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Sorority is the Compass that Guides Us

I recall a conversation with Claribel, the President of the Multicultural Greek Council, early in my tenure as a Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at Iowa State University. Claribel was a Latina student at a large, predominately white institution. She was studying civil engineering, which was, and continues to be, a male-dominated field. Our conversation was about the significance of the Greek experience in her college career.

For Claribel, the answer was simple: family. Her Sigma Lambda Gamma sisters were her family, her home away from home. They provided her with a support structure as she navigated a demanding academic curriculum, classes disproportionately filled with men and a campus largely dominated by a culture different than her own.

The sorority experience is just as powerful for thousands of women on college campuses today. College is a complex time for many students. It means balancing schoolwork and extracurricular activities with a part-time job while still incurring mounds of student debt. It's a time when we develop our self-identities and build relationships, realizing it's okay to make values-based decisions that are sometimes contrary to peer pressure. While our families and K-12 education prepare us for college in some ways, it's the power of sorority that provides us with the compass to successfully navigate unfamiliar territory once we arrive on campus.

In fact, the sorority experience is like an experiment in the learning laboratory of life. Sororities provide women with an intellectual college experience, assist with academic support, mentor New Members, develop leaders, foster philanthropists, celebrate successes, support challenges and help with the transition to the professional world. We also see that on campuses where fraternity and sorority life exists, the campus as a whole is enhanced by these students' Greek experiences.

Today, Claribel is a practicing engineer. The attributes she came to college with no doubt propelled her into a successful career. Yet, it was the power of sorority that allowed her to persist as she journeyed through the unknown. Reflecting on my own experiences, the power of sorority has influenced me in countless ways, too. Much like Claribel and her sisterhood, Pi Beta Phi helped me through college, my first job, graduate school, parenting, moves to new communities and more.

The power of sorority is integral to each of our individual members' undergraduate college experience. It also supports our alumnae throughout their entire lives. Wherever we are on our own life-journey, the power of sorority is always nearby. How has the power of sorority, the power of Pi Beta Phi, helped you navigate the unfamiliar? ←

Jenn Plagman-Galvin

Pi Beta Phi Celebrates 150 Years with Founders' Day Festivities

Pi Beta Phi was founded on April 28, 1867, at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. Our 12 young founders had a vision to form the first secret society for women patterned after men's groups at a time when only five state universities even admitted women. They had few rights. They couldn't vote. Yet these pioneering women set the stage for a thriving organization continuing to enrich the lives of many during their collegiate years and beyond.

This year on Founders' Day, we celebrated our 150th anniversary with sisters around the world. Through Facebook Live, chapter and club celebrations and Pi Phi Giving Day, members and friends had many ways to celebrate.

Grand Council celebrated Founders' Day at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters. Grand President **PAULA PACE SHEPHERD**, Texas Epsilon, gave a special address via Facebook Live. The address culminated with a wine and silver blue balloon drop and 150th birthday cake presentation. The cake was decorated with silver blue frosting, golden arrows and wine carnations.

More than 50,000 people watched the Facebook Live address and there were nearly 20,000 comments, likes and shares on Pi Beta Phi's social media pages on April 28, 2017. Numerous posts used #PiPhi150 and #PiPhiGivingDay to help share and celebrate our milestone anniversary.

Libbie, from the Ring Ching Roadshow, celebrated the day by completing 12 Pi Phi Acts of Random Kindness. They included bringing sports drinks, protein bars and cookies to the local fire department, putting money into parking meters and bringing nonperishable food to a food bank.

Pi Phi Giving Day 2017 was also a great success. On April 28, 1,390 donors came together to raise \$126,618.67 in honor of our founding. Hundreds of Pi Phi sisters and friends shared



their love for our sisterhood on social media, encouraging participation and posting photos using #PiPhiGivingDay. Thank you to all who honored Pi Beta Phi's 150-year legacy with your gift. The Foundation can't wait to put these dollars to work in Pi Phi leadership training, academic scholarships, literacy efforts and much more!

Pictured above is Grand Council and Fraternity/Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) and Foundation Executive Directors on April 28, 2017. From left to right, Grand Vice President Finance **CARA BALLARD SUTCLIFFE**, Illinois Beta-Delta; Grand Vice President Communications **JULIE CARNEY**, Texas Beta; Grand President **PAULA PACE SHEPHERD**, Texas Epsilon; Pi Beta Phi Foundation Executive Director **HALLEE WINNIE**, Michigan Gamma; Pi Beta Phi Fraternity/FHC Executive Director **JULI HOLMES WILLEMANN**, Iowa Beta; Grand Vice President Membership **RAE WOHLHUETER MAIER**, Kentucky Beta; Grand Vice President Collegians **ALISON VEIT HEAFITZ**, Illinois Zeta; Grand Vice President Programming **MARLA NEELLY WULF**, Kansas Beta; and Grand Vice President Alumnae **DIANE BIELMAN**, California Eta.



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JULY 28-30, 2017
Directors Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri

BID DAY: OCTOBER 15, 2017
INITIATION: DECEMBER 8-10, 2017
Nevada Alpha Reorganization
Reno, Nevada

JANUARY 26-28, 2018
College Weekend
St. Louis, Missouri

SESSION ONE: JULY 12-15, 2018
SESSION TWO: JULY 16-19, 2018
Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute
St. Louis, Missouri

2017 Marilyn Simpson Ford Award Winner

The Fraternity Communications Association (FCA) awarded the Marilyn Simpson Ford Distinguished Service Award to Jackie Isaacson, Director of Communications/



Editor at Phi Mu Fraternity, at its 2017 Annual Conference in May. The award was established in 1989 by Pi Beta Phi to honor longtime *Arrow* Editor **MARILYN SIMPSON FORD**, Nebraska Beta. It is given to an individual who represents an FCA-member organization and has distinguished himself or herself through service to FCA.

Jackie attended Michigan State University. After graduation, she traveled for one year as a Phi Mu Chapter Consultant. She went on to earn her master's degree in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University. She worked on three college campuses, mainly in fraternity/sorority advising, before returning to work for Phi Mu as the Director of Programming and Leadership Development. When she became the Director of Communications/Editor, she became involved with FCA, most notably serving as the Annual Conference Chairman in both 2012 and 2014. Her attention to detail in those roles helped FCA create standardized processes for the Annual Conference Committee that are still used today.

"This award means a great deal to me, and I'm incredibly honored," Jackie said. "I've enjoyed every volunteer opportunity I have held in FCA, and I've especially enjoyed working with interfraternal colleagues, many of whom have become friends. I've never served on the FCA Board of Directors, so winning this award shows that all volunteers in professional and other organizations can make an impact."

PI BETA PHI WINS COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

Pi Beta Phi took home two awards at the Fraternity Communications Association Annual Conference this past spring. They include:

- Third Place in Writing — Human Interest (Long) for Sisters Connected by the Heart mini-feature story in the Spring 2016 *Arrow*
- Third Place in Writing — Human Interest (Short) for Mother-Daughter Team Helps Refugee Children Read > Lead > Achieve story in the Spring 2016 *Arrow*

Congratulations to the Pi Beta Phi volunteers and members of the Headquarters staff who put in many hours of hard work on these projects!

NEW ALUMNAE CLUB CHARTERED IN MICHIGAN

Please join the Alumnae Region Three team in welcoming back the Traverse Bay Area, Michigan, Alumnae Club. Located in northwestern Michigan on the shores of Lake Michigan, the club was originally chartered in 1978. The club officially rechartered May 1, 2017. We wish them success in their future endeavors!

NEVADA ALPHA REORGANIZATION UNDERWAY

Plans are underway for the reorganization of the Nevada Alpha Chapter at the University of Nevada, Reno. The Fraternity has selected two Resident Leadership Development Consultants (RLDCs) to lead the reorganization efforts: Louisiana Beta **SAMANTHA ELDRIDGE** and Oregon Alpha **CLAIRE BANGE**. The RLDCs will arrive on campus in mid-August to prepare for Pi Phi's recruitment process following the campus primary recruitment period. Alumnae are invited to join the chapter's Bid Day celebration on October 15, 2017, and initiation weekend December 8-10, 2017. Registration information will be available in the coming months. To learn more, visit www.pibetaphi.org/nevada and follow the chapter on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @NevadaPiPhi.

HEADQUARTERS STAFF MEMBER RECEIVES ALPHA CHI OMEGA REAL. STRONG. WOMEN. OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Congratulations to Senior Director of Chapter Support Julie Wisbrock, who was named one of Alpha Chi Omega's 2017 Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction. The award was created to recognize women who are achieving their dreams, inspired by their own Alpha Chi Omega experiences to become the best versions of themselves. This year's cohort includes 10 educators, social advocates, visionary philanthropists and start-up entrepreneurs.

Pi Beta Phi Selects Second Class of Critical Conversations Facilitators

The Critical Conversations® risk prevention education program has seen great success since its inception nearly two years ago. Critical Conversations has already become an integral part of our members' programming experience. During the 2016-2017 academic year, the amount of Speaker Series visits of the Alcohol Skills Training Program, Discovering Sincere Friendship and Sisterhood, Safety and Sexual Assault programs increased by 35 percent.

In addition, we added three "webisodes," or short videos, with peer facilitation guides, bringing the total to six. Be sure to check them out on the Fraternity's Vimeo page at www.vimeo.com/channels/criticalconversations. We are also proud to say we have added additional resources for chapter advisors. Last year alone we doubled the number of topic briefs available for their use.

The growth of this program has been phenomenal not just in size, but also in scope. The programs and resources available range from hazing prevention to mental health to sexual assault. We attribute much of the program's success to it being developed specifically with our collegians in mind. The programming is relevant and to the point, but with a layer of humor allowing our members to feel more at ease while discussing difficult topics.

But more than the curriculum, our facilitators are where the real success lies. They create unique experiences and ensure success and education for our collegians. We are grateful for their service. In 2015, we welcomed 45 facilitators to our team. These facilitators represented 19 fraternal organizations, 17 institutions of higher education and seven inter/national fraternity and sorority headquarters.

With the growth of the program, we recognized the need to increase our facilitator pool and are proud to welcome 37 additional men and women to our team. Our new facilitators represent 16 fraternal organizations, 19 institutions of higher education and three inter/



Above: In June, 37 men and women joined the Critical Conversations facilitator team. These facilitators represent campus-based professionals, higher education leaders, past Headquarters staff and past Pi Beta Phi volunteers.

national fraternity and sorority headquarters. They also represent 14 of the 26 National Panhellenic Conference organizations, past Leadership Development Consultants, current Pi Beta Phi Headquarters staff, past Alumnae Advisory Committee members and Fraternity officers, campus-based professionals and higher education leaders. They are the best of the best, and we couldn't be prouder to have them serving Pi Beta Phi.

New facilitators were trained in early June on all four of our Critical Conversation programs including our newest program, Every Act of Yours. Every Act of Yours is our fourth Speaker Series program, which focuses on educating collegians on confrontation and accountability in their chapters and communities. Dr. Lori Hart, a nationally recognized speaker and advocate for student leaders, collaborated with our program development team to ensure the programming provided is premier. Our facilitators will ensure this team's vision comes to light.

To learn more about critical conversations, please visit www.pibetaphi.org/criticalconversations.



BY THE NUMBERS

140

CHAPTER VISITS

733

ADVISOR TOPIC BRIEF DOWNLOADS

6

WEBISODES ONLINE

15,471

LIVES IMPACTED

83

PROGRAM FACILITATORS

4

SPEAKER SERIES

2,242

WEBISODE VIEWS

and counting...!

Kansas Beta



The current Kansas Beta Chapter house, built in 1962, was in need of expansion and renovation to remain competitive with the ever-growing Kansas State University fraternity and sorority community. This required increasing the square footage of the house to not only meet the needs of the chapter today, but for years to come.

To make this happen, a local architect was hired to assess the current house and property and provide preliminary drawings and projected costs. Simultaneously, a Capital Campaign Committee was formed and a campaign consultant company was hired to conduct a feasibility study. Thus, the Calling All Angels Capital Campaign was launched and is projected to raise more than \$2 million.





The project included a three-story addition, with 830 square-feet added per story. The new space includes two eight-women suites complete with study, dressing and sleeping areas. The project also added an ADA compliant bathroom on the main floor as well as an elevator and outside entry ramp. Lastly, the dining room was enlarged, reconfigured and redecorated, the basement chapter room was transformed into a group meeting and study area and a new HVAC system was installed throughout the entire facility.

Construction began in May 2016 and was completed ahead of schedule in January 2017. The chapter women love the new addition and were ecstatic to show it off in April 2017 to the many Kansas Beta alumnae who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and reception. ←



Arkansas Alpha



Southern eclectic is how the brand-new Arkansas Alpha Chapter house has been described. With 98 beds, eight study rooms, library, fitness center, art room, kitchen, dining room and chapter room that fits all 400+ Arkansas Alpha Chapter members, one would also describe it as a dream home!

When the chapter outgrew the previous facility, and major updates were required as well, the Chapter House Corporation decided to do a complete rebuild instead of renovating the existing facility. The chapter moved into their new home in August 2016 and couldn't be happier. The fundraising, planning and rebuilding has been a four-year long process. Fundraising efforts will continue through 2019. For more information, visit www.ArkansasPiPhi.com. ←





Welcome to Hollywood! What's Your Dream?

By California Delta **CONSTANCE DILLON GIBBS**

In front of more than 17,000 University of Southern California (USC) graduates and their families and friends, valedictorian **COOPER NELSON**, California Gamma, spoke about the future with wonder during her commencement address. She also poked fun at comedic actor and USC alumnus Will Ferrell, who was sitting behind her, getting ready to deliver his address immediately following Cooper's remarks.

"I am honored to be your valedictorian this year, and also your unemployed valedictorian," Cooper said. "But you guys don't have to worry about me. I've got irons in the old fire. I slipped a little something in the back of Will Ferrell's program a bit ago. Will, have your people call my people."

In the University's 134-year history, Cooper is the first valedictorian from the University's prestigious School of Cinematic Arts. She majored in cinema and media studies, with a minor in screenwriting, as well as completed a second major in law, history and culture. She earned a perfect 4.0 in all her coursework.

Each university has its own set of traditions for selecting commencement speakers and honorees. At USC, the custom is for one student to serve as valedictorian who then delivers a five-minute commencement address. The

valedictorian selection process is competitive. Students with strong academic records are invited to submit an application, including an essay, to be considered for the honor. Then, a small group of individuals are invited to participate in an interview process.

Cooper's essay discussed how her college experience was based around her genuine love for learning. "I didn't come to college with the aim of getting a perfect GPA," Cooper said. "I knew I wanted to do well, but I didn't stress. I'm very lucky because I got to study what I love. I built my curriculum around wonderful topics that fascinated me, like storytelling and culture. I took classes about the Star Wars film series and others about the French Revolution."

When the time came for her in-person interview, Cooper said she was a bit nervous. She was thrilled to find one of her favorite film professors was a part of the interview panel. Because past valedictorians have often been from traditional career fields like business, medicine and other STEM-related fields, Cooper focused on her out-of-the-box experiences in the film school. The strategy worked and a few weeks later, she received an email letting her know that she was the 2017 valedictorian. Cooper was with Pi Phi sisters when she read the email, and the women gave her celebratory hugs.

When it came to writing her commencement address, Cooper admits she wrote the speech only days before graduation was to take place. The end of the semester had been busier than anticipated, she explained. The night before the ceremony, after attending a special dinner with the USC President and other University dignitaries, including Will Ferrell and his family, Cooper stayed up late practicing the speech with her mom.

The next day, on a beautiful afternoon outside on the USC quad, Cooper shared her words of wisdom. She received many cheers and laughs from the crowd. "USC has shaped, inspired and challenged us, and introduced us to friends that we will love for life," Cooper said. "Many of you will literally change the world in fields of endeavor: the environment, global health and technology. Me? I just really want to write cartoons."

She went on to discuss how she hopes to work as an animation screenwriter because animation and its accompanying storytelling will change the world. She is already on her way. Cooper, who said she grew up watching cartoons, has had several internships throughout college working alongside producers, writers and editors — seeing animation made from start to finish. Her backup plan is to attend law school and become an entertainment lawyer. ◀



Above: California Gamma **COOPER NELSON** was selected as the University of Southern California's 2017 valedictorian.



ARKANSAS

Arkansas Alpha, University of Arkansas

The Arkansas Alpha Chapter is dedicated to helping its local community. In addition to participating in several fraternity and sorority service projects throughout the year, the chapter hosts a Pizookie Night each semester. A pizookie is when pizza meets cookie: a large cookie is baked in a cast iron skillet and then served with ice cream on top. This semester, Arkansas Alpha hosted more than 800 guests at its Pizookie Night and raised \$3,954 to benefit children’s literacy. This event is a favorite tradition for the entire University of Arkansas campus.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Alpha, University of Connecticut

The Connecticut Alpha Chapter was invited to attend the University’s Arete Awards and was surprised to receive the most honorable award of the night: Chapter of the Year. Current Executive Council members, past Executive Council members and Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) members were in attendance to accept the award. When announcing the award, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life described the chapter as a “breath of fresh air.”

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

D.C. Alpha, The George Washington University

In March, the D.C. Alpha Chapter hosted its annual philanthropy week, Arrowstrike. During the week, members of the fraternity and sorority community were invited to participate in events including a spelling bee,



Top: Connecticut Alpha Chapter members.

Bottom: From left, D.C. Alphas **HOLLY TUCKER, SARAH BIRMINGHAM, SARA GLASER** and **JULIA WATERSTREET**.

a trivia night and a whiffle ball tournament held on the National Mall. The support received from other fraternities and sororities was inspiring and motivated chapter members to work harder toward their fundraising goal. The event was a success: in four days, Arrowstrike raised more than \$5,700 for Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

GEORGIA

Georgia Alpha, University of Georgia

Last spring, Georgia Alpha **BRITTANY FELDMAN** was killed in a tragic car accident. To honor Brittany and the one-year anniversary of her death, the Georgia Alpha Chapter collected more than 2,000 books and donated them to Books for Keeps, a nonprofit providing books to Atlanta-

area children whose reading opportunities outside of school are limited due to factors such as geography and income. Georgia Alpha members signed each book with the inscription “Donated in honor of Brittany Feldman and Pi Beta Phi at UGA”. The chapter hopes the books will bring joy to the people who read them, just like Brittany brought joy to her Pi Phi sisters.

FLORIDA

Florida Alpha, Stetson University

This past semester, Florida Alpha co-hosted a Literacy Day for the Walden Community School with the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. Throughout the day, the Pi Phi women and Delta Sigma Phi men read poems to the children, and then the children got to write their own poems and illustrate them. The children also had the opportunity to read their poems aloud to the group. The Literacy Day benefitted the children because it promoted reading, writing and public speaking.

Florida Beta, Florida State University

The Florida Beta Chapter is proud to mentor children within the Tallahassee community through the Champions

are Readers® (CAR) program. Twice a week, chapter members visit a local elementary school where they read to a first- or third-grade classroom. Once they finish a book, the women work alongside students to complete activities such as word searches and crossword puzzles. The CAR program has been transformational for the young students and also the members of Florida Beta. When the children master reading and are able to write thank-you cards, chapter members know their mentoring is making a difference.

INDIANA

Indiana Beta, Indiana University

The Indiana Beta Chapter lives Pi Phi's core value of Philanthropic Service to Others by reading to local Bloomington, Indiana, children; the Pi Phi women visited nearby Clear Creek Elementary School on Fraternity Day of Service. Chapter members loved the service opportunity because they got to play games with the students and spend quality time with them. Many Pi Phis have formed relationships with students and love going back to the school each year to visit them.

MAINE

Maine Alpha, University of Maine

The Maine Alpha Chapter is known for its Arrowspike volleyball tournament. Each fall, the entire University of Maine community is invited to participate in the event. The games are played on the University of Maine Mall, the grass field located in the heart of campus. All proceeds are donated to Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

Left: Indiana Beta Chapter members.

Below: Florida Alpha Chapter members with brothers of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.



MICHIGAN*Michigan Beta, University of Michigan*

Twice a week, members of Michigan Beta volunteer at Allen Elementary School in a program called "Lunch Bunch." Lunch Bunch is an hour-long program during the students' lunch period that provides children who are struggling in math or reading with one-on-one tutoring. The Pi Phis help students with homework or additional assignments to help them practice their math and reading skills. Additionally, the chapter organized a book drive for Allen Elementary School. The women collected more than 400 children's books from various University of Michigan student groups and alumni. The Allen students loved receiving the new books and look forward to using them in their classrooms and at home.

MINNESOTA*Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota*

Each year, the University of Minnesota community unites toward one common goal: to sponsor a Habitat for Humanity® home. This is done through a one-day fundraising event called 60K Day, during which all money raised is used to fund the Habitat for Humanity home. Minnesota Alpha **KRISTEN RESMAN** spent three months planning the event with another student Co-Chair. Kristen and her Co-Chair had a goal of engaging a variety of student groups for the event. They met their goal, with more than 15 student groups donating funds to sponsor different portions of the home.

NEBRASKA*Nebraska Beta, University of Nebraska*

In April, Nebraska Beta hosted Pi Phifa, a soccer tournament hosted at the University of Nebraska's recreation center. Each team consisted of two Pi Phis and five other students. Teams were organized into brackets and competed against each other in hopes of making it to the championship match. Several other student organizations participated in the tournament including members of the University's rowing team. The event was a great way for students to come together and get some exercise, all while raising more than \$4,000 for The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

NEW YORK*New York Eta, New York University*

The New York Eta Chapter celebrated Fraternity Day of Service by volunteering for Story Pirates, a nonprofit that turns children's original stories into entertaining plays so children can see their imaginations come to life. Unfortunately, not all submitted stories can



Above: From left, North Carolina Deltas **MELISSA LEIB**, **ABBY BINZ**, **ALLIE HARREN** and **SARAH FOWLER**.

NORTH CAROLINA*North Carolina Delta, North Carolina State University*

"Chapters everywhere threw huge celebrations to commemorate our 150th milestone anniversary. North Carolina Delta is located in Raleigh, North Carolina, just down the road from the North Carolina Alpha Chapter in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Both of our chapters wanted to ring in the 150th with an exciting celebration, so we decided to throw one together. The North Carolina Alphas drove to Raleigh to celebrate the biggest birthday party any of us had ever seen.

And celebrate we did! With our chapters' combined budgets, we were able to throw a party that our Fraternity deserved for its 150th Founders' Day. We had trivia, photo booths, tons of delicious food and lots of sisterhood. We even celebrated with our sisters who are studying abroad. Our women who are across the globe took the time to send in videos describing what the 150th Founders' Day meant to them, and there wasn't a dry eye in the room when the videos were playing.

It was an awesome opportunity to celebrate the love we share for this organization with sisters we may not have met before. Pi Beta Phi has given us 150 years worth of memories, friendships and endless love. We are so thankful for everything this organization is, and we were so happy to have celebrated with our North Carolina Alpha sisters. Here's to another 150 years of Pi Beta Phi!"

— North Carolina Delta **GRACE PITTMAN** ◀

be performed. So the stories that aren't selected for production are brought to the New York Eta Chapter. The Pi Phis read the stories and write notes to the children, telling them how much they loved reading their stories and how good they are in order to encourage the children's creativity and love of writing.

OHIO

Ohio Beta, The Ohio State University

During primary recruitment, the Ohio Beta Chapter shows Potential New Members how Read > Lead > Achieve is hands-on by making school supplies kits. Each kit is accompanied by an encouraging note. During the activity, the Pi Phi women also talk about Read > Lead > Achieve and why reading is important. The kits are then donated to a nearby elementary school. When donating the school supplies kits, chapter members said it was very special to see the excitement on the students' faces as they were handed the brand-new supplies.

Ohio Iota, University of Dayton

Members of the Ohio Iota Chapter are proud of their weekly visits to Kiser Elementary School for the CAR program. The Pi Phis work tirelessly to make sure the reading activities are fun and interactive for the students. Chapter members often brainstorm new ways to engage the students, and the students look forward to the new activities. The Pi Phis recently introduced a nursery rhyme activity that the students loved. Chapter members said the most rewarding part of the CAR program is knowing they are making a positive impact on students' lives.



SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Beta, Clemson University

The recently reinstalled South Carolina Beta Chapter held its first philanthropy event this past spring: Layups for Literacy. The event was a basketball tournament with all proceeds benefiting Read > Lead > Achieve reading initiatives through The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation. The event was held in conjunction with Dad's Weekend. So after the basketball tournament was over, the chapter hosted a Dads vs. Daughters basketball game. There were two separate games played and the dads came out victorious both times.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Epsilon, University of Virginia

The Virginia Epsilon Chapter loves promoting literacy in the Charlottesville, Virginia, area. Each fall, the chapter hosts Octoberphest with Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. The event includes a dunk tank, a pie-eating contest, bobbing for apples and other games. Proceeds are donated to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation to support Read > Lead > Achieve reading initiatives.

WASHINGTON

Washington Alpha, University of Washington

Each fall, the Washington Alpha Chapter hosts a literacy walk to raise funds for Pi Beta Phi Foundation. The walk takes place around a local lake and students, faculty and staff are invited to participate. The chapter also hosts a book drive to coincide with the walk. The books are donated to A Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program, the leading provider of children's books and literacy services in Washington State. A Page Ahead provides new books for children, literacy support for families and reading resources for communities.

Left: South Carolina Beta Chapter members.

Below: Washington Alpha Chapter members.



Champion for Children Retires from 40-Year Public Service Career

By California Delta **CONSTANCE DILLON GIBBS**

Missouri Alpha **ROSEANN KNAUER BENTLEY** recently retired from a career in public service spanning more than four decades. Her service includes leading dozens of boards and civic organizations, including the Springfield, Missouri, School Board, the Missouri State Board of Education and the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Most notably, Roseann was elected to the Missouri State Senate in 1995; she was the first woman from southwest Missouri to hold the position. She would go on to serve the Greene County Commission, the executive body overseeing the fourth-most populous county in Missouri. Roseann's service included the years following the Great Recession, during which Greene County weathered one of the worst financial times in history.

Roseann said she never intended to pursue a political career. She grew up in Springfield and attended the University of Missouri, where she studied elementary and early childhood education. A highlight of college was joining Pi Phi and living in the Missouri Alpha Chapter house. It was Roseann's Pi Phi sisters who introduced her to her college sweetheart, John, who was President of the Sigma Nu chapter.

After graduation, the couple married and moved to Okinawa, Japan, for John's naval career. Roseann taught preschool and kindergarten while living abroad and remembers her newlywed years as an "adventure." They moved to Philadelphia after returning to the United States so John could attend medical school. Once his training was complete, they moved to Springfield to be close to family and friends. They would grow to a family of six in the years that followed.

It was during this time that Roseann's public service began. She started volunteering for various organizations including the United Way of the Ozarks and the Junior League of Springfield. Her work included helping establish Ozarks Public Television and ensuring children's programming was included on the network. As Roseann became more involved in the community, her peers grew to rely on her leadership. She was still surprised when

a group of local leaders encouraged her to run for the State Senate, especially because she had never run for public office. "I was flattered they valued my work and trusted what I was capable of accomplishing," she said.

Roseann served as State Senator for two terms. She helped pass a bill allocating \$30 million for early childhood education and chaired the Children's Services Commission, which discussed how legislation affected families. It was a rewarding experience, but also a challenging one, as there were only a few other women in the State Senate at the time. She credits her success to her family, friends and Pi Phi sisters who helped her campaign and supported her during the day-to-day demands of the job.

After Roseann termed out of the State Senate, she turned to county politics. She served as Greene County Commissioner for 14 years. Greene County is one of the fastest growing areas in the state and includes the city of Springfield, home to several universities and a major thoroughfare on historic Route 66. Roseann's projects included housing, roads, parks and more. She also supported education initiatives whenever possible. "I really enjoyed getting to know people and helping them however I could," she said. "It was rewarding to make things better and find ways to improve their lives."

Today, Roseann is enjoying retirement with her husband. The couple recently returned from a trip to Paris and are preparing to spend the summer with their 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Roseann still finds ways to help people through her volunteer work. The only difference is that she doesn't have to go into the office any more, she said. ◀



Above: Missouri Alpha **ROSEANN KNAUER BENTLEY** smiles after cutting the ribbon to inaugurate a Springfield, Missouri, Public Schools administrative center named after her. Roseann's public service career spans more than 40 years. Photo courtesy Guillermo Hernandez Martinez/Springfield News-Leader.

ALABAMA

Montgomery, Alabama, Alumnae Club

In honor of Fraternity Day of Service, the Montgomery, Alabama, Alumnae Club donated 500 children's books to Transformation Montgomery, a community development organization through Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church. The books were secured through a FDS500 grant. Once the books arrived, several club members stopped by the organization to see which book titles were selected. They also enjoyed watching the children's excited reactions to the books.

ARIZONA

Tucson, Arizona, Alumnae Club

The Tucson, Arizona, Alumnae Club joined with members of the Arizona Alpha Chapter at the University

of Arizona to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Pi Beta Phi. A special visitor to the celebration was Traveling Event Specialist **DAPHNEY BITANGA**, California Eta, and Libbie, the car from the Ring Ching Roadshow. Arizona Alpha **SALLY PALMER LEWIS** was honored as a Golden Arrow for her 50 years of membership in Pi Beta Phi.

CALIFORNIA

South Orange County, California, Alumnae Club

Members of the South Orange County, California, Alumnae Club celebrated Fraternity Day of Service alongside members of the South Coast, California, Alumnae Club and members of the California Omicron Chapter at Chapman University. The women held an event at the Donald Dungan Library. Young library patrons read books and participated in Speed Read competitions. They also took home cookies, T-shirts and free books.

Below: Members of the San Juan, Colorado, Alumnae Club.



COLORADO

San Juan, Colorado, Alumnae Club

On St. Patrick's Day, several members of the San Juan, Colorado, Alumnae Club visited the local Head Start Early Childhood Learning Center to donate 500 brand-new children's books. The women spent time reading with the children and touring the center. Each child was given a book to take home for his or her personal collection. The remaining books will remain at the center's library for current and future students to enjoy.

FLORIDA

Sarasota-Manatee, Florida, Alumnae Club

Since 2009, the Sarasota-Manatee, Florida, Alumnae Club has supported the Stillpoint House of Prayer, which provides clothing, food, household items, books and more to migrant workers and their families. Because many families wait in line to pick up items, the alumnae club wanted to create activities to help pass the time for the children. Club members purchased two book carts: one to be filled with books for toddlers and a second to be filled with books for beginning readers. The club collects and donates books throughout the year to ensure the carts remain fully stocked, including seasonal books. The Pi Phis bring books to each club meeting and frequently solicit books from their families and friends. The women visit the House of Prayer twice a week to drop off books and read with the children. Last year, the club gave away more than 2,000 books. ◀



Above: Members of the Sarasota-Manatee, Florida, Alumnae Club.



Above: Indiana Delta Reunion.

ILLINOIS

Arlington Heights, Illinois, Alumnae Club

In January, the Arlington Heights, Illinois, Alumnae Club donated scarves and gloves to Maddie's Mitten March, a nonprofit that distributes warm winter clothing to underprivileged individuals in the Chicago area. The organization, founded by a local student when she was 10 years old, has provided outerwear for hundreds of individuals. Since January, the club has continued to collect scarves and gloves as well as coats and hats in order to donate to Maddie's Mitten March on an ongoing basis.

INDIANA

Members of Indiana Delta Reunion

In April, seven Indiana Deltas from Purdue University reunited at the Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival at the Walt Disney World® Resort. The women enjoyed catching up while visiting dozens of beautiful garden spaces, wildlife habitats and Disney-themed topiaries.

Pi Phi Achievement

Retired Indiana Supreme Court Executive Director **LILIA GEORGIEV JUDSON**, Indiana Beta, has been named recipient of the 2016 Warren E. Burger Award for Excellence in Court Administration, one of the highest awards bestowed by the National Center for State Courts. The award honors a state court administrative official who demonstrates professional skill, leadership, integrity, creativity and exceptional judgment. Among her many achievements, Lilia built a national reputation for her work in court technology and helping the Indiana courts implement electronic filing. She also developed a case numbering system for all trial courts in Indiana.

KANSAS

Greater Kansas City Alumnae Club

Kansas Beta **JUDY WELTSCH KLOTE** was named a 2017 Woman of the Year by the Greater Kansas City Alumnae Panhellenic. Judy was selected for the honor because of her service to Pi Beta Phi. She has served in leadership roles for the Greater Kansas City Alumnae Club and as an Alumnae Advisory Committee member for the Kansas Alpha Chapter at the University of Kansas. She has also served on the regional level including Collegiate Region Five Director. Additionally, Judy has worked for Hallmark Cards for 17 years in a variety of marketing positions and even owns her own faux painting business.

LOUISIANA

Louisiana Northshore Alumnae Club

The Louisiana Northshore Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day at The English Team Room in Covington, Louisiana. Decorations included wine and silver blue balloons and buttons from the 150th celebration kits that were sent to alumnae clubs earlier this year. Each attendee received a gift bag with a 150th anniversary sticky pad from Pi Phi Express and an iced angel sugar cookie. The club honored its Pi Beta Phi award winners including 2017 Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award recipient **LISA ZACCARIA BARNETT**, Louisiana Beta.

MARYLAND

Chesapeake, Maryland, Alumnae Club

This spring, the Chesapeake, Maryland, Alumnae Club honored the new initiates of the Maryland Gamma Chapter at Johns Hopkins University by presenting them with a special gift. Each woman received a wine-colored pin pillow, handcrafted by club member **BARBARA BURKS SHIELDS**, Florida Beta. The pin pillows were tied with silver blue ribbons and included silver angel charms.

MISSISSIPPI

Pi Phi Chance Encounter

How did two Pi Phis, one from Missouri and the second from West Virginia, meet in Mississippi and discover they were sisters? Politics, of course! In October, South Carolina Alpha **CARRIE ALMOND**, then President-elect of the National Federation of Republican Women, traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, to swear in the newly-elected officers of the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women. There, she met West Virginia Alpha **DANA SHARP STRINGER**, the President-elect of the Mississippi Federation. Both women were ecstatic to learn they were sisters and would be working together for the next two years.



Above: Oklahoma Beta **CONNIE GRAVES ALEXANDER** (back left) spent an afternoon at the Oklahoma Beta Chapter house teaching several collegians how to bake cherry pies from scratch. The pies were donated to a Rotary Club fundraiser.

OKLAHOMA

Stillwater, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club

"The Stillwater, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club is always looking for ways to support the Oklahoma Beta Chapter at Oklahoma State University. This year, I had the perfect opportunity to spend valuable time with seven new initiates and teach them a skill I love to pass on, as well as support the philanthropic efforts of my local Rotary Club.

Friday, after classes were over, I brought baking supplies to the chapter house including cherries, ingredients for my 'Never Fail Pie Crust' and several rolling pins. We made pie crust from scratch and cherry filling for eight pies. We then rolled out the dough, filled the pies and created eight beautiful culinary masterpieces with fluted edges and steam hole designs according to each artists' taste. The fun was abundant and the flour was everywhere!

All the generous pie makers donated their creations to the Stillwater Rotary Club for entries and prizes in the Rotary Cherry Pie Making competition. The pie made by Oklahoma Beta **DARYN HAYES** received third place honors in the competition.

During those precious hours, the collegians and I hit several marks on our to-do lists. We taught or learned a new skill, spent precious time with Pi Phi sisters and supported a philanthropic cause. It was a perfect 'Pi Baka Phi' afternoon."

— Oklahoma Beta **CONNIE GRAVES ALEXANDER** ◀

NEVADA

Las Vegas Alumnae Club

To kick off Nevada Reading Week, the Las Vegas Alumnae Club volunteered at the nonprofit Spread the Word Nevada, the club's philanthropic partner. The women attended a "breakfast and books event" and helped sort donated books that will later be given to underserved Las Vegas students. Many books required cleaning, erasing, sticker removal and/or minor taping before they could be given to students. Books for adults or books that cannot be donated again are sold by Spread the Word, helping them raise more funds for their growing operation.

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Alumnae Club

On March 2, the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Alumnae Club and the New Mexico Alpha Chapter partnered to celebrate Fraternity Day of Service. The women supported a local elementary school, Horizon Academy West. They organized and facilitated the school's annual literacy night, where they promoted literacy through Dr. Seuss®-themed activities. The women also gave out more than 600 books to the students and their siblings. The books were donated by the club thanks to a FDS500 grant.

NORTH CAROLINA

Sandhills of North Carolina Alumnae Club

On Founders' Day, April 28, 2017, the Sandhills of North Carolina Alumnae Club held a celebration at the home of Missouri Alpha **JACKIE SMITH WOODWARD**. Jackie displayed a special wine and silver blue Pi Phi flag outside her home to welcome attendees. Among the tasty treats were custom cupcakes decorated with wine and silver blue sprinkles. The food table was also decorated with a large floral arrangement in Pi Phi's colors. The women enjoyed sharing Pi Phi memories and singing Pi Phi songs.



Above: Members of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Alumnae Club.



TEXAS

Fort Worth, Texas, Alumnae Club

In April, the Fort Worth, Texas, Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day by hosting a luncheon at River Crest Country Club. The women honored their 25-Year Silver Arrows and 50-Year Golden Arrows. From left, Texas Delta **LEIGH MOSSMAN PAULING**, Texas Alpha **MARCI KELLER HORNE**, Texas Beta **DUFFY PITTS BLOEMENDAL** and Texas Gammas **CARRIE THORNTON LANGE** and **COURTNEY MOORE PRESCOTT**.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Greenville, South Carolina, Alumnae Club

Members of the Greenville, South Carolina, Alumnae Club and South Carolina Beta Chapter participated in the Hollis Academy Book Fair. More than 450 students ranging from kindergarten through fourth grade were able to select a book to take home and enjoy a homemade cookie made by club members. The Pi Phis helped students select their books and write their names on Read > Lead > Achieve bookplates. Hollis Academy is a Title I school with 100 percent of students receiving free or reduced lunch.

Lowcountry, South Carolina, Alumnae Club

The Lowcountry, South Carolina, Alumnae Club hosted the Greater Charleston, North Carolina, Alumnae Club; Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Alumnae Club; and Savannah, Georgia, Alumnae Club; for a joint 150th Founders' Day Celebration at the Dataw Island Club. Seventy Pi Phi angels enjoyed sharing their Pi Phi roots with special guests Alumnae Region Two Director **HARPER WHITTEN**, Florida Beta, and Pi Beta Phi Foundation Trustee **KATHY WAGER EWING**, Alabama Gamma. At the conclusion of the event, attendees were able to purchase the wine and silver blue centerpieces used. The proceeds, totaling more than \$400, were donated to Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

VIRGINIA

Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club

For Founders' Day, the Virginia Eta Chapter at the University of Richmond invited the Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club to attend a tea to celebrate Pi Beta Phi's 150th year. A lively group was in attendance. The women enjoyed celebrating our Fraternity's heritage and visiting with the Virginia Eta women who graduated this year.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee Alumnae Club

For the second year in a row, the Milwaukee Alumnae Club hosted a Literacy Carnival for children at The Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, an organization that empowers children, families and adults to realize their full potential, be self-sufficient and move beyond the barriers of poverty. Members of the alumnae club provided a fun and inspiring day for the children, filled with games, books, reading activities and snacks, along with new books to take home and enjoy. Members of the Wisconsin Delta Chapter at Marquette University were also on hand to help with carnival logistics.



Above: Milwaukee Alumnae Club members. From left, Wisconsin Delta **NATALIE ROSER PRUSKO**, Illinois Iota **GINA MANCI SHAFFER**, Wisconsin Delta **TESSA KOHLER**, Wisconsin Alpha **JAYNE PAUGH PELTON**, Oklahoma Alpha **SHELLEY GREENE STEWART** and Wisconsin Delta **SALLY WHITMORE**.

I Can't Go On. I'll Go On.

By Ohio Beta MAUREEN LICURSI

For the Illinois Theta chapter at Bradley University, the impact of living Pi Beta Phi's core values extends across generations of collegians and alumnae alike. Illinois Theta alumna **CHERYL "CHERI" RABER PATTERSON** has lived our core values in profound ways since her years at Bradley, and has felt their warmth return in equal measure by her Pi Phi sisters of all ages.

Following graduation in 1967, Cheri and her Pi Phi sisters took divergent paths typical of young women entering the post-collegiate world. Through the swirl of new homes, new jobs, new families and new adventures, old friends eventually lost touch with one another.

But several decades later, Cheri reunited with many of these long-lost sisters in support of a common cause: a new chapter house for the Illinois Theta Chapter. The task of raising the significant funding needed was challenging but felt obtainable — until an unforeseen obstacle struck with the Great Recession.

Regardless, Illinois Theta alumnae pushed forward and their dedication paid off with the opening of a brand-new chapter house in 2012. For Cheri and her sisters, however, the campaign brought something so much greater than the new home. "It was like we had never been away from school," Cheri said. "The building of the house brought us back together again, like no time had passed."

Cheri could not have foreseen just how important those friendships, and her connection with the Illinois Theta Chapter, would become until the devastating diagnosis four years later: cancer.

Between the Peoria, Illinois, Alumnae Club, the Illinois Theta Chapter and the rest of her Pi Phi sisters, not a week went by during her treatments without a handwritten note, a gift or some other form of encouragement. Illinois Theta **JOYCE PATTERSON** even drove 75 minutes from Monmouth, Illinois, to be at the Peoria Cancer Center and bring lunch several times over the course of Cheri's chemotherapy treatments.

"The Pi Phis would lift me up when I got into the deep waters," she said. "And I love them for it. And as much as Cheri drew strength from the support of her sisters, those



Above: At Founders' Day, Illinois Theta **CHERYL "CHERI" RABER PATTERSON** (left) spoke about her cancer treatments and how her Pi Phi sisters provided much needed support during the process. Cheri is pictured with Illinois Theta **GABBY TAXER**.

same women felt nothing but awe and inspiration in return. When Cheri and another alumna were honored at Founders' Day this past spring for their courageous battles against cancer, the Sincere Friendship and Lifelong Commitment in the room could not have been more tangible.

"These two women are truly the definition of Pi Phi in my mind," said **CLAIRE SULLIVAN**, Illinois Theta's Chapter President. "It's awesome that I get to have them around and have them show me, and the women of my chapter, what it's like to live our values forever."

During the Founders' Day celebration, the women spoke about their experiences with their illness and how the support of their Pi Phi sisters was such an integral part of their fights. "If I didn't have those alumnae sisters cheering me on, I don't know if I would have made it," Cheri said. "Boy they were there for me. The chapter, too. I could see it in their eyes. I could see them thinking 'this is what it's all about.' It's about keeping friends forever."

As Cheri rekindled old Pi Phi connections and forged new ones over the last decade, she had no idea how life-changing and truly life-saving these Sincere Friendships would become. "Pi Phi is something that you don't ever lose," she said. "It sticks with you. These women are going to be your support no matter what happens in your life." ←



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Always Better Together

By: Fraternity Archivist and Historian **FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE**, New York Alpha

In 1902, seven women's fraternities came together to found the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the premier advocacy and support organization for the advancement of the sorority experience. However, prior to that time, women's organizations had already been working together for decades, specifically around the recruitment of members. This early collaboration can be seen among four groups whose extension efforts laid the groundwork for the women's fraternity system: Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi.

Pi Beta Phi was founded on April 28, 1867, at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. Kappa Kappa Gamma made its debut at Monmouth College in October 1870. That same year, Kappa Alpha Theta was founded at Indiana Asbury University (now DePauw University).

Kappa Alpha Theta was founded by Bettie Locke, the daughter of an Indiana Asbury mathematics professor. Though she had previously received an invitation to wear a Phi Gamma Delta badge, Bettie had declined that opportunity because it did not come with full membership rights and responsibilities. Instead, she started her own women's fraternity. A few months later, a Pi Beta Phi chapter was founded at Indiana Asbury. A Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter joined the two in 1875.

Indiana University became home to Theta's second chapter thanks to Bettie's family friend, Minnie, an Indiana University student. Bettie made the connection by first writing a letter and then visiting her.

Two years later, in 1873, Kappa Kappa Gamma made its appearance at Indiana University, too. Kappa arrived after a male student from Monmouth College told his female cousin, a student at Indiana University, about Kappa Kappa Gamma. He helped initiate correspondence between Kappa and his cousin, and the chapter was subsequently installed. Shortly thereafter, a member of Pi Beta Phi transferred to the Indiana University campus and saw what she considered to be material for a Pi Phi chapter. A Pi Phi charter was issued in March 1893. And in December 1898, a Delta Gamma chapter was installed.

Butler University was the next site of expansion followed by Franklin College. Like other institutions mentioned in this article, the women's organizations arrived on the Franklin campus largely thanks to connections and relationships within the Greek world.

In May 1878, 20-year-old George Banta was on a train returning to Franklin College from a Phi Delta Theta convention. He sat with Monroe McClurg, a Phi Delta Theta brother from the University of Mississippi, and shared with him his concern over the fraternity system and how more women's chapters were needed. Monroe agreed and offered a solution: he told George about Delta Gamma and facilitated communication between the two parties. Delta Gamma had been founded in Mississippi and its chapters were located only in the South at the time. Eager to grow, Delta Gamma initiated George and gave him the power to form new chapters. The first chapter he organized was at Franklin College. Among its charter members was Lille Vawter, who would become his wife. George is the only man to have been initiated into Delta Gamma and his assistance was instrumental for Delta Gamma's future.



Another Greek connection made at Franklin College is that of D.C. Alpha **EMMA HARPER TURNER** (pictured left), who was first a member of Franklin's Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter. After a series of misunderstandings, Kappa withdrew that chapter's charter. Emma then became a charter member of Franklin's Pi Beta Phi chapter in 1888. She would go on to serve as Pi Beta Phi Grand President and form our alumnae department. Emma was also a prime force behind the establishment of the D.C. Alpha Chapter and one of its charter members.

Growth of the women's fraternity system came quickly during the 1880s and 1890s. A meeting of some of the women's fraternities was attempted in Boston in 1891 at Kappa Kappa Gamma's invitation. Little came of that meeting. However, by 1902, the organizations realized they needed to work together and collaborate. They had caught the interfraternal spirit and were desirous to know more of each other. NPC has been meeting regularly ever since. ←

Honoring Our 75-Year Diamond Arrow Members

Congratulations to the 368 women who became Diamond Arrows in 2017. The following women requested certificates in honor of their 75 years of membership in Pi Beta Phi.

PHOEBE FOLLMER BACON
Pennsylvania Beta

ELEANOR GATES BARRY
Louisiana Alpha

**MARTHA JANE
KENAGY BELIKOW**
Kansas Alpha

ROSALIE BENTZINGER
Iowa Alpha

COLLEEN COMBS BOLAND
Arkansas Alpha

**MARGARET ANNE
DILLARD BOYER**
Indiana Alpha

ELIZABETH EVANS BROWN
Nebraska Beta

ERRA CORNWELL CARLSON
Minnesota Alpha

**MARJORIE CAMPEN
CASTERLINE**
Missouri Beta

JEAN HORGER CHAPMAN
Virginia Gamma

MOLLIE HART CLEMENS
Texas Alpha

SALLY GODBOLT CONOVER
Oregon Alpha

JEAN HARRIS COON
Oregon Beta

**MARY ANN
CASSADY CROMMELIN**
North Carolina Beta

BETTY WIGTON DEWELL
Colorado Alpha

ALICE DORICK DOYLE
Illinois Beta-Delta

BYRDIMEB FORD FINDLAY
Texas Beta

GENELLE SOOMAN FOSTER
Montana Alpha

MARIE PINKERTON FREIBERGER
Oklahoma Alpha

MAE CHANDLER GERBER
North Dakota Alpha

JOAN CRIST GERVIG
Illinois Zeta

GAYLE SEWELL GUISSINGER
Florida Beta

ELIZABETH ALMON HAMBY
Georgia Alpha

LENORE EVANS HENRY
Iowa Gamma

BARBARA JOHNSTON HOWELL
Washington Alpha

**MARYE MCELVAINE
IMMENHAUSEN**
Illinois Beta-Delta

DOROTHY AKIN JENS
Wisconsin Beta

KATHRYN PAYNTER JOHNSON
Oklahoma Alpha

PATRICIA STRUTZ JORGENSEN
Wisconsin Alpha

BECKY BRABEC KELTY
Oregon Alpha

BETTY AMIDON KESMODEL
Florida Alpha

BARBARA WILLIAMS KIDD
New York Alpha

MARY HAYES LAMPKIN
Illinois Eta

JANICE BORAK LARSON
Minnesota Alpha

LOIS HASSELL LENZ
Indiana Epsilon

BETTY SMILEY LITTRELL
Florida Alpha

CONSTANCE GRIGSBY LUBECK
North Carolina Alpha

**JANE SIMS
MARTINELLI-MICHAELIS**
Kansas Beta

MARY JO FAIN MATHESON
Illinois Zeta

**MARY CONGER
MCGIMSEY**
Iowa Beta

NORMA DACY MINCKLER
Missouri Gamma

CARMEN REA NEWBRY
Idaho Alpha

BETTE JONES ROBERTS
Oklahoma Beta

**JEAN CUMMINGS
RUDOLPH**
Idaho Alpha

**VIRGINIA WILSON
SAVAGE**
Missouri Gamma

DIXON KRAUSS SMITH
Louisiana Beta

DOROTHY DAVIS STUCK
Arkansas Alpha

MAURITA ESTES STUECK
Missouri Beta

ANNE COOK THURSTON
Ohio Beta

JANE WRIGHT WERTZ
New York Alpha

Taking Aim at Capitol Hill

Each spring, Pi Phis join together with dozens of other fraternities and sororities to lobby Capitol Hill for issues important to Greek organizations. Topping the list is the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA), which would provide parity in the tax code by allowing donations made to Greek housing to be tax deductible. The Fraternal Government Relations Coalition — an umbrella organization of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee (FSPAC) — organizes the annual lobbying day in Washington, D.C. to discuss legislative issues important to the fraternity world.

This year, Pi Phi was pleased to sponsor three outstanding collegiate lobbyists who joined more than 100 other Greek collegians and alumnae to educate Members of Congress and their staffs about the need for CHIA and other critical issues. Joining the Pi Phi collegians was Pi Beta Phi NPC Delegate **ANA MANCEBO MILLER**, Texas Beta, and Pi Beta Phi Government Relations Representative, **SHEILA CONSAUL**, Illinois Theta. Pi Phi's collegiate lobbyists share their thoughts about the experience with *The Arrow* below.

PEYTON HOWARD, COLORADO ALPHA As a recent graduate, I can strongly say lobbying in D.C. is one of my favorite experiences as a member of Pi Beta Phi. It was exciting, invigorating and exponentially rewarding every time a Representative or Senator agreed to support CHIA. Before this trip, I previously interned for two congressional offices. During my internships, I was able to understand the influence lobbying has on the relationship between the American people and the government. It was wonderful to see and experience the other side of that relationship by becoming a member of the lobbying team. Having the opportunity to act as a liaison between Greek Life as a representative of Pi Beta Phi and the United States Government was an opportunity that I will never forget.

BAILEY-MARIE SCHMID, ILLINOIS IOTA Being able to go on this visit to D.C. was an incredible experience. I was nervous because it was my first time in our nation's capital, but I was excited to meet new Pi Phi sisters. During training, it was wonderful to finally meet my lobbying team and gain experience talking with people with political perspectives differing from my own. We spent all day on Capitol Hill and it was different than I anticipated. It was very easy to talk with the Congressional staff members, especially when we met with a staffer in



Above: In April, Pi Beta Phi collegians and alumnae traveled to Washington, D.C. to lobby Members of Congress on issues of importance to fraternity and sorority life.

Senator Duckworth's office who ended up being a Pi Phi. The best feeling of the day was when an office wanted to be a part of CHIA. It was so rewarding! I learned so much about our nation's legislative process, and the inside look I got while lobbying was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

MIA BERMAN, MARYLAND GAMMA I have had an interest in government and politics for a long time. When the opportunity to represent Pi Phi as a student lobbyist came along, I knew I needed to apply. Though I already had some Capitol Hill work experience, I marveled at being on the other side and lobbying for issues that I'm passionate about and will ultimately lead to a better Greek and collegiate experience for those coming after me.

It certainly was a busy day crisscrossing the Hill several times for meetings on both the House and Senate sides. I was surprised to see how eager the Members of Congress and their staff members were to hear about CHIA and issues of importance to Greeks. They also wanted to hear about the current climate on my campus and current student challenges such as the high rate of student debt and campus safety. The experience lobbying for Pi Phi opened my eyes to the way our government works and further cemented my interest in continuing in this field and striving to make a difference. ◀

WHY DOES THE *Sorority Experience* STILL MATTER?

By California Delta **CONSTANCE DILLON GIBBS**



Fraternity and sorority members are doing amazing work every day. They are leaders academically, in their careers and in their volunteer service to their communities. But, as soon as most people hear the word “sorority,” they think of the negative stereotype. It is no secret — this is a challenging time for the fraternity and sorority community. However, we want the world to recognize all the positive accomplishments of our brothers and sisters. We cannot let our critics’ viewpoint or the misguided choices of a few overshadow what we know to be true: sorority matters. And sorority matters today to the 21st-century woman more than ever before.



“Sororities are relevant today because women are relevant and community is relevant,” said Nicki Meneley, Chief Executive Officer for the Fraternity Executives Association. “A lot of things have changed since sororities were founded, but the need for a community and women supporting one another still exists.”

Yes, it’s hard to explain a sorority to someone who has never had a personal experience or involvement with fraternity and sorority life. If you’ve never experienced sisterhood, it’s almost too difficult to describe, like trying to define love, liberty or patriotism. It can be even more intimidating to talk about sisterhood when the stereotypes and misconceptions are stacked against us.

When we speak about sorority, we’re really speaking about what we get out of being a member. We’re describing the benefits of our membership and how our life is richer, deeper and better because of Pi Beta Phi.

“Sisterhood is unconditional friendship that remains regardless of life’s twists and turns, our distance and time apart, our mood on any given day or our personality differences,” said New Mexico Alpha **ALEX ROARK**, Assistant Director of Extension. “This type of relationship gives us a feeling of support, love, connection, fun and authenticity. We find mentors among these sisters. They bring out our leadership qualities, fine tune our strengths and motivate us to become the best versions of ourselves.”

The many benefits of sorority may seem obvious to you because you have personally experienced them. But it’s our job to speak up and explain those benefits to individuals who may have preconceived notions. Being in a sorority is not just a social experience and it is more than the academic education we receive at college. Being in a sorority is an education on becoming a well-rounded person.

Sororities are relevant today because women are relevant and community is relevant. A lot of things have changed since sororities were founded, but the need for community and women supporting one another still exists.



For decades, research has linked sorority membership with multiple positive educational and psychological outcomes as well as increased benefits to higher education institutions. In a 2014 study, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), the premier advocacy and support organization for the advancement of the sorority experience, found that sorority women have stronger educational outcomes and retention rates than non-sorority women. The study found that sorority women were three times more likely to be retained from freshman to sophomore year, were two and half times more likely to graduate from college and two times more likely to graduate in four years.

These numbers are powerful when you consider only 81 percent of full-time students seeking a bachelor's degree at a 4-year institution are retained from freshman to sophomore year. Furthermore, only 59 percent of those same students will graduate within six years with their bachelor's degree. That means the Greek experience helps retain our college students and supports them all four years so they can successfully graduate.

Additionally, graduates who belonged to a fraternity or sorority were much more likely to have been extremely active in extracurricular activities, more likely to have participated in student

clubs and more likely to have participated in intramural sports, according to the Gallup-Purdue Index.

Greek graduates are more likely to be engaged in the areas where they live and have pride in their communities compared to other graduates. In addition, more fraternity and sorority members are thriving socially, physically and financially than other graduates, factors that help them fulfill their potential and lead healthier and happier lives.

Last year, Forbes released a series of articles discussing private companies owned by fraternity men and sorority women. Forbes found these companies, some of which are valued at more than \$1 billion, have at least one founder who is a member of a sorority or fraternity. It also found that those business owners who participated in fraternity and sorority life were more apt to start their own businesses than those who hadn't. The entrepreneurs behind companies such as Dropbox, Stitch Fix, Blue Apron and Warby Parker all pledged fraternities and sororities in college. So, too, did the founders of Fortune 500 companies like Nike, Walmart and Home Depot.



One of the most important questions a parent may ask when sending his or her daughter off to college is whether living in the sorority house is relevant to today's college experience. Indiana Gamma **TAYLOR VITI** certainly thinks so. She enjoys the experience so much that she has lived in the house for multiple years. Moreover, when Taylor lived in a campus apartment, she missed the Pi Phi house so much that she decided to move back in as quickly as she could at the semester break.

As more students attend college each year, there is a growing need for safe and secure housing in close proximity to campus. Sororities and fraternities provide affordable housing for more than 370,000 college students across the United States. Nearly half of all Pi Beta Phi chapters have housing facilities that sleep members, with a total of 4,400 women sleeping in those facilities. While not everyone can live in a Pi Phi chapter house, the opportunity to gather within four walls and build sisterhood that lasts is as relevant today as it was in the second-story bedroom of Major Holt's house in 1867.

Living in the house has provided Taylor with the opportunity to interact with many different types of people on a daily basis. And in today's world of technology, where there are fewer and fewer opportunities for young people to develop interpersonal skills, this experience is invaluable. The living environment offered through the sorority experience prepares students, like Taylor, to learn how to effectively communicate and develop relationships built on trust and mutual respect, skills needed in students' personal and professional lives after college.

Fraternity and sorority members also play a powerful role in philanthropy. Our core values guide our work and our members. Like Pi Phi's core value of Philanthropic Service to Others, many other fraternities and sororities have a similar value as one of their main areas of focus. In fact, many students join a fraternity

or sorority largely because of the opportunities for service. These students come to college wanting to join an organization with strong, clearly defined values and choose the organization that most closely aligns with their already established values.

We often think of fundraising as an important part of philanthropic efforts. In the 2015-2016 academic year, reporting NPC member organizations, both collegiate and alumnae members, raised \$36,460,505 for philanthropies. It's important to note this number is not inclusive of the true impact being made by the overall sorority community, as collection and reporting varies among member organizations. Moreover, these numbers don't capture the additional impact made through advocacy, lobbying, education awareness and social media marketing on behalf of the various causes.

Philanthropy is more than just percentages and dollar signs. Volunteer service is also at the heart of the sorority membership experience. In 2015-2016, reporting NPC member organizations gave 3,232,643 hours of service to philanthropic causes.

As Pi Phis, we have demonstrated our commitment to philanthropy since 1867, when our founders created I.C. Sorosis and drafted the Constitution with the goal to "promote the happiness of humanity." Since those words



were written, Pi Phis have dedicated their lives to the service of others.

Pi Beta Phi was a pioneer among fraternities and sororities when the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School was founded in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in 1912. Through the power of education and literacy, Pi Beta Phi brought economic development to the mountain community of Gatlinburg.

Today, Pi Phis make the world a better place through our Read > Lead > Achieve initiatives.

Pi Beta Phi believes readers become leaders, and reading is the foundation of all that one can achieve in life. Over the past several years, Pi Phi members have donated more than \$2.2 million to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation to be used for Read > Lead > Achieve efforts, provided well over one million books to children in need and impacted one million lives through literacy service. Pi Beta Phi membership data shows that our members are more satisfied with the Fraternity's philanthropy efforts than any other Fraternity effort.



Philanthropy has come alive for the Vermont Beta Chapter at the University of Vermont, who, for more than 10 years, has facilitated the Champions are Readers (CAR) program at John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Winooski, Vermont. The Pi Phis started the CAR program to encourage the school's underprivileged students, of which 87 percent are living below the poverty line, to develop a love of reading and learning.

Vermont Beta Chapter members visit the school every week during the school year, helping students with multiple different subjects. The women are especially involved in the school's Six Celebrations of Learning, an interactive, six-part project throughout the year that includes plays, reports and fairs.

Many teachers have praised the Pi Phis for their dedication. Not only are the Pi Phi women interacting with the children and providing them with much-needed attention, but they are modeling the way and encouraging going to college and earning a degree. "We don't see it as





extraordinary,” said Vermont Beta **LINDSAY SWEET**. “For us, understanding the importance of literacy and making a difference in the lives of others is just a natural part of being a Pi Beta Phi.”

Pi Phis are also changing the world through their support of Pi Beta Phi Foundation. In fiscal year 2015-2016, the Foundation invested more than \$2 million in scholarships, leadership, emergency grants, literacy, heritage and housing. These numbers are remarkable because they show the power of our members and their desire to give back. Every donor is making a difference and every gift is making a difference — no matter if it’s \$5 or \$5 million. By supporting Pi Beta Phi Foundation, we continue to change the world through one book, one hour, one dollar and one compassionate sister at a time.

Most importantly, fraternities and sororities provide our members with the opportunity to make a direct impact on the communities in which they live, work and play. For example, let’s examine the leadership shown by the Indiana Theta Chapter at Valparaiso University following a fatal car accident that killed a Chi Omega woman and injured three other sorority women, including a member of Indiana Theta.

When the Indiana Theta Pi Phis learned of the accident, they immediately sprang into action, organizing a dinner for the Chi Omega chapter, making the food themselves or securing donations from local businesses including arrow and owl-shaped sugar cookies for dessert.

The Pi Phis also made handmade, red and blue fleece tie blankets for the three injured women to use while they recovered. Each member of Indiana Theta tied one of the knots, and then the chapter presented the blankets during dinner.

Both Chi Omega and Pi Beta Phi members said they were appreciative for the opportunity to come together to grieve and support one another in a tangible way and were instrumental in the on-campus candlelight vigil honoring the lost Chi Omega sister. The women shared sisterhood stories and sang songs throughout the night, wearing their Greek letters to show solidarity with the entire fraternity and sorority community.

A second Pi Phi chapter that recently made an important impact in its community was Kentucky Alpha at the University of Louisville. A local Pi Phi alumna, Kentucky Alpha **MEGAN ZOELLER CHLOPEK**, had a major cardiac event while 26 weeks pregnant with twins,



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and coded for more than 40 minutes which caused the twins to be delivered by emergency cesarean section. Unfortunately, the newborn girl did not survive, but Megan and her baby boy continued to fight.

During Megan's stay at the hospital, her family requested friends help by donating blood in Megan's honor. When the Kentucky Alpha Chapter's Executive Council heard about Megan's story and without any prompting, they organized a blood drive on campus and started sharing Megan's story. At the end of the day, Kentucky Alpha donated 95 units of blood in honor of Megan. Most poignantly, perhaps, was that Megan's husband was so touched by the effort, he left Megan's side to come and donate blood at the drive as well. Megan's family shared how proud, touched and impressed they were with the chapter's dedication to a Pi Phi sister in her time of need.

Collegiate membership in Pi Beta Phi helps members adjust to college life by providing a sense of belonging and mutual support. But, finding a






place to belong on campus is only the beginning. As an alumna, Pi Phi members are part of a network of nearly 300,000 sisters ever initiated worldwide. Pi Beta Phi's many programs offer a variety of benefits to members including a lifetime of sisterhood, personal development, philanthropic service, leadership opportunities and mentor relationships.














"The friendships and opportunities through Pi Beta Phi continually build on one another," Alex said. "Old friends introduce you to new friends who have similar values and interests. Your friends are now everywhere, and you have a network of people who understand your core values and who you are."

The next time you are asked about being a sorority woman, we hope you feel the confidence to explain the value of your experiences. Let's ensure our granddaughters and their granddaughters and many women yet to come will someday benefit from their sorority membership. Embrace the legacy of our founders and commit to living our core values every day. Only then can we be the change we wish to see in the world. ←

National Panhellenic Conference Groups *Dedicated to Service*

Advocacy, collaboration and support are the core values of the mission and vision of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). Our NPC sisters across North America advocate for a variety of causes, including their own foundations. In the spirit of collaboration, here's a small glimpse into what each NPC group does to make the world a better place.

GROUP	PHILANTHROPY	LOGO	DESCRIPTION
Alpha Chi Omega	Domestic Violence Awareness		Alpha Chi Omega works to fight against unhealthy relationships and build healthy relationships. Members serve individuals and families impacted by domestic violence through fundraising and sharing gifts of time and talent with shelters and other service-providing organizations.
Alpha Delta Pi	Ronald McDonald House Charities®		Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is an American independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. Alpha Delta Pi began a partnership with RMHC in 1979 and has since contributed more than \$12 million to this worthwhile organization.
Alpha Gamma Delta	Hunger		Alpha Gamma Delta's philanthropic focus is fighting hunger. They charge their members with working locally to fight hunger in their community and make their impact through volunteering their time and fundraising through the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation.
Alpha Epsilon Phi	Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation		Alpha Epsilon Phi chapters hold events to raise money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and to educate their communities about the unique issues facing young people living with HIV and AIDS. Elizabeth Glaser, an Alpha Epsilon Phi alumna, and her children were infected with the AIDS virus as a result of a blood transfusion.
Alpha Omicron Pi	Arthritis		Alpha Omicron Pi's international philanthropy is arthritis, and its partner is the Arthritis Foundation. Through fundraising events like Strike Out Arthritis!, Walk to Cure Arthritis and Jingle Bell Run, Alpha Omicron Pi's financial contributions to the Arthritis Foundation support arthritis research, juvenile arthritis Power Packs and juvenile arthritis camps and conferences.
Alpha Phi	Alpha Phi Foundation		Alpha Phi Foundation's mission is to advance women's lives through the power of philanthropy. The foundation raises and awards funds for programs that advance leadership development, encourage academic excellence, improve women's heart health, support sisters in need, preserve heritage and educate about the value of philanthropy.
Alpha Sigma Alpha	Girls on the Run		Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity based positive youth development program for girls in third-eighth grade. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k running event. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.
Alpha Sigma Tau	Women's Wellness Initiative®		The Women's Wellness Initiative empowers Alpha Sigma Tau members to improve women's wellness by working directly with National Service Partners like Dress for Success®. Members conduct hands-on service and philanthropy that benefit women where members live, work and go to school.
Alpha Xi Delta	Autism Speaks		Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.
Chi Omega	Make-A-Wish Foundation		Since 2001, Chi Omega's alliance with Make-A-Wish has raised more than \$19 million and members have volunteered more than 1,000,000 hours to grant wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.
Delta Delta Delta	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital		Tri Deltas demonstrate their passion for serving others through their national philanthropic partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and live out Tri Delta's Purpose as they fundraise toward their \$60 million goal by helping children live, scientists learn and St. Jude lead in finding cures for childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Delta Gamma	Service for Sight		The Delta Gamma Foundation fosters lifetime enrichment for members, promotes Service for Sight and partners with the Fraternity to ensure the future of its sisterhood. Service for Sight supports the four schools founded by Delta Gammas for the visually impaired and other North American organizations that promote sight preservation and conservation.
Delta Zeta	Speech and Hearing		Delta Zeta members volunteer many hours for speech and hearing organizations in their communities, such as tutoring children with hearing challenges, spearheading fundraising initiatives, collecting donations to assist with speech programs and providing equipment and devices to those with hearing challenges and supporting programs aimed at hearing loss prevention.
Delta Phi Epsilon	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation		The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's mission is to cure Cystic Fibrosis and to provide all people with the disease the opportunity to lead full, productive lives. Delta Phi Epsilon also supports the National Association for Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders to help alleviate suffering and provide support for those afflicted with eating disorders.
Gamma Phi Beta	Moonball		Gamma Phi Beta's signature philanthropy event, Moonball, supports their national philanthropic partner, Girls on the Run. Each collegiate chapter hosts Moonball as a kickball, volleyball or basketball tournament to support their philanthropic focus of Building Strong Girls.
Kappa Alpha Theta	Court Appointed Special Advocates		Each year, more than 600,000 children in the U.S. experience foster care, and more than 700,000 children experience abuse or neglect. With a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) or guardian ad litem (GAL) volunteer dedicated to their case, America's most vulnerable children will have someone speaking up for their best interests.
Kappa Delta	Building Confidence		Kappa Delta strives to positively impact the lives of women and children by building their confidence and inspiring action through our support of Prevent Child Abuse America and Girl Scouts of the USA at the national and local levels.
Kappa Kappa Gamma	Reading is Fundamental		The national philanthropy of Kappa Kappa Gamma is Reading Is Fundamental, which helps underserved children discover the joys of reading and books. During their 12-year partnership, Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters have donated more than 260,000 books.
Phi Mu	Children's Miracle Network Hospitals		Phi Mus have raised more than \$15 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH). All funds raised stay in the local community for patient care, new equipment and research into children's diseases, illnesses and injuries. Chapters are encouraged to visit their local CMNHs and participate in local philanthropic opportunities.
Phi Sigma Sigma	Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation		Phi Sigma Sigma members are committed to supporting the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation through financial contributions. Key programming enables the Foundation to positively impact leadership achievement, scholarships/educational grants and helping students succeed in their education with the Fraternity's new endeavor: school and college readiness.
Pi Beta Phi	Read > Lead > Achieve		Pi Beta Phi believes in the power of reading and through its philanthropy, Read > Lead > Achieve, promotes a lifelong love of reading that can unlock true potential creating a more literate and productive society.
Sigma Delta Tau	Prevent Child Abuse America		Prevent Child Abuse America works to promote the healthy development of children and prevent child abuse before it can occur through its chapter network and signature Healthy Families America program that provides in-home services, equipping new parents with the tools and resources they need to raise healthy and happy children.
Sigma Kappa	Alzheimer's Association		In 1984, Sigma Kappa selected Alzheimer's disease as a philanthropic focus. Recently, Sigma Kappa committed the lead gift of \$1 million to the Women's Alzheimer's Research Initiative and raise more than \$1 million annually through the Walk to End Alzheimer's.
Sigma Sigma Sigma	March of Dimes		With prematurity being the No. 1 killer of babies in the United States, Sigma Sigma Sigma stands with March of Dimes in the fight to help more moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies. Our partnership impacts the sorority's mission of Sigmas Serving Children.
Theta Phi Alpha	Theta Phi Alpha Foundation		Through the Theta Phi Alpha Foundation, Theta Phi Alpha supports Glenmary Home Missioners, Camp Friendship and The House That Theta Phi Alpha Built. Established in 1993, the goal of The House is to improve the plight of the homeless. Members provide assistance to organizations that help the homeless, shelters, home building or neighborhood revitalization projects.
Zeta Tau Alpha	Breast cancer education and awareness		Zeta Tau Alpha collegiate and alumnae chapters Think Pink® through more than 500 annual events to increase awareness of breast cancer. Nationally, Zeta Tau Alpha partners with the American Cancer Society® Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® walks, the NFL A Crucial Catch® games and Bright Pink® for its Brighten Up® Workshops.

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Have you heard the big news yet?

AT CONVENTION, PI BETA PHI FOUNDATION LAUNCHED THE LARGEST-EVER PI PHI PHILANTHROPIC EFFORT: A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$28 MILLION TO SUSTAIN THE FUTURE OF OUR BELOVED ORGANIZATION.

Inspired by the Latin word at the center of the Pi Beta Phi crest, “lux,” meaning light, the **SHINE THROUGH** campaign calls all Pi Phis to have an endless impact on our sisterhood.

As Pi Phis, we have so much of which to be proud. And yet, our greatest opportunities still lie ahead. The challenges our sisters face today have never been more complex or more pressing — or more shared. Our founders’ vision hasn’t changed, but the resources needed to reach it have. With your support, Pi Beta Phi Foundation will address the ever-evolving needs of our sisters and society as we strive to achieve Pi Phi’s largest philanthropic endeavor to date.

With your loyal support, Pi Beta Phi will build operational resources to leverage our growth and sustainability, prepare members to lead in collaborative and innovative ways, provide collegians and alumnae with financial support to access increasingly expensive education, champion literacy initiatives that inspire readers to reach their true potential and advance collegiate housing that drives member satisfaction.

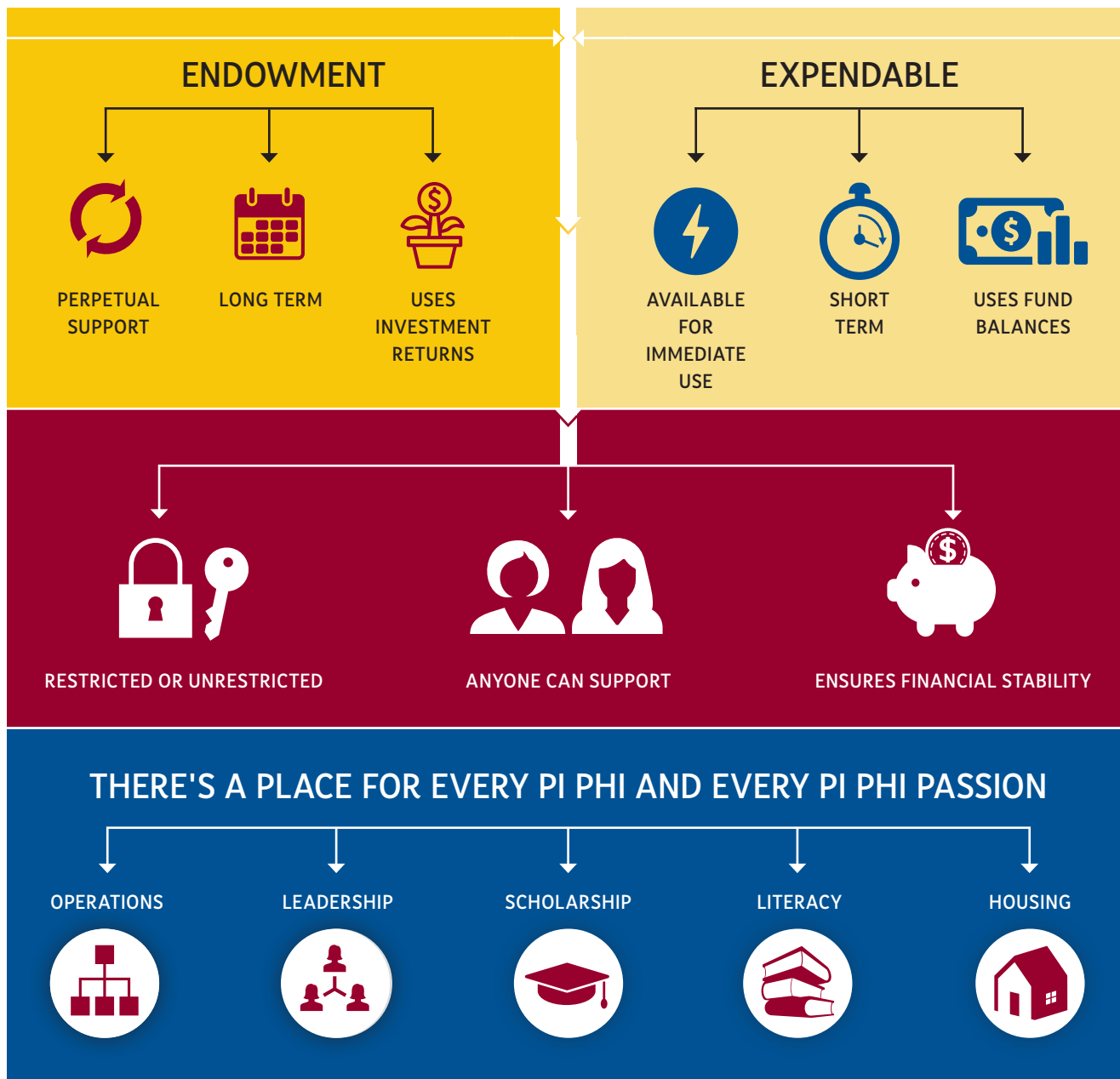
In the Fall 2017 issue of *The Arrow*, we will be sharing specific ways you can be a part of this incredible effort to ensure the future of Pi Beta Phi. We hope you will join us and **SHINE THROUGH**.





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THE **SHINE** THROUGH CAMPAIGN WILL FOCUS ON GROWING BOTH ENDOWMENT AND EXPENDABLE DOLLARS. THE ILLUSTRATION BELOW HELPS EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE.



To learn more about the **SHINE** THROUGH campaign, please visit www.pibetaphifoundation.org/campaign. We look forward to sharing more about the campaign aspirations with you in future issues of *The Arrow* and hope you will join with us as we strive toward our goal to ensure the future of Pi Beta Phi.

Walking in the Footsteps of Our Founders

By Traveling Event Specialist **DAPHNEY BITANGA**, California Eta

One of the most frequent questions I hear on the road is, “Why is the Ring Ching Roadshow’s car named Libbie?” The car is named after **LIBBIE BROOK GADDIS**, the youngest of our 12 founders. She left Monmouth College to enroll at Iowa Wesleyan University and start our second chapter of I.C. Sorosis. It’s one of my favorite Pi Phi stories to share because Libbie was a pioneer, and her trailblazing spirit can be felt as our Fraternity continues to expand today.

Luckily, I had the opportunity to follow the early paths of our founders this past March. I began by driving around Monmouth, Illinois, specifically around the campus of Monmouth College. I imagined a group of friends laughing and walking on campus, some with golden arrow badges worn in their hair. They were headed to class, but each held a secret: membership in I.C. Sorosis and with it a sense of sisterhood, fellowship and support.

I then visited our founding home, Holt House, and had the privilege of taking a special tour with Holt House Curator **DENISE TURNBULL**, Illinois Alpha. I saw the

portrait of our 12 founders that was unveiled last year to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Holt House. I held a plate that is part of the tea set belonging to the Holt Family and examined the painted flowers along its edge. I admired jewelry, diplomas, badges, hat pins, blankets and other Pi Phi items throughout the house. These relics brought me back in time, giving me an insight into the lives of our founders and our other early sisters of the wine and silver blue.

Finally, I stood in the room on the second floor in the southwest corner of the house, the room that Libbie and Founder **ADA BRUEN GRIER** shared. It was there that our Fraternity was formed; 150 years later we continue to live the legacy created in that room.

My tour then took me to the brand-new Illinois Alpha Chapter house. The house is across the street from Stewart House, the founding home of Kappa Kappa Gamma. I wondered how well our founders knew their founders, and what their relationships looked like as the only two women’s groups on a small campus.



My next stop was to Oquawka, Illinois, the site of our first convention at the home of Founder **FANNIE THOMSON** in August of 1867. I couldn't help but think back to the words of Founder **EMMA BROWNLEE KILGORE** about that convention: "Well-laid plans were made of how we would extend the I.C. reputation of being the first woman's secret society; how we would enter other colleges; no high schools were to be considered; and we also unanimously decided that no college fraternity among the young men should be better, wiser or stronger than ours."

I continued west, over the Mississippi River, toward Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Two special Pi Phis guided this portion of my adventure: Fraternity Archivist and Historian **FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE**, New York Alpha, and **LIZ DAVENPORT GARRELS**, Iowa Alpha. Via emails, we discussed the places I should visit and the history attached to these places. My first stop would be Iowa Wesleyan University and Old Main at the heart of campus. I could see the campus ahead on my left, but before I could get there, I stopped on the other side of the train tracks as a train passed. Was this train on the same path that brought Libbie here long ago?

As directed by Liz's email, I stood on the corner of Henry Street and Broadway. Facing west is the site of Elijah Spry's home, where Gamma of I.C. Sorosis was organized in 1868. Times have changed at the Spry home, as the house has been replaced by a commercial building that now serves as a pharmacy.

On campus, I noticed a sign on Old Main noting this was the founding place of Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.), a women's charitable organization. It would not be until a few days later, when I had the opportunity to meet Fran at the P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines, Iowa, that I would learn more about the deeply intertwined histories of I.C. Sorosis and P.E.O. Finally, I drove toward central downtown with thoughts of our third chapter founded at Mount Pleasant Female Seminary in 1869.

In one day, I had visited the places where our first three chapters were founded. This unique journey was one of the best of my life. If you have the chance, I encourage you to take this trip. You, too, can walk in the footsteps of our founders. Holt House is open Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visits on other days are welcome as well! Please email Holt House Curator **DENISE TURNBULL**, Illinois Alpha, at holthouse@pibetaphi.org or call (309) 734-3988 to let her know you're coming to town. ←



Opposite page: Following in the footsteps of our 12 founders, Traveling Event Specialist **DAPHNEY BITANGA**, California Eta, visited Monmouth, Illinois, including stops at Holt House, Pi Beta Phi's founding home, and the brand-new Illinois Alpha Chapter house.

This page: The trip continued with a stop in Oquawka, Illinois, the site of the first Pi Beta Phi convention in 1867 (top). Then, time was spent on the Iowa Wesleyan University campus, the location of our second I.C. Sorosis chapter. The campus includes the historic building, Old Main, where P.E.O. was founded (middle). The last stop was a tour of P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines, Iowa, with Fraternity Archivist and Historian **FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE**, New York Alpha. Pi Beta Phi and P.E.O. have deeply intertwined histories (bottom).

When One Teaches, Two Learn

By California Delta **CONSTANCE DILLON GIBBS**

Pi Phi chapters are successful because alumnae graciously dedicate their time as Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) members. These women shape chapter leaders and model what it means to be a lifelong committed member of Pi Beta Phi. Recruitment is an important area of chapter operations where AAC members have the opportunity to assist. Their support is essential during recruitment to ensure chapters meet the women who will keep our Pi Phi legacy alive for generations to come.

“Recruitment is my passion,” said Mississippi Beta **MOLLY HARRIS**, who currently serves as AAC Chairman for the Virginia Gamma Chapter at The College of William & Mary. Previously, Molly served as the advisor to Virginia Gamma’s Vice President of Membership (VPM), the collegiate officer responsible for all aspects of membership including recruitment, selection of New Members, retention of initiated members, morale, mentoring and the transition to alumnae life.

Molly loved recruitment before she even stepped foot on the University of Mississippi campus. Her mother, a member of Sigma Kappa, had been active in her sorority for years. Her dedication to Sigma Kappa inspired Molly throughout her childhood. Molly, an only child who grew up in a small farm town, always knew one day she would finally have sisters through sorority membership.

As she prepared to leave home for college, Molly’s mother encouraged her to join the sorority where she felt most comfortable. Molly remembers her time as a Potential New Member (PNM) as a great experience. “I had the best time,” Molly said. “I’m not a shy or bashful person, so I didn’t find the process overwhelming. I enjoyed getting to know women who were interested in the same things I was interested in: sisterhood, academic achievement, service and leadership.” She remembers knowing Pi Beta Phi was her home from the first day of recruitment.

Molly served as the Recruitment Process Committee Chairman and Recruitment Events Committee Chairman for her chapter. The roles work closely with the VPM, coordinating the behind-the-scenes logistics, making event planning decisions and facilitating workshops about Pi Phi values and authentic conversations. Molly loved both roles and learned valuable communication skills.

After graduating a semester early, Molly moved to Washington, D.C. to work on Capitol Hill. The D.C. metropolitan area is home to several Pi Phi chapters, and Molly wondered if one of them was currently looking for an advisor. She contacted the Collegiate Region Four Team and received a response right away. Yes, help was needed. And help was needed with recruitment. Molly was especially excited to assist with recruitment because she wanted to help other young women find their home in Pi Beta Phi, just as she had.

Molly was thrilled to join Virginia Gamma’s AAC. Though the College of William & Mary is located 150 miles south of Washington, D.C., not many Pi Phi alumnae live in the small town of Williamsburg, Virginia. A majority of Virginia Gamma AAC members volunteer remotely, conducting their business via conference calls, emails, texts and Skype. In-person meetings with chapter members often take place only once a month or during specific times of need, such as during primary recruitment.

One of the challenging parts of becoming a new AAC member can be learning about campus culture and traditions. Molly found the William & Mary campus to be different than her beloved Ole Miss. William & Mary’s total enrollment is approximately 8,500; the University of Mississippi’s total enrollment is more than 20,000. William & Mary is a small liberal arts school, fondly called a “Public Ivy;” the University of Mississippi is a large public school where college football is a treasured tradition. The differences were hard to miss.

“When I first walked into the chapter house, the women were unsure what to think about me,” Molly said. “But they soon realized how much we had in common. It was that Pi Phi connection, and we quickly became close.”

In fact, Virginia Gamma has benefitted from Molly’s unique Pi Phi experiences. Molly introduced some new ideas and techniques the chapter had never considered before which helped them become more successful. One of these areas of growth was the chapter’s relationship with the William & Mary Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life. Molly helped facilitate conversations and encouraged more personal meetings, like getting coffee on campus, rather than meeting in a formal office setting. These small changes have helped the chapter develop a stronger relationship with William & Mary’s campus-based professionals.

Molly has also helped the chapter grow its relationships with other William & Mary sororities. This includes helping Virginia Gamma’s AAC members develop



Above: As a member of Virginia Gamma's Alumnae Advisory Committee, Mississippi Beta **MOLLY HARRIS** (fourth from front left) loves to assist with recruitment because she wants other young women to find their home in Pi Beta Phi, just like she did. Molly is pictured with members of Virginia Gamma during an end-of-term celebration dinner.

relationships with other William & Mary sorority advisors. Molly was responsible for starting conversations around both challenges and wins. “The other advisors originally thought our organizations were so different, but once we started communicating we realized that we’re really not that different,” Molly said. “At the end of the day, we had the same ideas and same goals: we wanted our collegiate women to grow into strong, independent and well-rounded individuals.”

All the sororities on campus have benefitted in the long-term from the open-minded discussions that have taken place among the advisors. Now, many advisors are not afraid to share their opinions and lean on one another for support and advice. The conversations were particularly helpful during primary recruitment preparation to ensure Virginia Gamma was meeting Panhellenic Council standards. The campus has transitioned to values-based recruitment over the past several years and improvements are made each year to help recruitment processes run smoothly.

Molly also supports Virginia Gamma during recruitment by supporting the logistical aspects she perfected in her Mississippi Beta’s Recruitment Chairmen roles. She recently advised the women during the designing and ordering of matching T-shirts for the first two rounds of primary recruitment so that PNMs can more easily remember meaningful conversations rather than attire.

Molly has attended Spirit Week the last several years so she can provide guidance in person. Conversation workshops teach chapter members tips and tricks to make meeting new people easier, like how to actively listen to PNMs and how to ask open-ended questions. Molly even practices conversations with the women, pretending to be a PNM who seems sad or distant, challenging chapter members to cheer her up and get her talking.

Perhaps most importantly, Molly is the chapter's biggest cheerleader. She celebrates Virginia Gamma’s successes in chapter meetings and one-on-one with Executive Council members. She is known to throw surprise sisterhood events for the women, often coinciding with recruitment preparation or other busy times of the year. She is teaching the collegiate women to be confident women leaders and, in turn, is learning to be the same.

“I have learned so much by being a Pi Phi volunteer,” Molly said. “I feel I am really able to mentor the collegians because I’m a young alumna. They are not embarrassed to ask me questions, whether they are personal or career-related, because we are so close in age. And though I always thought I would never enjoy my Pi Phi alumna life as much as my Pi Phi collegiate life, I was wrong. My alumna experience has been so much better! Mentoring the collegians is the best Pi Phi experience I could ever imagine.” ←



We've Reached Our Goal: One Million Lives Impacted!

By Virginia Eta MIMI MUDD

Four years ago, at the 2013 San Diego Convention, Pi Beta Phi created a goal to impact one million lives through Read > Lead > Achieve by the time Pi Beta Phi celebrated its 150th anniversary. As Pi Phi celebrated our sesquicentennial at the 2017 Convention, we also celebrated surpassing that goal of impacting one million lives. Thanks to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation, Pi Phi was able to use its various literacy initiatives — Champions are Readers (CAR), Arrow in the Arctic and Fraternity Day of Service — along with our First Book® partnership, local reading initiatives and advocacy programs to impact more than one million lives in the past four years! Each book distribution, Fraternity Day of Service celebration, CAR program, story time and donated dollar has made this accomplishment possible.

Both Pi Phi collegians and alumnae clubs, along with Pi Phi friends in other organizations, have worked tirelessly toward creating a more literate society. Pi Phi members and friends impacted lives and moved the progress meter through a variety of service opportunities. The way in which the women of Pennsylvania Eta at Lafayette

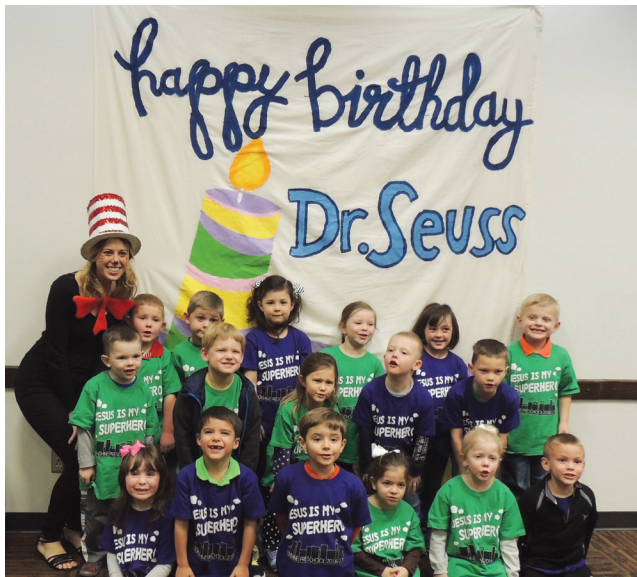
College moved the meter was by hosting a Literacy Day. Literacy Day was held on March 2, 2017, to celebrate Fraternity Day of Service and was sponsored by Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Landis Center, which is a part of Lafayette College's Center for Community Engagement.

During Literacy Day, the collegians helped children from the local Easton community work through literacy activities focused on the book "Ada Twist, Scientist." The collegians hosted an interactive session to spark curiosity around reading and to catalyze a passion for several academic subjects, including science. The chapter also held a book drive the week prior to this event, so each child could select a few books to take home along with his or her own copy of "Ada Twist, Scientist."

The McKinney, Texas, Alumnae Club has worked with Caldwell Elementary for 12 years. CAR is a favorite program of Caldwell students and teachers alike. The alumnae club members work with the third graders throughout the year before they take their first state reading assessment. Their one-on-one support builds the students' enthusiasm for reading at a critical time in the school year. Caldwell's student population includes many English as a Second Language (ESL) students, so the club raises funds to purchase Spanish-language books in addition to the Pi Phi book donation in order to fully serve all students.



Left and above: The Pennsylvania Eta Chapter at Lafayette College hosted a Literacy Day for local children in honor of Fraternity Day of Service. The day included interactive literacy activities focused on the book "Ada Twist, Scientist." The women also held a book drive the week prior to the event, so each child had a book to take home.



Left: The Texas Gamma Chapter at Texas Tech University hosted a birthday party for Dr. Seuss at Mahon Children's Library. Activities included a book giveaway, coloring and craft stations and a photo booth. Right: The Alpharetta, Georgia, Alumnae Club hosted a Dr. Seuss-themed birthday party for a women's abuse shelter. At the party, the club celebrated the opening of the shelter's preschool library, which was filled with books donated by club members.

This year, the CAR program kickoff event started with a brief presentation explaining the program, followed by an entertaining story time and wrapping up with a book selection and bookplate decoration. The sheer joy of the students as they chose a book of their very own was an incredibly heartwarming experience for the alumnae club members. Club members have also expanded their involvement by donating healthy snacks to the third-grade classrooms for students to have during state testing.

For the Texas Gamma Chapter at Texas Tech University, March 2, 2017, was celebrated by hosting an all-day birthday party for Dr. Seuss at Mahon Children's Library. Activities included a book giveaway, coloring and craft stations and a photo booth. Members read classic Dr. Seuss stories, took pictures with the children at the photo booth, played "pin the hat on the cat" and created personal connections with children and families who participated in this special day. The collegians not only got to connect with their community, but also were able to build bonds with the Pi Phi alumnae in attendance.

Another movement of the impact meter occurred when the Alpharetta, Georgia, Alumnae Club hosted a Dr. Seuss-themed birthday party for a women's abuse shelter in Gainesville, Georgia. The director of the shelter is Illinois Theta **JANET THOMA WHITTAKER**. The alumnae club

started the year by collecting books to start a preschool library at the women's shelter. At the birthday party, the alumnae club celebrated the opening of this library, had snacks, read to the children and gave each child a Dr. Seuss book to keep.

The ability to impact more than one million lives in only four years is an incredible accomplishment. The Fraternity will continue its Philanthropic Service to Others and impact millions of more lives in the years to come. Want to help make this future impact? We need you to participate, donate and advocate. Let's continue to work together to develop readers who will become leaders.

VISIT WWW.PIBETAPHILITERACYSTORY.ORG TO READ MORE STORIES ABOUT HOW PI PHI MOVED THE PROGRESS METER!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ANNUAL FRATERNITY DAY OF SERVICE SIGNATURE EVENTS? VISIT THE PI PHI BLOG AT WWW.PIPHIBLOG.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



September is Read > Lead > Achieve Month!



Participate

Act to create a more literate and productive society!

I am one who can ...
participate in Pi Phi's Read > Lead > Achieve reading initiatives.

Donate

Show the value you place in the ability to read!

I am one who can ...
donate to make an impact in communities across North America.

Advocate

Tell others why literacy matters!

I am one who can ...
advocate for the value of being able to read.

3 Advocate
Create book page letters for your house or during recruitment, and use them to start conversations. Download the instructions at www.pibetaphi.org/readleadachievemonth.

4 Labor Day
Donate
Go to www.pibetaphifoundation.org and donate to Arrow in the Artic, Pi Phi's very own Canadian Philanthropy.

5 Advocate
Host a Lemonade for Literacy event in your community to raise awareness. Download instructions at www.pibetaphi.org/readleadachievemonth.

10 Donate
Get a group together and complete a Random Act of Kindness for a school in your community by donating books or school supplies.

11
The greatest gift is a passion for reading.
- Elizabeth Hardwick

12 Did you know?
Many American adults lack the basic reading skills required for a typical job or even to read a warning sign, label or menu.

17 Did you know?
More than 1/3 of children enter school without the skills needed to learn to read.

18 Donate
With your alumnae club or chapter, host a Spelling Bee 50/50 Fundraiser to support the Elizabeth Clark Helmick Endowment of Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

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24 Banned Books Week
Did you know?
Students with low literacy skills ultimately drop out — 7,000 students every day.

25 National Punctuation Day

26 Participate
Pair picture books and stuffed animals and donate these Reading Buddy packs to a local shelter or after-school program.



		<p>1</p> <p>Participate</p> <p>Watch the FDS500 book grant webinar and sign your chapter or alumnae club up at www.pibetaphi.org/fraternitydayofservice.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Did you know?</p> <p>An estimated 30 million Americans over 16 years old cannot perform simple everyday literacy activities.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>National Read-a-Book Day</p> <p>Participate</p> <p>Volunteer at a local elementary school with Pi Beta Phi's Champions are Readers program. Find out how at www.pibetaphi.org/CAR.</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.</i> - Victor Hugo</p>	<p>8</p> <p>International Literacy Day</p> <p>Did you know?</p> <p>Access to books through organizations like First Book improves interest in reading, increases the desire to learn and boosts reading at home.</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Donate</p> <p>Nominate 25 percent of your gifts to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation to a local nonprofit. The Foundation matches this gift dollar for dollar! Learn more at www.pibetaphifoundation.org.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Participate</p> <p>Build a Little Free Library with your alumnae club or chapter. Learn more at www.littlefreelibrary.org.</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>I cannot do all the good the world needs. But the world needs all of the good that I can do.</i> - Jana Stanfield</p>
<p>20</p> <p><i>There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.</i> - Jacqueline Kennedy</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Donate</p> <p>Donate to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation to help fund the incredible programs under Read > Lead > Achieve. Check out www.pibetaphifoundation.org to learn more.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Did you know?</p> <p>1 in 4 children in America grow up without learning to read.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Advocate</p> <p>Organize a movie night or book club and discuss the importance of literacy in your community. Read a book or show a movie like "To Kill a Mockingbird."</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Did you know?</p> <p>According to the National Education Association, having kids read a lot is one of the crucial components of becoming a good reader.</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.</i> - Frederick Douglass</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Did you know?</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Education found the more students read for fun on their own time, the higher their reading scores.</p>	<p>31</p>



Phyllis Barkman Ferrell

INDIANA EPSILON

IN A NUTSHELL ... TELL US ABOUT YOU

I work for Eli Lilly & Company, a major pharmaceutical company, as Vice President of the Global Alzheimer's Team. Right now, there's no way to slow, cure or prevent this devastating condition that robs people of their memories, relationships and lives. I'm honored to be a part of Lilly's work — and commitment — to discover diagnostics and treatments for this devastating disease.

WHO INSPIRES YOU?

My father. He was my role model growing up. Now, he has a degenerative neurological condition that has left him with dementia. It has stolen much of his speech and mobility. But he still never, never, never gives up. He is a fighter, and he gives my work inspiration.

WHY I LOVE MY JOB

The ability to match a mission with my day-to-day activities is a privilege. That doesn't mean I don't have hard work or frustrating days. But it means when I face those challenges, it is easy to connect why it's worth it. The work I do ceased being a "job" a long time ago.

BEST ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED

My first mentor told me you can have it all, but you can't have it all at the same time. She gave me permission to cut myself some slack and realize that making work/life trade-offs was inevitable, not a failure.

ADVICE FOR UP-AND-COMING PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Don't be so hard on yourself. You don't have to be perfect, just be your best self and have fun!

FAVORITE PI PHI MEMORY

My candle passing ceremony after my boyfriend (now husband) had given me his Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity pin. I can still remember the butterflies in my stomach as the candle went around the circle and how excited my sisters were for me.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE SUCCESSFUL?

I feel really proud when someone tells me that something I said or did gave them the courage to take a risk.

PI PHI TAUGHT ME

The joy of female friendships and the ability to pick up right where we left off, no matter how much time has passed. Oh, and the ability to live in harmony in very close quarters! ←

LEFT BRAIN OR RIGHT BRAIN

HEELS OR FLATS

iPHONE OR ANDROID

A.M. COFFEE OR A.M. SODA

HOURS A WEEK : 40+ 50+ **60+**

In Memoriam

Because of space constraints, *The Arrow* will only print the entirety of an obituary for a past Grand President. If you know a sister who has died, please inform Pi Beta Phi Headquarters. Names will only be listed in *The Arrow* if accompanied by a published notice, including those names entered electronically via eReports, Pi Phi's online reporting system. Published notices include a newspaper or newspaper website obituary, a funeral program/prayer card or a listing in a college/university alumni newsletter. Email Alison Bauer at alison@pibetaphi.org or mail to Headquarters.

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

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Mona Drever McManus, 1962

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Susan Gindelberger Sedgwick, 1966
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NEBRASKA GAMMA

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OREGON BETA

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