



# The Anchor Line 2009

Delta Gamma Eta Gamma First Mates Crew

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PARENTS' EDITION

## **Did you know that...**

- We will hold FMC elections on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> prior to the Ladies Luncheon

- You can help First Mates Crew even if you live far away?

Read *Helping From a Distance*

- See **Important Dates** Mark your calendar now!

**Bringing Up a Dee Gee** is emailed and mailed to all parents of our 2009 New Member Class. If you didn't get one, let us know.

## **Howdy!**

Greetings and welcome to the best sorority at Texas A&M University! The Eta Gamma Chapter of Delta Gamma has an awesome group of young ladies. As a parent or guardian, I know you are very proud of your daughter(s). One way to show your commitment to the sorority your daughter has chosen is by joining the "parent crew" better known as the First Mates Crew (FMC). I would like to encourage all families to join. It is an opportunity for you to support and assist in the activities of the Eta Gamma Chapter.

The main goal of the FMC is to provide moral and material support to the chapter. What better way for us to encourage our daughters than by being part of the parent crew.

Volunteer for one of the many opportunities and committees - see *Helping in College Station*. You can even support your daughter and the chapter from afar - see *Helping From A Distance*.

Volunteer to be an officer - see *FMC Officers*.

Even if you do not have time to volunteer, you are still encouraged to join. All of the money raised from dues and fundraisers goes back into the Eta Gamma Chapter, benefiting our daughters.

We have several levels of giving this year starting at \$25.00. We support events and items that benefit the entire chapter. The Delta Gamma motto is "DO GOOD." Let the parent crew "DO GOOD" and set the example by joining. Our goal is 100% participation.

We will be electing our 2009-10 Officers at our annual meeting on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 - 12:30 in the study prior to the annual Ladies Luncheon (also known as Mothers' Luncheon). After elections, we will let you know where to mail your membership form and check.

Patti O'Connell  
2008-09 President

## **2009-10 FMC Officer Elections October 18, 2009**

First Mates Crew normally holds its elections on Parent Weekend. Because we did not have our 2009 April meeting we will be electing officers at our 2009 fall meeting before Delta gamma Ladies Luncheon (formerly Mother's Luncheon).

**First Mates  
Crew**

**Delta  
Gamma**

**Eta Gamma**

**Texas A&M  
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**Initiation and New Member Presentation Dates**

**November 2, 2009 Initiation**

Delta Gamma relatives and Delta Gamma friends are welcome to participate. Typically, parents and friends send their daughters gifts and/or flowers. Two sources are The Greek Boutique; [www.thegreekboutique.com](http://www.thegreekboutique.com); 900 Harvey Rd. College Station, Texas 77840; 877-424-7335; and Anchor Market Place [www.deltagamma.org/](http://www.deltagamma.org/). Megan Folger, vp member education, [mfolger@tamu.edu](mailto:mfolger@tamu.edu).

**November 15, 2009 New Member Presentation**

It is the event where all the members from the New Member Class of 2009 are formally presented as a part of the Eta Gamma Chapter. Parents of these new members are invited to attend, meet other Delta Gammas and their families. This event will be held at the Pebble Creek Country Club from 2 - 4 p.m. You'll receive an invitation in the mail with all of the details. Megan Folger, vp member education, [mfolger@tamu.edu](mailto:mfolger@tamu.edu)

**Helping in College Station**

*Anchor Slam®*: November 7, 2009 - Eta Gamma's new Annual Foundation Fundraiser. Donate raffle prizes or money, be a business sponsor, purchase t-shirts, and/or help that day as referees. Libby Jones, director Anchor Slam®, [deegee.anchorlam@gmail.com](mailto:deegee.anchorlam@gmail.com).

*Recruitment Week*: August 2010. A great way to meet other parents and help the chapter at the same time. All parents are welcome to help as they can. A volunteer schedule will be sent out in early August 2010.

**Helping From A Distance**

If you live out of town or don't have time to volunteer, you can still support the chapter and your daughter by:

*Sending her used prescription eyeglasses* - Delta Gamma Foundation supports several areas, including Service For Sight, helping individuals with vision impairments. Eta Gamma sends glasses to 3<sup>rd</sup> World countries through *New Eyes for the Needy*.

*Sending her labels and box tops* from products such as Campbell, Prego, Pepperidge Farm, and Swanson. Go to [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for more details; Our labels are sent to Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Austin. Contact Candice Nixon, vice president: Foundation, [misscandace55@neo.tamu.edu](mailto:misscandace55@neo.tamu.edu).

**Important Dates!**

August 22-28, 2009 **Recruitment Week** - a HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful parents who gave countless hours to make our recruitment the best! The chapter could not have done it without you!

October 18, 2009, **Ladies Luncheon** - 12:30 p.m. Come tour the beautiful Delta Gamma Chapter House, have lunch with your daughter, meet members of her new member class, sister family and other guests. Mothers, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, etc. are welcome. Tracy Osina, director of activities, [tracyosina@hotmail.com](mailto:tracyosina@hotmail.com).

*Your donations  
make a difference!*

*Join today!*

*We will be electing  
officers at the  
October 18<sup>th</sup>  
meeting.*

*Did you know that  
several of our  
moms and  
grandmothers that  
volunteer are  
members of other  
Panhellenic  
sororities?  
Everyone is  
welcome! We are  
all parents of the  
members of this  
chapter.*

November 7, 2009 **Anchor Slam®** - See "Helping In College Station"

November 2, 2009, **Initiation** (see page 1)

November 15, 2009, **New Member Presentation** (see page 2)

April 16-18, 2010, **Texas A&M Parent Weekend**

Spring 2010, **Dad's Event** – may be part of Parent Weekend.

### **Helpful Web Sites**

Eta Gamma Chapter: [www.aggiedeltagamma.com/](http://www.aggiedeltagamma.com/)

First Mates Crew: [www.aggiedeltagamma.com/](http://www.aggiedeltagamma.com/) Select FMC tab on home page

Delta Gamma Fraternity [www.deltagamma.org](http://www.deltagamma.org)

### **How FMC Supported the Chapter in 2008-09**

First Mates Crew helped the chapter financially and through volunteer hours:

FMC dues purchased costumes for Stompfest, supplies for Anchor Slam, and lots and lots of food for dinners for recruitment week. We purchased pizza and cookies for finals (see photos) as well as treated the chapter to a Cocoa and Coffee Night during test week. In addition we supported the web page upgrade.

We also give an anchor bracelet to an adviser who has contributed countless hours to the chapter.

Our members gave countless hours helping behind the scenes during recruitment week doing everything from organizing volunteers, sewing, ironing, decorating, serving meals, cooking, vacuuming, washing dishes, and getting to know each other and the girls of Eta Gamma. They helped during Anchor Slam®. Our parents send labels and box tops.

Nationally, other Delta Gamma chapters are contacting us regularly to establish a similar parent support group!

### **Joining FMC**

Our membership drive is our only fundraiser for the year. We have four levels of membership (per family, not per member): \$25.00 Bronze, \$50.00 Pink, \$75.00 Blue, and \$100.00 Gold Anchor. As you'll see from the Income/Expense Report of April 19, 2008, all of our expenses benefit the *entire* chapter!

Perhaps the best part of joining First Mates Crew is getting to know other parents at the different events- recruitment week, Anchor Slam®, Mother Luncheon and the Father Event. Your membership makes a difference! Read the comments from the parent volunteers and current DGs about First Mates Crew!

Once we elect our treasurer, we will have a 2009-10 Budget to share with you.

To join, complete the membership form on page 5 and your check with the membership level of your choice payable to *First Mates Crew*. Mail to:

Lisa Jones  
FMC Vice President  
1206 Broadmoor  
Bryan, TX 77802

Income & Expense Report  
ETA GAMMA FIRST MATES CREW  
April 12, 2008 - April 19, 2008

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	\$2,544.49
<b>INCOME</b>	
Memberships	\$4,550.00
Number	Amount
29	\$25
16	\$50
3	\$75
28	\$100
76	\$2,800
DG House Corp - For Tool Kit Reimbursement	\$131.47
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,681.47</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Newsletter Postage	\$152.18
Spring Surprise Night '08 (Picnic Dinner)	\$316.14
Recruitment Dinner - August '08	\$599.87
Recruitment Week - Pizza Nights (2)	\$389.70
Chapter Gifts -	
Donation-Electric Candles	\$500.00
Donation-Chapter Web Page	\$150.00
Donation-Chapter Tool Kit (reimbursed by House Corp.)	\$131.47
Advisor Award Gift	\$95.00
Winter Finals Treat Night Pizza & Cookie Cakes	\$318.06
Chapter Treat - Cocoa & Coffee	\$71.45
Anchor Slam Donation	\$300.00
Stompfest Donation	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,223.87</b>
ENDING BANK BALANCE AS OF 4/18/09	\$4,002.09

Membership: We have four levels of membership: **\$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00 or \$100.00**. All memberships are per family

**Cookies provided by First Mates Crew for 2009 Finals Week**



Congratulations to our Seniors!



Good Luck to All in Finals



FMC Loves our DGs!

## Eta Gamma First Mates Crew 2009-2010 Membership

The *Eta Gamma First Mates Crew* is comprised of Delta Gamma parents/guardians, Eta Gamma alumnae, and other supporters who provide additional financial and volunteer support to the Eta Gamma Delta Gamma Chapter at Texas A&M. Membership is voluntary but our goal is **100%** participation! **Become a member and receive newsletters and emails with information on events, dates, and activities.**

First Mates Crew provides the following opportunities for parents to be involved...

- **Financial Support** for the Chapter House, Chapter Activities, Items needed for Recruitment and Anchor Slam®
- **Food** for a Recruitment Week Dinner, Snacks during finals, and Anchor Slam.
- **Volunteers** for Recruitment Week, Anchor Slam®, and the Parents' Work Weekend in June.

Join and pay your dues (see below). Volunteer for one of the many opportunities and committees. See *Helping in College Station*. You can even support your daughter and the chapter from afar – see *Helping From A Distance*.

We have four levels of membership: **\$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00 or \$100.00**. All memberships are per family. Please make checks payable to: **First Mates Crew**. Mail Check and completed form to: **Lisa Jones, FMC Vice President 1206 Broadmoor, Bryan, TX 77802**.

Please provide the phone numbers and/or email addresses where you'd like to receive messages regarding the chapter and First Mates Crew activities. Questions? Contact Patti O'Connell, [dgpatti@verizon.net](mailto:dgpatti@verizon.net), 972-307-6633

### 2009-2010 Membership Levels

**\$25.00 Bronze**

**\$50.00 Pink**

**\$75.00 Blue**

**\$100.00 Gold Anchor**

Your daughter's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

For Treasurer: Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to help on the following committees and/or activities (See *Helping In College Station*):**

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|---|---|---|
| <u>Fall 2009</u>                                | <u>Spring 2010</u>                                | <u>I'm interested in the following position(s) in 2009-10</u>               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment Week       | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks for spring finals | <input type="checkbox"/> President  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anchor Slam®           | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents' Work Weekend    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President (Volunteer Coordinator)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks for fall finals |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary (Newsletter/Minutes from annual meeting) |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer  |



**2009 Bid Day – New Member Class of Eta Gamma Chapter of Delta Gamma at Texas A&M**