

The Beta Eta Bulletin

DELTA GAMMA | THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN | SPRING 2019



Welcome home, member class of 2018! With anchor signs in hand and smiles on their faces, the chapter waits patiently on Bid Day for all the new members to run home.

Spring in Review



Total funds raised:
\$36,000



Chapter GPA:
3.55



Sisters with 4.0:
43

Renewing the Bonds of Bronze, Pink, and Blue

Beta Eta Chapter Launches Alumnae Relations Program

Upon graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, we all leave ΔΓ with high hopes of keeping our sisterhood close to our hearts. Unfortunately, we quickly find that many new interests—careers, families, and civic activities—can create valid diversions. The day-to-day activities of life take over and, before long, we fall out of touch and begin to wonder what happened to our sisters.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

With this in mind, Beta Eta's alumnae relations program is designed to help our members stay in touch and to cultivate awareness and involvement with the chapter. Luckily, there are several elements that are key to the program's success.

- We will mail two newsletters each year, containing alumnae news, information on any upcoming events and reports on various chapter activities.
- Once a year, we will send out a biographical update that allows alumnae to update the information we have on record. In fact, many of you have received this mailing already! This is a pertinent tool in maintaining our records and our ties with one another.
- Periodically, Beta Eta will also send out vital information via email.

members hold their Monday night meetings and sisterhood events. The food service also changed to Sterling Food Service Management. In summer 2018, we updated the kitchenette by adding extra space and storage for a more modern cosmetic design. On the exterior, new patio furniture was installed to accommodate our growing chapter, and, in fall 2018, the anchor moved to a more central location in the front yard.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

We hope that through the Beta Eta alumnae relations program, your sisterly bonds are regularly renewed and strengthened. If you would like to take on a volunteer position with Beta Eta, the house corporation board is always ready to welcome new additions to our team. If you're interested, please don't hesitate to reach out at my contact information listed below.

If you haven't recently stopped by the chapter house, we highly encourage you to do so the next time you find yourself in Austin. We are continuously making updates to remain competitive with housing both on and off campus and to create a safe and welcoming environment for our undergraduate sisters.

Loyally,

Tara Chappell, Zeta Eta '96

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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

In 2016, we added a chapter room to the third floor where the active



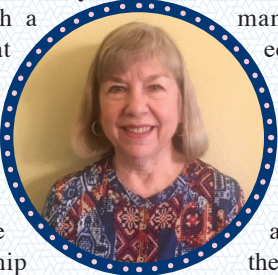
Growth and Leadership Through Beta Eta

HCB Director Barbara Saunders Clements '66 Thankful for Delta Gamma

When going through recruitment, **Barbara Saunders Clements '66** had an early interest in Delta Gamma through a close friend at Texas Tech. That friend epitomized what she was looking for in a sorority sister, and ultimately Barbara fell in love with Beta Eta because of their warmth, their musicality, and their friendliness. "Delta Gamma gave me opportunities to seek leadership roles and build my self-confidence, as well as participate in charitable activities," Barbara recalled. This inspired her to stay connected with Beta Eta through adulthood, where she serves as director of the house corporation board and is involved in the local alumnae group.

JOINING THE BOARD

Barbara joined the board along with **Gloria Fitzpatrick DeGroot '45** soon after the chapter's 75th anniversary. Gloria led the work to complete a chapter room on the third floor, and Barbara wanted to join and help with the project. "Over the last several years, I have enjoyed working to redecorate and refurbish the house," Barbara said. "Gloria is still active with the chapter, and I treasure her friendship."



CAREER SUCCESS

Now retired, Barbara reflects on her many interesting jobs related to education, despite never being a teacher! She worked numerous years as a classroom-based researcher focusing on classroom management. This led to a Ph.D. in educational psychology as well as her co-authoring two books about the field. Her later jobs included one in the Texas Education Agency, one with an education association in the D.C. area, as well as a company that developed education data collection and reporting systems in state education agencies. Barbara advises current undergraduates not to be discouraged if their first post-graduate position is not their dream job. "Do your best, learn what the job has to offer, and look for new opportunities to use your skills."

BETA ETA THEN AND NOW

One of Barbara's favorite undergraduate memories was when a sister on her floor set her up on a blind date with a friend of hers, who ended up sending his roommate on the date instead. "The guy I went out with, Rick Clements, is the man I married!" Barbara had

a wonderful time reconnecting with sisters at the 75th anniversary reunion and seeing how their lives had progressed. "As a retired person, I would love to get together with sisters when I travel, now that I have the time!"

Barbara and Rick live in Austin, Texas, where they regularly play in bridge tournaments around the state and are part-owners of a Belgium beer bar in downtown Austin. They enjoy traveling to visit their son, Kai, and his family, as well as to see friends around the U.S. and U.K. You can connect with Barbara at bsclements69@gmail.com.

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Staying Connected to Delta Gamma

Sharon Phillips Harvey '04 Reflects on the Sisterhood

Growing up, **Sharon "Paige" Phillips Harvey '04** often heard from her mother how much she loved her sorority experience. When she entered college, Paige already had many friends whom she loved and admired in Beta Eta, which made her choice easy! "I loved the sense of family and community," she said, "and the Delta Gamma house always felt like a home away from home." In order to spend more time at the chapter house and serve the chapter, Paige decided to join the house corporation board as secretary, where she is continuously impressed with the growth of Beta Eta. "The pledge classes are even bigger,

and the collegiate leaders I've worked with have all been great!"

CAREER PATHS

Paige graduated with a B.S. in corporate communication, and her $\Delta\Gamma$ connections helped her land an advertising internship right out of college, followed by a full-time job. Two years later, she made a career change and became a dance teacher; she taught dance and directed the dance team at Cedar Ridge High School in Round Rock, Texas, for four years. She now works in a consultant capacity: substitute teaching dance classes, helping teams perfect their routines, judging auditions and competitions, and teaching choreography.



only a few people in the house because it was right before a school break," Paige recalls. "We all grabbed our essentials and spent an hour or two sheltering in the basement. The house suffered some broken windows, but it ended up being a sweet bonding time!" Her other favorite moments mostly involve spending time with her sisters, lounging around and enjoying each other's company.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Paige met her husband, Adam, during her sophomore year at UT, and they have two French Bulldogs. She volunteers with Junior League and Young Life and enjoys musical theater, yoga, and dance classes. "I'd love to stay connected to my $\Delta\Gamma$ sisters because they were my closest friends for four years!" If you'd like to connect with Paige, she can be reached at sharonpaigeharvey@gmail.com

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The Chapter Management Team:
Kyla Llamas '17, Reagan Morrisey '16,
Jennifer Robinson '16, Sangeetha Dattam '17,
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Doing Good the Beta Eta Way

Active Chapter Celebrates Local and National Recognition

Beta Eta Chapter has a passion for service and a heart for those around us. This is evident in our involvement with the students from the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Students from TSBVI look forward to coming to the chapter house several times a semester and getting to know our members through our TSBVI parties. Along with dedicating our time, BH fundraised more than \$26,000 this year from our Anchor Games events: Anchor Slam, a volleyball tournament, and Anchor Splash, a synchronized swimming competition in the fall during Do Good Week. We are getting ready for our lectureship series on campus happening this fall. In order to put on this event, BH donates to the university each semester with the funds received from our semiannual fundraising event, Dessert with ΔΓ. This event brings students from all over campus to enjoy endless desserts and raised more than \$10,000 this past year.



Caroline Wood '17, Isabella Guzman '16, and Olivia Guzman '18 after enjoying a wonderful Founders Day brunch at the historic Austin Club. They each received a cream-colored rose for their outstanding involvement in the chapter.



Lauren Wallace '16, Taylor Davis '16, Natalie Manning '16, Alyssa Santiago '16, and Alyssa Osheim '16 have fun on a barge in Lady Bird Lake during their senior celebration day.



Christina Pennel '18, Mason Yarborough '18, Jane Cole '18, and Pia Sharfenburg '18 throw the Gamma while enjoying an evening boat adventure during their spring break trip.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

As for scholarship, the women of Beta Eta Chapter consistently exhibit outstanding academic excellence. We consistently have one of the top GPAs in the University Panhellenic Council, with a current overall GPA of 3.55. Thirty-five women achieved a 4.0 GPA in the fall 2018 and 43 in the spring. We also earned a ΔΓ "Lamp of Knowledge" award to recognize our achievement.

RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

The accomplishments of the chapter and its members do not go unnoticed—Beta Eta received countless awards over the course of 2018. Out of all 68 Greek organizations at UT, BH was awarded the Chapter Outstanding New Member Program, which recognizes the chapter that displays exemplary work by the new member team during the new member period.

Additionally, out of all 151 collegiate chapters, Beta Eta was awarded the Frankie Ladley Wakefield Parnassus Award at the 2018 Delta Gamma Convention for its extraordinary level of intellectual curiosity and integrity while maintaining excellence in overall scholastic programming and performance.

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!

This semester, the women of Beta Eta enjoyed Galentines and pool party sisterhood events, decorating cupcakes during Mom's Weekend, and spending time with sisters during chapter dinners. We look forward to a summer full of adventures, opportunities, and recruitment preparation.

ITB,

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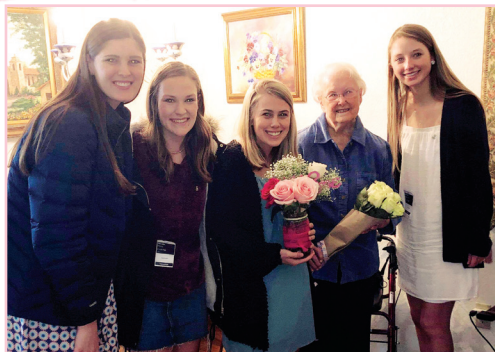
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After Founders Day brunch, Veronica Behr '17, Nicole Prinz '16, Jennifer Ferguson '16, and Jillian Gibson '18 visited and honored fellow Beta Eta, Lillian Baggett Brown '40, on her 80th year of membership.



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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumnae and parents. If your daughter is still attending the University of Texas, she will receive a copy at the chapter house. If she has graduated, please send her new address to update our records. Thank you.

Alumnae News

Georgan De La Fosse Wheat's '44 favorite Delta Gamma memory is living with three of her sisters on the second floor of the chapter house. "We kept up with each other, and at night when we all came home, it was fun hearing what each other did, where they went... and if they liked their date!" Georgan lives in Abilene, Texas.

Sidney Taylor McKenzie '49 has enjoyed her association with Delta Gamma and still feels it is the best sorority ever! She is still active as a certified appraiser of personal property and lives in Houston, Texas. Email: mcgalsidsr@aol.com

Corinne Orr Carlisle '57 downsized and moved to a new patio home in Northgate Country Club in Houston, Texas after losing her husband in 2016. In 2017, she lost almost everything during Hurricane Harvey; she rebuilt and moved back in last year. "I'm alive, well for 81, and happy again!" Her favorite $\Delta\Gamma$ memories include singing in the choir, recruitment skits, and the feeling of sisterhood.

Margo Ehni Goodwin '64 is the mayor of Highland Park, Texas—the first woman elected to the office! She will also serve as co-chairman for the Dallas Junior League Centennial

Celebration, culminating in 2022. Her favorite Beta Eta memories include recruitment ("high energy fun!"), sharing meals with her sisters, and campus sing-along. Email: margo.goodwin@charter.net

Catherine Gall Parker '74 is a proud grandmother of three! Her favorite Beta Eta memories include living in the chapter house for three years, recruitment week, and the pool (which was completed at the end of her junior year). Cathy lives in Dallas, Texas. Email: longhornmom@sbcglobal.net

Kristen Sanders Emerson's '88 favorite $\Delta\Gamma$ memories include living in the chapter house for three years, Mexican lunch on Fridays, and recruitment songs. She lives in Houston, Texas. Email: kristen_emerson@hotmail.com

Delta Dinoff Schonhoft '92 works in pharmaceutical marketing, and in recent years she has focused on television advertising for patients who suffer from depression. "I love what I do and how we make a difference for patients!" Delta loves spending time with her 11-year-old daughter, yoga, surfing, and going to the beach. Her favorite Beta Eta memories include Mexican

Lunch Fridays and Anchor Splash. Email: deltanyc@yahoo.com

Stephanie Snodgrass Kelley '03 worked in New York City at MTV and McCann Erickson, where she met her husband, Jake, at a UT happy hour. They now live in Austin, Texas, and Stephanie is a stay-at-home mom with their daughters, Claire (5) and Caroline (2). Her favorite chapter house memories are the Black and White Casino Bar at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, watching *Grey's Anatomy* in the Orange Room, and Mexican Lunch Fridays. Email: stephanie.kelley10@gmail.com

Virginia Blecher Frenchs '06 shares favorite Beta Eta memories: sharing a room with her best friend, Mexican lunch on Fridays, and Preference Night with her sisters! Ginny lives in Houston, Texas. Email: virginiabfrench@gmail.com

Katherine Haycraft '13 will complete graduate school this spring with a master's in speech language pathology, with an interest in English second language acquisition. Her favorite Beta Eta memories include sunbathing on the roof and making lifelong friends. Katherine lives in El Paso, Texas. Email: kthaycraft@yahoo.com