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21ST CENTURY HOUSING NEEDS



Grand Vice President Finance
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I think we can all agree that today's collegiate experience is much different from the experiences of many of our alumnae. Chapter programming, chapter officer structure, Fraternity officer structure and Headquarters have changed. Housing has changed the least for most of our chapters. In the 60s and 70s, we had very few electrical appliances. We often slept in rollers, had manual typewriters and wind-up alarm clocks, and we quickly filled the small closets in our bedrooms between the two, three, or four of us sharing the room.

Today's college women come to college with laptops, printers, stereos, iPods, cell phones, digital cameras, TVs, TiVos, DVD players, blow dryers, hot rollers, curling irons, and hair straighteners—all of which plug in somewhere. They also bring enough clothes to fill a walk-in closet ... and try to fit it all in those same small closets.

It's time to take a serious look at the housing needs for our 21st century chapters. At the Fraternity level, we are beginning strategic planning to do just that. Greeks are competing with restructured community-style dorm living and apartment living. We need to ensure that our facilities remain an attractive element during recruitment and throughout the collegiate experience.

Our collegiate members need space, privacy, safety, comfort—and more electrical outlets! In recent years we have prohibited the use of candles and open flames of any type in all chapter facilities. The Fraternity requires that all residential facilities (owned by House Corporations) have fire sprinkler systems installed by July of this year. That's a big step toward improved safety.

Some chapters are blessed to have active and dedicated local House Corporation boards that are able to balance the needs of the chapter with the resources available to maintain safe and beautiful facilities. Other chapters are struggling to identify Pi Phis who will serve and tackle the big jobs. The Fraternity has increased our resources devoted to training and educating our local volunteers, but we are always searching for alumnae to serve on Chapter House Corporation boards.

It will take your involvement at some level for Pi Phi to continue to be a premier organization. If you have a desire to help our collegiate chapters grow and prosper, and a willingness to serve on a local House Corporation board, please log on to the Pi Beta Phi Web site for a list of chapters needing help, or contact Housing Coordinator Jen Fetter at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters to volunteer.

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From the Reader

ARROW ONLINE

Thank you for putting *The Arrow* online. I was prompted to read the entire issue, which has not happened in a very long time! You did a great job of carrying your theme throughout the magazine.

Thank you also for including ALAINA VASTA WALTON and MARIAN DULANEY FORTNER in your article on women in traditionally male career fields. Even though in some seminaries women actually out-number men, the number of women serving local congregations still remains very low. I encourage young women with strong or growing faith and a desire to serve to consider local church and synagogue leadership. I rely upon my Pi Beta Phi leadership experience every single day in meeting the needs of my community of faith!

REV. CYNTHIA HORN BURKERT
ILLINOIS ZETA
STILL POND, MARYLAND

I hope the Pi Phis who are now in charge of the organization realize that there are many thousands of Pi Phis out there who are my age, or older and younger, who do not have access to a personal computer. If they do, they may not have access to the Internet. You have just disenfranchised quite a few of the people who still love Pi Phi and their memories of their college lives. I am sad that you have done this.

CHRISTINE MASON FLINT
INDIANA BETA
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Editor's Note: Alumnae paying their annual International dues of \$20 will continue to receive a printed copy of

The Arrow. If you cannot afford the dues and do not have access to the Internet, contact me, Diane Balogh, at (636) 256-0680 and I will continue to mail you a printed copy.

LEADING THE WAY

I really enjoyed your feature article on members with non-traditional careers. I thought the photography was strong and all of the stories were very compelling. Congratulations to you and to Pi Beta Phi for such a great issue.

PHYLLIS DURBIN GRISSOM
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
DELTA DELTA DELTA
ARLINGTON, TEXAS

MISSISSIPPI ALPHA is proud of our sister KAY NOWLIN KELL. *The Arrow* had wonderful articles about women, like Kay, who think out of the box, have tremendous leadership skills and make this world a better place! Her sisters, Mississippi and the Pascagoula community are forever indebted to her for her incredible efforts after Katrina. Another accolade for Kay — she has just been appointed to the Southern Rapid Transit Commission representing Mississippi, along with Alabama and Louisiana.

A special thanks to Pi Beta Phi and to all of our sisters who supported and continue to assist all of those devastated by Katrina.

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JANET KAY SEALE
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

I was thrilled to read the article in the *Winter Arrow* about my MISSISSIPPI BETA SISTER, THE REV. MARIAN DULANEY FORTNER.

A few years ago, I was in Jackson, Mississippi, for a medical meeting. I went to church and was delighted to see that Marian was the priest! It was a deeply spiritual moment to receive communion from my Pi Phi sister, whom I hadn't seen in years.

Many thanks for the articles about Marian and the other outstanding sisters of Pi Beta Phi, *Leading the Way*.

KATHERINE STASIAK HANKINS, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI BETA
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

D.C. ALPHA

It was exciting to read in the latest *Arrow* that the D.C. ALPHA CHAPTER was being re-colonized. My mother, FLORA HULL (MITCHELL) was an early member of that chapter and not only did she at one time serve as chapter adviser, but her long-time dearest friends were Pi Phis.

Several weeks ago I packaged my pin and hers to return to Pi Phi headquarters for their proper disposal — part of my plan to simplify life for my family upon my demise. Fortunately, I never got around to mailing the box. Now I would like to offer Mother's pin to be used in some way by the D.C. ALPHAS, if you think it appropriate and proper.

MARGARET MITCHELL MOLLENKOPF
VIRGINIA GAMMA
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Editor's Note: Flora's badge and those of many other generous D.C. Alpha alumnae were worn by the officers of the re-colonized D.C. Alpha chapter when they were installed in January. The badges will be mounted in a framed display box and presented to the D.C. Alpha Chapter.

CORRECTION

On page 14 of the *Winter Arrow*, UTAH ALPHA NIKI NIELSEN'S name was misprinted. We apologize for any confusion this may have created.

Convention 2007

JUNE 22-26, 2007

Exquisite sunsets, saguaro cacti and unique boutiques are ready and waiting for 1,000 Pi Phis to attend Convention 2007 in Phoenix/Scottsdale, Arizona, June 22 through 26. The Convention 2007 hotel is the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa.

Convention offers all members, not just delegates and officers, an opportunity to re-connect with sisters, meet new friends and learn new skills. And, sing some of the favorite Pi Phi songs!

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Every convention offers a time for renewing old acquaintances, meeting new friends and feeling the spirit of Pi Beta Phi. In addition, there are a few surprises planned to set this convention apart from all others. The big event for Convention 2007 is a Leadership Fair, where attendees will network and learn about the Fraternity, Foundation, and key philanthropies. Members can flex their muscles at morning yoga sessions.

Convention Committee Chairman Karen Thorn, seated in the center, is surrounded by her committee members. Clockwise from Karen are: Gina Jones-Whiteside, Patty Brown, Kate Taylor, Sydney Fox and Lisa Rede Roman. Sheral James was absent when the photo was taken.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

All convention attendees are encouraged to register online at www.pibetaphi.org. You must use your member identification number which may be found on the back of this magazine. If you do not have Web site access, request a convention registration packet by calling Jenny Whittom at (636) 256-0680. Alumnae must be dues-paying members to attend convention. All collegian and alumnae delegates must stay at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa.

FULL-TIME VISITOR PACKAGE

The following rates apply for those attending Friday through Tuesday, June 22-26.

- Regular Rate (register through May 1): Double occupancy room and meals, \$790 plus \$150 registration fee.
- Late Rate: (after the May 1 deadline): Double occupancy room and meals, \$840 plus \$150 registration fee.
- For a single occupancy room add \$330 to the above rates.
- Room rates are Modified American Plan, which includes room, room tax, meals (except breakfast) and gratuity.
- Meals begin with dinner on Friday and end with dinner on Monday.

WEEKEND VISITOR PACKAGE

The following rates apply for those attending Friday-Sunday, June 22-24.

- Regular Rate (register through May 1): Double occupancy room and meals, \$395 plus \$115 registration fee.
- Late Rate: (after the May 1 deadline): Double occupancy room and meals, \$445 plus \$115 registration fee.
- For a single occupancy room add \$165 to the above rates.
- Room rates are Modified American Plan, which includes room, room tax, meals (except breakfast) and gratuity.
- Meals begin with dinner on Friday and end with lunch on Sunday.

DAILY REGISTRATION

Daily registration fee for Pi Phis attending any general sessions and/or workshops without Westin Kierland Resort & Spa accommodations is \$60 per day.

INDIVIDUAL MEALS

Attendees who do not have hotel accommodations through Pi Beta Phi may register for individual meals online.

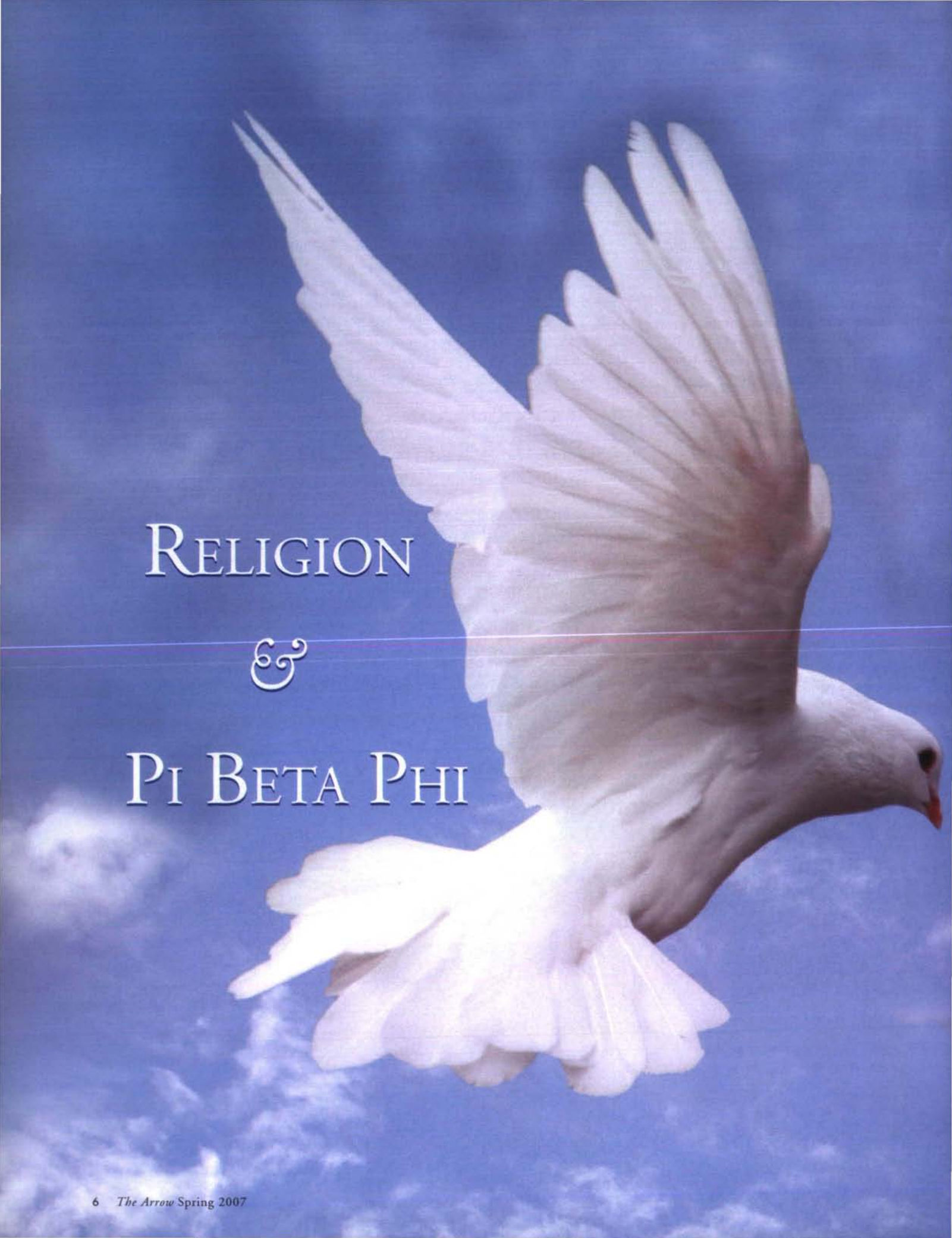
Make meal reservations early as space is limited and reservations may close before June 1.

GETTING TO PHOENIX

Pi Beta Phi will have special fares for the 2007 Convention. To obtain these special rates, call Cheryl or Debbie at Jade Travel, at (800) 627-9258. Please make your calls Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Daylight Standard Time.



Convention Coordinator Maureen Wilson Adams, left, and Convention Site Coordinator Nancy Trogman team up for their second convention together. This photo was taken at Convention 2005 in Tampa, Florida.

A white dove is shown in flight, its wings fully extended, against a clear blue sky with some light, wispy clouds. The dove is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing right. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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*P*olite conversationalists avoid talking about sex, politics and religion. So why is religion the cover story topic for this issue? Simply because there is a lot of confusion surrounding religion in Pi Beta Phi.

The debate is over whether or not Pi Beta Phi is a religious fraternity, or more specifically, a Christian fraternity. Answers vary depending on whom you ask. The Fraternity was created by Christian women and based on Christian values, but these are also the basic tenets of many religions. Being a Christian has never been a requirement to become a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Fran DeSimone Becque, Pi Beta Phi's Archivist and Historian, gives us a historical view of universities in the 19th century and reveals the role of religion in Greek organizations throughout the years. We also hear from Fraternity officers and members of different faiths, as well as a couple of Pi Phis who found religion in their chapters. The Collegiate News section continues with articles from chapters about Bible-study groups and their members who practice non-Christian religions.

There is no denying that religion has been, and continues to be, an important part in the lives of many members, but the bottom line is that today's Pi Beta Phi cannot be defined as being only for women of one particular religious faith.

Religious Roots of Pi Beta Phi

by FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE, PH.D.
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In 1636, Harvard College (now Harvard University) became the first institution of higher education founded in North America. It was followed by eight more "colonial colleges," institutions chartered in the colonies before the American Revolution. A primary purpose of the colonial colleges was to provide the colonies with an educated clergy.¹

In addition to Harvard, whose roots were steeped in Puritan tradition, the other colonial colleges (using the current name) and the original religious affiliation are: The College of William and Mary (Anglican); Yale University (Congregational); Princeton University (Presbyterian); Columbia University (Anglican); Brown University (Baptist); Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Dutch Reformed); and Dartmouth College (Congregational). Only the University of Pennsylvania was founded without sectarian backing; ironically, its teams and mascot are known as Quakers. Financial sponsorship by the various denominations was important to the existence of the colonial colleges.

As the country expanded, so did the growth of higher education. In the Midwest, small denominational institutions sprung to life. Some colleges did not last more than a few years. Others changed religious affiliation based on which denomination could offer more financial support. Some, such as Monmouth College, grew and prospered and today are

private institutions no longer dependent upon the financial support of any religious denomination.

April 18, 1853, is Monmouth College's Founders Day. It was on this date that the Second Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Church of Illinois decided to establish a school in the western Illinois prairie town of Monmouth.² David A. Wallace, Monmouth College's President in 1867 when I.C. Sorosis was founded, was a Presbyterian minister. Although the college was managed by the Presbyterians, its teachings were nonsectarian and students of all faiths were welcome.³

The original constitution of I.C. Sorosis outlined the objects of the organization. Article I, Section II stated, "The Object of this organization shall be the advancement of its members in the most delicate yet strong friendship, mental assistance in all matters, endeavoring to dispel the gloom from the lives of all around them, to further the cause of religion by exerting an influence of virtue and charity throughout all intercourse, also to enable any member to follow the dictates of her own conscience knowing that she will be upheld and encouraged in independence. Anything within the bounds of Morality shall receive the commendation of her sisters."⁴ Over the years, the constitution changed by vote

of conventions. Today, the constitution states in Article II, "The object of Pi Beta Phi is the mutual encouragement and assistance of its members in moral, mental and social advancement."

On May 14, 1867, the women of I.C. Sorosis marched into chapel each wearing an arrow in her hair. Chapel attendance was required, as it was at most of these denominational prairie colleges. Ironically, the closing of the Alpha chapters of both Pi Beta Phi and Kappa

Kappa Gamma was due to the college's religious affiliation. In 1874, the United Presbyterian Church condemned the secret societies at Monmouth College and forced all chapters to close. Our Alpha chapter was closed for more than 40 years.

In 1867, as it is today, membership in our Fraternity was based on mutual acceptance and there never has been any written clause limiting membership to only

Christian women.

There is no doubt that the Founders of I.C. Sorosis were staunch Christian women, after all they were students at a Presbyterian institution, at a time when only a handful of American women were enrolled in higher education. At those early I.C. meetings, devotional exercises were a standard part of the proceedings, and were read from Emma Brownlee's Bible.⁵

Jennie Nicol, our pioneering physician, was a "very earnest church worker, teaching in Sabbath School a class of young ladies and gentlemen. Her pastor thought her an excellent teacher. He laughingly said, 'She makes them dig up Bible truth.'"⁶

¹Rudolph, F. (1962, 1990). *The American college and university: A history*. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press.

²Davenport, F. G. (1953). *Monmouth College: The first hundred years 1853-1953*. Cedar Rapids, IA: The Torch Press. p. 20.

³Davenport, F. G. (1953). *Monmouth College: The first hundred years 1853-1953*. Cedar Rapids, IA: The Torch Press. p. 42.

⁴Spring, A. W. (1936). *The ARROW of Pi Beta Phi: History number 1867-1936*. p. 15.

⁵Davenport, F. G. (1953). *Monmouth College: The first hundred years 1853-1953*. Cedar Rapids, IA: The Torch Press. p. 42.

⁶Spring, A. W. (1936). *The ARROW of Pi Beta Phi: History number 1867-1936*. p. 24.

Jessica Joslin attends Harvard Divinity School

Nancy Black Wallace, as a resident of Sewicky, Pennsylvania, served on the United Presbyterian Women's Board. Upon reflecting on her life, she stated, "Only one life it will soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."⁷

The Brownlee sisters were both members of the United Presbyterian Church. Ada Bruen Grier's husband and son were Presbyterian ministers. Jennie Horne Turnbull's husband was also a United Presbyterian minister; she was actively involved in church work, and particularly enjoyed Missions.⁸

Libby Brook Gaddis' funeral took place in the Presbyterian church in which she worshiped for more than fifty years. The Fraternity's creed, her favorite passage of scripture, was read. Fannie Whitenack Libbey was 'keenly interested in the church' and was a member of the First M.E. Church in Seattle. Margaret Campbell spent the latter part of her life working at the Thyne Institute in Chase City, Virginia, a United Presbyterian Mission School for African Americans.⁹

The early members of I.C. Sorosis were overwhelmingly Christian. After all, the non-native population of the United States in the 1800s was overwhelmingly Christian. In 1867, as it is today, membership in our Fraternity was based on mutual acceptance and there never has been any written clause limiting membership to only Christian women. A notable non-Christian was Amelia (MeMe) Alpiner Stern. One of the first Jewish students at the University of Illinois, she was a charter member

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⁷Spring, A. W. (1936). *The ARROW of Pi Beta Phi: History number 1867-1936*. p. 25.

⁸Spring, A. W. (1936). *The ARROW of Pi Beta Phi: History number 1867-1936*. pp. 20-37.

⁹Spring, A. W. (1936). *The ARROW of Pi Beta Phi: History number 1867-1936*. pp. 20-37.

"College changes you." I do not remember exactly who said that to me, but those simple words could not be more true. I entered Northwestern University proudly secular and already with an LSAT (Law School Admission Test) study guide in hand. I could not have known then that four-years later I would head off to Harvard Divinity School and dream of a life as a Unitarian Universalist minister.

I frequently discussed various stages of my path to ministry with my Pi Beta Phi sisters. The more I started talking, the more I realized the religious diversity of the chapter. I noticed as the house cook took care to supply matzo for Passover. I watched women travel together to Mass on Sunday mornings, or a Bible study during the week. Despite the differences in backgrounds, sisters were consistently supportive of each other's spiritual practices. When I made the decision to get baptized, several Pi Phis, some Christian and some not, showed up ready to offer me a hug of congratulations. Coincidentally, my big sister in the chapter recently began her second year of rabbinical school. She and I dream of someday hosting interfaith gatherings between our respective congregations. My sisters joked that we were the "clergy family."

One semester into my Master of Divinity program, I still struggle to develop healthy and supportive ways for congregations to address the many issues that arise in our religiously diverse world. Each time I begin to feel overwhelmed I am inspired by memories of conversations with my sisters, and the genuine respect and curiosity they had toward the variety of religious traditions that continue to call Pi Phi home.

Jessica Joslin
Illinois Epsilon



Jessica Joslin lights a candle for services at Harvard Divinity School.

Religious Roots of Pi Beta Phi

of ILLINOIS ZETA and she served as the Fraternity's Grand Secretary from 1897-99.¹⁰

It should be noted that several National Panhellenic Conference members were originally founded to offer sisterhood opportunities to women who felt they did not have an opportunity to join the established organizations. Alpha Epsilon Phi's founders were Jewish and the sorority has its foundations in the Old Testament.¹¹ Seven Jewish women founded Sigma Delta Theta in 1917 at Cornell University and while membership is open to all, Sigma Delta Tau has "a long history of strong Judaic traditions."¹² Phi Sigma Sigma was founded in 1913 by 10 Hunter College women "who realized that the only way they could belong to the same sorority was to found one of their own." They established a group whose ritual was non-sectarian.¹³ Theta Phi Alpha was founded in 1912 at the University of Michigan as a sorority for Catholic women at a time when there was discrimination against, and fear of, Catholicism.¹⁴

In 1912, Elizabeth Clarke Helmick, chairman of the Settlement School Committee, spoke at a community meeting of Gatlinburg's citizens. They feared that Pi Beta Phi's school was a front for an

organized church. When asked, "What church do you folks belong to?" Mrs. Helmick replied, "No one church, and yet to all Christian churches."¹⁵ While her statement was intended to quell the fears of the Gatlinburg residents, it was fairly reflective of the Fraternity's membership, and the beliefs of those members.

There is a commonality to all college fraternities. According to Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities, "Although each fraternity has its own ceremonies, the initiation ritual usually includes an explanation of the secret signs and symbols, the meaning of the secret motto, and a charge or challenge to the new member to be of good character and to be loyal to the other members of the society. High ideals and high morals and ethical teachings are central to the theme

of most rituals, and each new member is given an oath to swear by and repeats a vow in the initiation proceedings. The new member is instructed as to the high purposes of the group and of the responsibility which membership requires."¹⁶ The organization's founders provide a foundation upon which the organization can grow.

At the 1971 San Antonio Convention, a ritual and ceremonies study com-

mittee was appointed. The five collegians and five alumnae represented the Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths. Chapters and alumnae clubs were polled. Of the 1,723 pieces of mail received, 158 were for change, 1479 were against change and 86 had no opinion. The committee continued with reports at the 1973 and 1975 conventions.

The 1975 Miami Convention body voted to dissolve the committee and by ballot voted to retain the ritual as it had been since it was adopted by the 1893 Chicago Convention. The topic was revisited at the 1991 St. Louis Convention and a committee was appointed to investigate a non-sectarian ritual. The Ritual Study Committee presented its report at the 1993 Orlando Convention. A change in language was discussed and a motion made. However, after an extensive and emotionally charged discussion, a ballot vote was taken. Again the motion to change the ritual was defeated.

Pi Beta Phi began as a sisterhood created by 12 young Christian women at a Presbyterian college. It grew by expanding to other sectarian colleges and state institutions, first in the Midwest, then coast to coast and then to Canada. For 140 years, the growth and expansion of our Fraternity has been built upon the beliefs and ideals set forth by those young women who gathered in the southwest second floor bedroom of Major Holt's home. Libby Brook Gaddis, late in her life, spoke about the foundation set forth by those young friends of hers and said, "We builded better than we knew."¹⁷

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¹⁰Solberg, W. U. "The early years of Jewish presence at the University of Illinois." *Religion and American Culture* (1992, summer), pp. 215-245.

¹¹Anson, J. L., & Marchesani, R. F., Jr. (1991). *Baird's manual of American college fraternities*. Menasha, WI: The Collegiate Press. p. IV-8

¹²<http://www.sigmadeltau.com/>. Why Sigma Delta Tau? Link.

¹³Anson, J. L., & Marchesani, R. F., Jr. (1991). *Baird's manual of American college fraternities*. Menasha, WI: The Collegiate Press. p. IV 56.

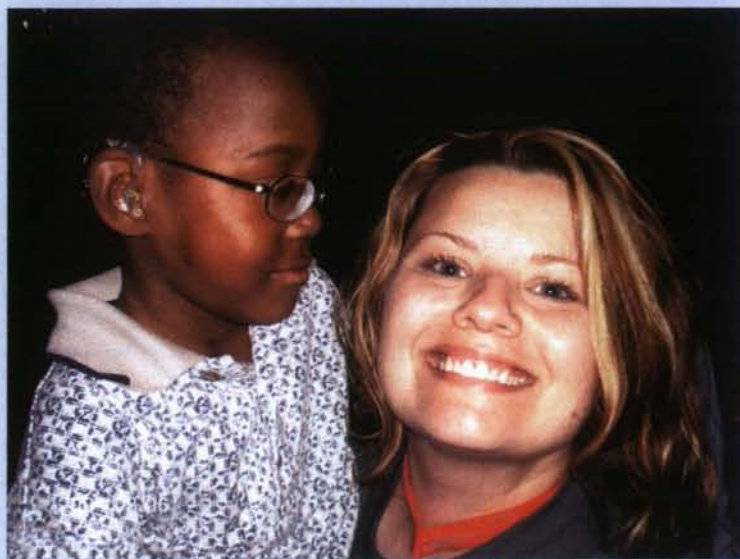
¹⁴Anson, J. L., & Marchesani, R. F., Jr. (1991). *Baird's manual of American college fraternities*. Menasha, WI: The Collegiate Press. p. IV-68.

¹⁵Donaldson, J.O. (1968). *A century of friendship in Pi Beta Phi 1867-1967*. St. Louis, MO: Pi Beta Phi Fraternity. p. 178.

¹⁶Anson, J. L., & Marchesani, R. F., Jr. (1991). *Baird's manual of American college fraternities*. Menasha, WI: The Collegiate Press. p. I-13.

¹⁷Donaldson, J.O. (1968.) *A century of friendship in Pi Beta Phi 1867-1967*. St. Louis, MO: Pi Beta Phi Fraternity. p. 167.

Kelli Mahoney Works as Christian Teens Guide for About.com



Kelli Mahoney attended a mission trip called "War Week" in inner-city Detroit where she helped clean the neighborhood, provide food to those in need, and put on a small carnival for the children and a concert for the area.

I grew up in a Jewish/Catholic household and was left to decide on my faith for myself. Thus, I became very confused. We would celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas, but the only time I went to church was with friends. Even then, I felt disconnected from what the priest or pastor would discuss, because I had never even read the Bible. By the time I went to college, I had a specific opinion of who God was and His role in my life, but it did not fit into any specific faith. I really didn't think much about faith until I entered college and Pi Beta Phi.

It was Pi Beta Phi that piqued my interest. I went with some of my sisters to church, and often felt at home in the pew. I still had little connection to any sermon or homilies, but I felt a connection with something. I was interested in the founders and their faith.

After graduation, I continued my religious quest. Eventually I came upon a Christian church that was able to connect my "created" beliefs with

something more real. I became very involved in my church as a youth leader and eventually came to be employed as the Senior High Ministry Administrator. I feel like I have finally found my connection with the founders and with my own faith. It is like an empty hole has been filled.

I then moved to another state, but I continue to grow in my faith and share it with others. I now work as the Christian teens guide for About.com, which you can see at the following link: <http://christianteens.about.com>.

I am loving the fact that I get to write about something I love so much — my faith, but I also get to help a group that I feel connected to — teens.

You can even see Pi Beta Phi's influence in my writing.

Eventually I want to write a book specifically targeted to teen girls that discusses the issues teen girls face from a godly standpoint. I feel that God has

While it helped me to see that faith isn't something you hide in your heart, the Fraternity also helped me to realize that women need to be given guidance so they can eventually lead.

Kelli Mahoney

really called me to reach out to that age group so that teen girls can grow up to be strong women. That is also something that Pi Beta Phi gave me. While it helped me to see that faith isn't something you hide in your heart, the Fraternity also helped me to realize that women need to be given guidance so they can eventually lead.

Kelli Mahoney
ILLINOIS IOTA

Pi Beta Phi Ritual— A Comfort to Some, Uncomfortable for Others

by DIANE BALOGH

Pi Beta Phi does not maintain records of the religious affiliations of its members, but it is safe to assume that the majority are Christians. The Christian aspects of Pi Beta Phi's ritual are probably comforting to them, but may have the opposite effect on members, or potential members of non-Christian faiths.

"After joining Pi Beta Phi my freshman year of college, I was excited to hear that the rituals and traditions, as well as current values, aligned with my belief in Jesus Christ and his teachings," IOWA GAMMA LYNN KLISCH BOLIN says.

"I honestly don't feel comfortable saying some of the verses, so I just don't," says TENNESSEE GAMMA ANNA MYINT, a Buddhist. "I understand tradition and how important it is to a lot of people, so I never brought it up. It is a personal thing, and it is just my choice not to say some things."

VIRGINIA THETA HILA YASHAR practices Judaism and says she does not think of Pi Beta Phi as a Christian organization.

"I believe the Judeo-Christian writings and principals which are part of Pi Beta Phi's heritage and tradition, are valuable assets to the Fraternity," says MARIAN HARING BLAHNIK, who was initiated as a MICHIGAN BETA in 1951. "I would hope that in today's fraternity world an individual's religious beliefs would be honored and respected. Personal faith is something one seeks within the context of one's own religion; it is something to nurture throughout one's life."

DR. LAMIA GABAL-SHEHAB, a CALIFORNIA ETA born in Egypt, was raised in the Muslim faith. Because she was not familiar with the Bible when she initiated, she had no idea that it contained Christian passages. "To me, the ritual was more a tradition with Pi Phi than a religious belief." She had no problem with the ritual

because it pertained to "being a good person, adhering to good principles."

NEW YORK ALPHA JODY MORSE AL-SAIGH describes her family as the melting pot. She is Jewish, her husband is Muslim and her stepson is Christian. Jody explains that the biblical verse said in ritual was never uncomfortable for her. "I recognized it as being very similar to a verse I said at my Bat Mitzvah." She simply remains silent during any reference to Christ, and chimes back in when the verse refers to God.

Jody has a couple of tips for chapter and club officers to make their members of different faiths feel welcome and included. "Use a calendar that includes the basis

of their membership's faiths" when setting event dates. Also, if you have questions about what foods or activities are appropriate at a particular day or time, ask members of different faiths "Would this be acceptable?"

"My chapter was fortunate enough to reflect the composition of our school and include members of different religions, backgrounds, ethnicities and nationalities," PENNSYLVANIA IOTA JEAN PRICE HANNA says. "At times our differences posed challenges for us as we tried to figure out our chapter's identity; after much thought and often difficult debates, we were able to come together and find our common bonds. These common bonds and ideals made up our friendships and

formed our Pi Beta Phi sisterhood, and helped us to realize that we were much more similar than we were different. Pi Phi was not our church, temple, or mosque, but became our home."

TENNESSEE DELTA MARY LU MEIXELL is one of the advisers to the recently re-colonized D.C. Alpha Chapter at The George Washington University, which is known for having a diverse student body. Recruitment was crucial to making sure this chapter got off on the right foot. "If Pi Phi does not welcome women of different religious beliefs then

it will become an organization branded as intolerant; women of substance will not want to be members," Mary Lu says. "Servant leadership, rather than Christianity, should be emphasized as it encompasses all faiths."

She cautions that timing is important when preparing potential new members that Pi Beta Phi's ritual contains Christian text. "When AAC is interviewing new members prior to initiation is the appropriate time to broach the subject in the following context: The ritual was written in the early 1900s, is Christian in content, and initiates will not be asked to say/pledge something they are uncomfortable with.

"Benefits of a religiously diverse chapter include: tolerance and understanding; a broader perspective; exposure to different ideas, opinions and cultures; increased confidence and comfort level of involvement, which will make a difference on campus, in society and in the world," Mary Lu says. "D.C. Alpha is a great example of a diverse chapter."

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Jean Price Hanna



Illinois Epsilon Marla Brizel stands before the backdrop of Jerusalem. Marla and her father traveled to Israel this past summer to learn more about their Jewish heritage. Marla is a sophomore at Northwestern University.



Arkansas Alpha Kelsey Pirani planned a four-week discussion-based Bible study for her chapter, focusing on the religious origins of many of Pi Phi's rituals. The Bible study will take a deeper look into the importance of the Bible passages included in Pi Phi rituals and how they apply to members in everyday life.

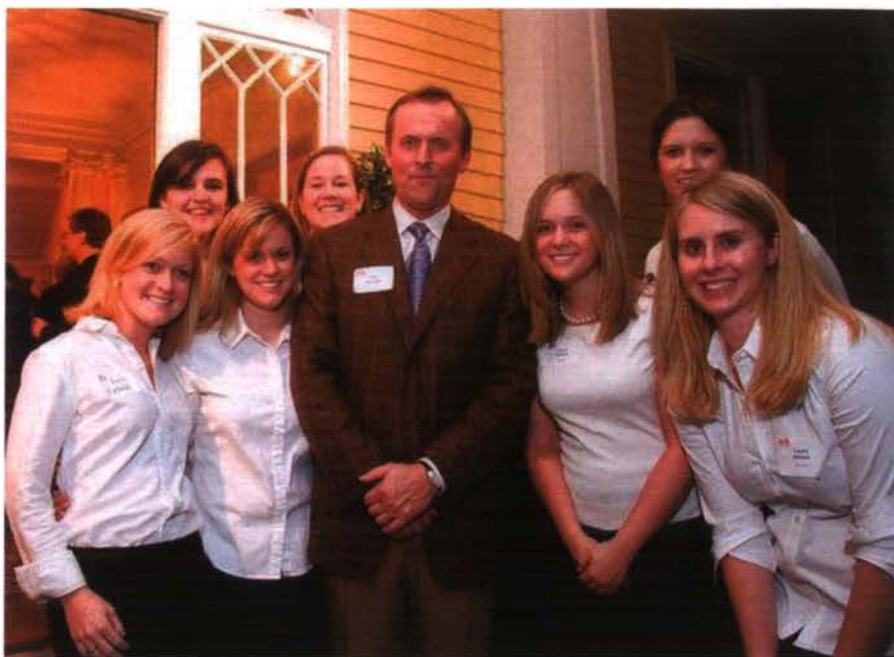


Alabama Beta's Bible study group enjoys a weekly meeting. The group meets every Wednesday to discuss different religions, books of the Bible, and how to deal with daily life, stress and relationships.

This issue explores the role religion has played in the origin and growth of Greek letter organizations. Though Pi Phi has a Judeo-Christian background, today's Pi Phis represent and embrace many religious traditions. We asked our collegians how their members appreciate and celebrate different faiths. Turn to page 14 to see what they said.



Pennsylvania Thetas pose with Grand President Emily Russell Tarr during the D.C. Alpha Installation Jan. 26, 2007, at The George Washington University. From left, are Lindsay Sbarbaro, Casey Dolan, Christa Schmidt, Emily Tarr and Courtney Ryan.



North Carolina Alphas met best-selling author John Grisham while volunteering at a fundraiser for the Chapel Hill Public Library Foundation. The benefit raised more than \$60,000 for local libraries. Photo credit: Bob Schreiner

The Pi Phis at Pepperdine University have actively incorporated religion in the lives of CALIFORNIA MU members throughout the history of our chapter. Pepperdine is affiliated with the Church of Christ and most students who attend Pepperdine are of religious background and honor various faiths. Our chapter encourages all of its members to explore aspects of faith and religion, as well as offers a place to bond with sisters in faith. Many sisters go to church together and spend time with one another in prayer and worship. Our chapter also plans to incorporate several visits to different churches throughout the greater Los Angeles area as a way of encouraging spiritual growth and development.

Although Pi Beta Phi is based on Judeo-Christian writings and principles, not all of our sisters necessarily follow the same beliefs. ALBERTA ALPHA members at the University of Alberta all come from very different backgrounds and many do not share the same religion or even ethnic origin. One of the ways that we try to embrace each other's cultural differences and expand our knowledge of our sisters is to share our cultural experiences with each other.

At the SOUTH DAKOTA ALPHA chapter of Pi Beta Phi, we have a house which celebrates that diversity. One of our very own angels, CHAYAMORN LEERAKSAKIAT, observes the Buddhist religion. No matter what religion

— Buddhist, Lutheran, Jewish or Catholic, there is a bond of believing in something, regardless of differences.

Diversity is one of TENNESSEE BETA's greatest assets. There are Jewish members, Catholics, Methodists, Lutherans and Episcopalians, all within our chapter. Regardless of faith, every Pi Phi can identify with the significance underlying the Christian context. Our rituals are not meant to mold our religious beliefs; rather, they are intended to instill in us the virtues of the Pi Beta Phi womanhood. They shape our values, but do not infringe on our beliefs.



West Virginia Alphas in the West Virginia University Marching Band traveled to Jacksonville, Florida, this year for the 2007 Gator Bowl to help West Virginia University in its victory over Georgia Tech.



Pennsylvania Gammas at the chapter's Bowling for Books event. Proceeds went to buying books for local children.

The COLORADO DELTA chapter at the Colorado School of Mines prides itself on being a very culturally diverse chapter. Despite our different backgrounds, we're all sisters in Pi Phi. We enjoy coming together to celebrate our diversity, and explore different cultures. For example RAWAN BARDINI, our newly elected Vice President of Member Development, was born in Jordan and spent the first several years of her life in the Middle East. Her family is Muslim, and she is doing an excellent job planning and providing many different cultural events for our chapter. We have planned a Jordanian chapter dinner. Rawan's father has offered to cook a feast of traditional Middle Eastern cuisine for us.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA embraces members of many different faiths and denominations, but we don't look at Pi Phi's Judeo-Christian rituals and traditions as stale relics of a bygone era. Our religious roots should serve to remind us of Pi Phi's foundations of charity and service. Those noble goals aren't unique to our institution, or its Presbyterian roots; they are shared by all of us.

At the CALIFORNIA BETA Chapter of Pi Beta Phi at the University of California, Berkeley, we do our best to acknowledge the different holidays and beliefs of our fellow sisters. For instance, one Monday night dinner in the spring is reserved for Passover dinner. At this dinner, one of our

Jewish members presents the house with a brief history of the significance of Passover in the Jewish religion.

The women of the VIRGINIAN EPSILON represent diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. Many sisters attend church regularly and several participate in the Christian and other religious groups. One member teaches Sunday School at a Catholic Church in Charlottesville, while another has been involved in planning the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. for the past few years.

Over winter break, a group of Greek students from the University of Missouri spent a week serving on a mission trip in Harmons, Jamaica where one third of the females present were Missouri Alphas.



Tennessee Gamma Anna Myint, Practicing Buddhist

The daughter of a Thai mother and father from Myanmar, TENNESSEE GAMMA ANNA MYINT has been a practicing Buddhist all her life. Although she was born and raised in America, she has spent a significant amount of

time in both Thailand and Myanmar learning about and participating in the traditions of Buddhism.

The act of meditating is a common practice of Buddhists. It is also an important part of the religious experi-

ence for Anna and her family. In the summer of 2006, Anna spent a week with her parents and older brother at a school for monks in Myanmar. They spent the week learning different ways to meditate and proper breathing skills without the distractions of television, radio, or Internet.

Another practice of Buddhism is following the teachings of the religious leader, Buddha, which centered on the principle of the Golden Rule. While in Myanmar, the Myints frequented an orphanage of malnourished children. Anna and her mom bought and fed eggs to the orphans to help them incorporate hearty food in their diets. In addition, Anna and her mom set up a foundation at the orphanage. They created the foundation based on the idea that six U.S. dollars would feed one orphan one egg each day for a year.

Anna's generosity reaches to all parts of her life. She was recently elected New Member Coordinator of the TENNESSEE GAMMA chapter – a job that requires devotion and compassion for Pi Phi's newest members.



Tennessee Gamma Anna Myint works with orphans in Myanmar.



Texas Delta recently sponsored a fundraiser in which they sold headbands, created by Designer Nancy Wynne, around campus. The money raised was given to the family of a new member, Brittany Moore. Brittany's family home was recently destroyed in a fire.

Georgia Alpha Priyanka Verma, Devout Hindu

As every Pi Phi knows, the mission of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for women is to promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich lives through community service. Nowhere does it specify that a Pi Phi must come from a certain religious background; that was a key ingredient for me in choosing Pi Beta Phi as an organization of which to be a part.

My name is PRIYANKA VERMA, and I am a GEORGIA ALPHA at the University of Georgia. My parents came to this country 30 years ago from India, and being Hindus in the southern region of the United States was not an easy task to take on. I find myself experiencing religious hardships of my own, and I was born in this country! I was raised as a devout Hindu, and yes, we are the ones that wear the dot, better known as a bindi. As a child, I attended Hindi school and regular prayers at the temple; I learned Indian dance; I ate Indian food on a regular basis; and I even spoke Hindi at home (and English, of course), however, my family adapted

to American life better than I could have imagined. My parents do not speak with accents, we have plenty of American friends, and they have never stopped me from living an independent life.

The day I stepped into the Pi Beta Phi house, on the first day of recruitment, I felt welcomed. No one judged me. In fact, I spoke quite openly about my religion and how my faith is very dear to me. And when I received a bid four days later, I knew I had made the right choice. In Athens, Georgia, I am surrounded by blonde-haired, blue-eyed girls, and here I stand with my dark hair, dark eyes, and tan complexion, yet I have never felt more comfortable and confident in my own skin. The girls of Pi Phi have definitely helped me to feel this way, because instead of just accepting the fact that I don't practice the same religion and that I don't always celebrate the same holidays, they ask me about my practices and my holidays, and I do the same for them. It is a wonderful learning experience for both parties.

At times, I do feel a little left out when a devotional is read, when Bible-study announcements are made, and so forth, but I understand that this sorority was founded at a Presbyterian college and that rituals must be upheld. I learn something new about Christianity every day, but I love that I can do that without feeling compelled to compromise my own beliefs.



From left, are Georgia Alphas Jenn Hall, Priyanka Verma and Chelsea Moxlow.

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**An A-to-Z Tribute
to Pi Beta Phi's
140th Anniversary**

**Founders' Day Message from
Grand President Emily Russell Tarr**

As collegiate and alumnae Pi Phis gather together for Founders' Day this year there is an additional milestone to celebrate—Pi Beta Phi is 140 years old. Founded April 28, 1867, only two short years after the Civil War ended, Pi Phi has endured and been a part of life for more than 232,500 initiates since our founding.

As I began to think about this message, I turned to Fraternity Archivist and Historian FRAN BECQUE. Fran reminded me that the Founders grew up in a time when information wasn't readily available. There weren't books on how to start organizations, much less all the self-help books we have access to today. Today any of us could Google a few sources and come up with a couple of ways to do almost anything, but in 1867, with only an inkling of what a men's fraternity was like, our founders came up with an organization that prospered, grew, and was able to sustain itself even when the Alpha chapter at Monmouth College was forced to close. By today's standards that seems like nothing but in 1867 it was no small feat.

Join me this month as we celebrate 140 years of noble womanhood.

Loyally,

Emily Russell Tarr



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Founders



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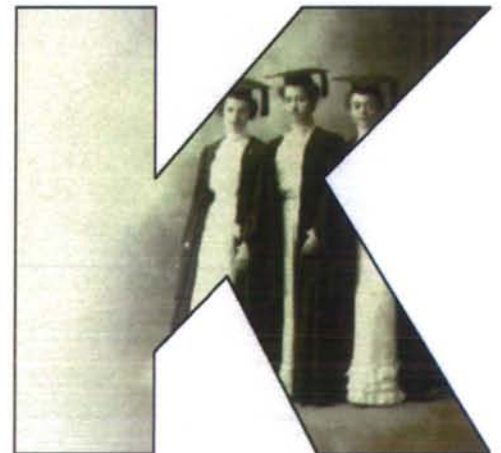
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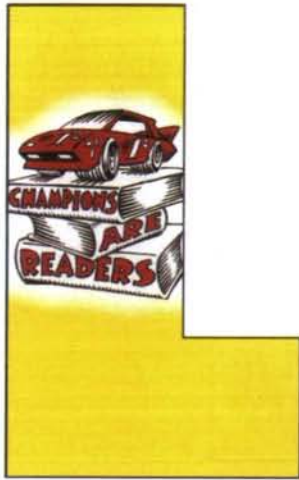
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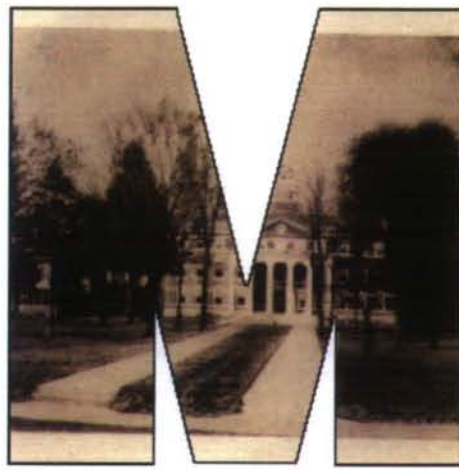
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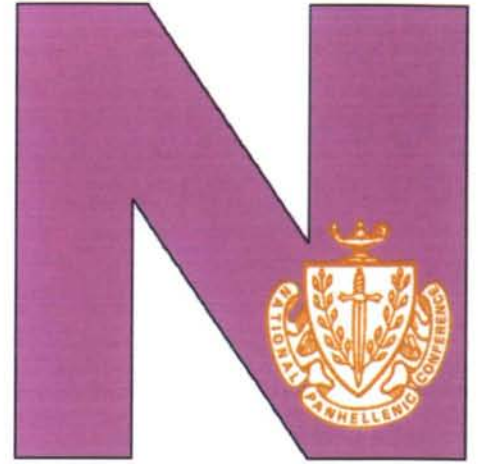
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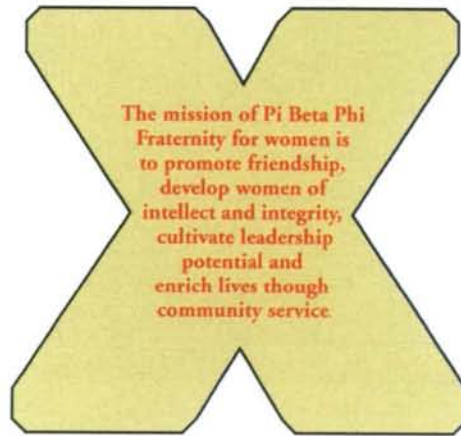
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140 Years of Sisterhood

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

Pi Beta Phi's Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate for the 2007-09 Grand Council and Directors. Elections will be held on June 23 at the 2007 Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. When preparing the slate the committee considered several important factors. They considered the tenure and skill sets required for each position as well as succession planning. Long-term planning guided their approach. The Nominating Committee sought to slate the most qualified women, while focusing on the best interests of the Fraternity.

There are several changes to the election process this year. In order to run for a Grand Council or Director position, challengers to the slate must submit their names to the Nominating Committee by May 1. Committee Members BARBARA BITTNER HAKKIO, KIM BARGER DURAND, KAREN NEELY FARYNIAK, CAROLYN PAVLETICH LESH and MICHELLE MURRELL WILLBANKS, will interview the challengers in order to discuss the respective job descriptions. There are no limits on the number of challengers, but they do need to be qualified according to the challenge guidelines in the box.

To become a challenger, a member must:

- ▲ be in good standing with the Fraternity
- ▲ attend Convention 2007
- ▲ submit a biography or résumé to Barbara Bittner Hakkio, chairman of the nominating committee, at nomcomchair@pibetaphi.org

No nominations will be taken from the floor during convention. On Saturday, June 23, the slate, along with the qualified challengers will be presented to the convention delegates. Following the presentation of the candidates, there will be a break when delegates can meet the candidates and ask questions. After the break, voting

delegates will reconvene for a closed session. The election committee will tally the votes and announce the results at the end of the afternoon session.

GRAND PRESIDENT



TEXAS BETA EMILY RUSSELL TARR graduated from Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education and a minor

in German. Throughout her years of service to Pi Phi, Emily has held almost every alumnae club position, was an Alumnae Province President for five years, the Director of Alumnae Communications for six years and Grand Vice President of Alumnae for four years. Emily was also a charter member of the East Fort Bend County, Texas Alumnae Club in suburban Houston. She has served as Grand President since 2003.

GRAND VICE PRESIDENT COLLEGIANS



MISSOURI ALPHA SUSAN KINGSLEY ROBINSON received a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri and has worked in magazine publishing

for more than 25 years. She currently directs the content management and Internet operations for Sosland Publishing Co. in Kansas City.

Sue presently serves the Fraternity as the Collegiate Regional Director for Region 5. Throughout the years, she has held many positions, including the Director of Chapter Support for Region II; Collegiate Province

President; president of the Kansas City, Missouri/Shawnee Mission, Kansas Alumnae Club's night group. Sue also served on the 1985 Convention Committee.

GRAND VICE PRESIDENT ALUMNAE



OKLAHOMA BETA MARY LOY TATUM received her Bachelor of Science degree in home economics education from Oklahoma State University.

While earning her degree, she served Pi Phi as chapter president and panhellenic delegate. After graduation, Mary stayed involved in Pi Phi and helped charter the Richardson, Texas and Lake Cities, Texas Alumnae Clubs and was president of both the Richardson, Texas and Northern Virginia Alumnae Clubs. Mary also served as an Alumnae Province President and as Director of Alumnae Programming. She has been Grand Vice President Alumnae since 2003.

GRAND VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS



CALIFORNIA DELTA KAREN SHELTON CHEVALIER earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of California, Los Angeles. Currently,

Karen is the Executive Director, News Administration at *U.S. News and World Report* and has served the Fraternity as Grand Vice President Communications since the position was formed in 2005

Slate of 2007-09 Officers

and was Grand Vice President of Program Development from 2001-05. Karen also served Pi Phi as Northern Virginia Alumnae Club's Secretary, Junior Group President, First Vice President and President. For her outstanding leadership in the club, Karen was named the international Emma Harper Turner Award winner. She then was a Collegiate Province President and Director of Chapter Support, Region I.

GRAND VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE



MISSOURI ALPHA KAREN CONSALUS PRICE graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in interior design. While in school, Karen served

her chapter as song leader. After graduation, Karen served Pi Phi as Missouri Alpha's House Corporation Treasurer and as Jackson, Mississippi Alumnae Club's secretary. Karen is also a charter member of the Potomac Falls, Virginia Alumnae Club. Later, she was Graduate

Consultant Coordinator, a Collegiate Province President and Director of Finance. She was elected to Grand Council in 2001 as the Grand Vice President of Philanthropies and has been Grand Vice President Finance since 2003.

GRAND VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP



Luellen Clymo Smith is a Washington Gamma from the University of Puget Sound, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business.

Before joining Grand Council as Grand Vice President Membership in 2005, Luellen was the Director of Collegiate Extension and Recruitment; Alumnae Province President; Bellevue-Eastside, Washington Alumnae Club President and Secretary.

She is the co-owner of a company that designs and manufactures wine cellars and saunas.

GRAND VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAMMING



ILLINOIS BETA-DELTA BARBARA LEE FAY holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Knox College and a master's degree in liberal arts from Baker University. She worked as an administrator

for Butler Manufacturing Company Foundation and was a substitute secondary education teacher for Shawnee Mission School District.

Barb presently serves Pi Beta Phi as Alumnae Regional Director for Region 4. She also served the Fraternity as an Alumnae Province President, Director of Membership, Director of Alumnae Programming and as President of the Kansas City, Missouri/Shawnee Mission, Kansas Alumnae Club.



DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

RAE WOHLHUETER MAIER, Kentucky Beta
Currently: Director of Membership
Previously: Director of Finance and Collegiate Province President



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

BRENDA BUTLER, Nebraska Beta
Currently: Collegiate Regional Director #7
Previously: Collegiate Province President, Bellevue-Eastside Alumnae Club President



ALUMNAE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #1

ELIZABETH MADDOCK, Michigan Beta
Currently: Alumnae Regional Director #1
Previously: Nation's Capital Alumnae Club President



DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION

SHERRI ZILLGITT BAER, Texas Alpha
Currently: Director Extension
Previously: Collegiate Province President and Alumnae Advisory Committee for Texas Beta



DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY

ANN CRIGGER SHAW, Arkansas Alpha
Currently: Alumnae Regional Director #2
Previously: Alumnae Province President



ALUMNAE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #2

SANDE SCHWEIER ULLMANN, Oregon Gamma
Currently: Collegiate Regional Financial/Housing Specialist #4
Previously: Alumnae Province President; Portland Alumnae Club Treasurer

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ALUMNAE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #3
Julie Talley Hooton, Michigan Alpha
Previously: Alumnae Province President, North Woodward, Michigan Alumnae Club President; Chapter President



COLLEGIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #1
Nancy Strine, South Carolina Alpha
Currently: Collegiate Regional Director #1
Previously: Collegiate Province President, Resident Graduate Consultant, Charter member Frederick, Maryland Alumnae Club; President of Columbia, South Carolina Alumnae Club



COLLEGIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #5
Amy Strickland Dreler, Arizona Beta
Currently: Chapter Operations/Adviser Specialist #5
Previously: Collegiate Province President and AAC Chairman for Missouri Beta



ALUMNAE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #4
Cindy Rice Svec, Kansas Beta
Currently: Alumnae Regional Membership Specialist #4
Previously: Alumnae Province President, Vice President of Membership of Kansas City, Missouri-Shawnee Mission, Kansas Alumnae Club



COLLEGIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #2
Leisa Ebeling Lowrey, Ohio Eta
Currently: Collegiate Regional Programming Specialist #2
Previously: Holt House Committee Chairman, Undergraduate Scholarship Committee



COLLEGIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #6
Suzanne Malone, Mississippi Beta
Currently: Chapter Operations/Adviser Specialist #6
Previously: Collegiate Province President, AAC Adviser for North Carolina Alpha and Tennessee Delta, Memphis Alumnae Club Treasurer



ALUMNAE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #5
Ruth Henderson Walsh McIntyre, South Carolina Alpha
Currently: Alumnae Regional Director Region 5
Previously: Alumnae Province President; Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award recipient



COLLEGIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #3
Beth Torres, Ohio Iota
Currently: Collegiate Regional Director #3
Previously: Collegiate Province President; Alumnae Club President and Alumnae Panhellenic Delegate of Chicago Windy Club Alumnae Club



COLLEGIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #7
Heather Butler Skogen, Oregon Beta
Currently: Collegiate Chapter Operations/Adviser Specialist #7
Previously: Collegiate Province President, Co-President of the Portland, Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe Alumnae Club



ALUMNAE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #6
Patty Davisson Brown, Kansas Beta
Currently: AAC Chairman for Arizona Beta, Props and Supplies Chairman for Convention 2007
Previously: Alumnae Province President, Charter member of the Southern Douglas County, Colorado Alumnae Club



COLLEGIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #4
Eileen O'Neil Grigutis, Kentucky Beta
Currently: Collegiate Regional Director #4
Previously: Collegiate Province President, Wisconsin Delta AAC Chairman, helped with Indiana Theta and Wisconsin Delta Installation Committees



COLLEGIATE REGIONAL DIRECTOR #8
Diane Bielman, California Eta
Currently: Collegiate Regional Director #8
Previously: Director of Chapter Support for Region III; Collegiate Province President; Secretary and President of the South Coast Alumnae Club Evening group

Alumnae News



The Katy-West Houston, Texas Alumnae Club celebrated a "Chapter Spirit Night" by bringing back memories of the good old days in the Pi Phi house. Members met at the home of Indiana Delta Pam Sprowl Diehl, for a pizza dinner and a special Cookie Shine. Each contributed 25 cents for every year since their initiation. The money collected was donated to the club's adopted chapter, Texas Eta at Texas A&M University. From left, West Virginia Alpha Tamera Vuchkovich Pirraglia, Louisiana Beta Lisa Tomberlin Cramer, Indiana Delta Jackie Siebert Green and Oklahoma Beta Stacy Bewley Grubb.

NEW MEXICO ALPHA DAHLIA DORMAN, a law student at the University of New Mexico, was appointed by New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson to serve as the seventh student regent on the University of New Mexico Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is responsible for the governance of the University.

KANSAS ALPHA JOCELYN DOUGHERTY HERZIG, M.D., a retired neurologist, concert pianist and member of the SOUTH COAST ALUMNAE CLUB, performed a concert of Chopin music at the club's annual Christmas Luncheon.



An Arizona Alpha Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting at the University of Arizona was interrupted by shouts that it was snowing outside—very rare for Tucson, Arizona. From left, standing, are AAC Members: Arizona Gamma Shannon Montierth Sherman, Arizona Alpha Christie Allen Jones, Arizona Alpha Cece Bartow Derickson, Arizona Gamma Laura Carbonari Thome. From left, front row, are AAC Members: South Dakota Alpha Nicki Devish, Arizona Alpha Connie Kloos Moe and Arizona Alpha Kathy Caldwell Kleinman.

Fans, Friends and Sisters

Indiana Gamma Laura Huber Barber, Alumnae Regional Director—Region 3



Marla Barber Cox, left, and Laura Huber Barber were thrilled to witness the game when the Colts became the American Football Conference Champions in Indianapolis. Much to their delight, the Colts went on to win Super Bowl XLI.

My sister-in-law, Indiana Gamma Marla Barber Cox and I were Pi Phi sisters at Butler University. She pledged a year after I did (1988), and we were put in a room together by chance in the chapter house. We immediately became friends and learned that we both loved Indianapolis Colts football. We both had been following the team since they came to Indy in 1984. Back in those days, it wasn't a popular thing to be a Colts fan.

Marla's family held season tickets at the time, and I was invited to go with them to the games. It was a dream come true for me, since I had watched the team on TV but had never been able to afford to go to a game.

Our friendship grew as we invested a part of our hearts to Pi Phi and a part to the Colts. She became my Little Sister in the house, and eventually introduced me to her brother—my future husband—later that year.

Marla and I have continued to follow the Colts, now as season ticket holder ourselves. We fly to at least one "away" game each year to watch the Colts play in another stadium and enjoy the sights of the town.



Oklahoma Alpha Kathie Compton Papera, right, launched her company Lilypad Baby in 2000, designing and manufacturing one-of-a-kind bibs, burp cloths, blankets and more. Parenting, babytalk, American Baby and even CBS' The Early Show, as well as hits like The Drew Carey Show and What About Brian have featured Lilypad Baby products. Kathie is pictured with one of her employees, California Nu Vanessa Barganski.



Virginia Epsilons Jennie Ovrom Ferretti, right, and her daughter Nancy stopped by Monmouth College for a visit while driving from their home in West Virginia to spend Christmas with relatives in Iowa. Jennie was a charter member when the Virginia Epsilon Chapter opened at the University of Virginia in 1975.



California Eta Lamia Gabal-Shehab was recently named to the annual list of Physicians of Excellence by the Orange County Medical Association. Lamia immigrated to the United States from Cairo, Egypt in 1969. She studied at the University of California, Irvine, where she was initiated into California Eta, and served as chapter president. Lamia worked as a Resident Graduate Consultant from 1988 to 1989 before going to medical school. She has practiced urology in Orange County for five years and is one of a handful of female urologists.
Photo credit: Tony Kawashima



The Kansas City, Missouri—Shawnee Mission, Kansas Alumnae Club's signature progressive dinner attracted a record number of young alumnae. Attendees were assigned one of two appetizer homes based on initiation year. The groups later merged into intimate dinner parties of eight.



The Dallas, Texas Junior Night Alumnae Club Executive Officers volunteered at the Mental Health Association of Greater Dallas' Dinner honoring the 2006 Prism Award winners. The Chair of the event was Texas Beta Ruth Collins Sharp-Altshuler, a devoted philanthropist in the Dallas area who was named Outstanding Alumna by Pi Beta Phi in 1982. Front, from left, are Texas Beta Ruth Collins Sharp-Altshuler, Actress Lorraine Bracco, Kansas Alpha Katie Crnkovich. Back, from left, are Oklahoma Beta Amy Puckett Backus, Oklahoma Beta Ginni Mercer, Texas Beta Stephanie Seno, Nevada Alpha Sarah Pennell Franklin, Texas Gamma Beth Adams, Oklahoma Beta Kimberly Buser Ulibarri.



Colorado Gamma Mary Olson Lester, right, shakes the hand of President George W. Bush after he presented her with the President's Call to Service Award at Buckley Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. Mary is the lead volunteer for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Volunteers of America. Mary is a former Alumnae Province President and a past president of the Denver, Colorado Alumnae Club.



Several Arizona and California Pi Phis on a recent hike to the bottom of the Grand Canyon ran into octogenarian Laurent Gaudreau. Gaudreau was on his 92nd round-trip hike, going 46 miles from the south rim to north rim and back. His goal is to set a record of 100 round trips. He enjoyed sharing breakfast and stories with the Pi Phi hikers.

ARIZONA GAMMA KIMBERLY HOLLAR and ARIZONA ALPHA SUSAN BROWN have started a mommy and baby luxury skin care line, "Susan Brown's Baby." The two met at the University of Arizona Pi Phi house during recruitment in 1998 and have been best friends ever since. In honor of the bonds of wine and blue, they have hidden a Pi Phi arrow somewhere on their labels for all of their sisters to find.

THE POTOMAC FALLS ALUMNAE CLUB sponsored their first Golden Arrow Theatre Outing to the National Theatre in December. The group, along with Pi Phi friends and family, took GOLDEN ARROWS KANSAS BETA GAYLE SCHOENFELDT GLASS and MINNESOTA ALPHA JANET SKIDMORE SKINNER to see the matinee production of Legends.



Oklahoma Beta Stacy Kamas Cantu was named the new president/CEO of The Texas Healthcare Trustees in Austin, Texas, a statewide association for health care governing board members.

Reunions & Anniversaries



Ohio Epsilons initiated in 1970 reunited for some fun and relaxation in Big Sky, Montana, at the cabin of Darla Wandtke Harbaugh. The ladies explored Big Sky by white water rafting, horseback riding and a day trip to Yellowstone National Park.

Sixteen Washington Alphas celebrated their 65th birthdays in September at their 10th annual reunion. The two-night reunion took place aboard Linda Knutzen Barbo's 1928 wood yacht, "Blue Peter."

REUNIONS & ANNIVERSARIES

In October, about 15 alumnae of Arizona Beta headed out to Arizona State University for Homecoming and an impromptu Pi Phi reunion. Initiation dates ranged from 1989 to 1991 and some of the women hadn't seen each other since graduation.



Eleven Michigan Beta Golden Arrows gathered in Evanston, Illinois, for a reunion at a Bed and Breakfast run by Janet Parker Remen. Back, from left, are Peggy Blackford Slough, Dorothy Blomquist Miller, Anne Gilbert Swift, and Jan Gerholz Pike. Middle, from left, are Lois Comb Kremer, Janet Parker Remen, Abby Funk Price, Barbara Riggs Knapp. Front, from left, are Nancy Ericke Ambrose, Sarah Hoffman Allison, Midge Haring Blahnik.



The ALABAMA GAMMA Chapter of Pi Beta Phi will celebrate its 50th anniversary on **Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28, 2007**. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. Friday evening with a barbecue reception. Saturday's events will include a sisters-only brunch followed by an old-fashioned band-party that evening. For more information, contact: algamma@hotmail.com or (334) 501-9181.

TEXAS EPSILON recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of their chapter at the University of North Texas. Approximately 90 alumnae attended this special reunion; 20 were charter members of Texas Epsilon. The chapter house is only two years old, and many of the alumnae were seeing the house for the first time. Collegians and alumnae sang songs, shared special Pi Phi memories, and learned about the history of the Cookie Shine.

VIRGINIA ZETA held its 25th anniversary celebration in October. It was a three day event which included a wine tasting at Chateau Morrisette, a walk for literacy, and ended with a formal dinner and dance. More than 40 alumnae joined the current members. It was a great time and the chapter is looking forward to its next celebration.

REUNIONS & ANNIVERSARIES



California Epsilons from 1985 to 1987 gather every year around the holidays.



Collegians and alumnae of North Dakota Alpha gathered together on Oct. 7 to celebrate the chapter's 85th anniversary. The event took place at Rebecca Sefcovic Uglem's art gallery, Third Street Gallery, in downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, during the University of North Dakota homecoming.



Wisconsin Alpha Pi Phis from 1965 through 1968 enjoyed each other's company at a reunion in Madison, Wisconsin, in October.

Arrowmont

Arrowmont Seeks National Historic Register Status

by KIMBERLY GEIB NEWMAN



These three historical photos are from Arrowmont's archives. Above is the red barn, built in 1923.



Above is the staff house, built in 1952, and below is the teachers cottage, built in 1916.



Pi Beta Phi Settlement School buildings on Arrowmont's campus dating back to the early 1900s may soon be included in the National Register of Historic Places, the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The nominations had to first be approved by the Tennessee Historical Commission before they would be considered at the national level by the National Park Service.

Vice President of the Arrowmont's Board of Governors SUSAN WILLIAMS KNOWLES, TENNESSEE BETA, spearheaded the application process along with Carroll Van West, Professor of History at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and Director of the Center for Historic Preservation, an agency housed at MTSU that serves the state. Knowles is currently a graduate assistant to Dr. West. "Clearly," Knowles said, "anybody who sets foot on Arrowmont's campus knows this is a historic place. We felt it was important to the public to tell that story."

Two nominations were submitted and approved by the state commission and include a Multiple Properties Submission, which talks generally about three time periods of the Settlement School: Beginnings 1910-1918; The Appalachian Craft Revival and Settlement School 1918-1948; and Creation of Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts 1948-1965. The second nomination was a historic district nomination, which would designate the historic core of the campus "The Settlement School Dormitories and Dwellings Historic District" and include Teachers' Cottage (1916), the Red Barn (1923) Stuart Dormitory (1941) and Staff House (1952).

Creating separate districts was recommended since some buildings are too new to be considered historic. "The next nomination we submit will be for a public outreach historic district for the structures that face the Parkway—Arrowcraft Shop, Ogle Cabin, and the Jennie Nicol Health Clinic (currently Arrowmont's Business Office)," Knowles said.

Sources cited from the Tennessee Historical Commission said that most of the properties sent on to the Park Service from the states gain final approval. Knowles added that being on the National Register can make it easier to get federal and state grants and other assistance. It also gets a property a lot of publicity.

"This step is an important one in my goal to have Arrowmont and Pi Beta Phi recognized for their long history in Gatlinburg, and Susan has done an outstanding job throughout this lengthy process," said David Willard, Director of Arrowmont. "It's another piece of a larger pie that has included digitization of the school's archives through the grant received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as well as active work on the school's Permanent Collection and preservation of our structures," Willard said.

BUSINESS MANAGER RETIRES AFTER A LIFETIME OF INVOLVEMENT WITH PI BETA PHI

Retiring Arrowmont Business Manager Nadine Whitted, likes to say, "we've gone from cow pastures and cow gates to state of the art equipment." Perhaps no one has spent more time at Pi Beta Phi Settlement School and seen more changes than Nadine — that's because it is not only where she went to school for all 12 years, but also where she was employed for 52 years.

Nadine's time in school was filled with fond memories of plays, the school newspaper, caring teachers and spirited principals. She speaks highly of all her mentors at Pi Beta Phi School. She still keeps in touch with Ira Gladson, Betty Underwood, Ruth Owenby, Carl Lewelling and Dewey Large, the principal who chaperoned their senior class trip to Washington, D.C.



In the mid-50s, not long after graduation, Nadine began working for Arrowcraft in shipping and sales and as a weaving demonstrator. Both her mother and grandmother were Arrowcraft weavers, so she was right at home.

Five years later she started doing bookkeeping for the school with her office located in the teachers' building. At that time, the Summer Craft Workshops were only held for five weeks during the summer in the high school buildings. Things changed very quickly after Sevier County took control of public education in 1968. "One of the biggest changes came with the building of Arrowmont's Turner Complex," Nadine recalls. "It seemed like a big step." But the good news was that the school enrolled 1,000 students by the second summer.

Another change that affected Nadine's job dramatically was the switch from manual bookkeeping to a computerized system. Many of us can no longer conceive of doing our job without a computer, but "before then, everything was done by hand with a manual crank adding machine," said Nadine. The school didn't adopt a computerized accounting system until 1996.

Nadine plans to travel with her husband Tom — they traveled to Colorado and the Midwest last fall and are heading south to Florida and Louisiana in the spring. She is also interested in rekindling her creative side through watercolor painting, a passion she has nurtured over the years through a few classes at Arrowmont and just by living in such an inspiring part of East Tennessee. Of course, spending time with her three grandchildren tops the list of things to do in her retirement!

Nadine Whitted, Arrowmont's Business Manager, left, received a wall clock for 50 years of service to Pi Beta Phi Settlement School.

ARROWMONT AWARDS \$7,000 TO COUNTY ARTISTS

Strong community support enabled Arrowmont to award over \$7,000 in cash awards to entrants of its 13th Sevier County Biennial Juried Exhibition. A large crowd of over 200 attended the opening reception in early January to honor the 61 artists selected and to view the 116 works on exhibit.

The premier sponsor, Sevier County Bank, along with 18 other sponsors were the reason Arrowmont was able to be so generous with the artist awards this year. Arrowmont also awarded three, one-week scholarships to attend a workshop. "The goal of the Sevier County Biennial Juried Exhibition is to recognize the artistic talent so prevalent in our county, and in my view, this year's examples have surpassed all expectations," said David Willard, director of Arrowmont.



"She Still Dreams of Flying" Monoprint is by Xin Lu, winner of a Distinguished Media Award for mixed media entries.

2006 Crest Award Winners

Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg 2006 Crest Award Winners

First presented in 1991, this award honors CAROLYN HELMAN LICHTENBERG, OHIO ALPHA, who served the Fraternity as Grand President from 1985 to 1991. Recipients are distinguished alumnae who exhibit excellence and outstanding leadership in their careers or volunteer service to their communities.

**SHARON
CULVER
CONSIDINE,
California
Epsilon,
San Diego
State
University,
Rancho Santa
Fe, California**



SHARON CULVER CONSIDINE is admired for her countless hours of service to her community of Rancho Santa Fe, California. Sharon has volunteered for various organizations in her community for more than 40 years while working and raising a family. Her volunteer work has helped many medical, military and educational causes.

Sharon used her own entrepreneurial success to give back to her patrons and the community. She has owned and operated a successful Mexican restaurant in Coronado, California, for nearly 25 years. This location is situated between two large military bases, and consequently more than half of Sharon's customers are members of the military and their families.

Sharon began hosting banquets and holiday meals for the military including Thanksgiving Day dinners and Veterans' Day lunches. These events were completely free to every individual who

arrived in uniform or carried military identification.

Sharon volunteered for the San Diego United Service Organization (USO) for almost 10 years and served as the organization's president. As president, she organized and accompanied a USO Christmas Show for the US Kittyhawk, a carrier, while it was located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Another project Sharon created for the military was "Operation Telegram/Desert Storm." During the first Desert Storm, she gave blank telegrams to the diners at her restaurant and asked them to write messages to the soldiers. Those messages were then delivered overseas to the soldiers fighting in the Middle East. Sharon also chaired a USO fundraiser gala for the military aboard the USS Kittyhawk, while it was docked at North Island. This event honored American paratroopers on the 40th Anniversary of their landing at Normandy. The gala earned more than \$200,000 for local USO projects.

Sharon has also dedicated her time to Coronado Hospital, a small hospital which serves the island of Coronado and military emergencies from the neighboring bases. For 20 years Sharon served as a member of the Foundation Board. She chaired the Birthday Ball for the hospital for 17 years and managed to raise more than a million dollars for Coronado Hospital.

Sharon has been on the Board of Directors for San Diego State University (SDSU) Alumni Association, Pi Beta Phi Chapter House Corporations, SDSU Aztec Athletic Foundation, Coronado Hospital Foundation, San Diego USO and the Bank of Southern California. She was also elected to the Who's Who in California, Western States and World of International Women.



**ALANNA FITZGERALD-HUSEK,
Ontario Alpha,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario**

ALANNA FITZGERALD-HUSEK is a young alumna who has earned respect and recognition for her volunteer work with local and international organizations. During her exceptional academic career as a student at the University of Toronto, Alanna managed to work for many major causes.

Alanna raised funds and worked for the Society for Partnership (SOPAR) to drill water wells in India. She also traveled to India as a part of The Concerned for Working Children (CWC) to implement health workshops for young girls.

These workshops discussed nutrition, reproductive systems and issues, HIV-AIDS, human rights, abuse, the dowry system, child exploitation, children workers and many other important issues that will affect the girls throughout their lives. The goal of the workshops was to educate the girls about issues that are not explicitly dis-

cussed in their schools, families or society. Each workshop taught groups of about 50 girls over the span of four days. Alanna's work helped to empower young girls in hopes that they would return to their villages and educate their peers. Alanna has also dedicated her time to helping commercial sex workers (CSWs) in Namibia. Alanna was chosen to intern with the Centre of International Health at the University of Toronto. Through this program, she created her own research study which examined Namibia's HIV/AIDS rate, which is one of the highest in Sub-Saharan Africa and the world.

Alanna studied the economic and gender influences which put the CSWs at greater risk for contracting HIV. Alanna worked with the National Social Marketing Program to educate CSWs and provide them with alternatives to sex work. Since leaving Namibia, Alanna has been preparing her findings in hopes of getting published and spreading greater awareness. She is still working on fundraising to finance a peer-education program for the CSWs in Namibia.

Alanna also volunteered for the World's Vision Destination Life Change Program. Through this organization she was able to live in rural communities in Costa Rica and teach English.

In addition to her global service, Alanna has volunteered her time in her local community. She is a story-time reader for sick children at the local hospital. She has participated in many clothing, food, and toy drives in Toronto.

Alanna has been awarded for her many academic achievements, and in 2006, she was honored with the Toronto Area Alumnae Panhellenic "Woman of the Year" Award.

DIANE CAYLOR GALLOWAY,
Oklahoma
Alpha,
University of
Oklahoma,
Dallas, Texas



DIANE CAYLOR GALLOWAY is an exceptional leader and generous volunteer in her community. She has embraced not only the history of her community, University Park, but also its potential for the future. Diane moved to University Park in 1972 and quickly became interested in its historical background. She has written several books about the Park Cities. For 10 years, she wrote a photo-history column about the area for *The Dallas Morning News*. She continues to write for the publication, contributing articles mainly about children's programs.

Diane has worked for almost 20 years to establish and improve the public library in University Park. In 1987, while volunteering with her son's Cub Scout troop, she discovered that University Park was the largest city in Texas, and one of the largest in the country, without a library. Diane recognized this need in the community and soon started a project to create a library in University Park.

Diane volunteered her time throughout the planning and development process. She participated in a feasibility study, helped to find a location, organized book donations and monetary contributions, coordinated volunteer efforts and raised awareness of the need for a library.

All of Diane's work helped the library officially open in June 2001. In its early stages, the library was open for only four hours a week and had no book shelves. Today the library is open 41 hours a week and has plenty of shelves for its extensive collection of books. The library's facilities have vastly improved and membership has continued to grow. In the li-

brary's first summer, 98 children participated in the summer reading program, and in 2006, enrollment had grown to 700 children.

Diane continues to volunteer her time at the library, spending 20 hours a week cataloguing, labeling and shelving books. In 2002, the Diane Galloway Volunteer Award was created by library, and that award is given annually to outstanding library volunteers.

In 2003, Diane was nominated for the Linz Award. This prestigious award is bestowed on a citizen whose civic or humanitarian endeavors, completed without monetary compensation, have generated the greatest benefit to the community. Diane was also recognized as the University Park Citizen of the Year in 2006.

KAUTIA DAWN VADEN HAMPTON,
Florida
Epsilon,
University of Central
Florida,
Homosassa,
Florida



KAUTIA DAWN VADEN HAMPTON is dedicated to serving the families in the small, rural community of Homosassa, Florida. In 2001, Kautia and her husband Mike Hampton, a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves, created the Mike Hampton Pitching In Foundation for underprivileged children. This organization is very active in the community through events such as Family Fun Day, an annual event for the children of Citrus County. This event has games, rides and baseball instruction from professional players.

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Kautia has also demonstrated remarkable support of other organizations such as Crystal River Little League, the Boys and Girls Club, Crystal River High School, Youth Football, West Citrus Soccer, the Hospice of Citrus County and many more. She realizes that volunteering time is just as important as contributing funds. "Taking the time to come out and do things for your community is more precious than any check you could ever write," Kautia said.

One of Kautia's impressive accomplishments from the past year was last December's "Country Rocks the Canyon" benefit concert which she organized. This concert brought country music megastars Travis Tritt and Trace Adkins to Citrus County. Kautia's efforts helped to raise \$50,000 for Citrus Memorial Hospital, which will be used to create a pediatric care unit.

In February 2006, Kautia became involved in the search for Jessica Lunsford, a little girl who was abducted and murdered in Citrus County. In the early stages of the investigation, Kautia and her husband donated \$25,000 as a reward for the return of Jessica. Kautia helped generate invaluable publicity during the search. After the tragic discovery of Jessica's murder, Kautia donated K-9 dogs to the police force in Jessica's name.

Kautia is devoted to the education of the children in her area and each year gives four \$10,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. She also contributes thousands more through educational grants. Kautia believes that educating children will ultimately improve the quality of life in Citrus County. "We want them to realize that if they go to law school, they can come back here and practice. If you go out and become a pediatrician, come back here."

In 2006, Kautia was named the Citrus County Citizen of the Year for her generous financial contributions and her volunteer efforts.

MARGUERITE WEAVER KONDRACKE,
North Carolina Beta,
Duke University,
Alexandria, Virginia



MARGUERITE WEAVER KONDRACKE is a successful entrepreneur and a powerful advocate for children and families nationwide. She has spent 30 years in the not-for-profit sector working to better the lives of American children.

Marguerite designed and led the four-year "Healthy Children Initiative" in Tennessee under Gov. Lamar Alexander. She later served in Gov. Alexander's cabinet as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Human Services. She was recently appointed as the Special Assistant to U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander and as Staff Director of the Senate subcommittee on Children and Families.

In the private sector, Marguerite has been the CEO of three different companies. In 1987, she founded Corporate Family Solutions with Lamar Alexander and the late Bob Keeshan, also known as Captain Kangaroo. This company aimed to provide increased and improved childcare. It became the largest workplace childcare provider in the country.

Marguerite retired as CEO in 1999, and has recently rejoined the board of directors. Currently the company is a \$500 million enterprise, employs more than 20,000 people and serves more than 300 corporate clients with 450 facilities in five different countries. It was also recognized three times as one of For-

tune magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For."

In 2004, Marguerite was named President and CEO of America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth. This not-for-profit organization was developed by Presidents Bush I, Carter, Clinton and Ford. The organization's mission was to make children and youth a national priority.

At a recent summit on education, Marguerite spoke about the "silent epidemic" of high school drop-outs, "You can read almost every day about the threats to our national security, but when one million of our young people each year fail to finish high school, that's a threat to our security as well. It threatens our future in a flatter, faster world."

Marguerite strongly believes that coordination between public and private sectors, and with federal, state and local agencies will lead to a brighter future for America's youth. Marguerite serves on the Board of Directors for Bright Horizons, Saks Fifth Avenue, Harpeth Hall School in Nashville and HLM Venture Partner.

**KAREN
OWENS
PLETZ, J.D.,
Missouri
Alpha,
University of
Missouri,
Kansas City,
Missouri**



KAREN OWENS PLETZ, J.D., is a leader in national and community health care, corporations, and service organizations. She holds a Juris Doctorate School of Law degree from the University of Missouri and a degree from Rutgers University Stonier Graduate School of Banking. Karen is also a graduate of Harvard Medical School's Macy Institute Program for Leaders in Medical Education. She received the coveted Honors Thesis Award, which made her work a permanent part of the collection at Harvard University's Business Library.

Karen is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. She was appointed by the governor of Missouri to the Hawthorn Foundation Board for promoting economic development in Missouri. The Attorney General of Missouri selected Karen to be the inaugural board member of the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, the largest healthcare foundation in the region.

In 2001, Karen was chosen to co-chair the Governor's Business Education Roundtable for the state of Missouri. Through this position she led the state in formulating strategies to address critical issues in public education.

Karen was named one of Kansas City's 20 Most Influential Women. She received the University of Missouri Alumni Achievement Award in 1998 and the Faculty-Alumni Award in 2002. She was also honored with the Kansas City's Woman of the Year Award from The Central Exchange in 2004.

Karen has served on the Board of Directors for more than 30 businesses and organizations that include interests as varied as Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, American Heart Association, Kansas City Public Television, Center for Practical Bioethics, Kansas City Southern Bank, Arts Council of Metro Kansas and the Truman Medical Center. As a woman in the business community, Karen's ability to achieve numerous leadership positions is quite unique. Karen has had a remarkable career and inspiring success in a male dominated field.

**KAREN
WILLIAMS
TEEL, M.D.,
Texas Gamma,
Texas Tech
University,
Austin, Texas**



DR. KAREN WILLIAMS TEEL'S career and personal dedication to the field of pediatrics are remarkable. She is devoted to securing health care for children in underprivileged areas of Austin, Texas. After graduating pre-med from Texas Tech, she completed Baylor Medical School training. She went into practice as a pediatrician at Bergstrom AFB in Austin, and eventually became the Chief of Pediatrics there.

Dr. Teel was hired by the pediatric physicians of Austin to become the director of pediatric education at Brackenridge Hospital in 1972. Through this position she helped to create a successful, independent pediatric residency program affiliated with the University of Texas Medical Branch. In 1977, she entered the private practice of pediatrics and retired in December 2005.

One of Dr. Teel's most prestigious accomplishments was serving as an oral

examiner for the American Board of Pediatrics. She was only the second woman appointed to the position.

Dr. Teel led an effort to establish a high quality children's hospital in Austin. In 1983, she became co-chair of the steering committee for the project, and in 1988, the Children's Hospital of Austin opened its doors to the public.

Austin's population has been steadily increasing, and Dr. Teel recognized the need for a larger children's hospital. She is currently serving on the Seton Healthcare Network Board of Trustees and on the new Children's Medical Center of Central Texas Foundation Board. Dr. Teel's efforts, along with those of the pediatric community, have succeeded. The new Children's Medical Center is scheduled to open in 2007. This facility will be three times the size of the Children's Hospital and will offer a broader range of services to children.

In 2003, the Pediatric Physicians Alliance of Central Texas established The Karen Teel Excellence Award, which is given annually to the outstanding senior pediatric resident at the Children's Hospital. Dr. Teel was nominated for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame and was honored as the Health Care Hero in the physician category in 2004. She also received the Annual Award for Distinction in Bioethics from the International Bioethics Institute.



PI BETA PHI FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION 101:

GET TO KNOW YOUR FOUNDATION

Did you know that Pi Beta Phi Foundation is a separate organization from Pi Beta Phi Fraternity? Didn't think so. That's why we are presenting Foundation 101 to give you a clearer picture of what the Foundation is and why it exists.

Pi Beta Phi's promise for the future was demonstrated through the establishment of a foundation in 1990. A public charity under Internal Revenue Code 510(c)(3), the Pi Beta Phi Foundation solicits contributions to fund qualifying programs for the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity and its members. In return, donors are entitled to a tax-deduction to the full extent of the law.

A Board of Trustees governs the Foundation.

Gifts to the Pi Beta Phi Foundation help support the following areas:

- Undergraduate scholarships
- Graduate fellowships
- Alumnae Continuing Education scholarships
- Arrowmont and Arrowmont scholarships
- Leadership Development Consultant program
- Emma Harper Turner Fund
- Healthy Lifestyle programs such as AlcoholEdu™
- Recent graduate programming
- Speakers and qualifying portions of Pi Beta Phi conventions and Leadership Academies
- Chapter Leadership Education Endowments
- Leadership education development
- Literacy programs
- Holt House
- Other philanthropic endeavors

MISSION STATEMENT

The Pi Beta Phi Foundation is committed to fund programs which promote the intellectual, ethical and leadership development of members of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity and, through its philanthropic efforts, to benefit the larger society.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year the Pi Beta Phi Foundation awards undergraduate and alumnae scholarships and graduate fellowships. For the 2006-07 academic year, the Foundation provided \$122,300 in scholarship and fellowship awards to 75 members of Pi Phi. These scholarships and fellowships are funded through permanent endowments, expendable funds and funds received through the Friendship Fund.

EMMA HARPER TURNER FUND

The Emma Harper Turner Fund provides monthly grants and one-time emergency grants on a confidential basis to initiated members in extreme financial need. The fund also provides educational aid for alumnae continuing their education due to extreme circumstances or for collegians who have experienced a life change that jeopardizes their ability to stay in school.

RECENT GRADUATE GIFTS

The Foundation mails a complimentary copy of the Cap & Compass book "life after school explained." to all graduating seniors. The book provides

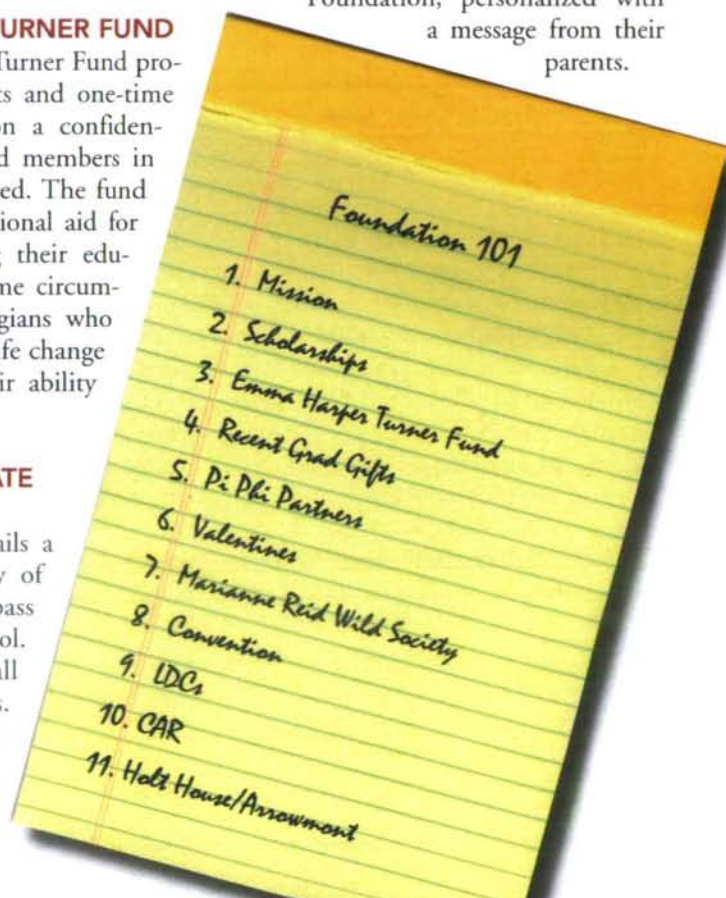
simple, humorous explanations and helpful hints concerning post-graduation life.

PI PHI PARTNERS

Pi Phi Partners (P3) is a pledged giving program designed for young alumnae (those who have been out of school 10 years or less). Through P3, a young alumna can make a significant gift to the Foundation, \$60 or more over a one year period. P3 gifts join other unrestricted Friendship Fund gifts to support scholarships, as well as other Foundation programs.

PARENT VALENTINE PROGRAM

Pi Phi parents can make a donation to the Foundation and in return, their daughters will receive a special Valentine's Day card from the Foundation, personalized with a message from their parents.



MARIANNE REID WILD SOCIETY
 Membership in the Marianne Reid Wild Society recognizes donors who have made planned gift commitments to the Foundation. Members of the Marianne Reid Wild Society leave a lasting legacy that ensures the continued support of the Foundation's mission.

CONVENTION

The Foundation underwrites portions of the Fraternity's leadership and education sessions and provides speakers at biennial conventions. On alternate years, the Fraternity conducts Leadership Academies for collegians and Alumnae Advisory Committees. The focus of these meetings is leadership training. The Foundation also underwrites portions of these academies.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS

Each year, the Foundation makes a donation to the Leadership Development Consultant program. This grant sup-

ports the LDCs, who assist the chapters in leadership training and provide guidance in many other areas. The Foundation's grant helps pay for training opportunities, as well as guest speakers.

CHAMPIONS ARE READERS

The Foundation provides the Fraternity with grants to supply books for young participants in the Champions Are Readers® (CAR) program. Members use CAR to encourage children and families to read.

HOLT HOUSE & ARROWMONT

The Foundation continues to support Holt House and Arrowmont in order to preserve Pi Phi tradition. In the 2005-06 fiscal year, Holt House received grants for house repairs and Arrowmont received grants for facilities management expenses. Scholarships for Arrowmont classes are also awarded annually, giving preference to members of Pi Beta Phi.

CONVENTION GIVING PROGRAM

The Foundation's "fairway" will be a swinging place during convention. Help us break par by purchasing tribute golf balls. Honor a sister and support the Foundation's mission — sink a hole in one!

Golf balls are \$5 each or six for \$25 and can feature the name of one individual or group, such as a chapter or club. To purchase your golf balls prior to convention, complete the form below and mail to: Pi Beta Phi Foundation at 1154 Town & Country Commons Drive, Town & Country, Missouri 63017.

Convention attendees can pick up tribute golf balls on the Foundation's fairway. Your purchase of golf balls will add unrestricted dollars to the Foundation's Friendship Fund in support of scholarship and current and future programming needs.



PI BETA PHI FOUNDATION



Convention Giving

Now is the time! Hit a hole-in-one by ordering your convention recognition golf balls now.

There is a \$5 minimum donation per golf ball (or honoree) or six golf balls for \$25. Use additional paper as necessary.

Donor Name (first, maiden, last): _____ Donor address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number: _____

(If Donor is a club or a chapter, please give president's information.)

Please list recognition/memorial gifts individually. Each golf ball will be placed on the Foundation Golf Course at convention.

Honoree Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Type of Gift: Memorial Recognition Date of Death _____

Payment Information: Total Amount \$ _____ Check enclosed (make payable: Pi Beta Phi Foundation) Charge

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Pi Beta Phi Foundation, 1154 Town & Country Commons Drive, Town & Country, MO 63017

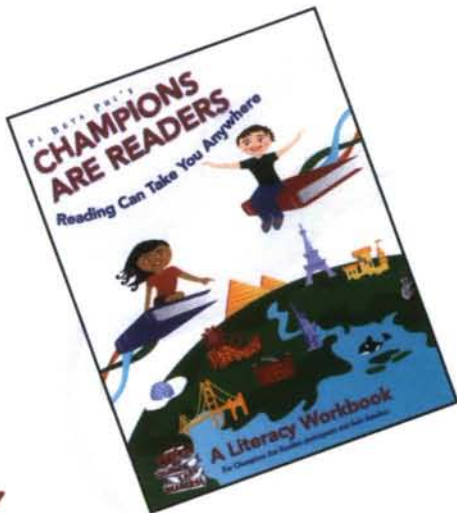


The 2007 Fraternity Day of Service

The 2007 Fraternity Day of Service brought Pi Phis together to promote literacy. Clubs and chapters had unique philanthropic approaches. The Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Alumnae Club kicked off its service project in cooperation with the Oklahoma Education Association (OEA). The Katy-West Houston, Texas Alumnae Club partnered with the Katy YMCA and worked with the children there. North Carolina Gamma at Wake Forest University hosted "Pancake Phest," where Pi Phi sisters made pancakes for hungry students and raised more than \$3,500 for literacy. All of the creative efforts of our members, in conjunction with Pi Phi's First Book® Virtual Book Drive made this year's Fraternity Day of Service a huge success.



The Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Alumnae Club joined with The Oklahoma Education Association (OEA).



A NEW CAR WORKBOOK will be launched at Convention 2007. This exciting supplement to the CAR program was created by Pi Phi to add a new dimension to the literacy experience and to further engage the students reached by our philanthropy.



The Katy-West Houston, Texas Alumnae Club worked with children at the YMCA.



North Carolina Gammas hosted a "Pancake Phest" to fight illiteracy.

2007 FRATERNITY DAY OF SERVICE

Pi Phi Raises \$125,000 for First Book®

Pi Phi's Day of Service culminated in a donation of \$125,000 to First Book®, a nonprofit organization that provides new books to children from low-income families. The funds, donated by Pi Beta Phi collegiate and alumnae members, friends and families during a six-week long First Book® Virtual Book Drive, will provide 50,000 new books to children in need nationwide.

Launched in conjunction with Pi Beta Phi's 2007 Fraternity Day of Service, the online campaign challenged individual members, collegiate chapters and alumnae clubs to help raise enough funds to donate 50,000 new books as part of The Cat in the Hat birthday celebration.

"We are thrilled with the success of the Pi Beta Phi Virtual Book Drive and the enormous generosity of their members and friends. It clearly demonstrates their ongoing commitment to literacy causes," said Kyle Zimmer, president of First Book®. "With the support of organizations like Pi Beta Phi, First Book® can continue to combat the literacy crisis and provide books immediately to the children who need them most."

OVERALL WINNER:

St. Louis, Missouri Alumnae Club*
with donations totaling \$10,575

ALUMNAE CLUB WINNER:

Dallas, Texas Alumnae Club** with
donations totaling \$2,560

CHAPTER WINNER:

D.C. Alpha** with donations
totaling \$3,575

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

North Carolina Gamma** with
donations totaling \$3,270
Alabama Gamma** with
donations totaling \$3,225

*First Book will designate 10,000 books to be donated in the name of the St. Louis Alumnae Club to qualified agencies in the club's region of choice.

**This club and chapters will each have the privilege of naming a qualified agency in their respective areas to receive a \$500 Borders gift card.

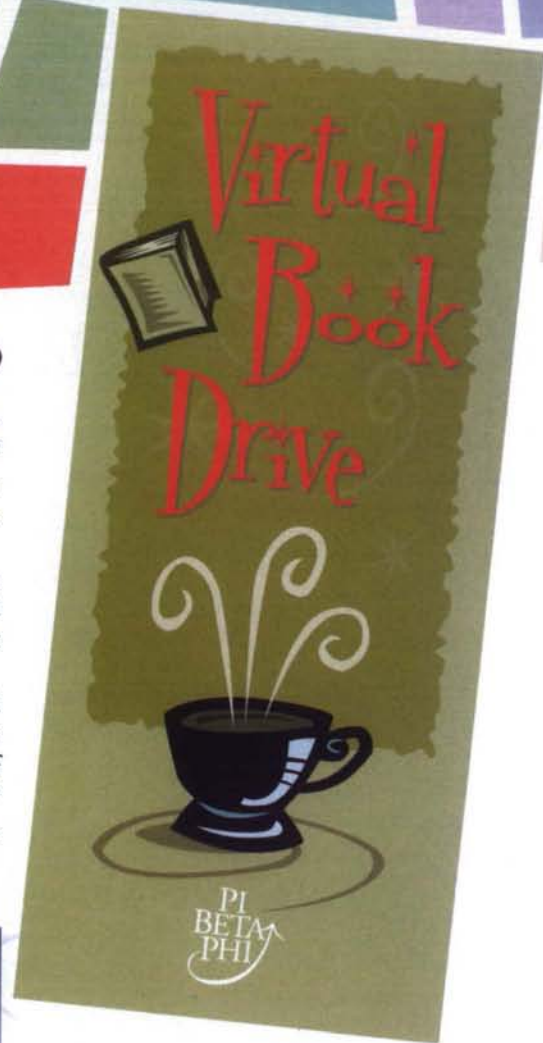


First Book® President and Co-founder to Speak at Convention 2007

Pi Phi is pleased to announce that Kyle Zimmer, the founder of First Book®, will be a keynote speaker at Pi Phi's Convention 2007.

Kyle and two colleagues founded First Book® in 1992, distributing 12,000 books in three communities. Three years later, Kyle began serving full time as president of First Book®. To date, First Book® has distributed more than 48 million books to children in thousands of communities in the United States.

She serves as a member of the International Board of Directors of both Ashoka — an organization dedicated to supporting social entrepreneurs in more than 60 countries worldwide — and Youth Venture, which works to inspire social entrepreneurs of the next generation. In October 2002, *Redbook Magazine* named Kyle one of the 2002 "Mothers and Shakers" award recipients and the University of Iowa, her alma mater, honored her with their Distinguished Alumni Award. Most recently, in November 2006, Kyle was named 2007 Outstanding Social Entrepreneur of the Year in the United States by the Geneva-based Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship.



In Memoriam

Due to space constraints, *The Arrow* will only print the obituary of a former Grand President. *In Memoriam* lists the name, initiation year, and month and year of each other member who has died. If you know a sister has died, please inform Headquarters. However, only those names accompanied by a published notice will be listed in *The Arrow*. Published notices include a newspaper obituary, a funeral program/prayer card, or a listing in a college/university alumnae newsletter. Also acceptable are obituaries from newspaper Web sites — attach the article and e-mail it to Alison Bauer at alison@pibetaphi.org.

ALABAMA ALPHA

Elizabeth Williams Copeland, 1949;
November 2006

ALABAMA BETA

Jane Hines McGown, 1949; November
2006
Mary Louise McTyeire Freeman
Townsend, 1964; January 2007

ALBERTA ALPHA

Audrey Papoe Fuenning, 1949; October
2006

ARIZONA ALPHA

Barbara Kruger Christensen, 1944;
December 2006

ARIZONA BETA

Mary Berger Barry, 1973; January 2007

ARKANSAS ALPHA

Christie Godwin Tilbury, 1986; July 2006
Muriel Richardson Woods, 1951;
December 2006

CALIFORNIA DELTA

Beatrice Elwell Whitworth, 1931;
October 2006

CALIFORNIA EPSILON

Sharon Pillster Kenny, 1958; November
2006

CALIFORNIA GAMMA

Ines Fox Antrim, 1940; January 2007

COLORADO BETA

Patricia Biggs Archer, 1954; February
2006
Eleanor Bacon Metzger, 1931; August
2006

CONNECTICUT ALPHA

Mary Bolan Cotter, 1943; October 2006

D.C. ALPHA

Jane Blue Clark, 1941; January 2007
Onie Masterson Doggett, 1946;
November 2006

FLORIDA ALPHA

Marjorie Davis Worsham, 1936;
December 2006

FLORIDA BETA

Susan West Dillow, 1967; November
2006

GEORGIA ALPHA

Mary Anne Tyler Hagler, 1944;
December 2006

ILLINOIS ALPHA

Lesley Griffin Shaw, 1960; October 2006

ILLINOIS BETA-DELTA

Virginia Gibson Clay, 1935; November
2006

Frances Hazen Rowe, 1931; November
2006

Margaret Allison Stanwood, 1937;
December 2006

Carlotta Wettach, 1931; November 2006

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Vickie Gregory Mitchell, 1944; January
2007

ILLINOIS ETA

Emily Wood Hubble, 1934; December
2006
Joan Honicker Parker, 1944; November
2006

ILLINOIS IOTA

Lindsay Barnes, 2001; December 2006

ILLINOIS THETA

Deborah Fischer Breger, 1974; August
2006
Nancy Raber Martin, 1956; December
2006
Mary Engle Schlesinger, 1954; December
2006

ILLINOIS ZETA

Jo Ann Kesler Brooks, 1943; September
2006
Nancy Voigtlander Miller, 1976;
November 2006
Annette "Candy" Proteau Saltsman,
1961; November 2006

INDIANA ALPHA

Martha Kirklin Carter, 1947; September
2006

INDIANA BETA

Dorothy Stanford Howard, 1936;
October 2006
Marilyn Taylor Frank McMahan, 1942;
November 2006

INDIANA DELTA

Marilyn Kugel Honer, 1942; December
2006
Janet Greger Sukup, 1938; November
2006
Joann Parks Treffinger, 1945; October
2006

INDIANA EPSILON

Gladys Tall Tsaros, 1947; January 2007

INDIANA GAMMA

Janet Pearson England, 1951; November 2006
Elizabeth Joan Poole Harter, 1962; December 2006

KANSAS ALPHA

Nancy Hagny Mattingly, 1938; December 2006
Anne Browning Neal, 1938; November 2006
Joy Sue Connely Noyce, 1974; January 2007
Mary Lou Olmstead Updegraff, 1927; December 2006
Mary Varner Warwick, 1945; December 2006

KANSAS BETA

Jane Auld Olson, 1936; January 2007

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Flora Hardie Fenner, 1927; November 2006
Eleanor Rogers Logan, 1941; July 2006
Charlotte Hardie Smither Menville, 1935; December 2006

LOUISIANA BETA

Maria Grebocka Denham Stevenson, March 1956; January 2007

MARYLAND ALPHA

Beverly Fertig Kabernagel, 1938; January 2007

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Virginia Raycroft Wilson, 1923; December 2006

MICHIGAN BETA

Virginia Morton Hassard, 1945; November 2006

MINNESOTA ALPHA

Eleanor Bowser Pfau, 1929; October 2006

MISSOURI ALPHA

Sonja Hillgren Downs, 1967; December 2006
Ruth Scotten Griessen, 1950; November 2006
Berenice McAlester Wanless, 1932; December 2006

MISSOURI BETA

Emma Jostes Keller, 1936; December 2006

NEVADA ALPHA

Florence Frohman Keats Boys, 1968; July 2006
Aileen Mahoney Schlager, 1938; November 2006

OHIO ALPHA

Melissa Biddle Harvey, 1934; January 2007
Marjorie Knapp Nickell, 1942; December 2006

OHIO DELTA

Nancy Mollin Michael, 1961; March 2006

OHIO ZETA

Jane Louise Blacker, 1978; December 2006

OKLAHOMA ALPHA

Jeanne Neil Burns, 1943; January 2007
Valerie Vandaveer Randolph, 1955; December 2006
Kendall Jacobs Reams, 1962; December 2006
Pauline Townsend Wise, 1931; November 2006

OKLAHOMA BETA

Myra Sollers Oliver, 1936; November 2006
Margie Lausten Staten, 1949; November 2006

ONTARIO ALPHA

Charmion King-Pinsent, 1944; January 2007

OREGON ALPHA

Marytine New Abrams, 1932; October 2006

OREGON BETA

Jerry Harvey Kleene, 1938; November 2006

PENNSYLVANIA BETA

Tatiana Reid, 1939; January 2007

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

Joan Lovejoy Aylor, 1959; October 2006
Summer Jean Sopko, 2001; December 2006

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA

Danya Hardwick Yon, 1958; December 2006

TEXAS ALPHA

Barbara Browne Martindale, 1938; January 2007
Emily Wurzbach Mickler, 1919; January 2007
Jane Turner Sheppard, 1969; October 2006
Pauline Gill Sullivan, 1937; November 2006

TEXAS BETA

Florence Bell Croxton, 1943; June 2006

UTAH ALPHA

Ann McIntyre Simmons, 1953; November 2006

VIRGINIA ALPHA

Frances Oglesby Keay, 1947, affiliated Missouri Alpha; December 2006
Barbara Lowe Mills, 1947, affiliated Texas Alpha; October 2006
Lucie Ohlin Moore, 1940, affiliated Texas Alpha; December 2006

VIRGINIA GAMMA

Dagmar Bartkus Martens, 1955; October 2006

WASHINGTON ALPHA

Betty Preston Brown, 1944; November 2006
Ruth Edwards Forehand, 1931; January 2007

WASHINGTON BETA

Sharon Johnson Kindya, 1952; October 2006
Frances Bruning Murney, 1937; November 2006

WISCONSIN BETA

Marilyn Morlock Galloway, 1943; November 2006
Dell Nottingham Ward, 1925; January 2007

WYOMING ALPHA

Kristie Raines, 1983; January 2007
Mary Lou Roper Rechard, 1946; January 2007

News & Notes

WANTED: AAC/HC HELP

Pi Beta Phi needs alumnae volunteers to serve on Alumnae Advisory Committees (AAC) or House Corporations (HC) for its chapters. If you would like to offer support to collegians in this way, log on to: www.pibetaphi.org and go to the alumnae page, scroll down and click on the listing for chapters in need of volunteers. For example, AAC members are needed for the chapter at Western Michigan University.

AAC volunteers should contact Alison Bauer at alison@pibetaphi.org. To work with a chapter's house corporation, contact housing coordinator Jen Fetter at jen@pibetaphi.org.

PI PHI PANHELLENIC PRESIDENTS 2007

Congratulations to the following women who serve as Panhellenic Presidents on their respective campuses.

Joanna Philip – Birmingham Southern College

Anne McCloy – Arizona State University

Meghan Schreiber – Northern Arizona University

Meredith Bailey – University of California–Santa Barbara —

Jenny Hernandez – Stanford University

Kristen Keifer – University of Idaho

Emily Gomes – University of Michigan

Charlotte Kaplan – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Liz Warren – Ohio State University

Sydney Neff – Ohio University

Anjali Kundu – Dickinson College

Ashley Holmes – Vanderbilt University

Anne Rabalais – Texas A & M

Katie Gardner – University of Utah
Chelsea Bergesen – University of Washington

NEW ALUMNAE DIRECTORY

Alumnae with current addresses should have received a questionnaire either in the mail or via e-mail for the new Fraternity alumnae directory, prepared by Harris Connect, Inc.

Before the final book is printed you will be contacted again to verify your information. This directory is scheduled for release in late 2007. The costs will be \$89.99 for either a hardbound directory or a CD copy and \$69.99 for a softbound directory.

HAZING HOTLINE

Concerned collegians, alumnae, parents and administrators are urged to report any suspected hazing activities. Pi Phi's Hazing Hotline is (800) 320-1867.

Welcome New Clubs

Since January 2006, six new alumnae clubs have been chartered. Join us in welcoming:

- Savannah, Georgia, Alumnae Club, chartered in January 2006
- Historic Triangle, Virginia Alumnae Club, chartered in February 2006
- Lowcountry, South Carolina Alumnae Club, chartered October 2006
- Orland Park, Illinois Alumnae Club, chartered in June 2006
- Northville, Michigan Alumnae Club, chartered in February 2007
- Bay County, Florida Alumnae Club, chartered in February 2007

Savannah, Georgia Alumnae Club founding officers are shown to the right. In the back row, from the left, are: President Jenn Todd Lavanish, South Carolina Beta, and Vice President Andrea McLelland Dochtermann, Missouri Alpha. In front are Treasurer Imani Harris, Colorado Epsilon, and Secretary Ellen Dowman Atkins, Alabama Gamma. This Founders' Day, the club will celebrate three Golden Arrow and two Silver Arrow presentations.



ARROW IN THE ARCTIC

Arrow in the Arctic, our Canadian Philanthropy, was created in 1967 to commemorate the 100th birthday of Canada and the centennial of the Fraternity. The philanthropy they chose to adopt was the Northern Libraries Project. Thanks to the generosity of Pi Phi collegians and alumnae over the last 40 years, libraries in Canada's north are able to enjoy extra services. Below is a thank you letter and photo sent in by Alison Hopkins, Territorial Librarian, NWT Public Library Services, Government of the Northwest Territories.

I was just in Yellowknife with representatives from our new community libraries buying Northern books with the funds you donated this year. Thank you again to everyone in Pi Beta Phi Fraternity.

We went to the local bookstore, called the Yellowknife Bookcellar, which specializes in Northern books. Attached is a photo of four reps from the new libraries.

From left are Roberta Memogana, Ulukhaktok Community Library; Cathy Blake, Fort McPherson Community Library; Betty Modeste, Deline Community Library and Bernice Odeen, Fort Resolution Community Library. They are holding some of the books they have selected.

*Thanks again,
Alison Hopkins*



RETIRED HOUSE DIRECTOR BECOMES A MEMBER

IOWA BETA SHARON KIRBY became a Pi Phi sister to her two daughters and granddaughter last year. She had been house director for the IOWA BETA CHAPTER at Simpson College for 23 years when she became an alumna initiate. Pictured clockwise, from the bottom center, are Sharon Kirby, Maggie Priebe, Shelly Kirby Priebe and Kayla Kirby Reese.



NPC: *Helping Women Grow, Give, Lead & Succeed*

by Carole Bicking Keily,
Alpha Sigma Tau

"Helping Women Grow, Give, Lead and Succeed" was the theme of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Interim Session Oct. 20-21, 2006, in Indianapolis.

The purpose of the Interim Session is to provide time for the board of directors, committee chairmen and committees to meet and conduct business that comes before the conference.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This meeting was structured to allow time to work on the NPC strategic plan, adopted at the 2005 Biennial Session. All aspects of NPC are being reviewed to be certain the needs of its member groups are being met as reflected in NPC's mission and vision statements. Strategic plan task forces have been working throughout the year on specific objectives of the plan.

RELEASE FIGURE METHODOLOGY

The Release Figure Methodology (RFM) was another major discussion topic. This method for calculating release figures (now known as carry figures) is used during formal recruitment. This RFM

is designed to provide more realistic expectations to potential new members (PNMs) going through recruitment, to assist all NPC groups on a campus in meeting quota, and to maximize the percentage of PNMs who begin new-member programs. The RFM is being used on more than 285 campuses now, with more being added every year.

"SOMETHING OF VALUE"

NPC's "Something of Value" program has entered its second decade and will be presented on 15 campuses during the 2006-07 academic year. The program helps collegiate members review their values and determine if their actions reflect those values. "Something of Value" has been presented on well over 100 campuses, reaching more than 10,000 women. The program is funded by the NPC Foundation through an endowment established by Alpha Omicron Pi and Kappa Delta, as well as through the generous contributions of Alpha Gamma Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and other individuals and groups.

NEW PANHELLENICS

NPC recognized two new College Panhellenics: Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, and Lycoming College,

Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and two new Alumnae Panhellenics: Lamar County and Tyler Area, both in Texas.

FACTS AND FIGURES

During the 2005-06 academic year, NPC had:

- 3,855,350 initiated alumnae and collegiate members
- 82,439 newly initiated members
- 2,922 undergraduate chapters on more than 600 campuses
- 4,560 alumnae chapters
- 209 Alumnae Panhellenics

NPC draws on the expertise and experience of its members to further the goals of the conference. These dedicated women are committed to assisting collegiate and alumnae members achieve the highest ideals of fraternity membership. For more information, contact a member of your organization's NPC delegation.



Attending NPC's Interim Conference on behalf of Pi Beta Phi were, from the left: Arrow Editor Diane Balogh, NPC First Alternate Delegate Michael Bettin, NPC Delegate Carol Inge Warren; Grand President Emily Russell Tarr; NPC Second Alternate Catherine Daniel; Executive Director Juli Holmes Willeman; and NPC Third Alternate Ashley Dye.

LOBBY U. S. CONGRESS TO PASS: COLLEGIATE HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act has been reintroduced in both the House and the Senate as H.R. 643/S.638. It's now time to join the grassroots campaign to contact Congress in support of this bill. In fact, Pi Beta Phi will have a delegation of officers and students going to D.C. in April. If you can't join them, you can always show your support and lobby by phone, mail or e-mail.

WHY IS THIS ACT IMPORTANT?

Both men's and women's Greek organizations are banding together because this act would erase a long-standing disparity in the law. And, Greek organizations will be allowed to use tax-deductible charitable contributions for the purpose of improving existing not-for-profit student housing or building new housing. Passage of the act would be a major benefit for all fraternity housing nationwide, as it would make it easier to raise funds for needed critical life-safety enhancements and other infrastructure improvements needed to sustain Greek housing.

The more sponsors for this legislation, the more likely the act is to pass. Senators and Representatives often sign onto legislation because their constituents contact them and ask for that support. For example, after a fatal Nebraska Wesleyan fire last year, Ned Kirklin of HRH/Kirklin Insurance in Omaha worked hard to educate Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel's Nebraska and D.C. staff about the need to pass the act. Ned's work paid off with the Senator's sponsorship of the Senate Bill.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you want to participate in this effort, go to: www.fraternalcampus.org. Locate the "Get Involved" tab at the top and click on "Register with the CFC." It will take about two minutes for you to provide the campaign with some basic information Greek leaders can use later in our grassroots program to target certain demographic groups for additional contacts.

After registering, go to the tab marked Legislation and click on the "Write Your Legislators." Simply complete all the boxes

and steps from there to automatically send an e-mail communication to both your Senators and Representatives. If you have a connection to other members of Congress, please write them as well.

As of late February, the House Bill was co-sponsored by 29 members:

Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-OH/Delta Sigma Theta)

Shelley Berkley (D-NV)

John Boozman (R-AR)

Robert A. Brady (D-PA)

Corrine Brown (D-FL)

Ken Calvert (R-CA)

Steve Cohen (D-TN)

Susan A. Davis (D-CA)

Michael F. Doyle (D-PA)

Phil English (R-PA)

Bart Gordon (D-TN)

Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL)

Steven C. LaTourette (R-OH)

John Lewis (D-GA/Phi Beta Sigma)

Ron Lewis (R-KY)

Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)

Mike McIntyre (D-NC)

Kendrick B. Meek (D-FL)

Dennis Moore (D-KS)

Sue Wilkins Myrick (R-NC)

Ron Paul (R-TX)

Bobby L. Rush (D-IL)

Paul Ryan (R-WI/Delta Tau Delta)

Jim Saxton (R-NJ)

Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL)

Ike Skelton (D-MO)

Patrick J. Tiberi (R-OH)

Edolphus Towns (D-NY/Phi Beta Sigma)

Jerry Weller (R-IL)

The Senate Bill has nine co-sponsors:

Pat Roberts (R-KS/Pi Kappa Alpha)

Saxby Chambliss (R-GA/Sigma Chi)

Larry Craig (R-ID/Delta Chi)

John Ensign (R-NV/Sigma Chi)

Chuck Hagel (R-NE)

Johnny Isakson (R-GA/Sigma Alpha Epsilon)

Trent Lott (R-MS/Sigma Nu)

Richard Lugar (R-IN/Beta Theta Pi)

John Thune (R-SD)



New Beginning, Same Traditions

D.C. ALPHA RETURNS TO GWU

Pi Phi is back at The George Washington University (GWU) after an absence of almost 40 years. Originally chartered in 1889, the D.C. Alpha chapter is rich in Pi Phi history and tradition. It was the first chapter to be chartered under the new Fraternity name Pi Beta Phi. The chapter also contributed to the advancement of women in the GWU community. As the first sorority at GWU, Pi Phi remained the only women's group for more than 10 years. The chapter was proud to have three members among the first women to graduate from the school, which was then called Columbia College.

Since bid day, the new member class has learned to appreciate their unique history. Like their pioneering sisters, the new members of D.C. Alpha have quickly made an impact on the GWU campus. When the colony was less than two weeks old, it took fourth place overall in Greek Week and has participated in four, day-long community service activities. Resident Leadership Development Consultant COLLEEN BRILEY says "The women of D.C. Alpha are leaders on the GWU campus, and I am especially proud of the way the chapter members have bonded so quickly. Each chapter member is dedicated to making D.C. Alpha a leading chapter on campus and in Pi Phi." According to KAREN CHEVALIER, new chapter assistance officer and Grand Vice President Communications, "The D.C. area alumnae are thrilled with the return of D.C. Alpha.



New Alumnae Initiates Dr. Penny Rue, left, Jennifer Davis, center, and Lindsey Hunt became members as part of the installation ceremony.



Nine members of the original D.C. Alpha Chapter attended installation events.

Thanks to the involvement of hundreds of area alumnae, this chapter is off to a fantastic start. I'm especially proud of the nine-member Alumnae Advisory Committee which was in place since before we recruited new members!"

In January Pi Phis from all over the country joined the new members to officially welcome D.C. Alpha to the roll call of active chapters. The festivities began with the pledging of three Alumnae initiates. DR. PENNY RUE is the Dean of Students at the University of Virginia and is a legacy through her mother and grandmother. JENNIFER DAVIS is a doctoral student at GWU and is the great-great granddaughter of Founder LIBBY BROOKE GADDIS. LINDSEY HUNT is a designer with Ralph Lauren and the daughter of Arrowmont Board of Governors Chair CATHY HUNT. The preparatory service for the 79 collegiate candidates for initiation and the three alumnae initiates followed. There was standing room only during the ceremony, which is a good indication of the wholehearted local alumnae support.

The beautiful City View Room was the setting for the celebratory Cookie Shine complete with Pi Phi songs and lots of candy. Again the room was filled to capacity with officers, alumnae, collegians from North Carolina Delta and West Virginia Alpha and family members. The highlight of the evening was

Grand President EMILY TARR's presentation of D.C. Alpha heritage badges to the chapter. Numerous D.C. Alpha alumnae donated their badges to the chapter and the badges were used to initiate the members of the Executive Board. They will be returned to the chapter in a shadow box for permanent display. Emily also shared special selections from the letters that accompanied the badges. Through those written words everyone was touched by the stories of D.C. Alpha.

More than 170 collegian and alumnae attended the Installation Banquet, held at the Westin Grand Hotel, on Saturday evening. Toastmistress, former Grand President SIS MULLIS welcomed the guests with an inspiring address on the real objectives of Pi Beta Phi, "Friends and Leaders for Life." The look on the new initiates' faces during the impromptu singing of Ring Ching was priceless!

A community reception at the GWU Marvin Center capped off the weekend. The Greek community attended in full force showing their support for the new chapter on their campus. University President Dr. Stephen Joel Trachtenberg attended and offered the new Executive Board and the members of Grand Council his support and enthusiastic congratulations stating he was glad to finally have Pi Phi back!



D.C. Alpha was installed in January at The George Washington University with 79 new members, above.

The installation weekend festivities were made even more special by the appearance of past and present International officers and collegians and alumnae from across the country. Six members of Grand Council, pictured in the front row, were joined by 13 other International officers and two Leadership Development Consultants.



Swing into Spring with Pi Phi Accessories!

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|--------|---|--------|---|-------|---|
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Stainless steel.....\$130 | MD209 | Cubic Zirconia Badge,
engraved point
10K yellow gold\$140 |
| MD121 | Angel Band Ring
Sterling silver\$120 | PMD196 | Swoosh Arrow Pin
Sterling silver\$40 | MD311 | Garnet and Aquamarine
Badge, diamond point
10K yellow gold\$200 |
| PMD151 | Rope Chain, 18"
Sterling silver\$18 | MD202 | Pearl Bracelet with charm
Sterling silver\$60 | MD500 | Jeweled Business Card Case
with Swarovski crystals
Silverplate.....\$20 |
| MD170 | Diamond Lavalier
10K white gold.....\$300
(special order) | MD203 | Crown Pearl Badge,
diamond point
10K yellow gold\$160 | MD501 | Jeweled Mirror
with Swarovski crystals
Silverplate.....\$20 |
| MD171 | Cubic Zirconia Lavalier
Sterling silver\$100 | PMD205 | Swoosh Arrow Necklace, 16"
Sterling silver\$45 | MD502 | Jeweled Oval Trinket Box
with Swarovski crystals
Silverplate.....\$25 |
| PMD173 | Cubic Zirconia Arrow Charm
Sterling silver\$160 | MD206 | Pearl Necklace with charm, 18"
Sterling silver\$80 | | |
| | | MD208 | Diamond Badge, engraved point
10K yellow gold\$325 | | |



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TOP 10 WAYS TO OBSERVE PI BETA PHI'S 140TH ANNIVERSARY

Attend a Founders' Day event at your chapter or alumnae club.

Wear your badge on Saturday, April 28.

Buy a bouquet of wine carnations for your home.

Google a lost sister and re-connect.

Call someone from your pledge class and sing your favorite Pi Phi song.

Plan a reunion for your pledge class.

Make a donation to the Foundation—\$140 would be nice, but so would 140 quarters (\$35).

Make a list of your favorite Pi Phi memories.

Volunteer to listen to a child read.

Read Grand President Emily Tarr's Founders' Day message on page 18.

HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED A NAME, PAID DUES?

Help us keep our database updated. Edit your member profile online at www.pibetaphi.org, or send this form to: Pi Beta Phi Headquarters, 1154 Town & Country Commons Drive, Town & Country, MO 63017.

\$20 Check, payable to Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, for Fraternity dues enclosed.
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For office use: Ref # _____ Region _____ Amount \$ _____ Check # _____ Code AID _____

Initiated Name (first/middle/maiden) _____

Name (first/maiden/last) _____

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Chapter and Year of Initiation _____

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