

# RHO Ramblings

## Improvement Projects Vital to Chapter's Future

### Rho Chapter Needs Your Support to Update Our Facility



Above: A water-damaged ceiling in desperate need of repair. Below: The waiter door wall is falling down.



In an effort to save money for the sprinkler system, we held an alumnae cleaning day over the summer and saved \$3,200. Several Rho alumnae spent hours cleaning every inch of the chapter house—it was eye opening to say the least. While I knew the house was aging and had problems, I was surprised to witness room after room with chipped paint, faded carpet, and dated light fixtures. I would like to thank our dedicated alumnae who braved the heat and dust: **Jill Andersen '98, Mary Beth Golemo, Omega '70, Allison Nepper Hales '93, Neila Henson '68, Linda Leave, Kappa '75, Jessica Grandfield Reis '00, and Connie Ringlee '66.** We were fortunate to have many undergrads and parents to help, and I thank them for their efforts.

Together, we must help Rho Chapter grow. We have raised \$37,117 thus far and the momentum is building as we respond to Rho Chapter's needs. I appreciate your commitment and ask you to remember Rho in your annual giving. If you have not had the opportunity to give, now is the time. Your donation can make a big difference in our progress.

I am excited about the new beginnings for Rho Chapter. We undoubtedly will have our challenges, but in the end will have an even stronger chapter with an updated facility—a house worthy of being called a home to the vibrant and talented young women lucky enough to walk through the door at 2118 Sunset Drive. As always, if you have questions or would like to contribute your time and talent, please contact me.

Loyally in Epsilon Pi,  
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P.S. On August 11, the city of Ames experienced record flooding. Much of the city was under water and Rho Chapter was not spared. Due to the extreme ground saturation, we had water in about one-third of the basement. We are now working to replace the carpet and repair the damage. This further adds to our need for your support.

## Chapter Excels at Scholarship and Recruitment

- Rho Earns Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average
- 29 New Members Welcomed

Few things inspire such Alpha Gam pride as the friendly competition of Greek Week. The women of Alpha Gamma Delta paired with the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Acacia to show Greekland their competitive spirit and drive.

VEISHEA celebrations were held April 12-18. During the week, women participated in various events, held leadership positions, attended concerts, and took in the parade.

As May approached, April showers did bring flowers, just in time to celebrate Roses Week and welcome new initiates, **Erin Fosselman '10** of Boone, Iowa, and **Alicia Snyder '10** of Carroll, Iowa. Then

it was time to wish our graduates well during Senior Week, as they left ΑΓΔ for new adventures.

Members wrapped up the semester with hours of studying, presentations, and preparing for finals. The hard work paid off as our 2010 cumulative G.P.A. was an impressive 3.4—the highest average of any ISU Greek chapter!

In June, Rho Vice President of Finance **Felicia Wenell '07** and I were privileged to attend the AGD International Convention in Tampa, Florida. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to meet Alpha Gams from across the country and learn new ideas to

improve Rho. We were incredibly proud to bring home these awards: Five Star Chapter, Quota and Total, Member Development Honor Roll, Rose Bowl Honor Roll, Strive for Pi, Jewel Society for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, and Annulet Honorable Mention.

August 19 marked the end of recruitment with Bid Day, and Rho joyously welcomed 28 members! From recruitment to scholarship, you can see our women continue your legacy of success at Rho Chapter.

Loyally in Epsilon Pi,  
**Katie Munn '07**, Chapter President  
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# Welcome, New Members

Rho Chapter is happy to announce one of its largest pledge classes in recent history, 28 new members! Thank you to all alumnae who wrote recruitment and legacy information forms and assisted with recruitment.

**Kallen Anderson**  
Ames, Iowa  
Dietetics, Family and Consumer Sciences

**Victoria Andresen**  
Holstein, Iowa  
Human Sciences

**Carly Bormann**  
Charlotte, Iowa  
Engineering

**Melodie Bou**  
Muscatine, Iowa  
Business

**Breanne Brousil**  
Dixon, Ill.  
Athletic Training

**Courtney Cronk\***  
Royal, Iowa  
Early Child Education  
(Sister **Madison Cronk '07**)

**Lauren Darnold**  
Waverly, Iowa  
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

**Lisa Dennis**  
Sioux City, Iowa  
Psychology

**Angela Dunlay**  
Webster City, Iowa  
Engineering

**Maggie Gehris**  
Iowa Falls, Iowa  
Interior Design

**Lizzy Gervis**  
Waukee, Iowa  
Kinesiology

**Kelley Glanz**  
Manchester, Iowa  
Public Service and Administration

**Kendra Greenfield\***  
Johnston, Iowa  
Accounting  
(Sister **Megan Greenfield Seifert '02**)

**Hillary Hayes**  
Garner, Iowa  
Dietetics

**Monica Hernandez**  
Barrington, Ill.  
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

**Alli Johnson**  
Davenport, Iowa  
Psychology and Criminal Justice

**Kellie Johnson**  
Sioux City, Iowa  
Open Option

**Samantha Johnson**  
Story City, Iowa  
Biology

**Amy Miers**  
Rock Island, Ill.  
Child, Adult and Family Services

**Emily Misak**  
Bettendorf, Iowa  
English, Communications

**Annamarie Oesterreich**  
Ames, Iowa  
Kinesiology

**Alexandra Olsen**  
Olathe, Kan.  
Industrial Engineering

**Rachel Parrish**  
Eden Prairie, Minn.  
Elementary Education

**Courtney Paus**  
Roscoe, Ill.  
Pre-Medicine

**Maggie Robinson**  
Edina, Minn.  
Veterinarian Science

**Alyssa Smith**  
Plainville, Ill.  
Open Option

**Taylor VerMeer**  
Rock Island, Ill.  
Communications

**Cathleen Watters**  
Lake City, Iowa  
Elementary Education

*\*Legacy; relative in parentheses*

# Fundraising Events in Chicago, the Twin Cities, and Kansas City Engage Alumnae

Four events were held in Des Moines, the Twin Cities, Chicago and Kansas City as a way of reaching out to alumnae and reconnecting. The events were successful and the women are looking forward to more in years to come.



Minnesota Alpha Gams gathered May 2 for a fundraiser brunch to help the Chapter raise funds for the sprinkler system project. Over \$700 was raised as the Sisters had a great time reconnecting over egg bake and mimosas on a beautiful spring day. Participants included Davida Moffitt Suiter '00, Carrie Nichols '03, Cori Myhre '03, April Hoffmeyer Kramer '03, Tori Bateman Ostlund '03, Shandra Wendorff '99, Meredith Paul '00, and Beth Lettow Brusius '63.



Alumnae gather in Chicago for a Rho fundraising event. Top row, from left: Leigh McNabb Daschler '99, Andrea Benzschawel '03, Amy Maltry '01, Frances Collins Maus '02. Bottom row, from left: Sarah Schmidt Cummins '84, Cynthia Reynolds Temple '85, Julie Ironside Jacobs '84, Leslie Paplinski Hesterman '84



New member Courtney Paus with her Rho Sister—mother, Summer Scott '09 and Kelly Sandos '08.



Mariah Stumpf '09 (right) and her sister, Recruitment Advisor Stephanie Stumpf Klaffke '02, on Preference Night.

# ALUMNAE CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL REUNION DAY

More than 30 alumnae attended and celebrated International Reunion Day on April 15, 2010 in Ames. Active members enjoyed reconnecting with their recently graduated Sisters, as well as meeting alumnae and hearing stories of Rho Chapter's past. This year's theme for IRD was Recipe for Success, and we were thrilled to welcome **Sandra Ottsen Davis '65** as the keynote speaker. Sandra, co-founder and CEO of MDA Leadership, spoke about leading and living well through the lessons we learn as members of Alpha Gamma Delta. Thank you to all of the alumnae who attended IRD 2010 and made this a special event for Rho Chapter!

*Top left: Sandra Ottsen Davis '65 speaks at IRD. Top right: Ali Dahl '08, Kristin Congreve '08, and Stephanie Lang Johnson '05 at International Reunion Day. Right: Alumnae celebrate IRD.*



## Alumna Enjoys Reconnecting with Sisters

### Spotlight—Marla Warrick Franklin '65

Over the past several years **Marla Warrick Franklin '65** has spent time reconnecting with Rho Sisters. Along the way, she has found the process to be extremely rewarding and a testament to how strong the bonds of sisterhood are.

Marla is forever indebted to and grateful for her Alpha Gam experiences, both as a collegian and an alumna. In August Marla met up with a Sister who she had not seen since 1968, proving that no amount of time, or distance, can break the ties of ΑΓΔ.

Along with being active in the Southern California Alpha Gam Club, Marla volunteers in fundraising activities for Rho and advises undergraduates to do so as well. "Volunteer—for any organization, in any capacity. No matter how busy you are, you will get so much more out of a volunteer experience than you give to the organization. The payback is tremendous!"

Marla hopes more Sisters are able to reconnect with her though this spotlight. She can be reached at franklin\_marla@yahoo.com.



## Fond Memories of Alpha Gam

### Spotlight—Allison Nepper Hales '93

**Allison Nepper Hales '93** grew up in Charter Oak, Iowa, and became an Alpha Gam in 1993. At Rho she found a community of long-lasting friends and encouragement of scholarship and leadership that has stayed with her. Some of Allison's fondest memories of Alpha Gam include Greek Week, VEISHEA floats, Homecoming lawn displays, and squirrel graduation.

For 10 years, Allison managed the daily operations and installation projects for a large-format graphic production company in Southlake, Texas. Last year, she had her first child and moved to Urbandale, Iowa, where she is taking time off from work. She enjoys cooking and considers herself a foodie. And thanks to the inspiration of an Alpha Gam Sister, she's now a budding genealogist.

After reading about the sprinkler project, Allison decided it was time to give back to Rho Chapter. She takes great pride in being an Alpha Gam alumna and wants the Chapter House to be the best it can be for current and future Sisters.

Thanks to Allison for her loyal support of Rho and for being such an active alumna! You can reach her at nepper3@yahoo.com.

*Left: Jan Harpole Jessen '78, Kim Ehmke Scanlan '77, Laura Peterson McPartland '78, Barbara Bushur O'Dell '77, Amy Alford Lunemann '78, and Sue Lentz Hicks '78 reunite at the Rho Chapter House.*

*You're Invited*

## Alpha Gamma Delta Homecoming Tailgate

Join us for a come-and-go tailgate with  
beverages and snacks.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Cyclones vs. Kansas Jayhawks

Two hours prior to kick-off

Location: Lot S8 (east of the stadium).

Look for the CyRide Bus with a banner that  
says "Cydliner". In case of rain, there will be  
an open house at the Chapter House.

House tours will be given four hours  
prior to the event.

Contact **Katrina Fetterman '07** at  
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with questions.

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## *Alumnae, Your Generosity Is Greatly Appreciated*

We wish to thank alumnae and friends for your support and dedication to the future of Alpha Gamma Delta at Iowa State University. Your support is vital to funding ongoing maintenance and improvements to the Chapter House, including the mandatory sprinkler system. Help us reach our goal of \$140,000 by June 30, 2011!

### **Pearl Club (\$1,000 to \$4,999)**

Mary Jean Bavendick Lamb '45  
Evelyn Thiel Fryer '47  
Barbara Gerling Warner '55  
Marla Warrick Franklin '65  
Toni Friday '72  
Heidi Cessford Krabbe '73  
Barbara Sanderson Croxdale '76  
Kim Ransom Haars '88  
Leanne Wollenhaupt Samuelson '88  
Greta Lundsgaard Vaughn '89  
Toye Guinn Cody '92  
Allison Nepper Hales '93  
Heather Richards '95  
The Pledge Class of 2001

### **Rose Club (\$500 to \$999)**

E.M. Kelley Lutz '32  
Mary Kennedy Stanley '53  
Ann Rasmussen Rafferty '59  
Gretchen Wildman Finn '61  
Janet Beckett Witt '62  
Linda Leave, *Kappa* '75  
Anne Edgington McMillian '85  
Melissa Jacobson James '88  
Kirie Draper Linney '89  
Sara Justice '90  
Michele Burgeson Stiles '91  
Michelle Lee Cabbage '93  
Kristen Brown Proskoy '00  
Jessica Grandfield Reis '00  
Katie Morgan '02  
Rachel Smith Wayson '02  
Frances Collins Maus '02

### **Gray Squirrel Club (\$100 to \$499)**

Anonymous  
Bebe Muehle Tucker '40  
Edith Marks Widstrom '41  
Mary Ackerly Condit '43  
Nancy Ebersole Johnson '45  
Marilyn Pritchard Ireland '47

Janet Wilkerson Thompson '47  
Carolee Gossard Clock '48  
Martha Barton Hartman '50  
Barbara Reddington Gleason '51  
Louise Place Petty '51  
Lynas Schwendemann Waun '51  
Doris Dockendorf MacFarquhar '54  
Nancy Scarborough Meltzer '54  
Nancy Spikings Dee '55  
Kay Kapfer Wall '55  
Judith Helin Mathre '56  
Sally Bellamy Warrington '56  
Sally Nicolaisen Laing '59  
Joan Hamilton Moore '59  
Bertha Boettger Welty '60  
Mary Gorgen Wolfe '60  
Janet Waselkov Steven '61  
Beth Lettow Brusius '63  
Sara Quinn Ketcham '63  
Sandra Ottsen Davis '65  
Patricia Frey Goodwin '65  
Sandra Snow Brown '68  
Barbara Fuller Cole '69  
Janice Bohnsack '73  
Victoria Williams Denka '73  
Carla Granstrom Kron '73  
Sandra Ross Heraly '74  
Carol Anderson Smith '76  
Barbara Bushur O'Dell '77  
Kimberly Ehmke Scanlan '77  
Kathleen Wandro Thompson '77  
Debra Crawford Foster '78  
Patricia Pound Kelleher '78  
Anne Garrison Christenson '79  
Kimberly Ranch Coward '82  
Cynthia Jordan Krage '82  
Brenda Altwegg Stephany '82  
Sarah Schmidt Cummins '84  
Lynda Yeschke Dunnell '84  
Kathy Oehlerich Stockdale '84  
Suzanne Lindenmeier Panoplos '85  
Michelle Perry '85  
Cynthia Reynolds Temple '85  
Heidi Hora Boever '87  
Jill Burnett Requist '87

The following is a list of contributors to Alpha Gamma Delta's annual campaign since the fall 2009 newsletter. If an error was made in recording the amount of your gift, please contact Stephanie Hibert with donor listing corrections at [stephanie.hibert@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.hibert@gmail.com). All donations from 2010 can be seen by clicking the "Fundraising" tab at [www.isuagd.com](http://www.isuagd.com).

Dana Kress Kevish '89  
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Allie Jones McCann '94  
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Corinne Myhre '03  
Carrie Nichols '03  
Keisha Ludvigson '04  
Ashley Zappa Nelson '04  
Amy Keller '05  
Marne Parriott '06

### **Red, Buff and Green Club (Up to \$99)**

Peter Tollefson  
Mary Ackerly Condit '43  
Ardis Anderson Hart '44  
Lorris Foster '45  
Dorothy True Mathers '46  
Roberta Filson Welther '46  
Jane Lloyd Martens '47  
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Delores Bishop Hoisington '51  
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Sara Riepma Snow '56  
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Jane Fulton Olsen '57  
Pamela Nisen Burrier '58  
Julia Briggs Gall '59  
Judith Hamilton Moore '59  
Beverly Botte Spatz '60  
Kathryn Griffin '61  
Jan Osborn Caulfield '62  
Marlene Rucker Larson '64  
Judith Gardner Rutter '64  
Marilyn Ulfers Irwin '65  
Constance Tapps Ringlee '66  
Mary Matthews Clark '67  
Sandra Schafbuch Gibney '67  
Judith DeNeut Brower '68  
Marsha Doofe Vola '68  
Janet Kuhlman Comstock '70  
Mary E. Baker '72  
Sandra Krone '72  
Cynthia Still Birk '73  
Rosemary Hoover '78  
Leslie Paplinski Hesterman '84  
Julie Ironside Jacobs '84  
Susan Frantzis Thompson '85  
Peggy Grundman Lickiss '88  
Nancy Cooper Ovenden '89  
Erin Carlson Taylor '89  
Shannon Harris '92  
Amy Rayhons Follmann '93  
Katie Groen '93  
Amber Stafford Bogardus '95  
Abby Thayer Croll '98  
Allison Bauerle Flack '99  
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