

What's the *BUZZ*?

This edition of *The Buzz* is bursting with Gamma Phi Beta news, updates and achievements! Keep your members connected by posting, forwarding or announcing the latest *Buzz* on your Web sites, bulletin boards or newsletters.

Send your chapter's award-winning news to nnelsestuen@gammaphibeta.org by **October 20** to be included in the next great edition!

Participate in National Hazing Prevention Week

The last week in September is Hazing Prevention Week at campuses across North America. Gamma Phi Beta strongly encourages all chapters to actively participate in anti-hazing education. For ideas and planning documents, visit www.hazingprevention.org. Also, plan a night in with your chapter and watch the "**Response Ability**" DVD (each chapter received a copy last fall) to learn effective hazing intervention skills and tools. Contact International Headquarters to purchase an additional copy of the DVD.

Our Sorority is committed to the prevention of hazing and views any form as a violation of our mission and purpose. When trying to determine if an activity is hazing, ask yourself the following:

- Would I feel comfortable participating in this activity if my parents were watching?
- Would we get in trouble if the Dean of Students walked by?
- Am I being asked to keep these activities secret?
- Am I doing anything illegal?
- Does participation violate my values or those of my organization?
- Is it causing emotional distress or stress of any kind to myself or others?

To anonymously report suspected instances of hazing, call the Anti-Hazing Hotline at 888-NOT-HAZE (888-688-4293).

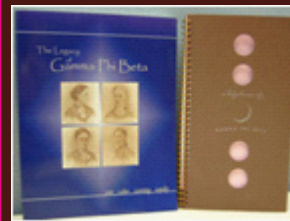
We want all of our members to have a healthy, safe and productive Sorority experience! Take a stand and help eradicate hazing in the Greek community.

Make Your
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on Hazing
Prevention!



Job Opportunity at International Headquarters

International Headquarters, located in Centennial, Colorado, is currently accepting applications for the Event Assistant position. To learn more about this position or to apply, go to www.gammaphibeta.org and select the "Job Opportunities" icon on the home page.



Are your New Members Prepared?

Has your chapter purchased the new member manual *A Lifetime of Gamma Phi Beta* and our history book, *The Legacy of Gamma Phi Beta* for each new member of your chapter? Both are required materials for membership, and it is the new member educator's responsibility to make sure these are ordered.

Don't let your new members miss out! To order your chapter's supply, log on to www.gammaphibeta.org. Cost is \$25 for both books.

Register for the House Corporation Board (HCB) Conference!

Gamma Phi Beta's second HCB Conference will be held October 16-18 in Kansas City, Missouri. Specifically designed for HCB members, the conference will provide useful resources, presentations and advice from housing and financial professionals and lots of fun!

Online registration is available on the home page of www.gammaphibeta.org. For questions, contact Kay Wilms, Housing Administrator, at kwilms@gammaphibeta.org.

Protect ΓΦΒ's Name!

Did you know that Gamma Phi Beta Sorority owns our name, Greek letters, crest and badge? We're doing all we can to protect our registered trademarks, but we need your help!

We encourage all members to purchase Gamma Phi Beta merchandise only from vendors who carry the Greek Licensed Product seal. They provide the only legal way to purchase official, quality merchandise bearing our Sorority's insignias. To access a list of our current licensed vendors, visit www.greeklicensing.com.

2008-2009 Foundation Gift Update



The Foundation would like to begin our 2009-10 fiscal year with an enormous **thank you!** Because of our donors' loyalty and passion for our mission – to support and inspire the lifelong development of women – our 1874 Society gifts increased more than \$4,000 and our annual fund gifts were up almost \$21,000 over the previous fiscal year. Camp Fire USA donations increased by more than \$16,000, partially due to an increase in supplemental funds.

Supporting your Gamma Phi Beta Foundation helps to ensure a firm financial footing and a strong future for your Sorority! Be part of the Foundation's 50th Anniversary celebration by making your gift today. Call the Foundation at (303) 799-1874, or donate online at www.gammaphibeta.org by clicking on the "Donate to Foundation" tab.

Has your Chapter Updated its Web site?

Chapters, make sure your Web site is listed correctly on www.gammaphibeta.org. Potential new members can check out your site during recruitment and it's also a great way for parents to stay connected. E-mail webmaster@gammaphibeta.org to make needed changes.

Alumnae Reminders

All forms previously available in alumnae packets are now only available via the ΓΦΒ Web site in the "ΓΦΒ Forms" section.

Alumnae chapters and groups, please have all active members complete the Alumna Service Record Form, which can be found on the home page of the ΓΦΒ Web site by clicking the "ΓΦΒ Forms" tab; mail.gammaphibeta.org/OnlineForms/. Completed forms can aid alumnae groups by identifying deserving alumna award recipients each spring.

Sponsor an Alumna Initiate!

Any outstanding woman interested in becoming a Gamma Phi Beta alumna initiate must first complete the new Potential Alumna Initiate Interest Form #30a. The form can be found on the home page of the ΓΦΒ Web site by clicking the "ΓΦΒ Forms" tab; <http://mail.gammaphibeta.org/OnlineForms/>.

Additionally, the Alumnae Initiate Program has been refined; detailed information will be provided in collegiate and alumnae officer packets available this fall. For more information about the program, contact info@gammaphibeta.org.

Alumnae Updates

Congratulations to our newest chapter, **Charleston Alumnae Chapter**, installed August 30! Notes of congratulations can be sent to President Jennifer Rone, 1150 Hungryneck Blvd Suite C317, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 or jenirone@yahoo.com.

Alpha Alpha Chapter (Toronto) will be celebrating its 90-year anniversary October 24 at the chapter house. To join the festivities, or for more information, contact gtacrescent@gmail.com.

Epsilon Gamma Chapter (San Diego) is commemorating 25 years as a chapter October 16-17. Please contact CindaLucas@gmail.com for more information.

Accolades

Tony-winning singer and actress **Kristen Chenoweth** (Oklahoma City) is scheduled to appear as a guest judge on "American Idol"! She will join regular judges Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson and Kara DioGuardi to determine which contestants will advance past preliminary auditions and compete in Hollywood. We can't wait to watch!



Congratulations to **Alyson Levy** (Bridgewater State) for being crowned Miss Southcoast 2009. We are proud of you, Alyson!

Susanne Sexton Walker (California Polytechnic State) was selected to compete in 'Nation's Next Top Model Home,' a web-based reality competition that challenges seven designers to decorate new model homes. Weekly webisodes showcase Susanne's work through interviews, personal video blogs and journals. Vote for her work at www.NationsNexttopModelHome.com. Gamma Phi Beta is cheering for you, Susanne!

Chapter Highlights

The ladies of **Delta Tau Chapter** (Colgate) visited Camp Lookout to present their donation of \$2,500 which they raised by holding a University-wide soccer tournament. The president of the camp's board of directors commended the chapter saying, "The Sorority has supported the camp over the years, and we are very thankful for the good work these young women do each year for children around Madison County." Way to go, Delta Tau Chapter!

Delta Sigma Chapter (Florida Institute of Technology) became the first organization at its University to achieve a cumulative 3.0 GPA and has sisters actively involved in more than 22 campus organizations. Keep up the great work!

The women of **Gamma Epsilon Chapter** (Puget Sound) are academic whizzes! The chapter has held the highest cumulative GPA for the entire Greek community seven of the past nine semesters. Awesome!

Delta Delta Chapter (California State-Fullerton) opened its successful study program to the entire Greek community, providing tutors and workshops. Additionally, members of the chapter are helping Greek organizations on campus create similar academic programs. Way to go; you ladies are Greek leaders!

Deadlines

Collegians September 15

-Form #15 Monthly Financial Statements

Fall

-Form #5 Reaffirmation Pledge (due after first formal meeting to regional coordinator)

-Form #9/13 Collegiate New Member First Installment Membership Fees and International Building Fund Remittance (due within seven days of Bid Day)

-Form #64 Membership Vice President's Recruitment Report (due immediately after Bid Day)

-Form #111 New Members to be Initiated (due three weeks prior to Lifetime Commitment Week)

-Form #117 Pledging Ritual Report (due to regional coordinator one week after each ritual event, except formal meetings)

-Form #120 Chapter Retreat Summary (due one week after sisterhood retreat)

-Recruitment statistics (due immediately after Bid Day)

October 1

-Form #62a Chapter Profile

-Form #12 Officers List (if any officers or contact information has changed)

-Chapter GPA from previous spring/winter terms

-Deadline submission for winter issue of *The Crescent*

October 15

-Payment of membership dues (\$50 per initiated member)

-Form #15 Monthly Financial Statements

-Form #51 Alcohol Policies Acknowledgement

-Form #52 Visitation Policy Acknowledgement

-Collegiate Membership and International Dues Report

-Form #46 Greek-letter Annual Chapter Budget

House Corporation Board September 25

-Registration deadline for HCB Conference

Fall

-Form #36 HCB Safety/Security Checklist (due two weeks after school starts)

-Form #45 HCB Officers List (due immediately following elections)

Alumnae October 1

-Deadline submission for winter issue of *The Crescent*