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## Pi Phi's Mosaic of Friendship

Last fall my Pi Phi travels took me to four chapters. Each of these chapters, while unique and geographically diverse, upholds Pi Phi values and exemplifies the unity that is so important to our Fraternity.



EMILY RUSSELL TARR  
Texas Beta  
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Arkansas Alpha, a chapter of more than 250 members, consistently wins top awards on the University of Arkansas campus and won the Balfour Cup the past two years. Pi Phi values, cohesiveness, excellent leadership and unified purpose make their success possible.

Ontario Alpha at the University of Toronto recently celebrated its centennial. Shared by both collegians and alumnae, the weekend was a tribute to those who had the vision to become Pi Phis 100 years ago.

After a chapter house fire in 2007, members of Idaho Alpha at the University of Idaho persevered and were committed to live together as a chapter through the 2007–08 academic year. Throughout four different living situations last year, the chapter realized that sisterhood, not a house, makes a chapter. Their earnestness of purpose and caring for one another made me proud to be a Pi Phi.

Installation weekend at Massachusetts Gamma at Massachusetts Institute of Technology brought to mind that one of our founders' early goals was extension to other campuses. This newest chapter is diverse, academically outstanding and unified in their respect for Pi Phi and its values.

My wish for 2009 is that each of you will experience this beautiful mosaic of friendship that is Pi Beta Phi.

Ring Ching,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily".

EMILY RUSSELL TARR



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for women is to promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich lives through community service.

The article about privacy laws in the Fall 2008 edition of *The Arrow* was great. It was full of important information necessary to our members. As a member of an Alumnae Advisory Committee and as a Greek life professional, I get questions all the time from parents about their daughters. While it's easy for me to say that I am unable to share that information, it's hard to hear the worry in their voices. As a student affairs professional working in Greek life, privacy law is very important in almost everything I do, whether it's working with the students, the advisers or the parents. Thank you so much for this timely and thorough article. I think current Pi Phis, advisers and alumnae who are parents will all benefit from this information!

LEIGH THIEDEMAN

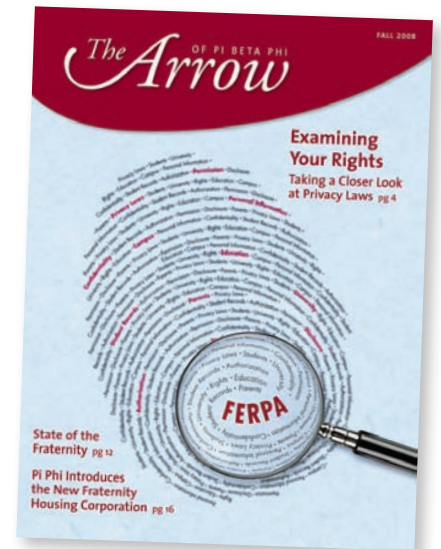
Iowa Gamma — Atlanta, Georgia

We just received our first copy of our daughter Sylvia's *Arrow*. It was fun to look at and enjoy. I have just one suggestion. Is it possible to include the university name as well as the chapter? As a non-Pi Phi, I don't know any of the chapter names. I was looking to see if I could note any UCLA, or even Northwestern Pi Phis, but I couldn't figure it out. I mentioned it to Sylvia and she said she doesn't know all of them either. I am a Kappa Kappa Gamma and *The Key* magazine lists the university as well as the Greek chapter name to identify photos and articles. Thank goodness, because I only know my own chapter's name and a few others. Looking forward to many more issues of *The Arrow* in the next three years while Sylvia is at school. She loves being a Pi Phi and we have our own Monmouth Duo right here in our own home!

Anna Zaich — Irvine, California

*Editor's note: After some investigation, we discovered The Arrow previously printed the university and chapter name in the Collegiate News section. We are reinstating this policy beginning with this issue. For your reference, a complete list of Pi Beta Phi chapters and universities is provided in the Collegiate Chapter section at [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).*

CORRECTION: West Virginia University was incorrectly identified as the University of West Virginia on Page 18 of the Fall *Arrow*. *The Arrow* apologizes for the error and regrets any confusion this may have caused.



We look forward to hearing from you. E-mail comments to the editor at [editor@pibetaphi.org](mailto:editor@pibetaphi.org) or mail them to the Pi Beta Phi Headquarters address listed to the left.



# Katherine Spies

Pilot

*in her own words*

**First Lieutenant KATHERINE SPIES, California Gamma, is as comfortable in a dress and heels as she is in her digital cammies and boots in the cockpit of her Cobra helicopter.**

After graduating from the University of Southern California (USC) with a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering, Katherine was commissioned as a Marine in May 2004. She serves as an AH-1W Super Cobra pilot with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit Aviation Combat Element and is stationed at Camp Pendleton in California.

Katherine volunteers at the Long Beach Children's Hospital, the Balboa Naval Hospital, Four Pearls of Beckstrand Cancer Foundation and the USC Town & Gown Junior Auxiliary of Orange County. Additionally, Katherine serves on the Alumnae Advisory Committee at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

In her free time Katherine enjoys running, swimming, yoga and of course attending South Orange County Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club meetings.



**Q: The best advice I ever received was ...**

**A:** to always stay positive, always find a way and never give up.

**Q: Even my best friends don't know I ...**

**A:** used to get nervous around large dogs until I got Bear, my English chocolate Labrador. Now I can't imagine having a smaller dog.

**Q: My favorite vacation spot is ...**

**A:** Clifton Beach, Capetown, South Africa.

**Q: I wish I had more time to ...**

**A:** read the classics over again.

**Q: I always smile when ...**

**A:** the sun is shining, and I am able to be outside!

**Q: A life worth living must ...**

**A:** be filled with friends and family, they are the ones who will help celebrate your successes and support you at your lowest moments.

**Q: I am most proud of ...**

**A:** being a part of so many vastly different organizations.

**Q: The virtue I value most is ...**

**A:** dedication. It's easy to commit, but much harder to put time and effort into the things you care about in life.

**Q: My fondest Pi Phi memory is ...**

**A:** Convention 2007! Being around that many Pi Phis was so crazy and so fun!

**Q: The heroines I most admire are ...**

**A:** the women who have come before me and allowed me to be an equal, to have the right to vote, to work in any industry and to choose my own future. From the founding members of Pi Beta Phi to Susan B. Anthony and Sally Ride, these women have made my life a world without limits and I couldn't be more grateful.

Pi Phi taught me ...

*“how to balance my life. I never wanted to miss a philanthropy or date party, but I knew I had to finish my schoolwork first!”*



# Here's to the Friendship True!

## A Tribute to the Pi Phi Cookie Shine

BY: WENDY WOOLARD DROCHELMAN, MISSOURI ALPHA  
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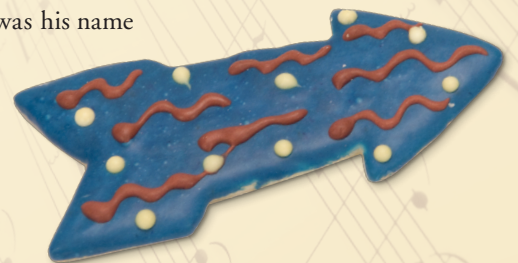
Crunchy or soft, iced or plain, to dessert-lovers, cookies seem like edible works of art. But to a Pi Phi, cookies are more than sprinkles and frosting; they are a symbol of a sweet and genuine tradition of Pi Beta Phi — a Cookie Shine.

In 1912, a Pi Phi collegian wrote of the Cookie Shine, “The term itself, and the occasion for which it stands, has become an inseparable part of the social life of our Fraternity that will always be held in unquestioned and loving regard by all of us.” Nearly 100 years later, that statement still holds true. After all, what is so fine as a Cookie Shine under the wine and blue?

### History

The history of the Cookie Shine is intertwined with the beginning of the Kansas Alpha Chapter. In April 1872, SARA RICHARDSON became a charter member of the Iota Chapter of I.C. Sorosis (later known as Illinois Beta) at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois. Sara’s home was in Lawrence, Kansas. She had three sisters, Alma, Florence and May, who were students at the University of Kansas. In the spring of 1873, Sara heard a few University of Kansas men had formed a chapter of Beta Theta Pi. She encouraged her sisters to follow in her footsteps and form an I.C. Sorosis chapter at Kansas. The Kappa Chapter was chartered on April 1, 1873.

The chapter held its first social event that June. Its purpose was to honor Sara and her help establishing the chapter. The party was held at the Richardson’s home, and among the guests was John Fraser, the University’s chancellor. Fraser was a native of Scotland, and “Cookie Shine” was his name for any kind of informal social gathering brought together by accident or





design. Upon seeing the delightful refreshments, Fraser called the feast a “Cookie Shine.”

By 1885, nearly every chapter had adopted the Cookie Shine as a genuine Pi Phi tradition. Even today, each of the 131 chapters and many of our 330 alumnae organizations continue to hold Cookie Shines to celebrate Bid Day, initiation, Founders’ Day and sisterhood. It is a celebration of Pi Beta Phi’s heritage and can be as diverse as our members.

A Cookie Shine is the one tradition in Pi Phi that is different, yet the same. The first Cookie Shines resembled picnics with each member bringing a contribution. A sheet, serving as a table, was spread on the floor. Among the foods at early Cookie Shines were peanuts, cheese, gingersnaps, crackers, pickles, bananas and apples. Cookie Shines have continued to be a part of Pi Phi celebrations at alumnae organization meetings, conventions, leadership academies, anniversary celebrations and installations.

### A New Look at an Old Friend

Cookie Shines began as a time for sharing sisterhood. They were an opportunity to savor each other’s company and to strengthen the bonds of wine and silver blue. And although they are different now than in 1873, they are like friendship — ever-changing and growing. A University of California-Los Angeles study on friendship among women suggests what we already know as Pi Phis — friendship among women is special.<sup>1</sup> Friendships shape who we are, and most importantly during our college years, who we are yet to be. They fill emotional gaps and help us remember who we really are. “Learning Friendship,” a recent article by Frank Shushok, Jr., called the strong bonds of friendship tools for learning, retention, graduation and participation.<sup>2</sup> In this regard, the Pi Phi Cookie Shine represents much more than a sweet memory. These friendships among women and this shared memory will transcend the college experience.



Illinois Deltas celebrate a Cookie Shine at Knox College in 1908.

The members of Pennsylvania Beta at Bucknell University enjoy a Cookie Shine in 1903.



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California Gammas at the University of Southern California gather at a Cookie Shine to celebrate their newly initiated members.

The Arkansas Alpha Chapter at the University of Arkansas prepares a Cookie Shine for the new initiates.



*“We know we have made a friend when we can say to the other, ‘What, you too?’” — C.S. Lewis*

KAREN EMBERTON, Kentucky Beta, recalls her chapter experience in the early 1970s as a very special and moving time. Karen joined Pi Phi as a junior, and Cookie Shines were a time of helping one another and sharing an old Pi Phi tradition. “Something in those two years developed deeply within me that instilled in me a lifetime commitment to work and serve the Fraternity, which I have done in some capacity for more than 35 years.” She adds, “Was it tradition? Maybe. But I think it was more about the organization ... what it stood for and how it made me feel as an empowered woman who could go out and achieve anything I desired. Along the way I would have friends to stand by my side.”

Pi Phi sisters are bound together by traditions and experiences, one being the Cookie Shine. And although only a small portion of Cookie Shine memories could be featured in this article, it is apparent sisterhood, much like homemade cookies, is good for the soul.

### Today's Cookie Shine

Cookie Shines remain unique to each chapter or alumnae organization. Some include cookies, candies and other sweet treats laid out on a sheet on the floor. The setup is large enough for everyone to gather around. Many times the placement of the goodies is in the shape of an angel, arrow, Greek letters or other Pi Phi-specific symbols or words. Once all the Cookie Shine attendees have gathered around, “The Cookie Shine Song” or another favorite Pi Beta Phi song is sung. Sometimes a large cookie is passed around the room. Each member breaks off a piece while expressing a memory or some sort of gratitude that ties to Pi Phi. As the piece of cookie is broken off, a wish is made as she rubs the bottom of the cookie sheet. Once the singing and sharing of memories has taken place, participants can dive into the goodies and grab as much candy as possible.



“Cookie Shines are one of California Gamma’s favorite Pi Phi traditions,” says DIANA HUNT, California Gamma. “Cookie Shines provide a special space for all of us to share memories with our sisters in a sacred environment.”

It isn’t just the Cookie Shine itself that is sacred. Many of the items used for a Cookie Shine have been used for decades. Chapters may use the same sheet year after year with members’ names embroidered on it. The Texas Epsilon Chapter, founded in 1976, still uses the same tin of red hot candies used during its very first Cookie Shine. LINDSAY and AMY ELLIS, Texas Epsilons, recall, “At each Cookie Shine the tin of red hots is placed in the middle of the room with other candy and treats, and the Pi Phi crest is outlined using them on sheets for everyone to see. There is always one daring sister who eats a few, and we all have a good laugh.”

The unique qualities of each chapter and alumnae organization Cookie Shine transcends the food and set-up. Some are kept secret, while others are a time for friends and family. The Virginia Eta Chapter keeps its Cookie Shines very secretive. The Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club provides baked goods, candy and even hot chocolate and bottled water for the chapter to use during and after a Cookie Shine. Nebraska Gamma, on the other hand, holds a Cookie Shine for parents during parents’ weekend. “This gives our parents the opportunity to experience and



Nebraska Gamma LAURA STRICKLAND displays a cookie at the Nebraska Gamma’s parents luncheon and Cookie Shine.

participate in the part of our life that includes Pi Phi and its traditions,” says Nebraska Gamma VICTORIA PARK.

Chapters may hold a Cookie Shine a few times a semester, whenever something important is happening, in celebration of a big accomplishment, to celebrate Pi Phi’s founding or just for fun! Pi Beta Phi recently installed its newest chapter, Massachusetts Gamma, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A Cookie Shine was held during its Installation weekend where all the parents were invited to attend. “Cookie Shines are a great introduction to the Fraternity,” says Headquarters Director of Member Services ERIKA BREEDLOVE, Missouri Alpha. “It shows the heritage and sisterhood we have had for more than 141 years.”

### And That’s the Way the Cookie Crumbles

“No Cookie Shine is the same,” says MAUREEN LICURSI, Ohio Beta. “The homemade cookies are never the same shape or texture, the candies never taste quite the same and the smiling faces surrounding the Cookie Shine cloth change with each ceremony that passes. What does remain is the sisterhood this tradition represents. It reiterates the fact we are part of something bigger, and that Pi Phis new and old are all united by the bond of sisterhood,” says Indiana Beta ELIZABETH SCHRADER.

Whatever the chapter or alumnae organization’s traditions may be, the term “Pi Phi Cookie Shine” is one that brings memories back into focus. It offers wonderful opportunities to savor the special sisterhood shared by Pi Phis all over the world. Singer James Taylor said it best with, “How sweet it is to be loved by you.”





## ❧ *My Favorite Cookie Shine Memories* ❧

"My favorite Pi Phi memory was my very first Cookie Shine! I remember my mother, Florida Beta EDNA JAMES TICHENOR, always telling me she was going to a Cookie Shine when she went to a Pi Phi alumnae meeting. She would giggle when I would ask her about it. I was in my teens then so I really never knew what this meant until I went to my own Cookie Shine. What a surprise! She saved that special time for me to enjoy!"

— CYNTHIA TICHENOR HERRIN, Florida Beta

"Just yesterday I experienced what was my last time sitting in the center of the Cookie Shine, a bittersweet moment of course. I laughed, clapped and sang with my fellow seniors, grabbing my own messy piece of the arrow cookie I've watched passed around so many times before. We each grabbed our own needle and thread and one by one added our names to the tapestry of Ohio Beta. We laughed at the sewing prowess, or lack thereof, of ourselves and the women who came before us. Regardless of our skill with the needle, we are now a permanent part of this special tradition. More names will be added with each passing year, but we know that we will have left our mark. A part of us will always share this ceremony, and all it represents, with the women who follow in our footsteps."

— MAUREEN LICURSI, Ohio Beta

"The night before my wedding, after my rehearsal dinner, two of my Pi Phi sisters, my best friend MICHELLE MAYO FISH, and my little sister, SARAH SHOEMAKE DOLES, asked me to take them to the grocery store. They wouldn't let me tag along inside, and they asked me to go to my room when we got home. After waiting quite awhile, they finally led me to my living room, where they had prepared a beautiful Cookie Shine for me! Needless to say, I was so surprised and extremely thankful for my Pi Phi sisters making my pre-wedding night so special. On my wedding anniversary, 14 years later, my husband told me he had thought about enlisting my daughters, ages 4 and 2, to help him prepare a Cookie Shine in my honor, but he didn't know how to do it."

— ROBIN HINTON HOPKINS, Missouri Alpha

"I will never forget how excited I was flying to Austin, Texas, from Hong Kong for my best friend's, ROBIN HINTON HOPKINS, wedding. I had been there for work, and the entire 23-hour flight I was awake trying to come up with something I could do, as her maid of honor, that would be extra special for Robin. I thought back to how we met on Bid Day, the fun times we always had together at Mizzou and the friendship we shared. Of course that brought me back to Pi Beta Phi! I thought a Cookie Shine would be perfect and how special that would be on the night before her wedding. Robin's little sister, SARAH SHOEMAKE DOLES, and I surprised Robin that night with a huge Cookie Shine with all of her favorite treats. I think we probably shed a tear or two, but it really symbolized so much. As the song says, 'the joy of friendship true, the joy of having knowing you, will last your whole life through.' And it has ... Robin and I just met for homecoming at Mizzou in October this past year and talked about all of our wonderful memories of Pi Beta Phi! Her friendship means the world to me and even though we don't live in the corner room at 511 Rollins anymore, I know she is just a phone call away!"

— MICHELLE MAYO FISH, Missouri Alpha

"The Pi Phi Cookie Shine is one of my favorite Arkansas Alpha traditions. To see pure joy on each girl's face as the first Cookie Shine is revealed is like watching a kid in a candy store. The Cookie Shine always makes me feel like a child. Now that I am a junior, I love to help make the Cookie Shines and sing to the younger girls so that they may have as wonderful of an experience as I did."

— MEGAN SHEA, Arkansas Alpha

"I love Cookie Shines ... and not because of those delicious arrow cookies with the perfect icing, although those are irresistible. It is because of the very special memories Cookie Shines create with our sisters. It is not exactly how a Cookie Shine is executed that make them so special but rather the unique, intimate experience created by the Cookie Shine that make them so memorable for us all."

— MARI LOU PSIHOGIOS DIAMOND, Oregon Alpha

# Memories

# Pi Beta Phi Installs Massachusetts Gamma

Pi Beta Phi is thrilled to welcome the women of Massachusetts Gamma to the Fraternity. Many women in the new member class are currently involved in campus activities and committees — many holding leadership roles. JENNIFER LAI, Massachusetts Gamma, was even a finalist for “College Jeopardy!”

Pi Beta Phi presented to Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) students for possible extension in early spring 2008. After being invited to colonize in the fall, Pi Phi began coordinating committees, resources and timetables for a successful Massachusetts Gamma colonization.

Resident Leadership Development Consultant (RLDC) LUISA MARIA BADARACCO, Illinois Epsilon, arrived on campus in late August to prepare for colonizing recruitment in September. Several area Pi Phis assisted during recruitment; Connecticut Alphas spoke to potential new members along with members of the colonizing recruitment team. After three days of recruitment, 41 women, including one legacy, pledged Pi Phi and enjoyed Bid Day on Sunday, September 28.



Resident Leadership Development Consultant LUISA MARIA BADARACCO, Illinois Epsilon (center), poses with newly initiated members of Massachusetts Gamma, from left, BRITTANY CLEVINGER, MELISSA CROWELL, HILLARY BENSON and EMILY SCHLOFF at the MIT Installation Banquet.

Since Bid Day, the new member class has spent time getting to know one another. The women attended a bowling event with their slightly older sisters, and also saw “Legally Blonde: the Musical.” Their new member retreat was to a farm outside of Boston for apple picking and a hayride. The ladies had only been together for a few weeks when they became involved in several community service events



Massachusetts Gamma alumnae initiates, from front left: DONNA DENONCOURT and KAREN NILSSON. From back left: JENNIFER TAYLOR and CHERYL VOSSMER.

in the Boston area and on campus. The women participated in Shoreline Cleanup (a Greek community event), a Sigma Kappa skit performance and a bake sale to benefit a local community group.

Charter member ASHLEY BROWN is the daughter of Virginia Epsilon SUSAN GIBSON BROWN, a charter member at the University of Virginia. “We were initiated and our chapter was installed in the spring of 1975, toward the end of my first year,” Susan said. “I think the only thing that surprises me more than the fact that I helped start a chapter of a women’s fraternity, is that history is now repeating itself.”

Massachusetts Gamma Installation was held November 14–16, 2008. Pi Phis from all over, including a few Ontario Alphas, came to celebrate the installation of Pi Beta Phi’s only Massachusetts’ chapter. Members of Grand Council and Boston area alumnae provided assistance and offered support for the new chapter. The weekend festivities began with the pledging of four alumnae initiates. The preparatory service for the collegiate and alumnae candidates came next. To complete the evening, Pi Phis, friends and family members enjoyed a celebratory Cookie Shine. On Saturday, Grand President EMILY RUSSELL TARR, Texas Beta, initiated 41 collegians and four alumnae initiates. More than 100 collegians and alumnae attended the installation banquet on Saturday evening. A community reception on Sunday completed the weekend.





Massachusetts Gamma charter members gather for a group photo at their Installation Banquet on Saturday, November 15, 2008.

Grand Vice President Communications KAREN SHELTON CHEVALIER, California Delta, served as Massachusetts Gamma's toastmistress for installation and continues to serve as its new chapter assistance officer.

"Much like our founders, the women of MIT are making their way in fields that have been traditionally dominated by men," Karen said. "We are thrilled that Pi Beta Phi can enhance their collegiate experience in such an academically challenging environment."

**Chapter Name – Massachusetts Gamma**

**MIT was Founded – 1861**

**Location – Cambridge, Massachusetts**

**Student Enrollment – 4,100 undergraduate students and 6,000 graduate students**

**Percentage of Students in the Greek System – 45**



MIT Local Installation Committee, from front left: co-chairmen South Carolina Alpha MARY DELOACHE GREEN and Pennsylvania Epsilon OLIVIA BRACKEN; from back left: Ohio Eta OLIVIA DIFETERICI ASARCH, New Jersey Alpha AMY EBELING MCCREATH, Connecticut Alpha JILL SOUTHWORTH CRAFT, Florida Alpha KATE TAYLOR and Ohio Eta MACKENZIE KORHN. *Not pictured: Iowa Beta STEPHANIE ROBL, New Mexico Alpha MICHELE KING, Michigan Beta DEBRA DEFRANCES HANNIGAN, Massachusetts Beta CHERYLANN CHASE TAYLOR and New Mexico Alpha KRISTEN CARRILLO.*



# New Pi Phi Colonies Moving Toward Installation

## New York Eta Makes a Big Impact in the Big Apple

Pi Beta Phi has colonized on the New York University (NYU) campus. Bid Day for New York Eta took place on October 5, 2008. Pi Phi's newest chapter recruited 67 strong-willed, intelligent and diverse young women to be part of its colonization class. There is a Pi Phi representing each undergraduate college at the university. These women will not get lost in the hustle and bustle of New York City. They are poised and ready to make a difference.

"I knew I wanted to be a Pi Phi ever since I heard they would be colonizing on NYU's campus in May (2008)," said Elizabeth Bohinc, New York Eta new member. "The NYU Greek system is relatively unknown to many of its students. I think the sheer number of women who came out to recruitment this fall shows Pi Beta Phi has a bright future at NYU."

*"I will always remember the moment I opened the envelope welcoming me to the sisterhood of Pi Beta Phi. I knew from that second, my life would change forever."*

*— Jennifer Mendenhall, New York Eta new member*

The new member class has bonded quickly. The ladies have been seen all over campus, supporting NYU's women's volleyball team, participating in community service projects and celebrating special occasions together. Shortly after Bid Day, Pi Phi participated in Greek Night, which included a skit and athletic events. The women took third place in the banner competition.

Several alumnae in the New York area and nearby Pi Phi chapters have offered the New York Eta Chapter support on various levels. New York Eta's Installation weekend festivities will take place January 30–February 1.



Register to attend NYU Installation by visiting the Events section of [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).

Photo courtesy of Greek Yearbook



New York Eta new members gather for their first group photo on Bid Day.

## Pi Beta Phi Prepares for Colonizing Recruitment at Mississippi State University

Mississippi Gamma soon will become Pi Beta Phi's newest chapter at Mississippi State University (MSU). Colonizing recruitment for the chapter will take place January 22–25. Pi Phi already has made a splash on campus. The Fraternity co-sponsored a tent with Panhellenic during a football tailgating event in October. The Greek community at MSU has been instrumental in helping Pi Phi spread the word. Fellow Greek members wore Pi Phi T-shirts at informational tables around campus, wore buttons and passed out recruitment information during Greek Week. Co-Resident Leadership Development Consultants JESSICA HINSON, Arkansas Alpha and MEGAN CAMPBELL, Tennessee Beta, will hold additional informational sessions in mid-January as Mississippi Gamma prepares for colonizing recruitment.

If you know of a woman attending MSU who may be interested in joining Pi Beta Phi, regardless of year in school, mail a Recruitment Information Form to the member services department at Headquarters. Visit [www.pibetaphi.org/msstate](http://www.pibetaphi.org/msstate) for more information.



The site of Pi Beta Phi's future home on the Mississippi State University campus.

## Thinking Outside of the Box

Since the Pi Beta Phi and First Book® partnership began almost two years ago, chapters and alumnae organizations have hosted several First Book Speed Reads™. As each chapter strives to make their event a success, thinking outside of the box can create a fun, creative way to host a Speed Read.



Tennessee Beta Pi Phis cheer on the two Speed Read teams.

### Speed Reads at Halftime

On December 2, 2008, Tennessee Beta, with the support of the Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club, hosted a Speed Read during halftime at a Vanderbilt Commodores basketball game. The women chose a relay Speed Read where two groups of four square off to read as many words as they can in 60 seconds, each participant reading for 15 seconds.

Participants included men's basketball star A.J. Ogilvy, Police Chief Ronal Serpas, Vice Chancellor Brock Williams, Student President Joseph Williams; and Tennessee Betas SARA OKIN, RACHEL LISOTTA, SARAH GUEST and LESLIE LABRUTO.

Once the teams were finalized, the chapter and alumnae club worked tirelessly to promote the event. When the basketball game began, Pi Phis distributed checkered flags, "I heart Speed Read" stickers and promotional material about First Book to the fans. Chapter members and local alumnae wore matching Pi Phi T-shirts to show their unity. Each



A.J. Ogilvy looks on while SARA OKIN, Tennessee Beta, reads first for team one.

team read from Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." For an added touch, the shot clock even served as the timer for the event!

The halftime entertainment increased the awareness of Pi Phi's literacy vision, and for First Book as well as raised money. The chapter was close to reaching its \$1,000 goal at press time. In addition, First Book agreed to donate a \$1,000 Borders® gift card to Napier Elementary School. The school participates in the Champions are Readers® program with the Tennessee Beta Chapter and Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club.



Ronal Serpas and Joseph Williams anxiously watch Tennessee Beta, SARAH GUEST, as she anchors team two.





Participants at the Eve Carson Memorial 5K run stretch before the race.



From left, Co-Chairman Phi Delta Theta member Worth Morgan and North Carolina Alpha SALLEE WALLACE pose for a quick picture before the race.

### Pi Beta Phi and Phi Delta Theta Collaborate to Benefit First Book

The North Carolina Alpha Chapter at the University of North Carolina and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity raised \$23,440 during a 5K run to commemorate Eve Carson. Eve was a student at the University of North Carolina and was a victim of a shooting in March 2008. More than 2,000 people came out to support Eve and her legacy. Eve supported the improvement of public education and taught science at Clyde Erwin Elementary. The run featured speeches from campus leaders, including former Chancellor James Moeser. Both organizations hope to make this an annual event. Money raised from the event was split evenly between Phi Delta Theta and Pi Beta Phi, and was donated to the Eve Marie Carson Junior Year Merit Scholarship, First Book and Clyde Erwin Elementary.



## 2009 Fraternity Day of Service

Pi Beta Phi will once again celebrate its Fraternity Day of Service with the “Make Your Mark for Literacy” project on March 2, 2009. This date is chosen for the Fraternity Day of Service because it coincides with National Education Association’s (NEA’s) Read Across America Celebration and is Dr. Seuss’ birthday. The Fraternity established a day of service so that one day a year Pi Phis from around the globe will simultaneously focus their efforts in reaching the Fraternity’s Literacy Vision, which is to remove the barrier of illiteracy.



Chapters and alumnae organizations will receive a packet of information regarding the Fraternity-wide philanthropy project, including several hundred blank bookplates to be designed.

Pi Beta Phi’s goal is to donate 50,000 brand-new books for this year’s Fraternity Day of Service project. For each bookplate designed, Pi Phi’s literacy partner First Book® will donate one new book to an underprivileged child. Last year, many chapters and alumnae organizations enjoyed celebrating Fraternity Day of Service by incorporating the bookplates into already established events or by creating brand-new events using the bookplates to raise awareness for literacy. Bookplates can be personalized or decorated by anyone; getting your local communities involved is a great way to promote awareness. Once you have completed your service project, don’t forget to send all of your decorated bookplates to Headquarters. We want to donate as many books as possible to children in need. All books will be distributed in the spring.

If you are looking for possible bookplate activities, here are some ideas to help you orchestrate a successful Fraternity Day of Service event.

- Set up tables on campus with bookplates, markers, crayons and pencils for classmates to design.
- Set up a table in front of a local bookstore or coffee shop with bookplates, markers, crayons and pencils for members in your community to decorate.
- Incorporate bookplate designing into your current Fraternity Day of Service event (i.e. First Book Speed Read™). It can be a small activity members can participate in before, during or after your event.

If you are not part of an alumnae organization or chapter, you can still participate. There are also ways you can help raise literacy awareness.

You can set your home page on your computer to [www.theliteracysite.com](http://www.theliteracysite.com), where clicking daily generates brand-new books for children in low-income families. You can also purchase a book for a child for as little as \$2.50 through First Book’s Web site, [www.firstbook.org](http://www.firstbook.org).



For more information about the 2009 Fraternity Day of Service visit [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).

# Remember

## Sharing Recipes is a Pi Phi Tradition

BY: FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE  
NEW YORK ALPHA

It is evident when looking through old *Arrows* and chapter histories that food and Pi Phi friendships have a way of going hand in hand. A shared meal has always been a part of chapter life, and alumnae activities usually include refreshments.

First Lady GRACE GOODHUE COOLIDGE, Vermont Beta, was part of a round-robin, a group of Pi Phis who wrote letters between themselves for more than 40 years, from the 1915 Pi Phi Convention until their deaths. Recipes were often shared in those round-robin letters.

In 1924 when Grace Coolidge was living in the White House, the Indiana Delta Chapter created a recipe file as

a fundraiser to buy the plot of land on which its chapter house was to be built. The 154 recipe cards included the first lady's pineapple salad; she expressed her hope the chapter be successful in fundraising.

The chapter's members and patronesses, as well as the faculty of Purdue's home economics department, contributed recipes. The wooden box with recipes on

index cards was touted as desirable because it was "possible to conveniently add new recipes, to locate recipes more quickly than when using a cookbook and to place the separate card conveniently near the working surface where the recipe is being used." The collection was available in two sizes; the 3-by-5 inch box was \$1.75 and the 4-by-6 inch one was \$2. The Fraternity acquired one of these boxes when it appeared online several years ago.

The November 1935 *Arrow* announced the plans of the Los Angeles Alumnae Club to produce a cookbook as a fundraiser for the Fraternity's philanthropy, the Settlement School. The first edition of the Pi Beta Phi cookbook was printed in May 1936, and a second edition followed that September. It was compiled by JUANITA DAY CARMAN, Minnesota Alpha, and an eighth and last edition was published in June 1948. Recipes included Iowa Gamma CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT'S potato parker house rolls, Illinois Alpha FANNIE WHITENACK LIBBEY'S graham cracker dessert, Illinois Alpha INEZ SMITH SOULE'S

English date sandwich cake, Illinois Alpha MARGARET CAMPBELL'S Taylor cakes and Illinois Epsilon AMY BURNHAM ONKEN'S ginger parfait. One recipe calls for "Three-fourths can of Hershey's chocolate (5¢ size)" and today's cook can only wonder exactly how much chocolate syrup to include!

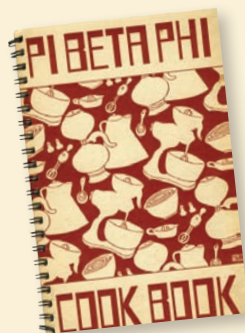
The Pi Beta Phi Arrowmont Cookbook, published by the Arrowmont board of governors, had its first printing in 1970

with a second edition five years later. Iowa Alpha CAROLYN OTTINGER KOVENER was the cookbook chairman. Grand President SARAHJANE PAULSON VANASSE, Washington Beta, wrote the introduction, "Pi Beta Phi members are noted for their many abilities but not the least are the fine foods, served with a flair, that one finds gathered here under

one cover. This book should belong to all imaginative cooks who really like trying someone else's tried and true favorite recipe, after all. Remember, too, that gourmets have no regard for calories."

"Ring Ching ... Dinner is Served — Recipes, Memories and Etiquette from the Women of Pi Beta Phi" was introduced at the 2007 Convention. It was a hard-cover book compiled by the staff at Headquarters and Grand Vice President Alumnae MARY LOY TATUM, Oklahoma Beta.

As long as Pi Phis share fun times and friendships, they will continue to share recipes.



### Coming Soon!

"Angel Sweets and Arrow Treats" is a celebration of the Pi Beta Phi Cookie Shine and will feature more than 175 delicious dessert recipes. This newest Pi Phi cookbook will debut at the 2009 Convention and be available for purchase from Pi Phi Express® in July 2009.





## Pi Phis Get Involved



▲ KATE PHILIP, CARLY STOCKDALE, LAURA BELLAIRE (top) and EMILY ST. JEAN, JENNY BURKE, KERSTIN FRAILEY and MARISOL RYU (bottom) were among chapter members who enjoyed many sisterhood events organized by the Connecticut Beta Chapter at Yale University this fall.

▲ California Beta MARIEKE RIPHAGEN was chosen to travel to Uganda in July 2008 by Invisible Children, a nonprofit organization dedicated to aiding children in Uganda. After raising thousands of dollars, informing the University of California, Berkley, about Uganda and screening the movie, “Invisible Children,” Marieke saw firsthand how her hard work and dedication helped fund the construction of water pumps and classrooms for children in Uganda.





▲ AUDREY MOORE, a new member of the 2008 class at Alabama Gamma, was named Miss Greek Week and Miss Congeniality in the Auburn University Miss Greek Week Pageant. All 16 sororities participated in the pageant.



▲ Ohio Eta BETHANY KELLER (right), vice president of philanthropy, led the “Remembering Julie” candle campaign at Denison University. The chapter looked to other National Panhellenic Conference chapters and fraternities for support in the fire safety awareness initiative chartered by all Collegiate Region Two chapters.

▼ Creighton University Nebraska Gammas CARA WALKUP, ROSIE BAILEY, STEPHANIE GILBERT WORRELL, JENNA CHEESE and HOLLYANNE FRICKE spent five weeks this past summer on a mission trip in the Dominican Republic. The women set up and worked at medical and dental clinics, ran a small pharmacy and performed health visits to those who couldn’t travel to the clinics.



A local firefighter visited the Indiana Delta Chapter at Purdue University in October to teach members about fire safety. The firefighter promoted fire safety with videos and photos explaining and raising awareness about the dangers of specific fire hazards. At the end of the presentation, the firefighter taught chapter members how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

ALESANDRA AGRESTI, Pennsylvania Beta, collaborated with Greek organizations on campus to bring Alcohol Awareness Week to Bucknell University. She helped plan three fun and educational events for the whole campus, including a lecture by an emergency room doctor, “mocktail hour” and field sobriety tests by university law enforcement officers.



▲ Texas Beta RACHEL ROBERTS (center) was presented as a duchess in the 2008 Buccaneer Days’ Court of Timeless Fascinations in Corpus Christi, Texas. From left, Southern Methodist University Texas Betas MARTHA CRAVENS BONILLA and EMILY ANDERSON, Rachel and Pepperdine University California Mus ADDIE BOONE and DIANE DAVIS.



▲ Alberta Alphas (from left) DIANNA CAMPRE, MEAGHAN PYKERMAN, KIM COSMAN, ZOË GREER-DE KIMPE, KANDICE ORR, KAYLA MCCARTHY and KAYLA BILSBORROW went to an Edmonton Eskimos game as a way to promote physical activity. Alberta Alpha has been energetically trying to promote healthy and active living within their chapter and on the University of Alberta campus. In October, the chapter held a health and wellness workshop during its general meeting. Members participated in stretching techniques and learned calming yoga positions to help reduce strain and stress.

> In October, the Arizona Alpha Chapter participated in Order of Omega’s Greek or Treat, a carnival held on Greek Row for underprivileged children living in the surrounding area and for University of Arizona employees and families. Arizona Alpha members painted faces and handed out candy at their face-painting stand.







▲ **Region Six Collegiate Regional Director SUZANNE MALONE, Mississippi Beta, ran in the Sole to Soul 5K Run** as part of Tennessee Delta Chapter's support of its local First Book® Chapter Advisory Board. Five other members ran the race while their Pi Phi sisters from the University of Memphis cheered from the sidelines. Some chapter members dressed up as children's book characters to entertain the children at the event.



▲ **Iowa Gammas stand with ELIZABETH BROOKHART ANDERSON (second from left) after the dedication ceremony of the Elizabeth and Byron Anderson Sculpture Garden.** The garden was dedicated to the Andersons for their contributions to Iowa State University. Elizabeth graduated in 1952 and was an active member of Iowa Gamma.

▼ **The new Michigan Epsilon Chapter house was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house this fall.** The chapter had two open houses; one for other Greek students on the Western Michigan University campus and one for alumnae. The open house included house tours, a book drive and a First Book Speed Read™.



For more Collegiate News, visit [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).





## Pi Phi Promote Literacy in Their Communities



▲ The California Nu Chapter participated in the Champions are Readers® program this fall. They mentored students once a week at a local elementary school and presented them with certificates when the students completed the program. The chapter also hosted a First Book Speed Read event at Loyola Marymount University, raising \$350. The women formed teams of five, and each team member raised money to participate.

This October Whittier Elementary School and the Montana Alpha Chapter at Montana State University hosted a joint literacy fair. The annual event featured a live band, community booths, pumpkin painting and snacks. Chapter members helped children make lollipop ghosts out of suckers, yarn and tissue.



▲ In October, Texas Deltas helped support the national campaign Read for the Record in Fort Worth, Texas. The women distributed and read “Corduroy” to children at Barnes & Noble®. Along with Texas Christian University staff, the chapter helped break the previous record of the largest shared reading experience, with 425,565 participants.

# Housing Symposium

More than 80 Chapter House Corporation members, representing 71 Pi Phi chapters, gathered October 17–19, 2008, in Dallas to discuss housing issues. The symposium also was a wonderful way to debut the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC), as it provided a forum for volunteers to exchange ideas and ask questions.



Chapter House Corporation members sit in session at the housing symposium in Dallas.



Cindy H. Stellhorn speaks to members during the breakfast to wrap up the housing symposium.

Grand Vice President Finance KAREN CONSALUS PRICE, Missouri Alpha, spoke about the creation of the FHC. “The mission of the newly created FHC is to ensure the highest level of excellence in facility operations, leadership and finance; thus building a community that is integral to a positive lifetime experience for Pi Beta Phi members,” Karen said. Activities such as the housing symposium are crucial to the realization of the FHC mission. It is a forum to disseminate essential information, share ideas, gather volunteer feedback and move closer to Fraternity goals.

FHC Executive Director MAUREEN WILSON ADAMS, Texas Delta, discussed the breadth of services the FHC can provide. “It was great to be able to get the Chapter House Corporation members together,” Maureen said. “I’m excited the FHC is here to support the chapters with services to help improve their facilities.”

Housing Coordinator Jen Fetter presided over an information session, during which she presented additional information about FHC finances, employee management, corporate duties, building relationships between the Chapter House Corporations and Alumnae Advisory Committees (AACs), as well as fundraising. “I was very excited to learn about the new programs, and I am excited to share what I learned with both AAC and the Chapter House Corporation,” said AMANDA MULLEN, Maine Alpha. “I hope this is something perhaps we can utilize for our chapter, and I am excited to see the Fraternity is providing support to chapters that are in desperate need.”

Arthur F. Hoge III, Mee, Mee Hoge & Eperson PLLP (FHC lawyer), presented Sorority Housing and the Future and also discussed the new FHC structure. To wrap up the weekend, Cindy H. Stellhorn, vice president of MJ Insurance Sorority Division, gave an insurance update and spoke about the hot topics surrounding Pi Phi’s Chapter House Corporations.

“There was real value in spending the weekend with other Pi Phis tackling the same challenges,” said SUE CARLSON PENNER, Wyoming Alpha. “I learned useful information to take back to my board. Thank you for facilitating the exchange of ideas among us.”

# Housing



EXTERIOR SECURITY CAMERAS

## Statistics:

- 13,875 square feet
- Houses 45 women
- Appraised value: \$1,689,500
- Fire sprinkler system throughout

## NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA

University of North Carolina,  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

North Carolina Alpha was founded at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on October 28, 1923. The current house was built in 1917 by the dean of the school of law. Members of North Carolina Alpha moved into the house in 1937. The chapter has since completed several renovations such as a new wing and expanded common areas. In 1985, the annex, which is one block from the main house, was purchased to accommodate the growing size of sororities on the University of North Carolina's campus. The current Chapter House Corporation (CHC) has recently added an extensive exterior security camera system to ensure the safety of chapter members. The CHC is currently renovating some of the main house's interior.

## FLORIDA DELTA

University of Florida,  
Gainesville, Florida

Florida Delta was founded at the University of Florida in 1969 and was recolonized in 1985. Soon after the recolonization, the chapter began renting the former Phi Mu chapter house. In the fall of 1993, Florida Delta gained a place to call its own when chapter members moved into their new chapter house built by Florida Delta's CHC. The Florida Delta Chapter house is famous for once being pink.



SOUTHERN TREASURE

## Statistics:

- 12,850 square feet
- Houses 56 women
- Appraised value: \$2,000,000
- Fire sprinkler system throughout



# Holt House

## A Holt House Treasure Returns Home

While reading her daughter's, Illinois Zeta MARGARET GORHAM, 2007 summer *Arrow*, Laurie Gorham, an estate sales and antiques dealer, was pleasantly surprised to see information about Holt House. A friend from church, Virginia Bradford, had recently asked Laurie for help in selling some family china — Holt family china to be exact. Virginia is the great granddaughter of Major Jacob H. Holt.

Laurie contacted Holt House Committee Chairman JERI PRICE SIMAK, Illinois Theta, to inquire if Pi Phi would be interested in purchasing the Holt china. It was quickly put on the Holt House wish list and as usual, Pi Phi members came to the rescue! Indiana Delta SHANNON O'DONNELL ROSS, Illinois Zeta ELIZABETH TORRES, Kentucky Alpha ELISABETH LONG YOUNG, Texas Alpha LYN ARNOT CLARK, Indiana Gamma LAURA HUBER BARBER, Arkansas Alpha MADALYN MARCHMAN JONES, Texas Beta ANN WARMACK BROOKSHIRE, California Delta JANE BONY HEISERMAN, California Eta DIANE BIELMAN and Kentucky Beta RAE WOHLHUETER MAIER rallied for the cause and donated the funds to purchase the Holt china.

In March 2008, the Holt House Committee was delighted to receive a letter from Virginia Bradford detailing the story of how the Holt china came to be. Then, at the annual Holt House Committee meeting in September 2008, Virginia and Laurie joined the committee for lunch and storytelling.

"It's been months later and I still get goose bumps thinking about meeting Major Holt's great granddaughter at Holt House," said FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE, New York Alpha. "How absolutely wonderful it was to eat lunch on the Holt's china. To be at Holt House with a Holt descendant was a thrill I will treasure forever."



To read Virginia's letter in its entirety, visit the Holt House section of [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org)



Members of the Holt House Committee pose with Virginia Bradford, the great granddaughter of Major Jacob H. Holt, and Pi Phi mom and antiques dealer Laurie Gorham. From left front, Virginia Bradford and Illinois Theta JERI PRICE SIMAK. From left back, Laurie Gorham, Illinois Alpha DENISE TURNBULL, New York Alpha FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE, Illinois Theta CHERI RABER PATTERSON, Arkansas Alpha ANN CRIGGER SHAW and Illinois Alpha CONNIE HUTCHINSON HARDIN.





## Holt House Donations

Contributions of \$100 or more received from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

### \$999-2,250

Arkansas Alpha, University of Arkansas  
 California Gamma, University of  
 Southern California  
 California Zeta, University of California –  
 Santa Barbara  
 Florida Beta, Florida State University  
 Indiana Beta, Indiana University  
 Louisiana Beta, Louisiana State University  
 Michigan Gamma, Michigan State University  
 Oklahoma Alpha, University of Oklahoma  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club  
 Texas Gamma, Texas Tech University

### \$400-999

Alabama Gamma, Auburn University  
 California Epsilon, San Diego State University  
 Illinois Zeta, University of Illinois  
 Indiana Epsilon, DePauw University  
 Kansas Beta, Kansas State University  
 Kansas City, Missouri/Shawnee Mission,  
 Kansas, Alumnae Club  
 Mississippi Alpha, University of  
 Southern Mississippi  
 North Carolina Delta, North Carolina  
 State University  
 Ohio Epsilon, University of Toledo  
 San Antonio Alumnae Club  
 Texas Delta, Texas Christian University

### \$250-399

Charlotte, North Carolina, Alumnae Club  
 Colorado Springs, Colorado, Alumnae Club  
 Dallas Alumnae Club  
 Houston, Texas, Alumnae Club  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota, Alumnae Club  
 Texas Alpha, University of Texas

### \$200-249

Atlanta Alumnae Club  
 Austin, Texas, Alumnae Club  
 California Mu, Pepperdine University  
 Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, Alumnae Club  
 Katy-West Houston, Texas, Alumnae Club  
 Michigan Epsilon, Western Michigan University  
 Naples, Florida, Alumnae Club  
 Ohio Zeta, Miami University  
 Richardson-Plano, Texas, Alumnae Club  
 South Dakota Alpha, University of South Dakota

### \$150-199

Bellevue-Eastside, Washington, Alumnae Club  
 Broward County, Florida, Alumnae Club  
 Denver Alumnae Club  
 Iowa Beta, Simpson College  
 La Jolla, California, Alumnae Club  
 Lake Shore, Illinois, Alumnae Club  
 Pennsylvania Gamma, Dickinson College  
 Seattle Alumnae Club

### \$100-149

Alabama Beta, University of Alabama  
 Arlington Heights, Illinois, Alumnae Club  
 Boca Raton, Florida, Alumnae Club  
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Alumnae Club  
 Central Orange County, California,  
 Alumnae Club  
 Cleveland East, Ohio, Alumnae Club  
 Conejo Valley, California, Alumnae Club  
 Cypress Creek-NW Houston,  
 Texas, Alumnae Club  
 Dayton, Ohio, Alumnae Club  
 Decatur, Illinois, Alumnae Club  
 Del Sol North, California, Alumnae Club  
 Glen Ellyn-Wheaton, Illinois, Alumnae Club

Glendale-La Canada, California,  
 Alumnae Club  
 Indiana Alpha, Franklin College  
 Indianapolis, Alumnae Club  
 Iowa Gamma, Iowa State University  
 Jefferson County, Colorado, Alumnae Club  
 Lafayette, Indiana, Alumnae Club  
 Long Beach, California, Alumnae Club  
 Memphis, Tennessee, Alumnae Club  
 Monmouth, Illinois, Alumnae Club  
 Nashville, Tennessee, Alumnae Club  
 Nebraska Beta, University of Nebraska  
 Norman, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club  
 Northern Virginia, Alumnae Club  
 Omaha, Nebraska, Alumnae Club  
 Orlando-Winter Park, Florida,  
 Alumnae Club  
 Palo Alto, California, Alumnae Club  
 Pasadena, California, Alumnae Club  
 Philadelphia-Main Line Alumnae Club  
 Phoenix Alumnae Club  
 South Orange County, California,  
 Alumnae Club  
 Southern Fairfield County, Connecticut,  
 Alumnae Club  
 Springfield, Missouri, Alumnae Club  
 St. Louis Alumnae Club  
 Stillwater, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club  
 Toledo, Ohio, Alumnae Club  
 Tucson, Arizona, Alumnae Club  
 Tulsa, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club  
 Ventura County, California, Alumnae Club  
 Virginia Epsilon, University of Virginia  
 Whittier Area, California, Pocket  
 Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin



# TRAILBLAZE WITH US IN TEXAS

Join us in Texas for a week of sisterhood, leadership and excitement June 26–30, 2009, at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center. Pack your cowboy hat and get ready to experience the energy of Pi Beta Phi's 67th Biennial Convention.

Attendees will be occupied with a number of exciting and fun activities. The Pi Beta Phi Foundation is sponsoring a T.A.K.E. Foundation™ self-defense class in which collegians and alumnae receive hands-on training — attendees will be experts by the time they leave.

The Leadership Institute – Women with Purpose, Inc., will lead the Alumnae Values Institute, a session for Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) members. This successful program will train AAC members how to place emphasis on Pi Beta Phi values when working with collegiate officers. Some topics discussed will be advising with values, developing a coaching culture and analyzing group needs. The Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) will also provide training workshops for Chapter House Corporation members.

Collegians and alumnae can attend the Leadership Fair where you can learn more about leadership opportunities. The fair will feature booths such as literacy initiatives, the leadership development consultant program, Phi level chapters, Clubs of Excellence and much more. Come share ideas and get inspired with fellow Pi Phis.

Convention attendees also will learn more about the newly established FHC. You'll also learn more about First Book® and participate in First Book Speed Reads™ throughout the week, with a grand finale competition on Monday.



## Kick up your boots at the Gaylord Texan Resort

With a beautiful view of Lake Grapevine, the Gaylord Texan Resort is one of the top-rated hotels in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. There are four and a half acres of indoor gardens, fine and casual dining, shopping opportunities, a day spa and a fitness center. Each room at the Gaylord features high-speed wireless Internet access, two phones, in-room coffee service, in-room safes, refrigerators, irons and ironing boards.





Only six minutes away from the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the Gaylord is also convenient to downtown Dallas or Fort Worth — both are only 20 minutes away. Convention attendees will also only be one mile away from Grapevine Mills outlet mall and only a few miles from downtown Grapevine! The Gaylord provides shuttle service to many of these nearby attractions.

The hotel's indoor gardens surround many diverse restaurants and lounges — one for each style of dining. There is a wine cellar steakhouse, a sports bar, a quaint café, a coffee bar and an ice cream shop.

Convention attendees can swim in the outdoor splash pool or indoor lap pool, workout in the fitness center or stop by the day spa for a massage.

### Registration

Online registration will open in February 2009. Please register online at [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org). If you are unable to register online, you may request a registration packet from Special Events Coordinator Julie Ravensberg at [julier@pibetaphi.org](mailto:julier@pibetaphi.org) or (636) 256-0680.



### Full-Time Visitor Package

Join us for a week of fun and sisterhood! The following rates apply if you plan on joining us in Texas Friday through Tuesday, June 26–30, 2009. Package pricing includes full-time convention registration fee of \$150, four room nights, four dinners (beginning Friday) and three lunches (beginning Saturday).

- ★ Full-time early bird: \$1,050 (register by April 1, 2009)
- ★ Full-time early bird with private room: \$1,380
- ★ Full-time regular rate: \$1,100 (register April 2–May 1, 2009)
- ★ Full-time regular rate with private room: \$1,425
- ★ Full-time late rate: \$1,200 (after May 2, 2009)
- ★ Full-time late rate with private room: \$1,525

### Weekend Visitor Package

Can't make the whole week? You can still be part of the fun! The following rates apply for those attending Friday through Sunday, June 26–28, 2009. Package pricing includes part-time convention registration fee of \$115, two room nights, two dinners (beginning Friday) and two lunches (beginning Saturday).

- ★ Part-time early bird: \$575 (register by April 1, 2009)
- ★ Part-time early bird with private room: \$750
- ★ Part-time regular rate: \$625 (register April 2–May 1, 2009)
- ★ Part-time regular rate with private room: \$800
- ★ Part-time late rate: \$725 (after May 2, 2009)
- ★ Part-time late rate with private room: \$900

### Daily Registration

Don't need overnight hotel accommodations but want to attend general sessions and/or workshops?

- ★ Full-time registration (Friday–Monday): \$150
- ★ Daily registration: \$60 per day





### Individual Meals

Attendees who do not need overnight hotel accommodation at the Gaylord Texan may register for individual meals online. Please make your meal reservations early, as space is limited and reservations will close Monday, June 1, 2009.

### Getting to Convention

Pi Phi will have special fares to the 2009 Convention site in Texas. To obtain these special rates, please contact Cheryl, Debbie or Pat at Jade Travel (800) 627-9258. Please call Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Standard Time.

## TOUR TEXAS WITH US!

Because we want you to see what Texas has to offer, Pi Beta Phi has organized tours before and after convention. Please contact Kentucky Beta CYNTHIA ARNOLD BOWEN at (214) 363-2668 or [cynthiabowen@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiabowen@hotmail.com) for additional information. Early registration is encouraged for both tours.

### Pre-Convention Tour

Friday, June 26, 2009

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$65

Destination: Neiman Marcus and The Nasher Sculpture Center. Since its grand opening in 1907, the downtown Neiman Marcus location has been the company's flagship store. Featuring a unique 5th floor museum telling the story of the ready-to-wear couture legend, this location is a must-see. You'll go on a detailed tour with a presentation of gift ideas — both affordable and extravagant. Then you'll dine in the elegant Zodiac restaurant on the 6th floor of the store.

After leaving the store, you'll visit The Nasher Sculpture Center, which is one of the few institutions dedicated to the study of modern sculpture. Open to the public in 2003, the center is the home of the renowned Raymond and Patsy Nasher Collection of modern and contemporary sculpture.

### Post-Convention Tour

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Cost: \$55

Bid convention good-bye with our post-convention tour. What a wonderful way to end the celebration of sisterhood. You'll explore the architecture of Fort Worth, Texas, on our Gold Medal Tour. The Gold Medal is the highest honor the American Institute of Architects gives to an architect. Fort Worth has six structures with the Gold Medal distinction.

You'll also go on a guided tour of the Kimbell Art Museum's architecture exhibits. You'll have free time to view the public collection of your choice at the Kimbell, The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth or The Amon Carter Museum. You'll also embark on a private tour of the Marty Leonard Community Chapel, hosted by Texas Beta MARTY LEONARD herself. Afterward you will dine at a catered lunch at Marty's home.





Meet the 2009 Convention Committee. Front row, from left: Kentucky Beta CYNTHIA ARNOLD BOWEN, Texas Beta TISH MAULDIN VISINSKY, California Delta JANE BONY HEISERMAN and California Eta MICHELLE MURRELL WILLBANKS. Back row, from left: Mississippi Beta SHELLEY CARY, Arkansas Alpha AUDREY MILLER PENNING, Missouri Gamma HEATHER RANKIN, Oklahoma Beta LEIGH ANN TURVEY IHRIG, Texas Alpha LYN ARNOT CLARK and Texas Beta SAM WHITELOCK MAULDIN. *Not pictured: Florida Delta KRISTINE KARPENTER MCCORVEY*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, June 26

- ★ Convention Registration Opens
- ★ Pre-Convention Tour
- ★ Pi Phi Express® Opens
- ★ Opening Reception
- ★ Welcome to Texas Dinner
- ★ Opening General Session
- ★ Regional Meetings

Saturday, June 27

- ★ General Session
- ★ Workshops
- ★ Luncheon Honoring Legacies
- ★ General Session
- ★ Officer Elections
- ★ Announcement of New Officers
- ★ Parade of Chapter Banners
- ★ Dinner by Chapter

Sunday, June 28

- ★ Memorial Service
- ★ General Session
- ★ Recognition Luncheon
- ★ Workshops
- ★ Initiation
- ★ Foundation Dinner and Celebration

Monday, June 29

- ★ General Session
- ★ T.A.K.E. Self-Defense Training
- ★ Speaker: Roger Kemp from the T.A.K.E. Foundation
- ★ Box Lunch
- ★ Leadership Fair
- ★ Workshops
- ★ Closing General Session
- ★ Wine Carnation Banquet

Tuesday, June 30

- ★ Departures
- ★ Post-Convention Tour







Teri Champion  
Pi Beta Phi Foundation  
Executive Director

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### Greetings from the Foundation's New Executive Director

Dear Pi Phis,

In October, I began a new adventure as the executive director of the Pi Beta Phi Foundation. In these first few months, I have had the extraordinary pleasure of talking to and meeting Pi Phis from across the country. I thank everyone for their warm welcome.

As a native of central Illinois, I can appreciate the strength, spirit and sisterhood of the 12 young, Midwestern women who came together to lay the foundation for this great organization. It is a spirit I see evident in everyone I've met in my short time here.

This is an exciting time for the Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Having completed a highly successful endowment campaign, we have improved our capacity to meet the growing philanthropic needs of Pi Beta Phi. Recent events make our scholarship, fellowship and continuing education awards all the more important; and the Emma Harper Turner Fund for emergency relief will be a lifeline for many. The cause of literacy will only grow in importance to our society and Fraternity. How wonderful that Pi Beta Phi has been a leader for years in advancing all of these causes and that there is a robust and growing Foundation to support these efforts. It is a privilege to join you in this important mission.

My goal is to work with the Foundation trustees and staff to build on the successes of the past and position ourselves in accomplishing even greater things in the future. I hope to visit as many alumnae organizations and collegiate chapters as possible in the coming year. I want to discuss the terrific work being funded by the Foundation, which is made possible by Pi Phi sisters and donors. Please know I am available to answer any questions you have about the Foundation and our progress toward our highest priority: meeting the philanthropic needs of Pi Beta Phi.

Best Regards,



Teri Champion, CFRE

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### A World of Thanks

I grew up in a tiny seaport city on the west side of China. I spent my time trapping small crabs in glass jars and folding paper stars. After following my mother to the United States at the age of 10, I learned English by reading the entire The Baby-sitters Club book series. In college I decided to learn more about the world so I could make it a better place someday. I'm spending this year chasing my dreams in Paris, studying French, Arabic and political science.

I'm also an Illinois Zeta Pi Phi fortunate enough to receive an academic scholarship from the Pi Beta Phi Foundation for this school year.

I had to become financially independent from my parents this past year.

This has shown me the world in a starker light and forced me to quickly transition from being a girl to a woman. The fact that I'm sitting in a Parisian apartment typing away is in large part thanks to the Pi Beta Phi Foundation and its generous donors. College, let alone studying abroad, is financially stressful. This scholarship has made it easier to live my dream while also easing my growing pains. I couldn't be more grateful. I hope to change the world and make you proud.

Pi Phi Love and Mine,  
Chloe Chen

### IRA Tax Incentive Update

As part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Congress restored and extended the IRA charitable rollover giving incentive through 2009.

#### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The reenacted IRA Charitable Rollover provision permits individuals age 70 and above to make charitable donations from IRAs and Roth IRAs without having to count the distributions as taxable income. The IRA Charitable Rollover is intended to benefit donors of all incomes, as well as big and small nonprofits alike. **Now is your opportunity, as charitable donor and Pi Phi, to take advantage of this valuable incentive by making your gift to the Pi Beta Phi Foundation today!**

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Taxpayers age 70 and older are required to make annual distributions from their IRAs. The distributions are included in the taxpayers' adjusted gross income (AGI), and taxpayers pay taxes on them. The IRA Charitable Rollover permits taxpayers to make donations directly to qualifying charitable organizations from their IRAs without counting them as part of their AGI and, consequently, without paying taxes on them.

#### GIVE NOW.

Contributions must be made before December 31, 2009, to be eligible for the enhanced tax benefit. For more information or to make a gift, please contact your tax adviser or Teri Champion at the Pi Beta Phi Foundation (636) 256-0680 or [teri@pibetaphi.org](mailto:teri@pibetaphi.org).

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Illinois Zeta CHLOE CHEN  
2008-2009 Scholarship  
Recipient

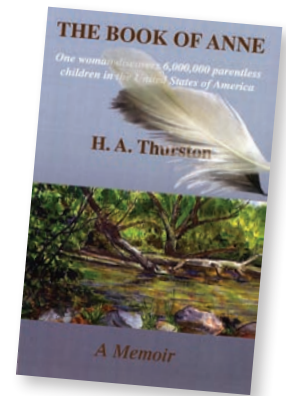




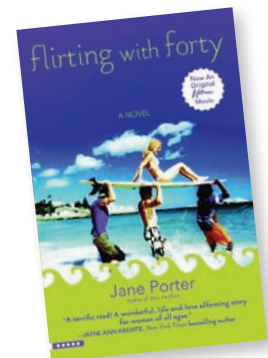
## Pi Phi Pens



Ohio Beta ANNE COOK THURSTON'S novel, "The Book of Anne," is a memoir focused on raising her three orphaned grandchildren. She expands on the varying emotions she and her husband experienced after their daughter died and they became their grandchildren's guardians. Anne and her husband put their friends and retirement off and began making casseroles, going to PTA meetings, driving to soccer practice, taking the children to college and even witnessing their marriages.




In her latest re-release, "Flirting with Forty," California Delta JANE PORTER explores the reality of being divorced, raising two children and approaching the big 4-0 through her main character, Jackie. The novel recently was adapted into a Lifetime TV movie starring Heather Locklear and Robert Buckley of "Lipstick Jungle." The novel was chosen as *Redbook* magazine's Hot Summer Read of 2006. Jane has also written "Odd Mom Out," "The Frog Prince" and "Mrs. Perfect."



A practicing anesthesiologist, North Carolina Beta CAROL WILEY CASSELLA has released her novel, "Oxygen." The story of an anesthesiologist in the aftermath of an operating room tragedy, Carol explores medical and personal ethics, empathy and responsibility. After a child dies during an operation, the anesthesiologist must come to terms with her own self-doubt, guilt and remorse. Carol has written medical pieces, but this is her first piece of fiction. She lives in Seattle and is working on her next book.



 For more information about these and other Pi Phi Pens, visit [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).

## Pi Phi Alumnae Making News

**1** > Kansas Beta SHELLY HAYNES LUDTKA, a member of the McKinney Area, Texas, Alumnae Club, took her children to the club's third annual Art Angel's Day event. Partnered with a local art studio, Studio ArtHouse, the event is a children's open house workshop. Proceeds from each project are donated to Arrowmont.

**2** > Florida Gamma BARRIE LYNN KRICH began her career as an advertising professional, rising through the ranks to become executive vice president. However, after a cheese tasting at a fundraiser, she started a new career as The Cheese Impresario. She now writes the "Cheese Matters" monthly column in local publications. Barrie also spends time traveling around the country, educating people about artisan cheeses and wine pairings.

**3** > The Cleveland Institute of Art honored Ohio Eta ELLEN STIRN MAVEC with its highest award, the Medal of Excellence, for her exceptional service and philanthropy efforts. Since 1997, Ellen has served as president of The Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation, established by her grandfather, which gives grants to Greater Cleveland organizations working in the arts, culture or education.

**4** > South Carolina Alpha JANE DOWLING FENDER recently was honored for her 13 years of service as a family court judge. D.C. Alpha SUSAN ROLLER GRABER painted a portrait of Jane, which was unveiled at the Beaufort, South Carolina, County Courthouse. Jane, a charter member of the Lowcountry, South Carolina, Alumnae Club, served on the bench from 1994–2007.

Virginia Alpha BETTY JO FITE HAYS was recently named president of the Clinton Birthplace Foundation at former President Clinton's birthplace in Hope, Arkansas. If a Senate bill is adopted soon, the site would become the William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home National Historic Site, and it would fall under the National Park System's care.







**5** < Oklahoma Beta GEORGE ANN HUGHEY GARRISON and her husband, Bill, were jointly honored by their alma mater, Case Western Reserve University, with the Adrian Freeman Distinguished Alumnus Award for their active involvement in the New York City Alumni Association. The Greater New York City affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® also honored George Ann, a two-time cancer survivor, with the Jo Ann Selkirk Award.

**6** < Alberta Alpha JUDITH ALTAREJOS, Ph.D., was recently published in *Nature Medicine*, an internationally reputable premier journal for biomedical research. BBC UK, Science Daily and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have written articles about Judith's studies.



**7** < Connecticut Alpha alumnae participated in the Massachusetts Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in September. The alumnae participated in memory of Connecticut Alpha LISA RIVENBURGH BARRETT. Their team raised more than \$12,000 for the fight against breast cancer.

**8** < While celebrating at Drury University's Alumni Weekend in September, Missouri Gamma DOROTHY DILLARD (left) was recognized for her long and successful career in the music industry. She celebrated with Missouri Gamma BETTY SQUIRES PARNELL (right), whose husband, Todd, became Drury University's president in April.



**9** < Two Arizona Alpha alumnae took their big sisters to lunch at the Tucson, Arizona, Country Club in August. All women are now members of the Tucson, Arizona, Alumnae Club. From left, Arizona Alphas GAIL PRICE GROSSETTA, MARJORIE TENCH ESEPPI, KLAIRE KAUFMAN PIRTLE and JOAN SAVAGE JOHNSTON.

**10** > The St. Petersburg, Florida, and Clearwater, Florida, Alumnae Clubs participated in the Race for the Cure in October. From left, Ohio Beta BETH GALVIN LASTRINA, Pennsylvania Epsilon KATHLEEN ROZAMUS MICHAELS, Florida Beta BARBIE DANIELS BAUMAN, Florida Delta LAURA MICHAELS ALBEE, New York Alpha PAT DUNN MORIARTY and Illinois Beta-Delta JENNIFER WREYFORD.



**11** > Louisiana Beta KATE MANDOIZA DUBROC and the Dallas Alumnae Club presented the West Dallas Community School with school supplies from its wish list in October. The West Dallas Community School was founded in 1995 to serve the impoverished neighborhoods of West Dallas.



**12** > Texas Beta CAROL CULBERSON JOHNSON hosted The Forest Fantasy, a musical evening on the grounds of her home to raise funds for Iowa State University's music scholarships. The music faculty performed a concert for the 120 attendees. In honor of Carol, a member of the Ames, Iowa, Alumnae Club, and her contributions to the university's music department, a music scholarship has been named in her honor.



**13** > A group of former presidents of the Seattle Alumnae Club hosted a luncheon for Washington Alpha NANCY JOHNSON ANKLAM, center, before she moved to Vancouver, Washington. Nancy was the 1998 recipient of the Evelyn Peters Kyle Angel Award for club service and served in many capacities for the club. From left, Montana Alpha GAIL RODENBERG DUGAN, Illinois Epsilon BRENDA MCCLURE MALLETT, Washington Alpha LINDA WILLIS DAGG and Oregon Gamma MARIAN HAUKE THOM.



**14** > Michigan Betas LEE PRICE ARELLANO and JANE GRATHWOHL FRAZIER were honored by the University of Michigan's athletic department. The women were instrumental in establishing women's participation in the inter-scholastic sports from which today's varsity programs evolved. Lee and Jane were honored at a luncheon on campus. They stopped by the Pi Beta Phi house, where two collegians, KATIE JIPPING and KATHERINE AXELSEN, invited the women in for brunch. From left, Katie, Jane, Lee and Katherine.





## Pi Phi Phillies Nite Benefits Epilepsy Foundation



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visit [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).

The Philadelphia Main Line Area Alumnae Club hosted its 33rd annual Pi Phi Phillies Nite, benefiting the Epilepsy Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania. Members and friends of the alumnae club, along with families personally affected by epilepsy, attended a Philadelphia Phillies baseball game. They viewed the game from a private viewing box donated by Phillies Chairman Bill Giles and his wife, California Epsilon NANCY KIRWIN GILES, also a member of the alumnae club. From left, Pennsylvania Iota KIM DOWDEN DALGLIESH, Virginia Eta DONNA BUTTERWORTH, New York Delta LYNN WADDELL TYRE, Virginia Zeta LAURA SANDERS O'KANE, Iowa Zeta JEANNE NIEMEIER LEBUHN, Pennsylvania Theta DANA MCMILLAN DISANDRO and Pennsylvania Gamma ALLISON MCCARTIN.

# National Panhellenic Conference

BY JAMIE JONES MILLER, ALPHA SIGMA TAU

## National Panhellenic Conference 2008 Interim Session

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) met October 16–18, 2008, for the 2008 Interim Session in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

The meeting was a “working session” with three town hall meetings and one general session. The sessions reflected the work completed by the board of directors, the Executive Committee and the NPC standing committees on strategic initiatives to advance the Conference.

The 26 inter/national presidents, executive directors and the NPC Foundation conducted their own group meetings during the session.

## Town Hall Meetings New Media Initiatives

Representatives from MediaSauce presented a proposal to project the appeal of joining an NPC member group to potential new members and parents. Under the proposed “Sorority Life” brand, MediaSauce will launch several electronic media tools to help NPC reach various audiences and to publicize the sorority experience.

MediaSauce and Kyle Communications, both based in Indianapolis, were selected in July 2008 to coordinate and lead NPC’s public relations and marketing needs.

## NPC Long-Range Plan

The NPC Long-Range Planning Committee presented its report on its review of the 2005–2010 plan and its focus on the goal of organizational effectiveness. Led by Pi Beta Phi NPC Delegate CAROL INGE WARREN, North Carolina Beta, the committee was directed to provide the Conference with a forum to discuss how to improve current operations and make recommendations on how to pursue a new and different course of action.

The committee proposed several resolutions to improve organizational effectiveness, which were considered during the general session. Committee members also facilitated small-group discussions to address opportunities for action on the:

- role of the delegate and the alternate delegates;
- appointments of committee chairmen and committee members;

- method of conducting Conference business;
- necessity of Conference rules and regulations;
- Executive Committee term; and
- the importance of trust and transparency.

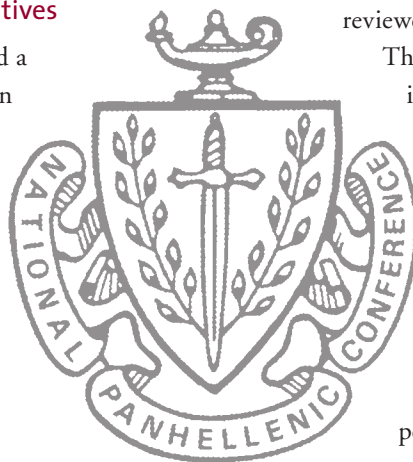
Recommendations and areas of consensus reached by the small groups were presented to the Conference for consideration by Carol and committee members Karly K. Burns, Delta Zeta; Jana Clayton, Alpha Delta Pi; Carol Coordt, Kappa Delta; Betsy Sierk Corridan, Kappa Alpha Theta; Jennifer Daurora, Alpha Chi Omega; Kathleen Salisbury Massie, Delta Delta Delta; and Lori White Scott, Alpha Sigma Alpha.

## Task Force on Social Practices

Earlier this year, the task force on social practices reviewed the Big Ten Social Policy Initiative.

The NPC representatives on the task force in addition to Pi Beta Phi’s NPC Delegate CAROL INGE WARREN are Susan Danko, Alpha Omicron Pi; Robin White Fanning, Phi Mu; and Julie Johnson, Kappa Delta.

The presentation by the NPC members of the task force during the Interim Session discussed initiatives at several universities to address the alcohol culture on campuses. Those activities include peer-monitoring programs, co-sponsored event policies and other programs.



## General Session

One general session conducted the business of the Conference, which included several amendments to the bylaws. Delegates voted on the name of the annual meeting, the order of the rotation of the secretary and treasurer on the Executive Committee, the term of office of the Executive Committee, discipline, and the Membership Recruitment Acceptance Binding Agreement (MRABA).

Delegates also voted on two general resolutions: a College Panhellenic dues increase and National Advisor Appreciation Month. Resolutions that passed are posted on the NPC Web site.

## 2009 Annual Meeting

The 2009 NPC annual meeting will be held October 8–11, 2009.



# Reunions & Anniversaries



**1** < This past September five Washington Alphas from the 1958 graduating class gathered at Big Fork, Montana, at NANCY GREELY SOUDER'S home. From left, BARBARA BYE GOESLING, MARY WILLIAMS MORRISON, LORNA CAMPBELL DEMPSEY, LINDA HARRIS LAMB and NANCY GREELY SOUDER.



**2** < Members of the Oklahoma Beta pledge class of 1977 gathered at GINNY HATHOOT BAILEY'S ranch to celebrate a collective 50th birthday party for the members. The theme was "50 is the new 40." Members spent a weekend celebrating with memories, songs and stories.



**3** < The California Delta Chapter initiation class of 1995 celebrated its 10-year reunion in Napa, California. Top left, JENNIFER CRINKLAW SCHNEIDER, JEN FULFORD DIPRISCO, JULIE CORDUA LINNECKE, HILARY ANDRON, KRISTEN TALKE HAMILTON, RACHEL MURRAY, GLORY CURTIS BEIJAR and KATHERINE KRZYZEWSKI ROOTLIEB. Front left, LINDSAY MCMURTREY DENISON, NICOLE YAP, WHITNEY CUBBISON BURK and MARGARET SIGEL.



**4** < Virginia Zeta LAURA WATERS HATCH, Missouri Beta KATIE PIEPER WHITE and Ohio Zeta BROOKE HELMERTS BREMER, all Pi Beta Phi consultants in 1995, met in Washington, D.C., this fall to catch up and share memories of their consultant days. They received a tour from Brooke's husband, a White House Fellow, and they spent time in the rose garden, where the photo was taken.

**5 >** The Oklahoma Beta pledge class of 1971 met for a weekend retreat at a lodge near Tulsa, Oklahoma, this summer. The class began a newsletter and blog to keep in contact with one another.

**6 >** The Michigan Gamma classes from 1962–1965 met in San Diego, for three days this June. This was their second reunion, and the women have planned to meet again in two years. Some women saw each other for the first time in 40 years — one woman had saved a letter her big sister had written to her on the night of her initiation, and she was able to give that letter back to her. The women enjoyed sightseeing and catching up with old friends.

**7 >** The Oregon Beta graduating class of 1953 held its 55th reunion in Sunriver, Oregon, this fall. Members of the pledge class traveled from all over the country; 22 total members attended. The reunion was held at the vacation home of MARJORIE PEAK BUSHNELL.

**8 >** The Indiana Delta pledge classes of 1965 and 1966 gathered for dinner in Chicago in September. Back left, KATHRYN BAUGHMAN WILKENS, CARLA GALBRECHT CONNOR and ROBIN SCHUELER. Front left MARSHA TUSING DAERR, LINDA SCHOENBERT WHEELER and ROBERTA COOK BRUNO.

**9 >** Indiana Betas from the 1972–1983 pledge classes reunited in September at an Indiana University football game. More than 120 women responded to the invitation from organizer PRISCILLA DEARMIN TURNER, including sisters from New York, California, Florida, Washington and Connecticut. The women enjoyed a weekend of reminiscing, a tour of the Indiana Beta Chapter house and best of all, rekindling old friendships.





BY KIMBERLY GEIB NEWMAN

## *An Update from Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts*

### **The Healing Effects of Art**

Artist and educator Joida Evans has been coming to Arrowmont every year for 19 years. She first learned about Arrowmont as an art educator at the National Art Education Association conference in 1987. She was in charge of creating the art program at her school and took a different workshop at Arrowmont each summer as a way to augment her school's program. "At Arrowmont, there's something in the air. There are creative juices dripping in the atmosphere," Joida said, who is now retired from teaching.

Arrowmont has always held a special place in Joida's heart, but her recent annual trip to Arrowmont served more as therapy and a place for inner healing than for a specific artistic goal. In 2005, her house in Pass Christian, Mississippi, was completely decimated in the wake of Hurricane Katrina's massive storm surge. "Losing a lifetime of sketchbooks, journals, notebooks and paintings is like losing your fingerprints," Joida said.

Little did she know when she and her husband went to stay with their son in Monroe, Louisiana, to ride out the storm, that they would soon be riding out a different storm. They were to learn their son had cancer. "What Katrina did give us was two quality months with our son before he passed away," Joida said.



Joida Evans (left) watching a demonstration in Matt Nolen's clay sculpture class in 2005.

Ultimately they inherited their son's friends and also renovated his home, a beautiful arts and crafts style house. They now live in what she calls the perfect neighborhood. "When my four other boys come home, they tell me coming to Monroe is like coming home to Mayberry," Joida said. They've learned to live very minimally now, and after losing all of their possessions, "things" just don't hold as much stock. "I try to collect as little as possible these days."

In years past, Joida focused on painting and ceramics, but this summer she decided to enroll in Mimi Schleicher's marbling class because she "wanted to feel like a kindergartener again," Joida said. Maybe it was just what she needed to take the next step. Upon returning home, she enrolled in the ceramics department at the University of Louisiana, Monroe. "I needed there to be a continuation of Arrowmont in my life — like brush your teeth and go to Arrowmont," Joida said.



A selection of marbled papers created by Joida Evans during Mimi Schleicher's summer 2008 workshop.



Margo Macdonald in Marlene True's jewelry workshop during Pi Phi and Friends Arts Weekend 2008.

### Scholarships Available to Attend Arrowmont

The Pi Beta Phi Foundation offers scholarship opportunities to attend Arrowmont workshops for both members and non-members of Pi Beta Phi. Applications to attend spring sessions must be postmarked by January 15, 2009, and summer applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2009. For more information or an application, visit [www.pibetaphifoundation.org](http://www.pibetaphifoundation.org) or call (636) 256-0680.

Arrowmont also awards scholarships for students of any age or ability level to attend workshops. Applicants are selected based on a letter of intent, financial need and a letter of support. The deadline for all spring scholarship applications is January 15, 2009. Summer scholarship applications are due by April 1, 2009. For more information or an application, visit [www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org).



Attendees of the 2008 Pi Phi & Friends Arts Weekend gather for a photo.

### Save the Date! Pi Phi & Friends Arts Weekend 2009

Join your friends, sisters and family at Arrowmont April 16-19, 2009, for another exciting Pi Phi & Friends Arts Weekend. Also, celebrate with Arrowmont's Artists-in-Residence during their final exhibition opening reception on April 18. It is sure to be an unforgettable weekend of creativity and warm camaraderie you won't want to miss. Workshop offerings will include glass, wood, textiles, metals and basketry. Course listing to arrive in mailboxes in early January 2009 and will also be available on Arrowmont's Web site, [www.arrowmont.org](http://www.arrowmont.org).



# Ask the Webmaster



## New to the Web!

Alumnae organizations may now take advantage of the PiPhiNET Web site network and servers to host their Web sites. The cost is \$100 per year, which helps the Fraternity cover the costs of server maintenance, upgrades and other expenses.

Although Pi Phi hosts the sites, alumnae organizations maintain and manage their site through an easy-to-use content management system.

For more information, a design template gallery and editing instructions, please visit [www.pibetaphi.org/pibetaphi/templatebrowser](http://www.pibetaphi.org/pibetaphi/templatebrowser). Please contact Director of Information Technology Tim Steele, [tim@pibetaphi.org](mailto:tim@pibetaphi.org), with additional questions.



## Tip of the Issue:

*The Web site's navigation menu has been updated. Check out the new marketplace structure. Click Shop to access Pi Phi Express® as well as Pi Phi's many partnership programs!*

## From the Webmaster's Mailbox

### *What is eSisters? When will it be available?*

eSisters is the cornerstone of the PiPhiNET online restructuring project and is currently under development. eSisters will replace the Fraternity site's Members-Only structure. It will incorporate a Facebook-based social network with eReports (Pi Phi's new online reporting system), a newly remodeled Pi Phi Express® online store, a job board and many other useful and entertaining features.

eSisters will allow collegians and alumnae to network and support each other, show off their talents, offer or receive advice, look for a job or fill a position, join or create groups, upload photos and documents, send messages to customized lists and many other tasks. Officers will be able to access resources or submit reports right from their profile page.

Chapters and alumnae organizations will enjoy private current-members-only areas, and will be able to perform chapter/club reporting online. Leadership groups will be

able to confer in a more structured, private and economic way.

Built by Pi Phi for Pi Phi, eSisters will be a great tool Pi Phis will be able to use and enjoy!

### *I've never been to Headquarters, but I hear it's beautiful. Are there any pictures available?*

Yes! Click on About Us, Headquarters, Tour Headquarters for a virtual tour of the building. You must have Quicktime installed to view the tour.



For more Web site navigation tips click on the Help link at [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).

The logo for eSisters, featuring a stylized 'e' in a red circle followed by the word 'Sisters' in a blue serif font.

# The A List

## THE ESSENTIALS FOR ANGELS

### Dress Your Nest

#### Pink is my Signature Color

Say goodbye to your boring coffee mug and drink your caffeine in style! [pibetaphi.org](http://pibetaphi.org)

#### Paint the Town Pink

Make a snappy and fun fashion statement with this faux croc computer case. [MobileEdge.com](http://MobileEdge.com)



#### Just Lounging Around

Why not spoil your hardest working assistant with a beanbag chair? [spoonsisters.com](http://spoonsisters.com).

#### Your New Best Friend

No more trips to the microwave with this handy USB beverage cup warmer and cooler. [Vat19.com](http://Vat19.com)

#### Your Favorite Reading Chair

Why should your cell phone have all the fun? This chair does the work for you by propping up books, magazines or papers! [uncommongoods.com](http://uncommongoods.com)





## Chapter Newsletters now Available

The Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) is now offering newsletter services to chapters. Newsletters are an effective way to keep in touch with alumnae and record chapter activities. Chapters may select from four design templates. The newsletters feature updates about the chapter facility's

condition, alumnae news, upcoming events, philanthropy advancements, officer names and new member lists, to name a few. For more information or for pricing information, please contact FHC Executive Director MAUREEN WILSON ADAMS, Texas Delta, at [Maureen@pibetaphi.org](mailto:Maureen@pibetaphi.org).

## Gatlinburg News

Grand Council has announced it has withdrawn from the negotiations to sell Fraternity property in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, because of persisting uncertainties in the current economy. The property was to be part of a larger development project involving members of the community.

Grand President EMILY RUSSELL TARR, Texas Beta, said, "Due to the economic crisis, we were not surprised the development has not proceeded as planned. We continue to remain committed to the best long-term interests of the Gatlinburg community as we have for nearly 100 years. We will stay focused on developing our literacy initiatives consistent with the mission of Pi Beta Phi. We look forward to continuing our relationships with community leaders and leaseholders including Pi Beta Phi Elementary School and Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts."



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## T.A.K.E. Your Safety Seriously!

The Ali Kemp Education (T.A.K.E.) Foundation will offer self-defense classes on the following campuses this spring:

- Miami University — February 2, 2009
- University of Vermont — February 9, 2009
- University of Kentucky — March 30, 2009

For an updated event calendar or to inquire about hosting a T.A.K.E. event on your campus, visit the T.A.K.E. Web site, [www.takedefense.org](http://www.takedefense.org).

## Remembering Julie

In October, seven Pi Beta Phi chapters in Ohio sold flameless candles to educate their campuses on fire prevention and safety and in remembrance of Ohio Zeta JULIE TURNBULL. More than 500 women participated in the program, and have raised more than \$6,800 for the People's Burn Foundation.



Ohio Iota Pi Phis sold flameless candles at the Dayton, Ohio, Alumnae Club's Floral Fantasy fundraiser.

## Future Arrow Features

*The Arrow* staff is researching topics for feature articles and we need your help! Please contact *The Arrow* Editor Jenny Whittom, editor@pibetaphi.org, if you have information about the following:

- **Service animals/animal therapy** — tell us about members who have benefitted from or trained service or therapy animals.
- **Women in sports** — tell us about members who are shining stars in the sports industry including coaches, judges, participants and newscasters.

## Staying Connected: The Online NPC Story

The National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) has launched a new Web site called “The Sorority Life” aimed at changing attitudes, misperceptions and common stereotypes about Greek life.

Targeting young women between the ages of 16 and 18, NPC executives opted to set up various phases of a resource-rich site where women can make educated choices about the paths they take in college that can affect social and in-person networking choices for decades to come.

“There is no doubt our online presence needs to grow and provide accurate data, not only to young women entering college, but also to parents, high school advisers and others who play an important role in shaping life-long goals of emerging adults,” said Julie Cain Burkhard, chairman of the NPC.



To learn about this new NPC initiative, visit [www.thesororitylife.com](http://www.thesororitylife.com).



# In Memoriam

Due to space constraints, *The Arrow* will only print the entirety of an obituary for a former grand president. If you know a sister who has died, please inform Headquarters. Only those names accompanied by a published notice will be listed in *The Arrow*. Published notices include a newspaper obituary, a funeral program/prayer card, a listing in a college/university alumnae newsletter, or obituaries from newspaper Web sites. Attach the article and e-mail to Alison Bauer, [alison@pibetaphi.org](mailto:alison@pibetaphi.org), or mail to Pi Beta Phi Headquarters.

In Memoriam lists the name, initiation year, month and year of each member who has died.

## Alabama Alpha

Rosemary Johnston Williams  
1948; August 2008

## Arizona Alpha

Shirley Harrell Howse  
1945; August 2008  
Katharine Thompson Johnson  
1956; August 2008

## Arkansas Alpha

Eva Metz Dudley  
1934; January 2008  
Elizabeth Biggadike Scroggin  
1953; October 2008

## California Delta

Joan Smith Kane  
1950; August 2008  
Jeanne Nesbit  
1939; June 2008  
Kathleen Petley Woods  
1945; September 2008

## California Epsilon

Margaret Thompson Elliot  
1957; September 2008

## California Gamma

Judy Carr Arend  
1957; October 2008  
Betty Richmond Keefe  
1940; July 2008

## Colorado Beta

Gertrude Manning Crombie  
1934; September 2008  
Lois Sturgeon Dwyer  
1947; October 2008

## Connecticut Alpha

Margery Gaylord McBurney  
1951; July 2008

## Florida Alpha

Joanne Pickens Collette  
1947; September 2008  
Polly Pasteur Keeney  
1939; August 2008

## Florida Beta

Betty McKenzie Tucker  
1935; August 2008

## Florida Delta

Rosalynn Rivas  
2004; August 2008

## Illinois Alpha

Carol McBride Reifsteck  
1947; August 2008

## Illinois Delta

Betty Test  
1929; October 2008

## Illinois Eta

Marilyn Lacey McMullen  
1951, affiliated Missouri Alpha;  
October 2008

## Illinois Theta

Roseanne Hosty Blecker  
1953; May 2008

## Indiana Beta

Lois Piepho White  
1947; June 2008

## Indiana Delta

Frances Mellon Phillips  
1941; November 2007  
Betty Luellen Voorhees  
1948; August 2008

## Indiana Epsilon

Marilynn Parrett Hansen  
1942; September 2008

## Indiana Gamma

Marian Gearen Hostettler  
1935; September 2008  
Joyce Lindsay Klein  
1940; August 2008  
Lorna Dahlstrand Minton  
1943; August 2008  
Jane Sumner Stone  
1944; August 2008  
Jane Schnell Terry  
1948; August 2008

## Indiana Zeta

Lenna Harrison Allman  
1969; August 2008

## Iowa Beta

Mary Farley Willis  
1929; July 2008

## Iowa Gamma

Elizabeth Spurrier Smalley  
1949; October 2008

## Iowa Zeta

Tina Casteel Wessels  
1989; August 2008

## Kansas Alpha

Carolyn Campbell Conboy  
1948; July 2008  
Marian Fegan Grammer  
1933; August 2008  
Katherine Willard Robeson  
1933; April 2008

## Kentucky Alpha

Jane Beauchamp Newell  
1933, affiliated Florida Gamma;  
December 2007

## Louisiana Alpha

Leila Lawson Dahlberg  
1951; October 2008

**Louisiana Beta**

Susan Ellwood deCordova  
1954; September 2008

Jeanne Ellis Drake  
1944; April 2008

**Maine Alpha**

Julia Love Browne  
1962; July 2008

**Missouri Alpha**

Nadine James Carlisle  
1942; August 2008

Ann Montague Groner  
1951; November 2007

Mary Barnes Stone  
1935; August 2008

**Missouri Beta**

Jane Overly Risk  
1936; August 2008

**Nebraska Beta**

Linda Chatfield Cunningham  
1964; February 2008

Lois Gaden Foe  
1942, affiliated Wisconsin  
Alpha; August 2008

Jeanne Fetter Greenhaw  
1937; September 2008

**New Mexico Alpha**

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1966; September 2008

**North Carolina Alpha**

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1956; February 2008

**Ohio Alpha**

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1940; September 2008

Nancy Smith Johnson  
1949; October 2008

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1938; August 2008

**Ohio Beta**

Patricia Conaway Ruddell  
1944; May 2008

**Ohio Delta**

Helen Jaynes Hills  
1925; September 2008

Rebecca Young Hutzelman  
1962; July 2008

Nancy Smith Rozell  
1949; August 2008

**Ohio Epsilon**

Nanette Foran Held  
1951; August 2008

**Ohio Eta**

Kathleen E. Corbin-Bartell  
1965; August 2008

**Ohio Zeta**

Nancy Perry Burr  
1954; October 2008

**Oklahoma Alpha**

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1935; September 2008

Sue Ann Poling Loftis  
1950; October 2008

Helen Cordell Skinner  
1936; October 2008

Melissa Wardell Sowle  
1950; April 2008

Helen Dugan Springer  
1954; September 2008

**Oklahoma Beta**

Jo Ann Mullendore Halley  
1945; August 2008

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1952; September 2008

**Oregon Alpha**

Vivian Strauss Frye  
1964; September 2008

**Oregon Beta**

Elizabeth Palmer McBride  
1943; July 2008

Enid Stidd Narver  
1931; July 2008

**Pennsylvania Epsilon**

Christine Showers Muench  
1953; September 2008

**Pennsylvania Zeta**

Debra J. Graham  
1979; September 2008

**Tennessee Alpha**

Freda A. Robinson Stephenson  
1951; July 2008

**Tennessee Beta**

Marguerite Holman Magee  
1940; October 2008

**Tennessee Gamma**

Mary Anderson Human  
1948; August 2008

**Texas Alpha**

Adele Grimes Castle  
1939; October 2008

Betty George Cotten  
1962; September 2008

Margaret Scott Keeland  
1947; September 2008

Alice Baker Jones Meyers  
1936; April 2008

Barbara Loffland Middleton  
1960; August 2008

Stephanie Stamp Weber  
1991; August 2008

Dottie Ellington White  
1930; August 2008

**Texas Beta**

Terry Coverdale Brennan  
1960; September 2007

Roseanne Ryan Carroll  
1946; June 2008

**Utah Alpha**

Anne Draper Christiansen  
1951; September 2008

Rosalyn Richards Leonard  
1942; August 2008

**Vermont Beta**

Margaret Lawlor Corley  
1948; April 2008

**Virginia Alpha**

Patricia Pearson Meriwether  
1944; August 2008

**Virginia Delta**

Susan Gross Coe Weiss  
1967; July 2008

**Virginia Gamma**

Eliza Ferguson Skemp  
1957; October 2007

**Washington Alpha**

Caitlin Olsen-Johnson  
2007; October 2008

**Washington Beta**

Virginia Gerding Hagaman  
1933; August 2008

Bettie Alexander Steiger  
1953; August 2008

**West Virginia Alpha**

Dolores Queen Plunkett  
1948; January 2008

**Wisconsin Alpha**

Kristina Cuthbert Stuart  
1992; July 2008

**Wisconsin Beta**

Jodie Leach Bryson  
1943; May 2008

**Wisconsin Delta**

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2002; August 2008

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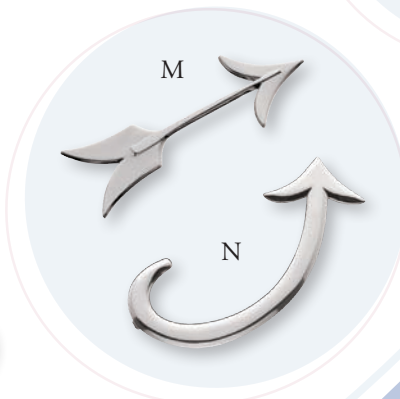
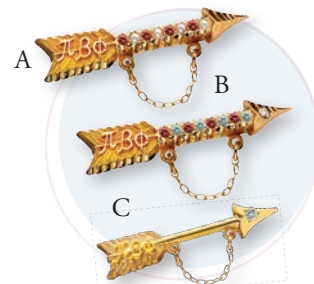


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