

# CABLE CONNECTIONS

## Welcome from the President

Dear DG sisters,

Happy New Year! Despite being ready for warmer weather already, I do enjoy January as a chance to reflect on the previous year and get excited for the new one. I, for one, am excited about many things coming up in 2012, including Founders Day on March 24 (mark your calendars!) and the privilege of representing the BAC at Convention in Indianapolis this June (my first convention ever!).

As we all look ahead and think about what 2012 will bring, I hope that you'll add a BAC night or two to your calendar. We've used your feedback to put together a fun combination of events and Special Interest Groups - reach out if you have additional ideas of events you'd like to see!

Hope to see you soon!

In the Bonds,  
Amee Naik  
President, Boston Alumnae Chapter  
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## Communication Updates

Our website, [www.bostondg.com](http://www.bostondg.com), is your source for all things BAC! Newsletters, sent in September, January & June, provide you with important chapter information, while DG Digests, sent around the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month, keep you updated.

Have you updated your address with EO recently? Visit MyDG to submit updates: [www.deltagamma.org/myDG/](http://www.deltagamma.org/myDG/). To update your BAC email, request a paper copy of the newsletter, submit an announcement, or take yourself off the list-serve, email Allie at [communications@bostondg.com](mailto:communications@bostondg.com).

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## Foundation Update

Delta Gamma's philanthropic purpose - Service for Sight - is to protect the gift of vision. Now, every chapter and alumnae group is participating in a nationwide competition to save and restore sight with TOMS Eyewear.

Support our chapter and help save and restore sight in two easy steps:

- 1) Shop TOMS.com/Eyewear
- 2) Enter our exclusive chapter promo code at checkout: **DGBostonalumnae**

With every pair you purchase, TOMS will help give sight to a person in need. Help us Do Good while also helping the BAC win fun leadership prizes! Remember, you don't have to be a DG to purchase and use the promo code, so pass this information on to friends and family.

## BAC Executive Board 2011-2012

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## Winter & Spring 2011 Calendar

Look for event details (time, location) on the website & via evite closer to the event date!

**Wednesday, JAN 18: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Happy Hour Harvard Square**

Join event hostess Allie Kroner for cocktails at the Border Café in Harvard Square.

**Thursday, JAN 26: Pre-Oscar Movie Night Loews Theatre Boston Common**

Join event hostess Stephanie Shukis for a night at the movies. Oscar nominees will be announced on January 24, so stay tuned for details on the particular movie and time.

\*Please Note: Depending on interest, there may also be a Movie Night in Metro-West and/or the North Shore.

**Sunday, FEB 5: DG Dine-Out "Brunch Edition" Harvard Square**

Join event hostess Ariella Camera for brunch at Upstairs on the Square.

**Wednesday, FEB 15: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Happy Hour Downtown**

Join event hostess Melissa Arsenie for cocktails at Scholars -on School Street- in Downtown Crossing.

**Wednesday, MAR 21: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Happy Hour Bullfinch Triangle/North Station**

Join event hostess Elizabeth Michalak for cocktails at Boston Beer Works near North Station.

**Saturday, MAR 24: Founders Day**

SAVE THE DATE! Founders Day 2012 will be taking place at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Invitation to follow.

**Thursday, APR 4: An Evening at Central Bottle**

Sip some wonderful wines and support a small business that is co-owned by our DG sister, Maureen Rubino. This is one of our most popular semi-annual events!

**Wednesday, APR 18: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Happy Hour Beacon Hill**

Join event hostess Alison Cutting for cocktails at one of the many great spots in Beacon Hill. Location TBD.

**Thursday, APR 19: Red Sox 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House**

Meet up at Fenway Park for a free Open House celebrating the Sox' rich, 100-year history. Fans will have an opportunity to enjoy the "Fenway Park - A Living Museum" experience, visit parts of the ballpark not readily accessible, meet legends and see historical displays and artifacts. This is a FREE and family-friendly activity.

**Thursday, MAY 3: DG Dine-Out Central Square**

Join event hostess Megan Hollander for drinks and dinner at The Middle East in Central Square.

**Wednesday, MAY 16: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Happy Hour Brighton**

Join event hostess Cloe Donovan for cocktails at Tasca in Brighton.

**Wednesday, MAY 23: Orientation at Learning Ally Porter Square, Cambridge**

This will be our second group orientation at Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic). After the orientation, we will go across the street to Christopher's Restaurant for dinner and drinks.

**Saturday, JUN 2: DG Dine-Out "Brunch Edition" Somerville**

Join event hostess Megan Hollander for brunch at Sound Bites in Somerville.

**Saturday, JUN 16: Lobster Bake on the Cape Chatham, MA**

An annual tradition, Jo Bero will again host a New England Lobster Bake and potluck at her home on the Cape!

**Wednesday, JUN 20: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Happy Hour North End**

Join event hostess Lauren Jones for cocktails in the North End - along the waterfront, weather permitting.

## Programming Updates

**Founders Day:** Save the date! Our 2012 Founders Day celebration will take place on Saturday afternoon, March 24, from 1-4 pm at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Invitations will follow.

**Neighborhood Captains & SIG Chairs:** Thank you to the wonderful sisters who have volunteered to serve as **Neighborhood Captains**. These ladies serve as hostesses for events in their neighborhoods, recommend venues and activities in their area, act as a local point of contact for DGs, and help make sure the sisters in their neighborhoods are getting the latest communications from the BAC. We are still looking for Captains in Brookline, Charlestown and Southie. If you are interested in being a NC for one of these areas, or any other neighborhood not listed, please contact Julie at [programming@bostondg.com](mailto:programming@bostondg.com)

**Allston:** Ashley Castagna

**Back Bay:** Katrina Welch

**Beacon Hill:** Alison Cutting & Nicole Neaton

**Brighton:** Stephanie Shukis

**Cambridge:** Liz Alesse & Melissa Arsenie

**Concord:** Hilary Green

**Downtown:** Julie Ogden

**East Boston:** Laura Keith

**Kenmore:** Abby Myette

**North End:** Elizabeth Michalak & Ashley Rudolph

**North Shore:** Kristin Morris (Chelmsford)  
& Sue Kilgore (Marblehead)

**South End:** Meredith Cutting & Leslie Thornton

**Somerville:** Megan Hollander & Ameer Naik

The BAC also has several **SIGs** (Special Interest Groups). If you're interested in joining one of these fun, informal groups, please contact the following SIG Chairs for more information. If you'd like to start a new SIG, please email Julie at [programming@bostondg.com](mailto:programming@bostondg.com). We are always looking for great new ideas!

**Running Club:** Erica Soma & Sarah Keith at [easoma@gmail.com](mailto:easoma@gmail.com)

**DG Dine-Out:** Megan Hollander [mh3043@gmail.com](mailto:mh3043@gmail.com)

**Book Club:** Abby Myette [almyette@gmail.com](mailto:almyette@gmail.com)

**BAC Book Club:** Announcing the first meeting of the BAC Book Club! The inaugural book is Half The Sky, by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. This book influenced the creation of "Circle of Sisterhood" ([www.circleofsisterhood.org](http://www.circleofsisterhood.org)), which has taken quite a strong hold in the Panhellenic world. Thank you to Abby Myette for suggesting this book! We will meet to discuss the book at Panera in Back Bay (450 Boylston St) on **Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00pm**. Questions? Email Abby at [almyette@gmail.com](mailto:almyette@gmail.com).

**DG Running Club:** Erica Soma is leading Sunday AM runs in Boston Common. The group departs at 10 AM from the Starbucks on the corner of Beacon & Charles Streets. Please check our Facebook page for more details, or if you aren't on Facebook, you can always email Erica directly at [easoma@gmail.com](mailto:easoma@gmail.com).

## Collumnae Updates

Both the Harvard and BU chapters are going through Recruitment this month and will soon have new members! We're looking forward to hearing about all of the fun events they have planned for the spring, most notably Founders Day on March 24th. As always, if you'd like to work with Melissa Arsenie, Collumnae Chair, as part of the Collumnae Committee, please email her at [collumnae@bostondg.com](mailto:collumnae@bostondg.com)

## Recruitment Volunteers Needed!

Harvard University Recruitment: 1/28-1/31

**Saturday, Jan 28:** Volunteers needed 10am-3pm & 4-9pm

**Sunday, Jan 29:** Volunteers needed from 4-9 pm

**Monday, Jan 30:** Volunteers needed from 7-10 pm

**Tuesday, Jan 31:** Volunteers needed from 7-10 pm

To sign up, please contact Ana Nast, Director of Recruitment Records, at [ana.r.nast@gmail.com](mailto:ana.r.nast@gmail.com)

## Meet your 2011-2012 Exec Board!



**President:** Ameer Naik, Alpha Epsilon (Washington University in St. Louis)

After growing up in Louisiana and Missouri, I moved to the Boston area for grad school four years ago and have loved my time here! I currently live in Somerville and work with 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Cambridge as the High School Program Director at Breakthrough Cambridge, an education non-profit. In my free time, I love to read, bake, and try out new restaurants in Boston.

**VP Membership:** Ariella Camera, Alpha Chi (Pennsylvania State University)

I moved to Boston last year from Rockland County, New York. I went to PSU for undergraduate and will be starting a graduate program at Brandeis this summer. I currently work in clinical psychiatric research at the VA Hospital. In my free time I love to do yoga, run, explore Boston, and attend wine tastings. I also love college football and spend a great deal of time in the fall watching games!



**VP Finance:** Ashley Rudolph, Xi (University of Michigan)

I have always lived in the Boston area except for the 4 years I attended college in Michigan. When I am not flying around the country for my job as a financial software consultant, I like to head to the beach, play tennis and drink wine with friends. I adore football, and you will often find me cheering on the Wolverines and Patriots in Boston every weekend if I can't be at the game.

**VP Programming:** Julie Ogden, Gamma Mu (Florida State University)

Although I grew up in Florida, I've been in Boston for 11 years now and officially consider myself a Bostonian - and a Red Sox fan! When I'm not working as the Director of Volunteers at Saint Anthony's Shrine, I enjoy spending time in my victory garden, reading, traveling and doing community service projects. I live downtown with my husband and our dog, Rosie.



**VP Communications:** Allie Kroner, Alpha Epsilon (Washington University in St. Louis)

I'm a Cambridge native and huge Boston enthusiast, and after a wonderful college experience in St. Louis I moved back to the city two years ago. I'm working in the non-profit sector and am interested in community building and engagement. For fun I like to cheer on Boston's teams, take photos, do yoga, and go dancing!

**Collumnae Chair:** Melissa Arsenie, Beta Lambda (Gettysburg)

I am a recent graduate of Gettysburg College working as the Program Coordinator for the Posse Foundation's office in Boston. I have been in Boston for a little over a year and currently live near Harvard Square. I love reading, exploring Boston and Cambridge, trying new restaurants, and the Red Sox.



**Scholarship Chair:** Laura Keith, Alpha Zeta (Lawrence University)

Laura is the Senior Manager of Program Information at Boston Cares, the local volunteer center affiliate of the HandsOn Network. She has previously filled the roles of vp: communications for the Boston Alumna Chapter and Advisory Team Chair for Zeta Zeta (Boston University). In addition to organizing the Delta Gamma dues scholarships, Laura is a Leadership Coach with Strong Women Strong Girls, a member of the Women In Nonprofits networking group and AmeriCorps Alums Boston Chapter, and volunteers regularly with Learning Ally, local theaters, and the Kennedy Library Foundation Profile in Courage Essay Contest.

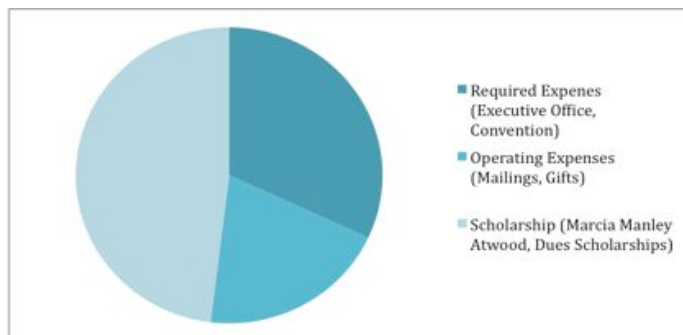
**Webmaster:** Stephanie Shukis, Epsilon Beta (Bucknell University)

I'm originally from Bethany, CT and moved out to Boston two years ago to experience the "city life". I currently live in Brookline and work as an Admission Counselor at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences. When I'm not recruiting students from CT and Long Island, I enjoy taking dance classes at The Studio: DCFA, singing, visiting the Public Garden, and hanging out with friends & family :o)



## Please Pay Your Dues!

Please take this opportunity to support the BAC by paying your dues. Through your generosity we are able to sponsor the Marcia Manley Atwood scholarship for the second year in a row! Our work is not done though, as we still need your continued support to sponsor dues scholarships for the fine ladies at Harvard and BU. While nearly 50% of BAC dues go to these scholarships, dues are also used for charitable donations, per capita fees, liability insurance, programming, regional seminars, and conventions.



*A closer look at where your dues go*

Please send your membership form & check to Ashley Rudolph, VP Finance (6 Cleveland Place #10, Boston MA 02113), check payable Boston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma. You may also pay via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.com>, and send to [treasurer@bostondg.com](mailto:treasurer@bostondg.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to email Ashley at [treasurer@bostondg.com](mailto:treasurer@bostondg.com).

### LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

\$25	Full-time graduate students & New Alumnae, Class of 2011
\$35	Hannah Level Membership (basic membership level)
\$36-50	Blue Level Membership
\$51-99	Pink Level Membership
\$100+	Gold Level Membership

**A note from Amy Bryson, ZZ-Boston University, Dues Scholarship Recipient:** During my college career I could always count on Delta Gamma to support me through it all. It meant a lot to me my freshman year when the Boston Alumnae chapter specifically helped me through the awarding of a \$500 tuition scholarship. During my freshman year of college, financial struggles of my family, exacerbated by extreme health issues of my older sister and the loss of my mother's job, left me asking tough questions about continuing in Delta Gamma or even at Boston University. Just when I needed it most, the alumnae chapter stepped in with support. As dedicated alumnae of Delta Gamma, we know how valuable sorority life and sisterhood are and we should continue to do all that we can to make sure ALL girls have the wonderful opportunity and experiences we have had. I cannot imagine my life today if I had actually had to drop Delta Gamma due to financial troubles, and I am so glad the alumnae chapter was there in my time of need

### THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT DUES-PAYING MEMBERS! (AS OF Dec 8, 2011)

If you believe you have paid dues but don't see your name here, please contact Ashley!

Allie Kroner	Ally Ramsey	Amee Naik	Amy Hansen
Anna Marie Wagner	Ariel Jahner	Ariella Camera	Ashley Castagna
Ashley Rudolph	Brittany Shelby	Carolyn Green Boudreault	Carolyn Jeffery
Christina Colasanto	Elise Jason	Elizabeth Alesse	Elizabeth Corwin
Elizabeth Michalak	Emilie Tack	Erica Soma	Heather Wing
Jackie Grubb	Jane Baldini	Jennifer Barich	Jo Bero
Julia Fifer	Julie Ogden	Kamryn Young	Katrina Welch
Laura Keith	Laura Marie O'Brien	Laura Schnell	Linda Zust Reddy
Melissa Arsenie	Michelle Cerulli	Nicole Neaton	Norah Schneider
Sandra Oelstrom	Susan Read	Shannon Welsh-Cole Zavada	Tiffany DeSantis Hearn

## A BAC Snapshot

Check out what we've been up to!



So far, we've connected with new and familiar faces at events such as our fall kick-off,



continued to Do Good through participation in the VisionWalk and individual service opportunities,



represented the BAC at Harvard's AnchorSlam,



supported BU DG's at Project Delta Glam,



and got in to the holiday spirit with our annual cookie swap.

We're excited about what's coming up in 2012 - hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!