

NEWPORT-SOUTH COAST DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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The countdown to Christmas is full speed ahead. I hope you have enjoyed the Fall Calendar so far. Anne McNeil and Karissa Braden have done a great job in planning the first three events. We have 2 upcoming events that you don't want to miss. This is the first year we are going to Tea in December! Royal Tea and Treatery in Costa Mesa will be a lovely way to get in the Holiday Spirit and is a daytime activity this weekend. The following weekend, we will be getting together for a fun evening watching the Huntington Harbour Boat Parade out on Pam Reider's deck with the boats passing by in front of us. We will be having the Annual Gift Exchange. I have been having fun searching for that "anchor themed" gift! It's always fun to dress in holiday attire if you wish, but remember to dress warm! I hope you had a lovely holiday season with friends and family and will be embracing the start of a new year.

We have accomplished a lot the first quarter of the year. Our new board, which has 6 new members, have been working hard to insure that we have fun events, connect and meet new members, raise money for BCLC and to raise funds for our newest project, DGs for Doggies. Nancy, our VP Foundation, Anne McNeil and Karissa Braden, our Co-VP Programming, are currently looking for members who wish to help with the spring fundraiser. You may email the chapter if you would love to help.

After the busy holidays, we plan to take some time for ourselves in January, and have one of our members lead us in some exercise activities and educate us on how to take time for ourselves. There will be something informative for all. During the month of January, the Book Club will be reading books suggested for their meeting on January 25th. The inaugural night in November of the Book Club was hosted by Helen Thies. She did a wonderful job of preparing dinner, creating an opera setting, and we enjoyed the discussion about the visually impaired Opera Singer.

I hope you will attend Founders Day, March 12, where we remember our founders, honor our sisters, and celebrate the bonds of sisterhood...for hope...for strength...for life. We always honor one of our members who has gone above and beyond. If you have not been in a long time, it will provide you with an afternoon that will remind you of your college days and perhaps inspire you to put Delta Gamma back in your life. It's always important to give a "present to ourselves", and for me and other active chapter members, we all have decided to make it a priority and we are grateful for having done so.

So this holiday season as you get gifts, see if there is a "NSC Delta Gamma Gift" waiting for you to "unwrap and use" in 2016. I look forward to seeing you soon.

ITB,

Patty Wayte

President

Newport-South Coast alumnae chapter



Members from left to right:
Shelly Nagler, Deborah Follett,
and Patty Wayte

October Monthly Dine-Out

Our October Dine-Out was at the delicious Brio in Irvine. Members got to enjoy an evening out and catch up with familiar faces. Dine-Outs are a great way to ease into meeting some new NSC DG sisters. It is always fun to meet in these smaller groups so we can get to talk and know our sisters better. Our next Dine-Out will be in January 2016. NSC looks forward to what 2016 has in store!



Please visit our website,
newportsouthcoast.deltagamma.org to see
other Dine-Out plans.
We hope to see you at a
Dine-Out soon!



Member Spotlight

Let's learn more about a few of our new board members!

Karissa Braden: Co VP Programming

Karissa Braden is one of our 2 VP Programmings this year. Karissa was initiated into the Lambda Chapter at the University of Minnesota in Fall 2009. Karissa recently moved to Orange County to start her job as an RN for ICU Children's Float Pool at CHOC (Children's Hospital of Orange County). Karissa received a DG Fellowship Award for Graduate School in the summer of 2015. She is currently in graduate school to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. She is excited that once she graduates she can help people in countries with limited healthcare.

Karissa recently moved here from Chicago but is originally from Minnesota. She is very close with her family who still reside in Minnesota with their precious family dog Princess Lilly. She is passionate about learning and caring for others. During nursing school she was able to do a mission trip to Nicaragua and really enjoyed it. This encouraged her to pursue her current graduate degree.

Karissa has enjoyed vacationing in Sanibel, Florida in the winter and Sonoma/Napa in the summer. One of Karissa's favorite DG memories was the big sis/little sis revel when she got her little. She also enjoyed all bid days as a collegian. Karissa's favorite TV show is Scandal. If Karissa is going to root for a team, you will see her cheering for the Minnesota Gophers.

Thank you Karissa for everything you do for our chapter!

Anne McNeil: Co VP Programming

Anne McNeil is one of our 2 VP Programmings this year. Anne was initiated into the Epsilon Psi Chapter at Rutgers University in Spring 2010. Karissa recently moved to Orange County for her current job as a Quality Assurance Supervisor for Advanced Sterilization Products, a division of Johnson and Johnson. When she moved here a year ago, she knew nobody in California. Anne was able to find a quick home with the NSC Chapter. Anne is also involved as a volunteer coach for First Tee Orange County as well as a member of the Junior League of Orange County. Also, as a collegian, Anne was VP Member Ed at Rutgers.

Anne was born in Virginia but grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. Anne's parents and two younger sisters still reside there. She is passionate about golf (she went to college on a golf scholarship) and traveling to new places. Anne lives by the saying by Ralph Waldo Emerson, "to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived, this is to have succeeded."

Anne has enjoyed vacationing in Kauai. One of Anne's favorite DG memories was the day she found out who her big sis was. She was someone Anne looked up to and respected in the chapter and is still one of her best friends. You will see her cheering for Rutgers Scarlet Knights and the Virginia Tech Hokies.

Thank you Anne for everything you do for our chapter!



Our Current 2015-2016 NSC Board

Members

President:

Patty Wayte

VP Finance:

Audrey Myer

VP Membership:

Lauren Brown

VP Programming:

Karissa Braden &

Anne McNiel

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:

This position is currently OPEN and we would love to have you on our board.

See our

ANNOUNCEMENT

section below for more



2015-2016 Newport-South Coast Local Dues

Our fiscal year is from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

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 57 dues paying members, totaling in \$3,650! We are close to reaching and passing our membership of 64 members in 2014-2015. Thank you to all of our amazing dues paying members!!!*****

Announcements

Wanted-Webmaster

Do you have an interest in becoming a board member and getting involved? We are in need of a new Webmaster. You will be training in how to update the website and it is a job you can do that can easily fit into your schedule. It does not take much time and the website is already built. This is a good opportunity to meet members while serving on the board. Email the chapter if you are interested.

Members Over 60

Are you interested in forming a Special Interest Group to meet occasionally to get together and do spur of the moment activities? WE NEED YOU! Are you an empty nester? Are you a retiree? Love lunch? Love theatre? Want to try a new hobby? Make some new friends your age? Not over the hill yet? Let's see if we can get you involved. Join the Closed Facebook group and we can see who wants to get together. If interested, email the chapter.

RSVP'S ARE ALWAYS PROPER ETIQUETTE

Whether you are going or not, it is important to let us know and it is good etiquette. If you can respond with a Yes, No, or Maybe, your response let's others know that you care to be involved and you want to follow good etiquette. It is the correct thing to do. There are 1600 people on our database and it would be wonderful if all took the time to say Yes, No, or Maybe. Other members will often check the list of those coming before they make a final decision. We would love them to see your name on the list. The MemberPlanet program does provide us with information statistics so we can see how effective are invitations-how many invitations are opened and then compares with how many actually responded. Those who complete the process, and on a regular basic, can give us a clear picture of who wants to be involved. So remember to always RSVP. For sure, Anna, Eva, and Mary did. But they didn't have a computer with MemberPlanet or the MemberPlanet App on their phone that makes it so easy. They used to handwrite a note accepting the invitation. We have come a long way since 1873! I imagine their response rate was larger than ours. It was proper etiquette back then to RSVP. Just like then, etiquette still counts! PLEASE ALWAYS RSVP!

Are you on Facebook? Be our Friend!

If you are a Facebook user, you may join our alumnae chapter's Facebook groups. We have a public group which is open to anyone who wishes to "like" the group. We also have a new closed group you may request to join. The closed group consists of DG members who have been approved for entry based on being in the Newport-South Coast database. We are keeping the new group closed in order to provide privacy when members share information, such as event locations. We will not **post personal information (e.g. members' addresses) to the public group.** New closed Facebook group name to look for: Newport-South Coast DG Connections. Request to be added to the closed group. Open Facebook group name to look for: Newport-South Coast Delta Gamma alumnae. Just "like" this open group to see all things DG.



How can you help the Blind Children's Learning Center this holiday season?

Love holiday shopping online to avoid some of the mall madness? When you shop on Amazon this holiday season, please check out [Amazon Smile](#) and select BCLC as your charity of choice. You could help give back with a click of a button!



Dollars 4 DG Doggies

Help us earn \$5000 so we can support a puppy from breeding to graduation!

How can you help NSC DG's meet our goal?

Donate an anchor-themed item to our on-going "[Never Enough Anchors](#)" opportunities.

Participate by buy tickets for a drawing to win items "[Never Enough Anchors](#)"- Donated anchor items will be featured at each of our NSC DG meetings. Buy tickets to donate and win!



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!***

NSC "She is a Circle" Book Club had its first meeting on 11/9/15 with 5 members in attendance. Readers were treated to a candle lit Italian dinner with music and decorations based on Phantom of the Opera in honor of when Author Laurie Rubin met Michael Crawford in his signature role as the Phantom and decided she wanted to be an opera singer. We discussed her book "Do You Dream in Color? Insights from a girl without sight" and how this blind international opera singer, jewelry maker and writer refused to be defined by any limitation - facing impossible challenges. After the discussion we listened to her singing as we pondered whether dreams can really overcome barriers. Over a delicious chocolate raspberry torte cake, we discussed our 2nd book - "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham. We learned so much about each other and our holiday traditions! Then we donned our mascaraed masks and took a picture - of course!

The next meeting will be hosted by Audrey Meyer on 1/25/16 starting at 6:30 PM and will include a light dinner and "Witches Brew."

For the January meeting we are reading: (1) "The Witches Salem 1692" by Stacy Schiff - exploring female power at its most intense moment in American history - a thrilling ride in to the psyche and collective consciousness, and (2) "The Postmistress" by Sarah Blake - a sweeping best seller novel set against the background of WWII - women torn apart by war, love won and lost and loss of innocence.

Readers are welcome to join in anytime. It's a great way to make new friends and get to know your old ones better. If you can't join us - read along with us and let us know what you think. Do you have a good book to read? Let us know.

We're starting an NSC Book Exchange - If you've finished a good book and are ready to pass it on - bring it to the next book club or NSC meeting - and pick up another one.

Do you have a special interest and want to start a group? Call or e mail Helen Thies: (714) 356-5670 or hthies1873@gmail.com.

MemberPlanet



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Who is MemberPlanet? MemberPlanet has partnered with Delta Gamma to provide our alumnae organization with all the online tools we need to collect dues, communicate, grow our chapter, manage events, raise funds and much more. You will see all our invitations for Events, Dine-Outs, fundraising and more sent to our members using their system.

MemberPlanet has developed a Mobile App to keep you posted with information on events, important broadcast messages about events, and photos from events. Stay tuned for more information as we learn how to use it. In the meantime, you can download the MemberPlanet App from the App Store or Google Play and see what our chapter is currently up to. Email the chapter if you have questions about MemberPlanet.

