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Foundation Board of Trustees



Chairman, Foundation Board of Trustees
Ruth Grant Alsbrooks, Beta Psi-Alabama

Ruth is currently serving her first term as Board Chairman of the Delta Gamma Foundation.

Ruth, a native of Richmond, Virginia, earned her B.A. in speech from the University of Alabama. An initiate of Beta Psi-Alabama, she earned a Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Ruth has served in many roles within the Fraternity including Birmingham alumnae chapter president, advisory team chairman for Zeta Xi-UAB and COA for Zeta Nu-Montevallo. She has also served eight terms on the Delta Gamma Cabinet as Collegiate Programming Specialist, Region 3 Housing Specialist, Region 3 Director and as a member of the Fraternity Management Corporation Board.

She worked as a speech pathologist for the Birmingham Public School System, and has also served as an early childhood educator. Ruth is a community volunteer, currently serving as a docent for the Birmingham Museum of Art where she was Docent Council Chair, Day Chair, chair of the Southeastern Docent Symposium and was involved with donor development. She has served in multiple positions as an officer of the Women's Committee of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and the Service Guild of Birmingham. Additionally, she was on the inaugural Board of Directors of the Early Intervention Program (now The Bell Center).

Ruth has been recognized with the Cable Award of Delta Gamma Fraternity and was elected to membership in the Order of Omega. She and her husband John (Jay) live in Mountain Brook, Alabama and are the proud parents of two daughters, one a Delta Gamma (Beta Theta-Duke) and one a member of Kappa Delta.





Secretary, Foundation Board of Trustees
Lynne Thieme, Beta Xi-Michigan State

After earning her undergraduate degree, Lynne settled in California's Silicon Valley, where she developed a passion for leading diverse teams of software engineers. Currently retired from tech, as a vice president of engineering and design, Lynne led innovative, high-performing, globally-distributed software teams developing complex software from artificial intelligence to disaster recovery. From her years of experience on high-performing technical teams, she developed a marked interest in mentoring and inspiring women and under-represented minorities in technology.

An initiate of Beta Xi-Michigan State, Lynne graduated from the University of Illinois, where she affiliated with Iota-Illinois. She has a Bachelor of Science in computer science and mathematics and a certificate in nonprofit management from the University of Illinois, and a multiple subject California teaching credential with cross-cultural, language, and academic development with middle level emphasis from San Jose State University.

As a Trustee of the Delta Gamma Foundation in her first term, Lynne worked with the Directors of Grants, Scholarships and Fellowships, and Collegiate Service. She has served two terms as Foundation Director: Collegiate Service and two terms as Regional Foundation Coordinator (Region 8). Lynne has served the Palo Alto alumnae chapter continuously since 1998 and currently holds the office of president.

Lynne and her husband live on the peninsula south of San Francisco and have two grown children.



Treasurer, Foundation Board of Trustees
Joan Workman Newman, Gamma-UC Berkeley

Joan is now in her second term as Treasurer of the Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees and chairs the Foundation Finance Committee. She has over 40 years of experience in the financial services industry, most recently as partner and chief human resources officer for a global asset manager where she was responsible for all facets of organizational development and human capital planning and led the firm's community outreach and charitable giving activities. In prior roles, she served as senior vice president with Bank of America where she held a number

of leadership positions, including the management of compensation, product development, operations, corporate planning, audit and relocation functions. She also served as the HR consultant for the investment banking, venture capital, global trading and Latin America business areas and served on the Bank of America and Continental Bank Foundation boards, respectively. Upon graduation, she worked as a management analyst for the Department of Treasury.

Joan is a member of the Chicago North Shore alumnae chapter. Joan has broad volunteer and community service experience, including leadership and board experience with foundations, vocational and community boards. She is a member of the Fortnightly of Chicago board and also serves on their investment advisory board. She is a past member of the Governing Board



of Gilda's Club Chicago, Chair of the North Shore Senior Center Foundation and a number of other organizations. Born in Seattle, Washington and raised in northern California, she and her husband, John, live in northern suburbs of Chicago. They have two grown children and share their home with two aspiring therapy dogs.



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Catherine (Kim) Schmoker Hunnewell,
Alpha Upsilon-Southern Methodist

Kim is currently serving her first term on the Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees, overseeing Collegiate Service and Fundraising. She most recently served as Regional Foundation Coordinator for Region 5 and has previously served as advisory team chairman for Lambda-Minnesota, as well as serving in many other advisory team positions. In addition to her leadership roles in Delta Gamma, she serves on the Board of Trustees at Saint Thomas Academy and is presently the co-chairman for their capital campaign. Kim has been president of the Junior League of Minneapolis (JLM), and is currently serving the JLM in various advisory roles. In addition, she has co-chaired numerous fundraising auctions, raising funds for schools and other non-profit organizations.

Kim comes from a family of dedicated Delta Gammas. She is the granddaughter of Helen Catherine Davis Stuart (H.K. Stuart Spirit of Service Award), the daughter of Catherine "Kit" Stuart Schmoker (Schmoker Principled Alumna Leadership Award) and the proud aunt of DG nieces, Maggie and Katie.

One of Kim's passions is cooking for her family and friends, so later in life she went back to school at Le Cordon Bleu and graduated with a degree in culinary science. She and husband Willard live in Minneapolis, MN and have four boys; three who have graduated from college living in Florida, Texas and California, and one who is a sophomore at the University of Miami. In addition to serving Delta Gamma, she loves to cook, take barre classes, travel, and spend time with friends.



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Deborah Taber Crosby, Xi-Michigan

Debbie is currently serving her second term on the Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees. As a Trustee, her current area of focus is Alumnae Service and Fundraising and Lectureships in Values and Ethics. Debbie has previously held Delta Gamma leadership positions including Foundation Director: Special Events and Fundraising, Foundation Director: Scholarships and Fellowships, Foundation Governance Committee member, Regional Foundation Coordinator, Regional Finance Specialist, and Province Collegiate Chairman. Debbie has also served as Ann Arbor alumnae chapter president, Advisory Team Chairman for Xi chapter, and co-chairman for Xi chapter's Lectureships in Values and Ethics.



Debbie is now retired from a 25+ year career as an advertising and marketing communications executive, primarily in high-tech business-to-business communications. Early in her career, Debbie served as a Media Research Analyst for Leo Burnett Advertising Company in Chicago. Throughout her career she was employed as an account executive at Buckheim and Rowland Advertising, a Director of Marketing Communication for Human Synergistics, Inc., Symplex Communications, and UMI (now ProQuest) in Michigan. She has also spent the last few years as office manager for an accounting firm.

Debbie is married to her Alpha Tau Omega sweetheart, Jim; they live in Ann Arbor, Michigan. An avid tennis player, she recently added golfing to the activities she enjoys.



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Jennifer (Jenn) Stuart Ragusa, Zeta Lambda-UC Riverside

Jenn is currently serving her first term on the Delta Gamma Foundation Board of Trustees, overseeing Grants, Scholarships and Fellowships. Jenn currently volunteers as a Delta Gamma PRO and has been part of the Foundation Ambassador Team in San Diego. Jenn has previously served as Regional Director of Region 8, RCS, ATC, CRC, and CDC, as well as serving in many roles on both the collegiate advisory and alumnae sides of Delta Gamma. In addition to her leadership roles in Delta Gamma, Jenn serves on the Board of

Directors at Los Compadres de Escuela Longfellow and recently completed a Board of Directors position at the Pacific Youth Soccer League. She has also been involved with giving campaigns with San Diego County YMCA, San Diego Zoo International, Zoological Society, Los Compadres de Escuela Longfellow, as well as other foundations in San Diego.

Jenn was selected as a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award, District 2, presented to her by the City of San Diego. In San Diego, she has served as the lead liaison between the City of San Diego and Longfellow Spanish Immersion School for a \$24 million renovation, modernization, and construction project, and chaired the Pedestrian Safety Committee for pedestrian corridors in areas of San Diego.

In her professional life, Jenn is a Realtor® with The Ragusa Group at Compass in La Jolla, CA. Together, with her husband, they own and operate their real estate and property management companies. Jenn's business experience has led to strong knowledge in negotiation, accounting, budgets, contract expertise and digital marketing. Together they have received multiple awards including the Presidents Awards, Culture Champions, Women in Leadership Awards and more.

Jenn is married to her college sweetheart, Dave Ragusa. They live in Bay Park, a suburb of San Diego, with their two children, Amanda and Gavin. Jenn also enjoys doing activities at the beach and teaching Barre, Zumba and fitness classes in San Diego before heading to work in the morning.





Fraternity President and Foundation Trustee
Wilma Johnson Wilbanks, Alpha Psi-Mississippi

Wilma is now in her second term as International President of Delta Gamma Fraternity. She represents the Fraternity on the National Panhellenic Conference Council of Delegates. Wilma previously served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Delta Gamma Foundation for four years and Treasurer for two years, as well as Fraternity Parliamentarian, a position in which she served for 15 years. A Psi Woman, she also has served on the Fraternity Cabinet as Regional Finance Specialist, Regional Alumnae Specialist, and Province Alumnae Chairman.

Wilma has served on both the Fraternity and Foundation Finance Committees, as well as on the Joint Fraternity-Foundation Finance Committee. She is a member of the board for both the Fraternity Housing Corporation and the Fraternity Management Corporation. Wilma served as president of the Mississippi Delta alumnae association twice. Professionally, she is a pharmacist at Walgreens, and was named by Pharmacy Times as the top pharmacist in the country for civic service in 2017. Wilma serves on the board of Grammy Museum Mississippi, and is a past president of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, the Delta Arts Alliance, Crosstie Arts Council, and a number of other organizations. Wilma and her husband Bob share three sons and five grandchildren.



Council Trustee: Fraternity Programming and Foundation Trustee

Joanna Rosenow Shook, Alpha Upsilon-Southern Methodist

Directly prior to this role, Joanna served the Fraternity as Council Trustee: Collegians. Her previous Delta Gamma roles span years of varied volunteer service, including Region 3 Director, Director of Collegiate Chapter Development (now Chapter Operations), Regional Collegiate Specialist, Alumnae Development Consultant, Region 3 Nominating Committee representative and numerous advisory team and alumnae group officer positions. She is a proud recipient of the Cable Award.

Joanna began her career as a marketing professional, specializing in event planning and grassroots community outreach. She has led marketing efforts for companies of all shapes and sizes, from the Super Bowl to a neighborhood bookstore, and has contributed marketing and fundraising expertise to two non-profit organizations, Atlanta's Cancer Support Community and the Georgia Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

A lifelong love of being active led Joanna to obtain certifications in group fitness, nutrition and health coaching. She has coached for over 20 years and this year, launched her own nutrition and wellness platform, CuppaJo. She and her husband Jim live in the Atlanta area and have two children, recent UNC Tarheel graduate, Mattingly (Alpha Delta Pi) and current Texas Longhorn, Dallas (Kappa Sigma).





Fraternity Treasurer and Foundation Trustee **Susan Eddy Kinney, Beta Psi-Alabama**

Susan is now in her second term as Fraternity Treasurer and Foundation Board of Trustees member. She has worked diligently to reduce expenses, provide transparency, and improve services during her term, including annual savings of \$100,000+ for FMC chapters, reduced FHC-FMC Board expenses, provided a dedicated Accountant for collegiate chapter budgets and sought transparency of Accumulated Surplus balances. Other significant Delta Gamma leadership experience includes Board Chair, Fraternity Management Corporation, Fraternity Housing Corporation Board member,

Director: Housing Resources, Regional Housing Director and Province Collegiate Chairman. Susan serves as a MJ Insurance Collaborator regarding the Sorority National Program, client services and resources.

Additionally, Susan has served as a facilitator at the Lewis Institute and LeaderShape, and locally as alumnae chapter president, ATC, and various house corporation board roles. Following a lifetime engagement with Delta Gamma, Susan was instrumental in the return of Beta Psi chapter to the University of Alabama campus. She spearheaded fundraising of \$1 million in support of construction of the \$8 million house. As associate vice president for human resources and risk management at Birmingham Southern College, Susan has oversight of national employment searches, diversity and inclusivity efforts, the \$24 million personnel budget, and risk management and insurance programs. Susan has also served on Fraternity and Sorority Extension committees. She was named Top HR Executive by the Birmingham Business Journal.

Susan and her husband, Dan, are the parents of two grown children, daughter Claire (Kappa Alpha Theta) and son-in-law Jacob, son Joseph and daughter-in-law Julie (Alpha Xi Delta) and two grandchildren, Patrick and Caroline.

