

DC Hannahs' News Bytes

Letter from the President

As the old saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers," and I certainly believe it. We have had more rain these past few days than in the past six months. It looks like May is going to be a lovely month!

Officer Transition went very well on April 6. We brainstormed and set some achievable goals for the upcoming year. We have some great ideas with ways to increase membership and expand our Special Interest Groups. We're also going

to switch up our chapter-wide programming events, so stayed tuned for the new and improved fall calendar!

As in years past, our SIGs typically take a break in the summer, but we will have fun chapter events planned for the summer months. Be sure to check out page 2 for our summer calendar.

Finally, I hope you will be able to join us for our 7th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Saturday, May 17! This is our big-

gest fundraiser of the year to raise money for our Foundation. This year, we will have our tasting at The Red Lounge at Tabaq Bistro. See below for details!

If I don't see you at an event this summer, I hope you have a relaxing and fun summer! I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

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Tonya Richardson,
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WDC Alumnae President

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What not to miss this month

You are invited to the WDC Delta Gamma Alumnae chapter's **7th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser** on Saturday, May 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The fundraiser will benefit Service for Sight, Delta Gamma's national philanthropy. It will be held at The Red Lounge at Tabaq Bistro, 1336 U St NW. (www.tabaqdc.com.)

Tickets are \$20 for mem-

bers and \$25 for non-members if you RSVP by May 14. For those that would like to attend and respond after May 14, the cost will be \$25. You may pay the night of the event.

Good reasons to attend this year's fundraiser:

- * indulge in a delectable assortment of gourmet cheeses and Mediterranean spreads (donated by WDC Delta Gamma)

- * enjoy happy hour specials and sample the eclectic wine list

- * mingle with DG alums, friends, and family

- * most importantly, help us raise money for Service for Sight!

All DGs, family, and friends over 21 years of age are invited.

Similar to Founder's Day, we will have a silent auc-

tion and raffle! Please contact Danielle Yates, vpprogramming@wdc-deltagamma.org, with any questions or if you're interested in helping or donating auction items. All donations are tax-deductible.



To keep up to date on WDC DG 's upcoming events, check our website, www.wcdeltagamma.org!

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Sweetpeas

Sweetpeas will meet on Friday, May 2 at 9:30 am at The National Zoo, Kids' Farm at Woodley Park! Toddlers will love the live cows, donkeys, and goats, while all ages will love the space to explore and converse. See <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/Animals/KidsFarm/visit.cfm> for details on the location, including directions. For more info or to RSVP, contact sweetpea@wcdeltagamma.org.

Book Club

Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 pm at a member's home near Chinatown/Gallery Place. For more info or to RSVP, please email Danielle Frottier at bookclub@wcdeltagamma.org.

Dineout

For info on the next Dineout event, please visit our site www.wcdeltagamma.org or email Emily at dineout@wcdeltagamma.org.

DGs in DC

The next DGs in DC meeting will be listed on the website in the next few weeks. Please contact Danielle Frottier at dgsndc@wcdeltagamma.org for further information.

Also, please let Danielle know if you are interested in organizing a trip to a Nationals game over the summer!

Summer Events Calendar!

June Summer Kickoff: Jazz in the Sculpture Garden

Meet and greet with DG alumnae and fellow DG interns/collegians at our summer kick-off. Enjoy a summer evening while listening to live, local jazz. Concerts take place in front of the Pavilion Cafe next to the grand reflecting pool and fountain. The cafe also offers a seasonal light fare menu and cold beverages during the Friday evening series.

When: Friday, June 6 at 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Sculpture Garden at the National Gallery of Art, 7th Street NW and Constitution Avenue NW

Metro: Judiciary Square (Red Line); Archives (Yellow/Green Lines); Smithsonian (Blue/Orange Lines)

Cost: Free!

July Newseum Tour

Join us for a tour of DC's newest museum dedicated to news history and journalism. The Newseum blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits.

When: Saturday, July 12 at 11 am

Where: Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001

Metro: Archives/Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter Station (yellow and green) or Judiciary Square Station (red)

Cost: \$20

August Kennedy Center Live Performance

Enjoy live music, dance, or theater in one of Washington's busiest arts facilities, presenting more than 3,000 arts performances a year. The Kennedy Center features free daily performances on its Millennium Stage to showcase a range of art forms for local Washington residents.

When: Sunday, August 3 at 5:30 p.m. (Performance starts at 6:00 p.m.)

Where: John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F Street NW, Washington DC

Metro: Foggy Bottom/George Washington University station (Blue/Orange lines)

Cost: Free!

For more info or to RSVP to any of these events, please contact Danielle at vpprogramming@wcdeltagamma.org.

Membership Update: WDC DG Launches a Facebook Group!

A common challenge for any group of friends is staying connected. Women are moving in and out of our metro area daily. For WDC DG alumnae, it's important to reach out to new potential members and keep in touch with current members in as many ways as possible. One new method is Facebook – a popular online social network that allows its members to stay connected by

labeling each other as friends or joining an online group.

The Washington, DC Delta Gamma Alumnae Facebook group is for all DG alums in the DC Metro area. It is yet another way to keep in touch, message each other, receive event reminders, post photos, and meet new DGs.

To join our alumnae group on Facebook:

- Go to www.Facebook.com
- Create a free member profile
- Search groups for Washington, DC Delta Gamma Alumnae or send a friend request to Ashly Mitchell (VP Membership).

For more info, email Ashly at vpmembership@wcdeltagamma.org

“One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.”

- Helen Keller

Panhellenic Update

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for the Panhellenic Scholarship Fund. Panhellenic has raised well over \$2,500! And the checks keep coming in!

The next Panhellenic meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7 at the home of Sandra Handleman. It will begin with a social at 7:00 pm and the meeting will

commence at 7:30 pm. For more info and directions, please contact Tiffany Waddell at panhellenic@wcdeltagamma.org.

Foundation Focus: VisionWalk 2008

Join DG alumnae, friends, and family at **VisionWalk 2008** at the Northern Virginia Community College Alexandria campus on Saturday, May 17! Registration begins at 9:00 am and the walk starts at 10:00 am.

Also, if you would like to help out the day of the race, there are opportunities to volunteer at the event like handing out water, marking the route, etc.

If you are interested in attending and/or would like to organize a carpool from the Metro, please contact Jen Olsen at vpfoundation@wcdeltagamma.org.

To register to walk:

1. Go to http://www.fightblindness.org/site/TR/Events/VisionWalkTR?fr_id=1660&pg=entry.
2. Click on "Join a Team."

3. Join the WDC Delta Gamma Alumnae "Do Gooders" team.

To make a donation to the team:

1. Go to http://www.fightblindness.org/site/TR/Events/VisionWalkTR?fr_id=1660&pg=entry
2. Click on "Donate."
3. Join the WDC Delta Gamma Alumnae "Do Gooders" team.



Well Aware: First Impressions

May is the month many college graduates make the transition from campus life to the career world. Making a good first impression and learning how to accurately gauge how others perceive you is important in your social and professional life. Let the "real you" shine through by using the following tips:

Highlight your flaws

Claim your weaknesses and stop trying to cover them up by being aware of who you are and what makes you unique. People who openly acknowledge their less-flattering traits can be viewed more positively.

Find the best angle

You need not act a certain way to gain the acceptance of an individual; there is more than one way to approach someone and get positive results. Do not pretend to be interested in something just to flatter someone. Instead, choose a topic that is interesting to both of you and begin the conversation that way.

Gossip

Jennifer Middleton's house is going to be on HGTV's "Curb Appeal!" The episode will air May 26 at 8:30 p.m. EST, and then again on May 27 at 12:30 a.m. Tune in and enjoy!

Maria Murnane, alumna of University California at Berkeley (Gamma), has published a new romantic comedy— ***Perfect on Paper!*** It tells

Group dynamics

It is difficult to judge how a particular person perceives you, but much easier to judge how you come across in general to a group of people. For example, in a job interview, you will have better chances of accurately judging whether you will be offered a job if you've met with several managers, individually or in a group, as opposed to just one interviewer.

Pick and choose

Do not worry about making a perfect impression all day every day – it can be exhausting. Instead, make sure your personality shines when it's really important (job interview, meeting the in-laws, etc.)

Know yourself

To see yourself as the world sees you, try writing down 20 sentences that start with the phrase "I am," such as "I am outgoing" or "I am intelligent." Ask a trusted friend to make her own version of the list, written as a "You are" list. Compare the lists, expecting

the tale of a single woman in San Francisco whose life is hardly perfect.

Maria says, "The target audience is any woman who has ever had a really bad date or realized halfway through the work day that her skirt is on backwards."

that the results probably will not match perfectly. Use this exercise as an opportunity for self-reflection.

Professional Impressions

Many hiring managers say the biggest interview turn-offs are gum chewing, a disheveled appearance and a lack of knowledge about the open position. A phone interview is as critical as a face-to-face interview, so never pick up another line or allow distractions during the call. Be on your best behavior before entering and after leaving an interview room. Your behavior towards receptionists and other staff members may be taken into consideration by the employer.

Wellness Resources
Health, May 2007
Career Journal, <http://www.careerjournal.com/jobhunting/interviewing/20021119-maher.html>

The book is available for purchase online at amazon.com or target.com.

