

Alumnae Newsletter

Dear Sisters,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer!

I first want to thank all who attended or donated to our Zumbathon this past spring. With your help, we raised \$620 for Girls On The Run Rhode Island and The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. We had a great turn out and had a blast! Thank You!

Below you will find information regarding upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and a Convention Recap(Thanks Shannon Oliver!). There is also information regarding a brand new way to pay alumnae dues! Check it out! We have a lot of information to get out to everyone.

Our local dues paying period is from August 1-September 30. You can pay your local dues easily on our website through PayPal.

We have a lot of exciting things going on within the next few months! Keep your eyes peeled for updates on our Facebook page as well as our website.

Hope to see you at our Luau Cookout on August 6th!

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Gamma Phi Beta-Southern New England Alumnae Chapter, President

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Join us on August 6th!

Save the Date for our annual Summer BBQ. Family friendly and sure to be a great time! Check out this throwback from last years event! Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert but SNEAC will take care of the rest! We hope to see you all there.



DATES

Homecoming will be here before you know it! Come watch the BEARS or catch the parade. Keep October 15th open, more information to come!

Have you registered for the 4-Mile Founders Run/Walk yet?
It's a virtual race you can complete ANYWHERE IN THE
WORLD!!!

SIGN UP TODAY for only \$30! 100% of proceeds go to Girls on the Run International and the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation! Registration closes July 31st! Go to <http://www.gammaphibetasvac.org/4milefoundersrunwalk> to sign up today!



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Convention Recap! Shout out to Shannon Oliver for the updates!



Gamma Phi Beta made history at Convention this biennium by voting on 55 proposed amendments! Delegates from collegiate and alumnae chapters in good standing voted to support a shift in the current International Council operational model to a strategic governance model. This shift will ensure International Council's sole responsibilities are setting expectations and monitoring the health of the organization. This will also ensure Gamma Phi Beta remains competitive as 15 other NPC organizations are currently utilizing a strategic/policy board model or are actively moving in this direction. Delegates also voted to adopt a Life Loyal program for alumnae as well as to modify many aspects of the nominating committee (including eliminating district representation).

Sisters participated in educational programs that touched upon sensitive issues such as suicide prevention, awareness of Gamma Phi Beta's alcohol policy, maximizing collegiate-alumnae relations, and recruitment from a Panhellenic perspective to name a few.

Gamma Phi Beta's new signature philanthropy, Moonball, was officially launched! Funds raised through Moonball will benefit Gamma Phi Beta's philanthropic partner, Girls on the Run. Chapters participating in Moonball will host one of the following athletic games: volleyball, basketball, or kickball. Be on the lookout for local chapters reaching out for alumnae support this fall!

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It's not four years it's for life, check out the new Life Loyal Program!

Delegates at the 2016 Gamma Phi Beta Convention voted to adopt a Life Loyal program. With the Life Loyal program, Gamma Phi Beta alumnae will have the opportunity to pay their alumnae dues in one lump sum, as opposed to the current yearly \$25. International Council has set the initial Life Loyal dues fee at \$299 and \$189 for 50-year members and above. Members may still opt to fulfill their lifelong obligation of membership by paying \$25 a year if they choose. Members of the Life Loyal program and yearly dues-paying alumnae members will continue to receive their printed copy of the Crescent.

Please note that Convention delegates also voted to restrict the distribution of the printed version of the Crescent to dues paying alumnae and collegians only. This decision comes with the acknowledgement of the rising cost of printing and distribution of the magazine as well as the financial burden collegians currently shoulder for the price of the magazine, while they continue to only be approximately 10% of the distribution body. Life Loyal dues will be placed in a fund that will assist with the distribution of the magazine in years to come.

Be a part of Gamma Phi Beta history by signing up for Life Loyal today.

<https://www.gammaphibeta.org/lifeloyalsignup>



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Safety First!

Gamma Phi Beta has joined nine other fraternity and sorority organizations in supporting the Fraternal Health and Safety Initiative. The sexual misconduct training entitled *Taking a Stand: Preventing Sexual Misconduct on Campuses* will begin to be presented to collegiate Gamma Phi Beta chapters via collegiate leadership consultants (CLCs), professional staff, and volunteer leaders this coming academic school year. This initiative was created to address sensitive issues currently affecting collegiate members, including sexual and relationship misconduct. Gamma Phi Beta sisters will be given the tools and resources needed to create a safer campus and community.

For more information regarding this initiative, please visit the following:

FHSI.JRFCO.com

NEWS

Congrats to the new 2016-2018 International Council as voted on by Convention delegates:

International President- Annabel Jones
Alumnae Vice President- Autumn Hansen
Collegiate Vice President- Tanya Jordan
Education Vice President- Melinda Sutton
Financial Vice President- Shannon Ballew
Membership Vice President- Caitlin Capozzi
Panhellenic Affairs Vice President- Sandra Burba

Congrats to Erica Devine on her wedding, she looked stunning & we wish her all the happiness in the world. Also Laura Ferrelli who closed on new home just a few weeks ago!

Want to see something in the newsletter? A birthday? Wedding? Job Promotion? Let SNEAC know and we will add it to our next newsletter.

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Ever thought of Advising, now is your chance!

EH is looking for advisor support in the following areas: Membership and Philanthropy. We are currently seeking dedicated and supportive women who have the time to donate their talents to this group. You could be a part of history as the Epsilon Eta chapter hosts their first ever signature philanthropy event, Moonball, or you could assist our MVP in welcoming a brand new group of women who will shape the future of Gamma Phi Beta! If you are interested in getting involved with the Epsilon Eta chapter or would like more information regarding these roles, please contact Shannon Oliver at advisor.epsilonetaphib@gmail.com.

Epsilon Phi at Bentley is currently seeking two energetic, dynamic sisters to fill the role of New Member Advisor and Financial Advisor. These sisters will help create an engaging environment for new members and assist the education department in providing appropriate, exciting programming designed to inspire chapter members. They will also work on providing sound decision making on budget creation and chapter spending. If either of these sound like a job made for you, please submit your name and resume to Alexis Kay, Chapter Advisor at Advisor.EpsilonPhi@gmail.com by August 1, 2016.

REMINDERS

Know someone who would make a great addition to Gamma Phi?!

Refer them now with Gamma Phi Beta's New Online Reference Forms

Gamma Phi Beta has entered a new era as we have now activated an online web portal to accept online reference forms for potential new members! Now, fulfilling your lifelong responsibility of membership of recommending prospective women for membership can be completed with ease. As many collegiate chapters prepare for recruitment in the fall, won't you consider writing a reference for a young collegiate woman who has the potential to make Gamma Phi Beta her home?

Here's how: visit GammaPhiBeta.org and select the Recommend a Member link found at the bottom of every page. The form works best with a current web browser such as Chrome, Firefox or Safari (we do not recommend use of Internet Explorer). Simply move through the form and click Submit.

Thank you for supporting the growth of Gamma Phi Beta!

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Want to help build strong girls?

Girls on the Run® is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Girls on the Run Rhode Island is looking for coaches, 5k volunteers and event support!

Contact Megan Rogers at megan.rogers@girlsontherun.org if interested!

Visit Gotri.org for more information



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