

PEARLS BY THE LAKE

One Life. One Letter. One Love.

Convention Report

Thank you for allowing me the honor of representing our alumnae chapter at the Delta Delta Delta Convention in Phoenix, Arizona this past July.

It was an immersive two-and-a-half-day experience full of boundless excitement including sisterhood, celebrating and legislating with new and old friends. I am grateful to have gained an immense knowledge about the workings of our Fraternity. My best memory will be the palpable strength of the bonds amongst our Fraternity's membership and the effervescence of the women I met - from collegiate to Diamond Circle initiates (three!).

All 45 proposed Bylaw Amendments were passed by 217 collegiate and alumnae voting delegates. Significant amendments included 1) a change of the title Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer, keeping in step with other Panhellenic organizations, and 2) allowing the Fraternity to seek out a qualified candidate for the

CEO position. Previously, the Executive Director was required to be a Tri Delta member.

New Executive Board officers were installed, and our very own **Kristi Horner, Denison**, retired from her national-level volunteer role as Leadership Development Committee (LDC) Chair. Her many accomplishments were celebrated during the International Pansy Breakfast.

Of course, being from Cleveland, the city of champions, our alumnae chapter swept three award categories: **Alumnae Excellence in Communication**

for a medium chapter size; **Alumnae Philanthropy With Purpose (other)** for a medium chapter size; and **DRUM ROLL, PLEASE!** the most outstanding, singular award - **Crescent Award** - distinguishing our alumnae chapter as THE top alumnae chapter overall! As the award reads, we exhibit "exceptional and rewarding experiences to (our) members while maintaining a stable or increasing membership, promoting Life Loyal membership, and offering diversity of activities and schedules. (Our) chapter reflects the commitment of lifetime membership experience and the Purpose of Tri Delta."



For these awards, we received certificates and credit towards at least one free registration for the 2018 Convention in Dallas, Texas.

I would be happy to chat about my favorite speakers, what I learned from other alumnae chapters, and more. Further Convention details can be found at www.tridelta.org.

In the Bonds,
Ali Lukacsy, *Carnegie Mellon*
VP Membership

From the President's Pen

Again, it is my pleasure to serve our alumnae chapter as president! One of the highlights of my summer was learning that the alumnae chapter received national recognition at Convention 2016. My thanks to **Ali Lukacsy** for representing our chapter in the business portion of Convention! Knowing that **Ali, Jennifer Bufe, Michigan State**, and **Kristi Horner** were there to celebrate our chapter gave me great joy. While we are still growing, we continue to strengthen our sisterhood and live the purpose of Tri Delta! Please encourage a sister to get involved with our award-winning chapter.

This past year, many members contributed to the success of our chapter. Their efforts are appreciated! **Elda Krach, Toledo**, and her Bridge-A-Rama officers continued to generate funds and play bridge to support MetroHealth. **Michelle Cox, Kentucky**, served as the Bridge-A-Rama Treasurer. **Michele Vandrak, Toledo**, led our Poseidon's Readers Book Club. **Clara Mae Cain, Denison**, and **Ginny Knudsen, Miami-OH**, worked our phone tree. **Jennifer Bufe** officiated another successful Circle Degree for Ohio Wesleyan seniors and also chaired the Panhellenic Alumnae Welcoming Ceremony for John Carroll seniors. **Anne Mitchell, Cincinnati**, **Debra Dickson, Ohio Wesleyan**, and **Carol Provan, Pittsburgh**, planned Cleveland East Side activities. Many fun Delta Dates were organized by **Ali Lukacsy**, who also maintained our chapter website, www.trideltacleveland.org. In May, **Nancy Wingenbach, Florida State**, **Alice Morgan, Florida State**, **Julie Earle, Louisiana State**, **Nicole Hahn, Cincinnati**, and **Jennifer Bufe** supported the Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association Spring Scholarship Luncheon. The 2016 "Mad For Metro" Committee, led by **Nicole Hahn** included **Michelle Cox, Shanna Dunbar, UC-Irvine**, **Julie Earle, Elda Krach, Kristi Horner, Debbie Paul, Mount Union**, **Ellen Perez, Arizona State**, **Neetika Srivastava, Carnegie Mellon**, **Michele Vandrak, Renee VanLaningham, Wichita State**, **Denise Wheeler, Cincinnati**, and me. Forty kids at MetroHealth



(Continued on Page 4)

Bridge-A-Rama

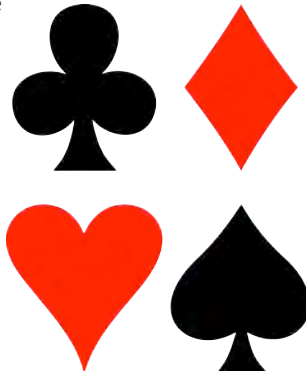


Now entering its 52nd year, Tri Delta Bridge-A-Rama continues to bring people together for a strategic game that benefits Cleveland's MetroHealth. The creator of Bridge-A-Rama, **Elda Krach**, leads a dedicated support organization! Join us in thanking the Bridge-A-Rama

officers and administrative staff:

DIRECTOR: Elda Krach
DATA BASE COORDINATORS: Pat Suchy and Janet Pavlich
GENERAL INFO: Sue Paine
RESTAURANTS: Janet Pavlich
CO-TREASURERS: Michelle Cox and Nancy Grant, Kentucky
TYPIST: Nancy Kreigh
COORDINATORS: Madonna Chesney, Sue Paine, Pam Carnahan, Janet Pavlich, Stephanie Policy, and Cindy Lund

We are deeply grateful to these women who continually provide the structure for more than 650 people to play bridge in the greater Cleveland area. Bridge-A-Rama has raised more than \$1 Million for MetroHealth. We applaud their loyalty to the game of bridge. Cheers to more years of bridge and philanthropy!



St. Jude Walk/Run- September 24th

Join our fight to end childhood cancer.



Entering its fifth year, Cleveland is hosting the **St. Jude Walk/Run to Cure Childhood Cancer** at a new location. The outdoor event will be held at Edgewater Park, Cleveland. Registration is open to join our **Delta Delta Delta Cleveland** team. We need your help to grow our team, as well as reach our fundraising goal of \$800. On the shores of Lake Erie, we'll have fun and help the patients at St. Jude. We won't give up

the battle against cancer. Register using the code SILVER at <http://tinyurl.com/ddd4stjude2016>.

Pay your dues by November 1st!

Financial Report

Thanks to everyone who paid dues last year- we had nearly 50 dues paying members! It's time again to support our chapter and pay dues by November 1st. This will maintain your active member status, so you continue to receive *The Trident*. All those who attend the September meeting will receive a Tri Delta car decal. Pay your Tri Delta dues ON or BEFORE September 20th to be automatically entered in a drawing to win FREE attendance to Founders' Day or Pansy Luncheon. Dues remain at \$40/\$20 Life Loyal - no increase!

We maintain a stable financial position. Your loyal support enables us to donate to MetroHealth Foundation, Delta Delta Delta Foundation, and Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association.

Remember: If you make a reservation and do not cancel by 6:00 pm the Sunday prior to the event, you will be responsible for payment. As always, wine is \$1 per glass.



Planning to buy something on Amazon? Start first with our link: <http://www.amazon.com/?%5Fencoding=UTF8&tag=cletridelalu-20>
 Your purchases earn funds for our Alumnae Chapter! Thank you!

SISTER NEWS

- **Liz Boham, Ohio Wesleyan**, is expecting a baby boy in September 2016.
- **Erica Cape, Toledo**, began working as a registered nurse at Akron Children's Hospital.
- **Sarah Ewing, Toledo**, along with her husband and two children moved into a new home in Northfield, OH.
- **Jessica Goad, Toledo**, relocated to Phoenix, AZ where she started a teaching position.
- **Nancy Grant, Kentucky**, welcomed a great-granddaughter, Addie, on January 7th, 2016.
- **Ali Lukacsy**, is marrying Stephen Love in October.
- **Tracy Stewart, UTexas-Dallas**, moved home to Texas.
- Welcome **Wendy Stummer, Cornell**, who will serve as our chapter's sunshine chair.
- **Lisa Taylor, Central Florida**, moved to Cambridge, MA as a Postdoctoral Resident at the Edith Nourse Rodgers Memorial VA Hospital.
- **Jeannine Volchko, Pittsburgh**, recently moved with her husband into a new home in North Ridgeville, OH.

Please share your news with Jeannine Volchko at TriDeltaCle@gmail.com



CAPA Corner

Hats off to CAPA! In August 2016, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) recognized the Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Association (CAPA) with a *Citation of Merit* (achievement in areas of Panhellenic spirit, undergraduate relations and recruitment information) and for *Programming Excellence* (achievement for outstanding activities and events, e.g., sisterhood programming, fundraisers, philanthropy activities and scholarship programming). As Delta Zeta takes over the presidency from Zeta Tau Alpha, expect this high level of success to continue!

Kathrina Consing, *Loyola Marymount*, takes over from **Nicole Hahn** as our voting delegate for CAPA. Many thanks to **Nicole!** **Jennifer Bufe** remains as our alternate delegate. Both **Kathrina** and **Jennifer** are serving on the College Liaison Committee, and **Jennifer** is chairing the Programming Committee. In June, **Jennifer** presented "CAPA and the Importance of Alumnae Panhellenics" to over 50 alumnae chapter presidents at Alpha Phi's biennial convention held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. We thank **Julie Earle** who continues as a Trustee of the CAPA Endowment Fund (CAPEF), which manages CAPA's scholarship monies.

All CAPA meetings will now be held on second Thursday of the month in the third floor conference room of the AAA Building in Independence. September, January, February, and March will be 11:30am-1pm. October, November, April and May will be 5:30pm-7pm. All alumnae are welcome to attend. Be sure to visit our soon-to-be updated website, www.clevelandpanhellenic.org.

Special CAPA Dates

- **Thursday, January 26th @ 6pm** – Third Annual Panhel Happy Hour at Market Garden Brewery
- **Monday, March 6th** – International Badge Day
- **Saturday, May 20th** – Spring Scholarship Luncheon

CAPA College Liaison (Recruitment and Outreach)

- **Sunday, September 18th** (time TBA) – Baldwin Wallace
- **Saturday, September 24th @ 1pm** – Kent State
- **Sunday, October 2nd @ 11:45am** – John Carroll
- **January or February** – Collegiate Officer Training at Case Western Reserve
- **April** – Senior Welcoming Ceremony at John Carroll

CAPA Community Service

- **November** – Goods/funds collected in October and at Founders' Day will be donated to a local charity. Details TBA.
- **Monday, February 27th @ 6pm** – Cleveland Food Bank with Panhellenic Council of Case Western Reserve

CAPA Fundraising (Scholarship)

- **Fall** – September-November – Mixed Bags Design
- **Spring** – Raffle Basket and Silent Auction at Spring Scholarship Luncheon

MetroHealth Update

MetroHealth has been busy this summer with the grand opening of the Brecksville Health & Surgery Center; the onsite medical support for the 2016 Republican National Convention; and their third annual "Premie Day" celebration. In July, the new Critical Care Pavilion opened as part of the main medical campus transformation.

Last year, in addition to donations of children's books and handmade fleece pillowcases, both our alumnae chapter and Tri Delta Bridge-A-Rama gave generously to the MetroHealth Foundation. In addition to proceeds from the March "Mad for Metro" event, funds were raised through bridge playing fees and direct donations. These monies were used to purchase school supplies for patients. The Child Life and Education Department also replaced broken controllers for their Xbox360 videogame system. Future plans include a new television and adding another game system to allow more children access during their hospital stay. Children in the hospital will be treated to events, such as a Labor Day Air Show party, complete with aviation-themed crafts and snowcones.

Luann Maynard, *MetroHealth Philanthropy Officer*, said in an August Olympics-themed letter to us,

"Since the 1960's you have been inspiring the patients, physicians and staff of MetroHealth with your gifts and support. You have impacted and improved hundreds of lives through your giving to the Burn Unit and Child Life Patient Care, Education, and Research Fund. The goal of this letter is to say **thank you**. To say congratulations, you have just won a marathon, done a vault better than anyone else; you scored the game-winning goal!"

*The "Mad for Metro" Committee wants your input!
Planning meeting:
Wednesday, September 7th @ 7pm
The Market, 1137 Linda St, Rocky River 44116*

2016-2017 Executive Committee

President	Kathy Woolner	kpw{at}woolner.com
Vice President Administration	Jeannine Volchko	jeannine.a.thompson{at}gmail.com
Vice President Finance	Ellen Perez	e.ingmand{at}gmail.com
Vice President Membership	Ali Lukacsy	alukacsy{at}gmail.com
Co-Vice Presidents Programming	Shanna Dunbar Michele Vandrak	shannadunbar{at}gmail.com michele.vandrak{at}gmail.com
Panhellenic Rep.	Kathrina Consing	kpc33{at}case.edu

(President's Pen- Continued From Page 1)

received pillowcases made by **Shanna Dunbar**, **Ali Lukacsy**, **Tracy Stewart**, *Texas-Dallas*, **Wendy Stummer**, *Cornell*, and **Michele Vandrak**. Our event hostesses, including **Pat Bennett** (*Elda Krach's friend*), **Michelle Cox**, **Shanna Dunbar**, **Ellen Perez**, **Maureen Stanner**, *Cincinnati*, **Rachel Van Meter**, *Pennsylvania*, *La Campagna Westlake*, and *MetroHealth Hospital* showed us tremendous hospitality. Nominating Committee, consisting of **Jennifer Bufe**, **Nancy Grant** and **Lynn Twarog**, *Illinois*, slated our new officers. Finally, our Executive Committee focused on sustaining our wide variety of activities and building on Tri Delta sisterhood. Thank you!

2016-2017 will be an exciting year, and I hope you will join us. Tri Delta is always here for you- participate when you have an opening in

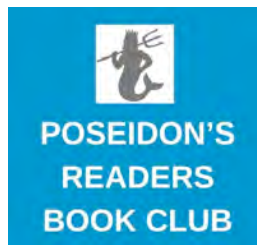


TRI DELTA

your schedule or when an event peaks your interest! You'll discover that you already have a connection with the diverse and interesting women of our alumnae chapter. The Executive Committee is available if you have any questions or suggestions. See you soon!

Loyally,
Kathy Woolner, *Jacksonville*
President

Poseidon's Readers



Come as you are and bring a friend! Even if you haven't finished the book, you are invited to listen and participate.

Contact **Michele Vandrak** to receive upcoming book club information.

Founders' Day



Join us at the Cleveland Yacht Club in Rocky River on Saturday, November 5th to celebrate Founders' Day. Enjoy time with sisters and new friends as we honor the values

upon which our Fraternity was founded. Special guest, **Sagan Woolner**, will entertain us on the piano while we share a delicious meal. Don't forget to stop by the Delta Shop! We will also feature pansy china, generously donated by **Jan Futhy**, in a silent auction. Poinsettia orders will be due. Keep a look out for your formal invitation in the mail. Send your RSVP to **Michele Vandrak** by October 28th.

DELTA DELTA DELTA CLEVELAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER

c/o Kathy Woolner, President
29990 Adams Lane
Westlake, OH 44145



First Chapter Event is Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30!
See you there!

TriDeltaCle@gmail.com · www.trideltacleveland.org

2016 - 2017 Event Calendar

EASTSIDE HAPPY HOUR

Monday, **Sept. 12th** @ 7:00 pm · Food and Drink on Own
Gigi's on Fairmont · 3477 Fairmont Blvd, Cleveland Heights, 44118

"CITY OF CHAMPIONS" FALL CELEBRATION

Tuesday, **Sept. 20th** @ 6:30 pm · \$15*
Beach House Condos, Party Room
22500 Lake Rd, Rocky River, 44116

CHILI'S DONATE THE PROFITS DAY TO ST. JUDE

Wednesday, **Sept. 21st** @ 7:00 pm · Food and Drink on Own
RSVP to TriDeltaCle@gmail.com. All Chili's locations participate.
Chili's, 25061 Country Club Rd, North Olmsted, 44070
Sisters, Friends, Family

ST. JUDE RUN/WALK

Saturday, **Sept. 24th** @ 7:30 am · \$10 Registration + Fundraising
Use code SILVER online to waive registration fee.
Edgewater Park, 6500 Cleveland Memorial Shore, Cleveland, 44102
Sisters, Friends, Family

PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, **Oct. 7th** @ 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm · Bring Dish or Drink to Share
Wear your comfy clothes and slippers to just hang out.
Kristi Horner's House · Chagrin Falls, 44023

REINVENTING YOU

Tuesday, **Oct. 18th** @ 6:30 pm · \$15*
Special guest speaker
Party Room at The Westlake · 19000 Lake Rd, Rocky River, 44116

POSEIDON'S READERS BOOK CLUB

Sunday, **Oct. 23rd** @ 4:30 pm · FREE
"Brain on Fire" by Susannah Cahalan
Pier W · 12700 Lake Ave, Lakewood, 44107

FOUNDERS' DAY

Saturday, **Nov. 5th** @ 11:30 am – 2:00 pm · \$25*
Cleveland Yachting Club · 200 Yacht Club Dr, Rocky River, 44116

DELTA DATE: "GUYS & DOLLS" & DINNER

Friday, **Nov. 11th** @ 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm · Price TBD
Support sister Jan Futhy. Dinner @ Burntwood in Brecksville before
49 Public Square, Brecksville, 44141
Sisters, Friends, Family

EASTSIDE HAPPY HOUR

Monday, **Nov. 14th** @ 7:00 pm · Food and Drink on Own
Village Martini & Wine Bar · 516 E Washington St, Chagrin Falls 44022

POSEIDON'S READERS BOOK CLUB

Sunday, **Nov. 27th** @ 3:00 pm · FREE
2017 Book Planning · Children's Book Drive
Burntwood Tavern · 19304 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, 44116

DELTA DATE: POLAR EXPRESS "ELF" VOLUNTEERING

Wednesday, **Dec. 7nd** @ 6:00 pm · FREE
After elf-ing retreat to Winking Lizard for drinks/dessert
Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad- Peninsula, Ohio
Sisters, Friends, Family

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

Tuesday, **Dec. 13th** @ 6:30 pm · \$15*
Michelle Cox · Rocky River, 44116

DELTA DATE: DINNER & A MOVIE

Wednesday, **Jan. 11th** @ TBD
Warm up with a blockbuster hit and dinner
AMC Westwood · 21653 Center Ridge Rd, Rocky River 44116

WINE-TASTING MULTI-COURSE DINNER

Tuesday, **Jan. 17th** @ 6:30 pm · \$25*
La Campagna · 27337 Detroit Rd, Westlake, 44145

POSEIDON'S READERS BOOK CLUB

Sunday, **Jan. 22nd** @ 2:00 pm · FREE
Wine Bar · 1313 Linda St, Rocky River, 44116

PANHELLENIC HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, **Jan. 26th** @ 6:00 pm · Price TBD
Market Garden Brewery · 1947 W 25th St, Cleveland 44113

DELTA DATE: FLOWER ARRANGING

Thursday, **Feb. 9th** @ 6:00 pm · Price TBD
Valentine's Day flower arranging with sister Melissa Grannetino
Melissa Grannetino's House · Cleveland, 44114

PROTECT YOURSELF!

Tuesday, **Feb. 21st** @ 6:30 pm · \$15*
Special guest Alan Ritvo on self defense. Wear comfy clothes.
St. Peter's Episcopal Church · 18001 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, 44107

PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, **March 3rd** @ 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm · Bring Dish or Drink to Share
Wear your comfy clothes and slippers to just hang out.
Ellen Perez's House · Rocky River, 44116

METROHEALTH DINNER & TOUR

Tuesday, **March 14th** @ 6:30 pm · FREE
MetroHealth Hospital · 2500 MetroHealth Dr, Cleveland 44109

POSEIDON'S READERS BOOK CLUB

Sunday, **March 19th** @ 2:00 pm · FREE
Graffiti Social Kitchen · 1261 W 76th St, Gordon Square, 44102

MAD FOR METRO FUNDRAISING EVENT

Friday, **March 24th** @ 7:00 pm
Vosh · 1414 Riverside Dr, Lakewood, 44107

SAVE THESE DATES!

April 8th - OHIO WESLEYAN CIRCLE DEGREE
April 11th - DELTA DATE: CUPCAKE BAKING & DECORATING
April 24th - HAPPY HOUR WITH PI BETA PHI SISTERS
April 29th - PANSY LUNCHEON CELEBRATION*
May 7th - POSEIDON'S READERS BOOK CLUB
May 16th - MERRY MONTH OF MAY
May 20th - CAPA SPRING SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON*
May 25th - DELTA DATE: TAKE A HIKE
June 13th - PEARLS, PINES AND PANSIES PARTY
June 27th - YOUNG ALUMNAE HAPPY HOUR
July 9th - POSEIDON'S READERS BOOK CLUB
July 22nd - DELTA DATE: BAY POINT RESORT & MARINA IN MARBLEHEAD

COLOR CODING FOR EVENT CALENDAR**TRI DELTA CHAPTER EVENTS****DELTA DATES, PAJAMA PARTIES AND ALUMNAE HAPPY HOURS****POSEIDON READER'S BOOK CLUBS****CLEVELAND ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC ASSOC. EVENTS****OTHER TRI DELTA EVENTS**

*Includes catered meal.

Delta Delta Delta Alumnae Dues and Directory

Please print clearly and complete form in its entirety.

Directory will be updated and distributed to local dues-paying members.

DIRECTORY DATA

Name _____ Initiation School & Year _____

Address _____ Birthday (Month & Day) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Home Phone _____

*E-mail _____ Occupation _____

Cell Phone _____ Spouse's Name _____

Are you new to the Northeastern Ohio area? _____

**All members will receive the biannual newsletter, monthly meeting/event invitations, and membership directory electronically.*

ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION

Please make your check payable to *Delta Delta Delta*.

_____ Alumnae Membership (chapter and national dues) = \$40

_____ National Dues only = \$20

_____ Life Loyal (pays chapter dues only)* = \$20 *Life Loyal Membership Number: _____

_____ Patron Membership (assists financially) = \$60

In addition to my dues, I would like to contribute to:

- ☐ Alumnae Chapter Ways & Means: \$ _____
- ☐ Delta Delta Delta Foundation: \$ _____
- ☐ MetroHealth/Delta Delta Delta Endowment Fund: \$ _____

Please note: Delta Delta Delta is a nonprofit organization, However, dues and donations to our alumnae chapter are NOT tax deductible. Any contributions made with your dues will be remitted to the recipient as a Chapter donation.

GET INVOLVED

- ☐ **Poseidon's Readers:** book club discussion group
- ☐ **Delta Dates:** social activities around town
- ☐ **Philanthropy:** children's cancer charities and MetroHealth Hospital
- ☐ **Ways & Means:** fundraising for our Alumnae Chapter
- ☐ **Young Alumnae Interest Group:** activities for young alumnae
- ☐ **Let us know what you want:** _____

Send completed form and payments to:

Ellen Perez, V. P. Finance
2720 Northview Rd.
Rocky River, OH 44116

Membership Questions:

Ali Lukacsy, V. P. Membership
856.889.6015
alukacsy@gmail.com

Experience the power of purpose this year with the Delta Delta Delta Cleveland Alumnae Chapter

2016-17 SISTERHOOD SPOTLIGHT We want to shine a light on you!

This is totally optional, but we want to REALLY know each member of our growing chapter.

Answers will be published on our website @ <http://trideltacleveland.org/welcome/sister-spotlight/>

>>> *Respond to some or all of the questions below. Attach an additional page if you need.* <<<

Growing up, what was your dream job?

What is the coolest thing that you collect?

What is the most unique vacation you have had? Where was it? What made it unique?

Share one of your favorite collegiate memories.

If you could spend one day with any one person (alive or dead), who would it be and why?

What is your favorite item of Tri Delta memorabilia?

What's the craziest job you've ever had?

Children (ages) and/or pets?

Hometown?

What's on your nightstand?

What do you like best about Northeast Ohio?

Favorite cocktail/drink?

Favorite local restaurant?

What's on your bucket list?