in your life - you can only enrich your life more when you add Delta Gamma to your circle of activities!*

*Have a Happy Spring!!*  
ITB,

**Patty Wayte**

President

Newport-South Coast alumnae chapter



*Two of our members participated in this year's "Do Good" Week the week of September 13-19. We are so proud of you for participating and making a difference in your community!*



**Lynn Johsz**

*For her "Do Good" Week project, Lynn organized a "Neighborhood Watch" meeting for residents in her housing tract. Lynn secured a meeting room from a local church where policeman and an employee from the local police department spoke at the meeting to concerned citizens from her neighborhood. She provided drinks, refreshments and handouts. Thank you Lynn for participating in "Do Good" Week and your neighborhood can now be a safer place!*



**Helen Thies**

Helen took "Do Good" week to heart this year. She enlisted the entire student body at St. Joseph High School in Lakewood to join Delta Gamma and "Do Good" all week. She donated note cards and postage for them to write sincere letters of thanks to more than 300 nuns who have dedicated their lives to serving others. In addition, they had special activities every day. She worked with them to develop trendy reusable bags to be sold with the proceeds donated to nuns working with the poor in Peru - helping the environment, the nuns and the poor. Her Bunko group had a "sock - it-to-me" night where they collected over 80 pairs of socks which were put into an Anchor Treasure Chest and donated to the Share Our Selves health center along with Kleenex and hand sanitizers for distribution to those in need. Her law office joined with her to provide reward incentives for a local dance program for children with Down syndrome. She also filled a basket with Wish List items for the Blind Children's Learning Center including sun hats, neon sharpies, vibrating toys, play dough and "Record a Story" books. With so many other opportunities for service in the community, she is hoping to expand her efforts next year and get more people to join up with Delta Gamma to "Do Good."

## **Member Spotlight**

Let's learn more about one our board members!



**Susan Johnson: Columnae Chair**

**\*College, chapter & initiation date**  
UC Santa Barbara, Gamma Kappa 2008

**\*Job**  
Real Estate Professional and Pilates Instructor

**\*Company Name**  
Tamzi Richardson Real Estate, Club Pilates Costa Mesa and Huntington Beach, Boom Pilates

**\*Past positions held (as an alumnae)**  
This is my first position on the board of Newport-South Coast

**\*Family Life**  
Newly married! Enjoying life in Irvine with our flame point Siamese cat, Keem

**\*Favorite restaurant**  
Masto's Ocean Club- dry ice martinis!

**\*Favorite dg memory (collegiate or alumna)**

Spending time in the house, there was never a dull moment. I treasured getting to know my witty intelligent sisters who would become lifelong friends.

**\*Favorite TV show**  
Whatever mindless reality show is on

**\*Favorite Team**  
I'll jump on any bandwagon! Go Angels!

## 2015-2016 NSC Board Members

**President:**

Patty Wayte

**VP Finance:**

Audrey Myer

**VP Membership:**

Lauren Brown

**VP Programming:**

Karissa Braden &

Anne McNeil

**VP Communication:**

Whitney Prag

**VP Foundation:**

Nancy Ringman

**Columnae Chair:**

Susan Johnson

**City Sponsorship Chair:**

Kathy Cadarette

**Panhellenic:**

Rebeca Munoz

**Newsletter Chair:**

Taryn Peixoto

**Anchora**

**Correspondent/Public**

**Relations:**

Lynn Johsz

**Special Interest Groups:**

Helen Thies

**\*\*Webmaster\*\*:**

Please welcome our new Webmaster, Lisa Whitemore. Lisa is a new member in our chapter this year. She has been doing a great job of updating the website with a new design and adding more information. She continues to update our photos after every event, so be sure to check them out. She has become a very active member in our chapter in the short time since she relocated to Orange County. We are so lucky to have her!

## 2015-2016 Newport-South Coast Local Dues

*Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2016. Thank you to everyone who has paid local dues this year and for making this year such a success!!*

### **DUES LEVELS**

**\$125- Anchor Club\***

(See website for free events for Anchor Club members)

**\$100 Founders Circle\***

**\$75 Blue Level**

**\$50 Pink Level**

**\$25 Bronze Level**

**50+ year member (pay local dues only)**

**\*Appreciation Gift**

*(Anchor Club and Founders Circle Members will receive an appreciation gift from NSC!)*

### **TWO WAYS TO PAY DUE**

**1. Pay electronically**

- Please visit our website to pay dues electronically. There is a link that will take you to MemberPlanet when you can pay your dues in seconds. It is so easy!

**2. Pay by check**

- Make your check payable to **Newport-South Coast Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma.**
  - Mail check to our VP Finance, Joanna Faulkner, to 5155 Scholarship Irvine, CA 92612
  - Bring check to our Fall Fiesta Kick-Off on September 27!

### **NSC LOCAL CHAPTER DUES HELP PAY FOR:**

- **Member activities**
- **Mandatory national expenses and insurance**
- **Mailings**
- **Support for locate collegiate chapter, such as recruitment and bridging**

**\*\*\*NSC currently has 62 dues paying members, totaling in \$3775.83, 19 of these members are Anchor Club level! We are close to reaching and passing our membership of 64 members in 2014-2015. Thank you again to all of our amazing dues paying members!!!\*\*\***



# Founders Day 2016

## Lauren Brown – Receives NSC Stellar Award

Congratulations to Lauren Brown on being the recipient of our chapter's Stellar Award for 2016. Lauren has been a member of our chapter for 6 years and a valuable Board Member who has served as VP: Membership and our Nominating Chair for the past 2 years. Lauren has developed our New Member Packet which she sends to all new members of our chapter. As new members come into area, she works to help them connect them in various ways in the chapter. Lauren always goes above and beyond to welcome new members to our chapter. We have been successful in adding many new members coming into our area because of her stellar efforts! Lauren has proven to be a very dedicated Board Member and contributing member to our chapter.

## Lynn Johsz - Receives Cable Award of Delta Gamma

Congratulations to Lynn Johsz on receiving the Cable Award of Delta Gamma. Lynn has served our chapter since 2006 as a Board Member in the key positions as President, VP: Finance, VP: Foundation, VP: Membership, and VP: Communication. She has also served in the appointed positions of Anchora/PR and City Sponsorship Chair. Lynn has also been a Regional Alumnae Specialist (RAS) and Alumnae Development Consultant (ADC). Her knowledge, experience and dedication have been amazing assets and have helped our chapter to be an award winning chapter. Lynn continues to serve Delta Gamma and our chapter with an unwavering amount of dedication and involvement.



Newport-South Coast members at the 2016 Founders Day hosted by South Orange County at Dove Canyon Country Club.



President Patty Wayte and Lynn Johsz posing for a photo after Lynn received the prestigious Cable Award of Delta Gamma. Congratulations Lynn!!

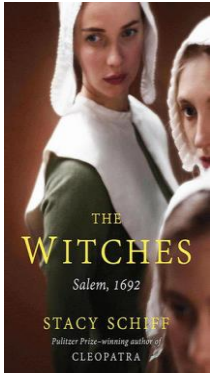
## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS (INITIATED 1966) who attended Founders Day:**

- Mary Tanton (Deede) Bemis- Alpha Nu- USC
- Linda Wallace Bergen- Alpha Nu- USC
- Diane Berry Hafer- Alpha Sigma- UCLA
- Cindy Mason Hollern- Alpha Nu- USC
- Denise Bierl Jones- Alpha Sigma- UCLA
- Catherine Roggeveen O'Connell- Alpha Pi- University of AZ



Patty, Lynn, Audrey and Helen w/ Miss California at the Founders Day with the Long Beach Alumnae Group

# She is a Circle Book Club



*The circle of women is as old as time. An energy pattern in the shape of a wheel - each woman connected to the others through her connection to the center of the circle and the center of herself. Each has an equal place on the rim of the wheel creating a space to share stories, thoughts, wisdom, compassion, laughter, tears, honesty and what she knows from her own life. A place to dream of whom she might become and how she can change the world. Join us for sharing stories... **Get in the Circle!***

*The Book Club is having a New England supper meeting on April 11th as they drop anchor in Salem, Massachusetts to discuss "The Witches: 1692" by Pulitzer Prize winning author Stacy Schiff and "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller. A spirited debate concerning the cause of the events that fateful winter and the Puritan culture is anticipated as we sip our hard cider and share our thoughts on sin, guilt, the godly life and the American Justice system. Has our court system evolved - or not? - over the last 300 years? Lots to discuss! Come join us. For more information check out Special Interests Groups on the NSC website or contact Helen Thies at [hthies1873@gmail.com](mailto:hthies1873@gmail.com) or (714) 356-5670.*

## **Coming Up:** **Bunco Fundraiser for Guide Dogs of America** **April 23, 2016**

**7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. at Shady Canyon, Irvine, CA  
Plus One Event**

**Cost: \$25 donation per person (including Anchor Club Members).**

**Donations for members and guests must be paid online at the time of your RSVP.**

**A \$50 donation (Alumnae + Guest) will feed a guide dog for one month!!**

**Anchor Club Members: Receive 10 opportunity tickets which you can use to increase your chances at winning opportunity baskets!**

**RSVP: April 18th (Monday) via MemberPlanet!**

**If you are bringing a guest, you must leave their name in the Comments Section of your online RSVP.**

**All RSVPs must be submitted by April 18th in order to be placed on the guest list for Shady Canyon.**

**Parking: You must park on Kathy's side of the street. All cars parked across from Kathy's home will be ticketed.**

**Questions? Please email [nscdeltagamma@gmail.com](mailto:nscdeltagamma@gmail.com) or contact Karissa Braden the day of the event.**



## I am looking for work!

Michele Spencer is an experienced Litigation Attorney. She has recently relocated to Irvine from San Diego. If you know of anyone with a job opening for a Litigation Attorney, please have them email her at [michele0028@yahoo.com](mailto:michele0028@yahoo.com)  
Welcome to Newport-South Coast Delta Gamma Michele!!

## Are you looking for work?

The Blind Children's Learning Center in Santa Ana is in need of credentialed teachers for their substitute teacher list. Please contact the Director Kathy Buehler if you are interested in a substitute position with them. [kathleen.buehler@blindkids.org](mailto:kathleen.buehler@blindkids.org)

### **\*\*New Special Interest Group\*\*** **Silver Sister Breakfast Club** **For Members 50+**

Calling all DGs 50 Plus (for ages 50+) to be part of our new Silver Sisters Breakfast Club! Join us for our first casual breakfast on Saturday April 2, 2016, from 9:00-10:30 AM at the home of our President, Patty Wayte. DG is for life – all stages of life - and the silver years can be the best. CONNECT with your rich DG heritage. SHARE your life experiences. RENEW yourself with the energy that comes from the friendship that sisters have. It's not too late - your best DG memory may not have happened yet. If you have any questions, please call Helen Thies at (714) 356-5670, or email at [hthies1873@gmail.com](mailto:hthies1873@gmail.com). You may also contact, Patty Wayte at (714) 402-6506 or email at [nscdeltagamma@gmail.com](mailto:nscdeltagamma@gmail.com).



We had our first event on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We enjoyed a new dish, Sweet Potato Hash Browns, some eggs, bacon and everyone went away with a Silver Sisters Favor box!!

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Destination Independence 5K Walk on May 14<sup>th</sup>!**

This will be the third year of Newport/South Coast, South Orange County and North Orange County registering with the Delta Gamma ITB Walk Team to raise funds for Blind Children's Learning Center. The Walk begins at 9 AM and will follow with activities to celebrate the senses, including a petting zoo and sensory tables for the kids. Free coffee and muffins will be at the Delta Gamma table and lunch is available for purchase. Please join us by registering or make a donation if you can. Your gift will help Blind Children's Learning Center cover such services as occupational and physical therapy, orientation and mobility, speech, counseling, independent living skills and the valuable braille and low vision instruction provided by Teachers of the Visually Impaired. Bring your friends, kids and dogs and join us for a fun time!

-- Kathy Buehler, Blind Children's Learning Center Executive Director.



### **\*UCI Delta Phi News\***

On January 30<sup>th</sup> the UCI DGs, Delta Phi, invited all alumnae for a homecoming reception at their chapter's house. We were greeted with beautiful smiling faces and tasty refreshments. Delta Phi President, Brittany Palacioz, gave us a tour of their shabby chic-coastal inspired house, which left us missing our college days! Next on the agenda is Delta Phi's senior installment, I will be there to represent the Newport South Coast Chapter and welcome the graduating DGs into alumnae status. UCI Senior Bridging is April 11<sup>th</sup>. Their A Night for Sight fundraiser is April 24<sup>th</sup> at Old Ranch Country Club. Please contact Susan Johnson if you are interested in attending.

