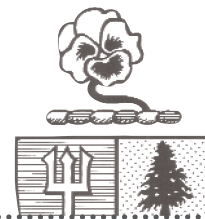


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## Alpha Beta: Let Us Steadfastly Love Our Lineages ...

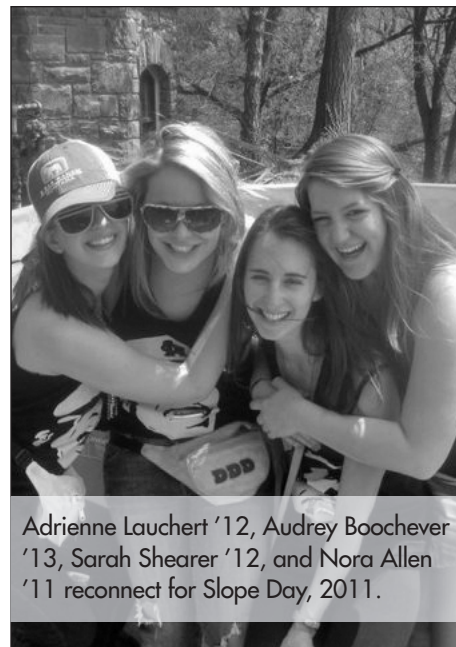
Tri Delta Big-Little Week is a week of pledge class dessert socials, bowling, gifts, and room-decorating extravaganzas. While many women from other sororities look forward to this week, the really special part is what happens after this week. To an outsider, this tradition may seem odd. A younger peer you have only known for five weeks is now your "little sister," i.e., someone to spoil, advise, and love. As all my Tri Delta sisters have discovered, a close bond quickly develops between bigs and littles. Awkward get-to-know-you "Lin-dins" turn into three-times weekly lunches, brunches, hikes, farmers' market trips, and other activities.

Each Tri Delta lineage has its own quirks and traditions. In my lineage, when we first welcome our littlest sister, we give her five mixed CDs full of our favorite songs. Although each lineage has its own nuances, every lineage serves as a way to

connect generations of Tri Delta sisters. I went out for Indian food with Katie Lilly '09, a Tri Delta who graduated before I even started at Cornell. I got to hear of her travels around Europe and life post-college. Not only did I feel close because of our shared love of ethnic food, but there was also a stronger bond that I can only attribute to the fact that she is in my Tri Delta family tree. I still feel connected with, and talk often to, Sarah Kopper '10, although she lives far away in Senegal.

The four girls who have become my big and little sisters and best friends are the most meaningful aspect of my time with Tri Delta. We have big plans to go on vacation together, with our children, when we are older; I cannot wait for that and more adventures with my big and little sisters.

Audrey Boochever



Adrienne Lauchert '12, Audrey Boochever '13, Sarah Shearer '12, and Nora Allen '11 reconnect for Slope Day, 2011.

## Working Girl: Brittany Quataert's Summer Experiences

Being a part of Tri Delta has provided me with amazing sisters and an array of exceptional experiences, including an amazing business opportunity this past summer. A sister in my pledge class, Alexandra Ruby, introduced me to the opportunity with the company Revolution Prep. Alex encouraged me to interview for a position as the head instructor of an Ivy Insiders branch in my hometown this summer; thanks to her, I am working hard at making my branch succeed!

Ivy Insiders programs were started at Harvard in 2003 with a mission to help high school students beat the SAT and ACT, providing them with first-hand insights from top college test-takers. Over the last eight years, Ivy Insiders programs have helped nearly 10,000 students achieve SAT score improvements of 254 points on average. Ivy Insiders hires college-aged instructors that are selected for their 99th percentile SAT scores and experience as mentors or role models to high school students. The program offers

high school students various programs throughout the summer to help them substantially raise their scores.

This opportunity has already taught me so much, and it has only just begun. I have the opportunity to improve my business and personal skills while helping students throughout my community, and I feel like I am truly making a tangible difference. I have already

developed relationships with various students and have learned an ample amount about the business world throughout this process. I hope to have a successful branch this summer, learn a great deal, and—most importantly—make a difference. I would have never gotten this opportunity without my sorority sister, and I am extremely grateful.

Brittany Quataert



Brittany Quataert (second from the right) with her lineage at Relay For Life 2011.

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## An Inside Look at the Casino del Sol With Rosalind Zhu

Tucson, Arizona. As soon as Rosalind Zhu (a 19-year-old from the rainy city of Seattle, Washington), stepped off the plane and into the Arizona sun, she knew this internship was “going to bring the heat.” From the moment she met her supervisors, Mark and Leeann Scheller, Zhu felt the effects of their determination, leadership, and innovation as they prepared for the opening of Tucson’s Casino del Sol Resort, Spa, and Conference Center. Owned by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and nestled in the secluded high desert with 215 luxurious suites and over 65,000 square feet of functional space, Casino del Sol is scheduled to open on November 11, 2011.

As the sun glared down on the hotel, Zhu sat inside an air-conditioned office unknowingly making executive decisions related to hotel sales. Her first day on-site began with rudimentary work. She sorted papers by states and answered the telephones. However, as rudimentary as this work seemed, it

provided her with key insight into “all the different types of businesses, associations, and SMERFs that utilize hotel and conference spaces.” Zhu’s work shifted from clerical to research. She began searching for different conventions, festivals, and expositions that were already located in Arizona. In doing so, she learned how to solicit these various vendors’ services for Casino del Sol. As her first week continued, Zhu got up-front and personal. She attended luncheons and networking events with her supervisors, which were incredibly exciting and didactic; Zhu commented: “they knew everyone! It was amazing being introduced to so many industry leaders while learning about everything from jazz music to the Hispanic demographic in Arizona.”

Another valuable aspect of this internship was experiencing the culture that influenced the owners of Casino del Sol. The Pascua Yaqui tribe is a Native American tribe whose

descendants are from the Uto-Aztecans of Mexico. They have owned and played pivotal roles in the casino’s expansion for over 20 years. During this first week, when Zhu wasn’t involved with luncheons and networking events, she was introduced to the tribe. Chico (a member of the tribe) gave her a detailed account of the history, symbols, and origins of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, along with a tour of the reservation; it was one of Zhu’s favorite parts of the internship. During the opening ceremony of the wellness center, Zhu saw a tribal council meeting and watched a native ceremonial dance.

Overall, Zhu has gained invaluable knowledge about critical elements of the hotel, including its culture, casino, and sales. Zhu explained: “During the amazing and event-filled first week, I learned more than an entire month spent in class.”

Judith Athelstanlowe  
(Rosalind Zhu’s “little”)

## Tri Delta Sister Visits India to Learn, Work, and Grow

*Alexandra Ruby, from San Diego, is a sophomore in the School of Industrial Labor Relations. She spent her summer taking classes and participating in an internship in India. She was part-way through this experience when she shared the following with her sisters.*

This summer, I am spending seven weeks in various parts of India through an ILR program called “Global Service Learning.” Basically, the program offers classes for two weeks on various topics: Indian culture, Indian gender studies, Indian labor economics, and Kannada (the southern Indian native language).



Alexandra Ruby in India this past summer.

After those two weeks, each student in the program engages in an independent “project”—basically an internship that caters to the students’ interests or skills—for the sponsoring NGO, Swami Vivekenanda Youth Movement. This NGO is one of the most successful in India; for 25 years running, it has done more to enhance the quality of life for impoverished Indians than any other NGO in the country. SVYM has many hospitals, schools, and offices scattered throughout India. It is completely supported by donations and run by people who make it their lives’ work to further the NGO’s mission. Needless to say, I jumped (more like threw myself) at this opportunity, which was entirely sponsored by ILR.

I’m at the point in my trip where I’ve finished the two weeks of classes in Mysore, Karnataka, and am about to begin my “project” in Sargur, where SVYM has both a hospital and a youth school. I’ll be working on accounting for the organization and learning cricket during recess with the local school children.

Aside from taking classes (which were fascinating, especially the gender studies course), I had the privilege of exploring India in my free time. I went on tours of the Mysore Palace and other ancient temples; I even squeezed in some sari shopping.

One of my most memorable moments in

these two weeks, “Indian Prom 2011.” SVYM scheduled a cultural performance for us in the city’s theater and informed us they would send buses to pick all of us up. All of the girls in my group had purchased saris the day before. The giddy high school girl inside of me couldn’t help but think, “PROM!” With our colorful dresses, “limo buses,” and corsages and bou-tonnieres fashioned from local garden flowers, it was perfect.

On a more serious note, India has truly been an experience that has allowed me to reflect on what it means to be an American, a woman, and ... well, me. In a country where women are heavily oppressed by virtue of conservative clothing, limited educational opportunities, and arranged marriages (yes, they’re still prevalent) I have unexpectedly met an overwhelming number of powerful, intelligent, radiant women. The people I’ve met here have undoubtedly been some of the poorest I’ve ever encountered, yet, because I am a guest, they shower me with hospitality. Those with the fewest means offer me the most, and I am incredibly humbled by it. I still have five more weeks of my adventure, and I can’t wait to be back home in good old Ithaca to share stories with my Delta sisters. Like joining Tri Delta, this experience has definitely shaped my life.

Alexandra Ruby

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# Philanthropy Chair Reports on Chapter Success

This spring, Tri Delta organized two events to support our long-standing philanthropic commitment to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The first was our annual Designer Accessory Sale, which we co-hosted at Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. The second was Tri Delta's first barbecue on the arts quad for St. Jude. Although it was cloudy (it was the middle of April in Ithaca), we joined forces with the Alpha Gamma Rho and Delta Upsilon fraternities and spent the

day grilling, enjoying the food, listening to music, and socializing on the arts quad. This event allowed us to build meaningful relationships with other houses and increase our fundraising power for St. Jude.

Additionally, the newest Tri Delta pledge class participated in the Cornell University Relay for Life. From 4:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., we had sisters walking, running, skipping, or dancing around the track in Barton Hall. We also sold baked goods to the other walkers and

donated the proceeds to the American Cancer Society. It was clear that the sisters had invested a great deal of energy and enthusiasm into their new pledge class philanthropy project; they were acknowledged for their efforts when they received the "Most Spirited" award of the night! With the help of all our members, we are sure to continue with our success this fall.

Rosalind Zhu  
Philanthropy Chair

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## Alumnae News & Notes

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When **Rosemary (Hunt) Todd '31** wrote to us to 2010, she had just celebrated her 100th birthday! She is in good health, and she has been blessed with 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Reconnect with Rosemary by writing to P.O. Box 417, Hollis, NH 03049.

When **Eleanor (Bradley) Tunison's ('33)** daughter Nancy wrote to us in January 2010, she reported that Eleanor was now 96 years old, but in good health and living with her son, Phillip Tunison, in Clearwater, Florida. She likes to recall her Cornell days and listen to audio books. She has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Write to Eleanor at 301 Mariva Ave. N., Clearwater, FL 33755; ptunison@verizon.net.

"I enjoyed my visit for tea at your lovely house when I was there for Reunion. Many thanks," wrote **Jean (Schultheis) Brechter '49**. Catch up with her at P.O. Box 541, Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965; email her at foxfyr99@aol.com.

"In May 2009, I moved into Highland Farms Retirement Community," writes **Marian (Young) Bradley '48**. "I recommend such a move—numerous activities, graduated care and great new friends make it very desirable. Come for a visit." Keep in touch with Marian by writing to 200 Tabernacle Rd., #C-30, Black Mountain, NC 28711; or send email to marianbradley@att.net.

**Jean (Baldwin) Harries '54** sends greetings from 1212 E. 7th St., Duluth, MN 55805; email her at jbharries@excite.com.

**Jane (Gregory) Wilson '54** stays busy with

bridge, dance clubs, AAUW, and charities; she has made pillows for troops in Iraq and holiday table favors for a nursing home. Write to Jane at 1605 Dower Way, Sun City Center, FL 33573; or send email to jalyn54@juno.com.

With a book recently released, **Mina K. Dulcan '70** is a busy woman! Duclan's Textbook of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, compiled and edited by Mina, has become a must-have for the industry. Mina is an Osterman Professor of Child Psychiatry, head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Children's Memorial Hospital, head of the Warren Wright Adolescent Center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and a professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Pediatrics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. Write to 526 W. Fullerton Pkwy., Chicago, IL 60614; email Mina at m-dulcan@northwestern.edu.

**Carolyn (Lockard) McMaster '71** wrote to us in 2010 reporting that she had a wonderful new husband and that "life after the kids are grown is worth waiting for!" Get in touch with Carolyn by sending postal mail to 643 Hunts Pond Rd., New Berlin, NY 13411; makemusic24@frontiernet.net.

In 2010, **Robin (Treat) Peck '77** sent us her new address: 27211 Ibis Cove Ct., Bonita Springs, FL 34134; boopeck@gmail.com.

When **Barbara Ford '78** wrote to us in January 2010, she said, "My husband of 28 years passed away this year after a rapid onset of cancer, and a 12-month battle with it. I am proud and gratified to say that my Tri

Delta sisters rallied around us both and supported me like true sisters during the whole horrible ordeal. I hope every Tri Delta enjoys the same love and loyalty as my Cornell sisters have blessed me with—even 30 years after graduation! Thank you all so very, very much." Write to Barbara at 3341 Lascassas Pike, Murfreesboro, TN 37130; email easywaygarmet@msn.com.

In January 2010, **Lesley J. Gudehus '78** took on a new position as the senior writer and associate director of institutional advancement at Drexel University. Send congratulations to her at 1815 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Apt 1217, Philadelphia, PA 19103; send email to lesleygude@me.com.

**Sally (Weir) Fundakowski '79** sends greetings from 350 Sharon Park Dr., Apt. D1, Menlo Park, CA 94025; salfun@comcast.net.

"Hey Deltas from the '80s!" wrote **Ann (Kahlow) Hobbs '85** in January 2010. "If you haven't tried Facebook yet, consider it as a way to get back in touch. Lots of AB's are on; email me at alkhobbs@gmail.com."

**Heidi (Heasley) Ford '87** sends greetings from 2801 Old Orchard Ct. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

**Kathleen (Carrier) Reardon '88** is the owner of RD Architecture LLC in Houston, Texas. Keep in touch with her at 4618 Waycross St., Houston, TX 77035; kathleen@rdarc.com.

"Facebook has been a great tool to connect with my Delta sisters, especially after  
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spending time with **Cathy Taylor '89** and **Alexandra (Suh) DeLorenzo '89** at our 20-year Reunion in June 2009," writes **Leslie (Feifer) Rice '89**. "I also had the chance to catch up with **Lisa Stewart '89**, **Mara Osman '89**, and of course, **Therese Burdick '89** with whom I rode up and got to spend lots of time with in connection with our involvement with the Long Island Alumni Chapter of Tri Delta, where we have been fortunate to get to know Jacqui Brady. My husband, Ken Rice, and I live in Oceanside, New York. I am a partner specializing in commercial real estate at Jspan Schlesinger LLP in Garden City, New York, and recently made 'Who's Who in Commercial and Residential Real Estate' in *Long Island Business News*. I would love to catch up with anyone in New York!" Contact Leslie by writing to 66 Merle Ave., Oceanside, NY 11572; or by sending email to [leslie1117@yahoo.com](mailto:leslie1117@yahoo.com).

"James and I welcomed Sophie Ariana into our family on June 19, 2009," writes **Debra Lynn Alzner '93**. "She loves playing with her big sister, Noelle, who is now three. If anyone passes through the Charlotte, North Carolina, area let us know—we'd love to see you!" Keep in touch with Debra by writing to 908 Hoke Trl., Cramerton, NC 28032; [dalzner@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dalzner@carolina.rr.com).

**Kristin M. Houghton '94** sends greetings from 274 E. 20th Ave., Vancouver, BC V5V1M1, Canada; [kristinhoughton@shaw.ca](mailto:kristinhoughton@shaw.ca).

When **Christine (Aitchison) Schmottlach '95** wrote to us in 2010, she had a new address: 12 Dutton Park, Walpole, MA 02081; [tschmottlach@yahoo.com](mailto:tschmottlach@yahoo.com).

"My husband, Steve Burton, and I were married in Maine on August 28, 2009," writes **Andrea K. Foster '96**. "We still love living in Tucson, and welcome all Tri Deltas to let us know if you are traveling to the area." Get in touch with Andrea at 286 E. Shore Cliff Pl., Oro Valley, AZ 85737. Send email to her at [fashinn@hotmail.com](mailto:fashinn@hotmail.com).

"Gordon Taylor III and I got married in June 2009," writes **Lisa (Adelman) Taylor '02**. "Our wedding was at the Trump International

Hotel & Tower in Chicago, which was fitting since we both work in the hotel industry." Write to Lisa at 510 W. Erie St., Apt. 808, Chicago, IL 60610; or email Lisa at [lisa.andrea.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.andrea.taylor@gmail.com).

**Jennifer (Vanett) Bretz '04** was married to Kevin G. Bretz on May 9, 2009, at the Union League of Philadelphia. They are living happily in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. (1056 Almond Dr., Phoenixville, PA 19460; [jbretz@shire.com](mailto:jbretz@shire.com))

Sisters can catch up with **Beth (Fisher) Gilje '04** by sending postal mail to 45 Union Park #3, Boston, MA 02118; or emailing [beth.gilje@gmail.com](mailto:beth.gilje@gmail.com).

When **Greta James '06** wrote to us in early 2010, she said, "I recently got engaged to Matt Corrigan (Case Western Reserve class

of 2007)! We will be getting married in Cleveland, Ohio, in October. We are currently living in Scottsdale, Arizona, and loving the warm, sunny weather. If any Deltas are in the area, give me a call!" Reconnect with Greta at 1075 N. Miller Rd., Apt. 331, Scottsdale, AZ 85257; send email to [gretalynn.james@gmail.com](mailto:gretalynn.james@gmail.com).

Send postal mail to **Allison Scully '07** at 63 Sullivan St., Apt. A, New York, NY 10012; or send email to [allisonscully9@gmail.com](mailto:allisonscully9@gmail.com).

When **Sarah Santana '08** wrote to us in March 2010, she was working in Syracuse as an EMT for NOVA and Rural/Metro. She was also studying to take the GRE's and apply to physician-assistant programs. See what Sarah is up to now by writing to 216 Avery Dr., Syracuse, NY 13212; [sarah.e.santana@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.e.santana@gmail.com).

## We regret to report the passing of the following Alpha Beta Alumnae:

**Beryl P. (Polhemus) Hass '32**  
(December 30, 2009)

**Elizabeth (Hershey) Royer '34**  
(August 12, 2011)

**Mary (Rowe) Ferguson '35**  
(June 30, 2009)

**Isabel M. Klein '37**  
(April 9, 2010)

**Jean (Scheidenhelm) Wolff '38**  
(March 12, 2010)

**Elizabeth M. (Shaffer) Bosson '39**  
(December 14, 2009)

**Ianitha (Sheldon) Papero '40**  
(January 26, 2011)

**Elizabeth (Russell) Owings '40**  
(May 30, 2010)

**Gladys (Urban) Traphagen '41**  
(April 24, 2011)

**Jean (Syverson) Lewis '41**  
(June 21, 2009)

**Dorothy (Brown) Murphy '43**  
(March 5, 2011)

**Nancy (Lain) Cox '48**  
(August 10, 2010)

**Barbara (Burke) Whitman '51**  
(October 19, 2009)

**Jonny (Crandell) Irving '53**  
(December 15, 2009)

**Marcia P. (Porter) Dowd '55**  
(June 18, 2010)

**Carolyn B. (Burtless) Roberts '59**  
(August 9, 2009)

**Jenny Rink '65**  
(September 1, 2010)

**Danielle L. Martinez '08**  
(May 9, 2011)