

# TURTLETALK

A Publication of the Jacksonville Alumnae in Delta Zeta Sorority



## The Joy Of Sisters

*Record crowds of sisters, mothers, and daughters joined us at the Annual Spring Luncheon in the Florida Cafe!*

### **From the President**

We had a really great year last year with good attendance at our meetings, and we hope that this year will be even better with hopes to recruit more new members. We have planned an exciting year with meetings being planned in different areas so that both north and south members can attend. We have continued our favorite events, turtle exchange, white elephant, bunco and even an field trip to UF to connect with our collegiates. Just read thru the newsletter to find a Featured Fun Festivity to attend and connect with your sisters. Loyally, Donna

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## Friendship Fountain Foto

September 9, Wednesday, 6 pm

Friendship Fountain (behind Museum of Science & History)

It will be happy turtle trails to you, when we meet again. We are going to Friendship Fountain to view some of the painted Sea Turtles that are part of the Turtle Trails Project. Kaulia and Fish Tale (seen at right) are on display at the fountain but there are 22 others on display around the city. We will venture across the Main St bridge to look for some other turtles located at the Landing and other nearby venues and finish with dinner. Turtle Trails is a fundraiser for Child Guidance Center and the turtles will be on display until mid-September, when they will be taken down and auctioned off. Please RSVP to Donna

*Directions: From Southside, take I-95 N and exit 61B towards Jacksonville. Take the Prudential Dr/Main St. exit, Exit 350 A, and keep right at the fork in the ramp. Stay straight to go onto S. Main St., turn left onto Museum Cir. The Museum of Science & History will be on the right, parking lot is across from it and Friendship Fountain is behind the museum on the river.*



## Iota Omega Reunion

The members of Iota Omega (Jacksonville University) had their first reunion in 32 years this summer at Robin's beach house. Nine members from as far away as Connecticut came down and it was just like college all over. We shared memories, learned what we're doing now, shared pictures of our children and generally had a great time. More reunions are planned in the future.

Pictured left to right: Cheryl B, '75; Dee M, '76; Robin D, '75; Barb K, '74; Debra H, '74; Patty C, '68; Judy N, '76; Lesley R, '75; Nancy R, '76.

## **DELTA ZETA DONATIONS**

The Jacksonville Alumnae were in the enviable position this past year, that we had some extra funding available for donation - so we put it to good use in the hands of those who need it the most! The following organizations received donations in 2008-2009.

International Hearing Dogs, Inc. - \$250 and a box of dog goodies

This organization trains dogs for placement with deaf and hard of hearing clients. We have been supporting International Hearing Dogs for eight years.

Parent Infant Awareness Program / Florida School for the Deaf & Blind - \$250, 11 My First Sign Books & 2 Signing Time DVD's.

Offering Intervention in a family's natural environment and daily routines, helps the child become a participating family member and part of the larger community. We have supported this program for seven years.

Beaches Sea Turtle, Inc. - \$125

Identifies, educates and helps protect our Sea Turtle nests; our donation included a nest adoption. This is our second year supporting Beaches Sea Turtle.

Greenscape of Jacksonville - \$150

Formed in 1975, it's credited with placing over 150,000 trees in Jacksonville. Mission is to enrich our community through planting, protection and promotion of trees thus improving the tree canopy of our city. First time donation, it supports our Pink Goes Green philosophy.

UF and FSU Collegiate Chapters - \$125 each and chapter gift baskets

Supporting our newest members guarantees the continued growth of Delta Zeta. This is our 15th year supporting the chapters.

Delta Zeta Foundation - \$250

Advancing the sorority's education and philanthropic purposes through leadership, scholarship, philanthropy and educational programs. We have a history of giving donations to the Foundation and our lifetime giving places us in the Pearl Society for donations totaling \$5,000 - 9,999.

Total donations for 2008-2009 were \$1,275 or \$36 per person.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Our chapter is growing and we want to continue to do so! Please take this opportunity to return the enclosed membership form with your dues for \$30. New directories will be printed this year and will be inclusive of ALL Delta Zeta's in the area, but will only be mailed to dues paying members. Write your check now so you don't forget!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO YOU!**

September

28 - Clara A

October

1 - Dawn W

5 - Connie C

7 - Gretchen T

10 - Leah J

17 - Jane N

24 - Delta Zeta Sorority

**JAPA**

[www.jacksonvillepanhellenic.org](http://www.jacksonvillepanhellenic.org)

The Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Haskell Building on Riverside Dr.

They will kick off their year with a Fall Party, with the theme "Discover the Power of a JAPA Pearl", on Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 pm. The party will be held at the Haskell Building Cafe and will include food, fun, and door prizes. All members are encouraged to attend.

They are also conducting their membership drive and dues are \$30 which include monthly newsletters (being done by Robin this year), a directory, and a year of fun. Please consider giving your support.



**ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PRIZE**

This years Attendance Incentive Prize will be a beautiful rose quilt, sewn and donated by Robin. We can't show you a picture

of it yet (because Robin hasn't started it), but we promise it will be beautiful! To win it, all you need to do is come to the meetings, for every meeting you attend - your name is entered into a raffle. Come to one meeting - one entry, come to all nine meetings - nine entries! Winner will be drawn at the Spring Luncheon.

**Collegiate Support**

We are looking for new and better ways to support our collegiate sisters at Univ. of Florida (Pi Alpha ) and Florida State Univ. (Alpha Sigma). We continue to provide them with cash donations, but we have also started hand delivering gift baskets to the girls. Pi Alpha received a rush survival basket this fall and Alpha Sigma received a Exam Survival Basket in the Spring. The girls are always very thankful for being remembered and we'll keep looking for

new ways to support them.



*Alpha Sigma was all smiles with a snack basket!*

## LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED



Collegiates from Univ. of Florida and Univ. of Alabama were all smiles telling us about their chapters activities and honors.



Carole W was the big winner of the Spa package at the luncheon.



Bunko continues to be a big winner and Dee, Donna, Leah, and Carole walked away with the prizes in April!



Your officers gathered at the beach to plan this years programs but made time to get sand in their toes as well. Pictured; Donna S, Robin D, Barb T, Luran B, and Rebecca P. (not pictured, Leah J)

**And the Winners Were....**

Lots of awards were given to us last year, here is a condensed list:

From the 2009 Southeast Region Weekend (March)

**Certificates of Achievement** for Philanthropy, Programming, Membership, Alumnae Collegiate Relations, Ways & Means, Public Relations.

**Certificate of Award** for Alumnae Panhellenic Involvement.

**Certificate of Appreciation** to Robin D for service as President.

**Lamplighter Awards** to Rebecca P and Gene S.

**Huntsville Achievement Award** for most improvement in all areas of Alumnae work over the past two years.

*(this award came with a donation to the DZ Foundation in our honor)*

From the Spring Luncheon (May)

Best Attendance - Rebecca P

Top Chef - Donna S

Top Sous Chef - Barb T

Most Promising New Chef - Luran B

Carrie G is counting down the days till the birth of her first child, a son, this month..

Donna S is now a grandmom, her daughter gave birth to a girl on May 25. .

If you haven't seen Barb T in awhile, you might not recognize her - she has lost 60+ pounds in the past year by simply changing her lifestyle of what she eats and walking. She looks GREAT.

Congratulations to Gretchen T, she received the Elsa Ludeke Returning Student Scholarship from the Delta Zeta Foundation for \$5,000! She is attending Jacksonville University for a Masters in Guidance.

Welcome to new member Cheryl B! She came to the Iota Omega reunion this summer and had so much fun she has joined our group. She is a Kindergarten teacher in Orange Park and has 2 children. Welcome her when you meet her.

**This and That****Florence Hood Miner, AB '27, Delta Zeta's National Historian Emeritus, Passes Away - 1909-2009**

The National Council of Delta Zeta announces with deep sadness the passing of Florence Hood Miner of Castle Rock, Colorado, Delta Zeta's National Historian emeritus and Past National Officer on August 23, 2009 at the age of 100. "Delta Zeta has lost our 'Living Legend,' Florence Hood Miner, whose own history was as fascinating as that of our Sorority, and who truly dedicated her life to Delta Zeta," Michelle Albrecht Smith, National President, said. "The loss of such a unique and treasured individual is a void that cannot be filled, and we will mourn her passing for a long time to come."

Florence was a well known figure at Delta Zeta conventions and proudly held the record for the most conventions (34) ever attended, where she was known for her "Fireside Chats," stories about the Sorority told in the presence of rapt collegians and alumnae alike with Mrs. Miner's own inimitable sense of humor.

Mrs. Miner established an endowment to embellish and upgrade continuing educational programs and develop new programs for collegians. She was also the namesake of the Florence Hood Miner Award, given annually to Delta Zeta members who are in their junior year and have made significant contributions to their college chapter and Delta Zeta through outstanding leadership on campus while maintaining a good academic record.

Mrs Miner leaves behind her daughter, Juliet Miner, Iota and her son John Miner. Condolences may be sent to them at 1917 Five Iron Dr., Castle Rock, CO, 80104-2746.

## PINK GOES GREEN

Delta Zeta is changing the world with its new initiative titled pink goes green. The new initiative is intended to empower Delta Zeta's members to lead and perform community service-related projects intent on improving the environment and educating those around them about how they can do the same.




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## TAKE THE GREEN PLEDGE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Switch to compact fluorescent bulbs                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Buy EnergyStar appliances and electronics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set thermostat to 55 Degrees Fahrenheit when sleeping  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash and Rinse in cold water              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain properly inflated car tires                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Buy locally grown food and produce        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set water heater temperature to 130 Degrees Fahrenheit | <input type="checkbox"/> Drink from reusable glassware             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle aluminum cans and newspapers                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk, bike and carpool                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use cloth grocery bags                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Unplug unnecessary appliances             |
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## EIGHT WAYS TO GREEN YOUR KITCHEN

1. **Set Up Recycling Bins;** Make sure you are recycling aluminum cans, glass bottles, paper, plastic bottles & steel cans.
2. **Compost Food Waste;** Putting food waste down the disposal is a better alternative than throwing it in the trash, but disposals use lots of water. An even better option is to compost your fruit/vegetable remains, egg shells & coffee grounds (avoid meat & dairy)
3. **Be Time Sensitive;** Know what you want before opening the refrigerator, use oven light to check food instead of opening door, cook multiple dishes on the same burner so it will already be warm.
4. **Install a Skylight;** Much of your food preparation time will take place during daylight, adding a skylight will reduce the need for artificial lighting, which cuts your energy use.
5. **Save Grease and Oil;** Kitchen pipes aren't made to handle these products and sewer treatment centers have a difficult time with them as well, instead save your grease & oil in a coffee can so it can be reused.
6. **Be Dish Savvy;** Use ceramic plates instead of disposable ones and fill your dishwasher before running it
7. **Think Long-Term for Cooking Utensils;** Metal is king when it comes to long-lasting cooking gear and they can be recycled easily as scrap metal.
8. **Recycle Appliances;** If it's an upgrade, donate your old microwave to a second hand store and if its a replacement have the store take the old one for you.

## 2009-2010 Delta Zeta – Jacksonville Alumnae Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Maiden Last Husband*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month/Day*

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Initiation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues - \$30 (*dues are not tax deductible*) \_\_\_\_\_Philanthropy Donation (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The Jacksonville Alumnae are going green, if you would like to receive your newsletters by email (PDF) please check here. We will of course continue to mail newsletters to everyone who prefers it as a printed copy.