**HONORING OUR 12 FOUNDERS**

**FROM TOP LEFT, CLARA BROWNLEE HUTCHINSON:** Gentle and shy, she demonstrated a high level of Integrity and an unflinching adherence to the ideals of splendid womanhood. Her sisters said, “She was Pi Beta Phi.”

**FANNIE WHITENACK LIBBEY:** Throughout her life, she demonstrated her Lifelong Commitment to Pi Beta Phi by maintaining membership in an alumnæ club, continuing her interest and support for Pi Phi philanthropies and attending many conventions, where she often spoke. “In keeping with our aim, I like to think that each one gives out something of gladness, of friendship and of service.”

**INEZ SMITH SOULE:** A tiny woman with a ready wit, she set a standard of loyalty and Lifelong Commitment. A member of Pi Phi for 73 years, she had the joy of seeing and keeping in touch with many young people who organized into collegiate chapters and alumnæ clubs from coast to coast and also in Canada.

**MARGARET CAMPBELL:** Her Personal and Intellectual Growth led her to become interested in the lack of education available to young African-Americans. Because of her awareness of the need and her deep conviction to philanthropic work, she served as matron at Thye Institute in Virginia, one of the few high schools at that time for African-Americans in the country.

**LIBBIE BROOK GADDIS:** The youngest founder, she established Pi Beta Phi’s second chapter at Iowa Wesleyan University. Of Sincere Friendship she said, “for while there are deeper and holier relations than that of … Pi Beta Phi, still nothing purer or lovelier graces the name of friendship.”

**ADA BRUEN GRIER:** The Sincere Friendships she formed in Pi Phi lasted her an entire lifetime. In the last letter before her death in 1924, she wrote to her college roommate, “Libbie, you are the best friend I ever had!”

It is fitting today to remember the story of our 12 young founders, for it’s in the calm reflection of things past that we set a proper course for the future.
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**FROM BOTTOM LEFT, EMMA BROWNLEE KILGORE:** A true leader and the first President, she continued throughout her life to pursue Personal and Intellectual Growth by learning about numerous causes and good deeds to which she gave her leadership skills.

**JENNIE HORNE TURNBULL:** Her vision of what Pi Phi would become characterizes this quiet and charming woman. “The founders dreamed dreams as to our future, but truly this has gone far beyond our wildest dreams. ... Words fail to express the pride the founders feel in the work, and well we should. It’s wonderful.”

**NANCY BLACK WALLACE:** Her vision of extension was not daunted by the custom of discouraging women from becoming self-reliant. She expressed the opinion that, “one had to maintain a sort of ‘sorosis’ air to keep one's courage up,” and went out to install Pi Phi’s third chapter at the Seminary in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

**FANNIE THOMSON:** In her passion for extension, she wished for all New Members to always uphold the value of Honor and Respect held by the 12 founders. “Our object ... is to send out into the world women who will ever be an honor and a blessing.”

**JENNIE NICOL, M.D.:** Her devotion to Philanthropic Service to Others led her to choose a career in medicine. “No woman ever entered the profession with a nobler purpose.”

**ROSA MOORE:** Her Philanthropic Service to Others was realized through her social service work. We remember her famous expression: “The one word out of my heart to every other heart is give all that you are and have.”
Happy 150th Birthday, Dear Pi Beta Phi

Don’t we all wish we could have a conversation with the 12 brave young women who founded the organization we call Pi Beta Phi? If I could sit down with the visionary founders of our organization, in that upstairs bedroom of Major Holt’s house, I would have lots of questions.

Did you dream the sisterhood you began in 1867 would celebrate its 150th birthday? Did you dream Pi Beta Phi would grow from 12 women wearing golden arrows to 140 active collegiate chapters, 288 alumnae clubs and nearly 300,000 members ever initiated? I suspect, as you’re looking down on us from Pi Phi heaven, you can see we have, indeed, grown beyond your wildest dreams into a sisterhood of which you would be extremely proud. So, thank you. From all of us, thank you.

Thank you for showing us how to be brave. Because of your vision, we are strong women leaders, modeling the way on our campuses and in our communities. Like you, we have, and will continue to have, a profound impact on the world because we will lead bravely.

Thank you for teaching us the importance of philanthropy and giving us the commitment to erase the barriers of illiteracy. We are making an impact in the world. Lives have been, and will continue to be, enriched through our community service efforts.

Thank you for creating the rituals and traditions of Pi Beta Phi which bind us, heart to heart and mind to mind. We vow to always honor, protect and preserve those rituals so they withstand the test of time for another 150 years.

Thank you for inspiring us to face the challenges of remaining a relevant organization in an ever-changing world. We will persevere in ensuring the future of our sisterhood.

Thank you for showing us we stand stronger when we work in concert with our fraternal sisters. Sisterhood across badges will always be valued in the organization you created.

Thank you for entrusting us to carry out the legacy you began 150 years ago. We vow to continue to nurture this opportunity you presented to us. We promise to be friends and leaders for life.

As we reflect on our past and contemplate the future, I am sincerely thankful for those who paved the path to this day. Like our 12 young founders, I don’t know what the future holds for Pi Beta Phi. But I do know this: If we hold onto who we are and who our founders taught us to be, the future of Pi Beta Phi will glow ever brighter. As we celebrate our 150th year, I thank all of you, dear sisters, for your commitment to our blessed Fraternity. Happy Birthday Pi Beta Phi! Here's to 150 more!
ON THE COVER
On April 28, 1867, 150 years ago, 12 young women came together to support one another. It’s amazing to think the vision of our 12 founders lives on today through nearly 300,000 members ever initiated. Each of our lives is different, better and richer because of Pi Beta Phi.

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A Golden Chain of Friendship

When I signed a pledge to the New York Alpha Chapter and the gold arrow was pinned on me, I had no knowledge of Pi Beta Phi’s history. The Fraternity, as I knew it, was what I saw in that room and the women surrounding me. I couldn’t fathom anything beyond that. But, sometime before graduation, I fell in love with Pi Phi’s history.

When I first visited Holt House after the 1991 St. Louis Convention, I had goosebumps standing in the second floor bedroom shared by Founders ADA BRUEN GRIER and LIBBIE BROOK GADDIS. In my mind’s eye, I could see the women crowded in that small room, whispering a promise to one another to “always conceal and never reveal” that the organization was founded in Monmouth, Illinois. How lucky for us this promise was not kept.

Could they have ever imagined the women’s Fraternity they created would someday celebrate 150 years? What they did was extraordinary, considering there was not a blueprint for what they did. They were in college at a time when less than two percent of women, whom we would consider of college age, were enrolled in any form of higher education. They had few rights. They couldn’t vote. So creating a Fraternity for women was a bold move. Leading that organization forward, especially in a climate where they faced opposition from Monmouth College, was an even tougher one.

If I could have advised the founders in any way, I would have encouraged them to use the Greek motto as the name of the organization from the beginning. Some who do not know our history say I.C. Sorosis was a literary society. Others say I.C. Sorosis and Pi Beta Phi were two separate organizations. Those are both incorrect statements. The early issues of the Monmouth student newspaper list the I.C.s on the page with the men’s fraternities, not on the page with the literary societies. Moreover, most of the 12 founders were already members of a literary society. They wanted something different, they wanted a sisterhood, and that’s why they created Pi Beta Phi.

In the ensuing 150 years, life has changed. The women who are initiated in this special 150th anniversary year have lives so vastly different than the lives of our founders. But the Fraternity and what it stands for is very much the same. Sisterhood — Sincere Friendship — has been with us since that very first meeting.

As we begin our quest to another 150 years, I implore you to preserve our history. Take pictures, make scrapbooks and store them in a safe place. And, when you can no longer enjoy them, send those scrapbooks to the archives at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters. These scrapbooks will serve as a record of who and what we are. Because our history matters, and it’s up to you to ensure our heritage remains for generations to come.
150 Years of Friendship in Pi Beta Phi

A compilation of Pi Phi history featuring rare photographs, letters and items from the archives.
I.C. Sorosis was founded on April 28, 1867, at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois.

The founders chose the arrow as their badge. The original pins were golden arrows, bearing the letters "I C" in black enamel on the wings. On May 14, 1867, the Founders walked into chapel, wearing their golden arrows for the first time, in their hair.

The first convention was held at the home of Founder FANNIE THOMSON in Oquawka, Illinois.

A second chapter was founded by Founder LIBBIE BROOK (GADDIS) at Iowa Wesleyan University in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Kansas Alpha came into existence because of SARA RICHARDSON, a member of the chapter at Lombard College. The chapter was chartered on April 1, 1873, with seven members.

The first I.C. party at Kansas Alpha, one to honor SARA RICHARDSON, was dubbed a "Cookie Shine" by the University Chancellor. The term so pleased the I.C.s that they immediately adopted it as their own.
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“One of the greatest events, to 12 girls, during that college year was the founding of I.C. Sorosis. No one can tell in full the joys of those years spent at Monmouth. As the days have come and gone since, the memories of the friends there have never been lost. Even many new friendships formed in other places and at different times have never replaced those of the old I.C.s.”

— Founder Ada Bruen Grier
1877 – 1886

1877
Great Railroad Strike over lowered wages started in West Virginia and spread to other states.

1881
President Garfield was assassinated.

1882
- A failed assassination attempt on Queen Victoria occurred.
- At the 1882 Burlington Convention, it was voted to publish, when funds permitted, a Fraternity magazine. However, it was not until the 1884 Iowa City Convention that the Kansas Alpha Chapter was given the responsibility of publishing the magazine and Kansas Alpha Mary E. Miller (Barnes) was elected Editor.

1885
- The first movie was created by Thomas Edison in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

1886
- The Statue of Liberty was assembled on Bedloe’s Island in New York Harbor, having previously been completed in France and shipped to the U.S.
1885

The Arrow’s first edition, Volume I, Number I, dated May 1885, was mailed on June 25, 1885. It was 20 pages and did not have advertisements. The title page read: “The Arrow, official organ of I.C. Sorosis, Pi Beta Phi.”

Pi Beta Phi’s first literacy service project took place when Nebraska Alpha established a library in York, Nebraska, with 225 books. When the chapter closed in 1892, it gave more than 1,000 volumes to the city to help start the city’s library.

“In sending out this, the first issue of The Arrow, we hope to be welcomed with encouraging words from our brother and sister Greeks. And as it is the first number, like new wine, the older it grows, the better it will become. Succeeding numbers will demonstrate the truth of this. We aim high, and as we have often heard that, ‘Where there’s a will, there’s a way,’ so exercising our will, and hewing our way, success must attend our efforts.”

— Kansas Alpha Mary E. Miller (Barnes)
1888

Iowa Alpha LOUISE "LULU" SAWYERS (LINN) wrote the song "Ring, Ching, Ching" in response to a request from The Arrow Editor for song submissions.

By convention vote, the name of the organization was changed from I.C. Sorosis to Pi Beta Phi. Some chapters had already been using the Greek motto for years before the change was officially made.

1890

Convention was held in Galesburg, Illinois. D.C. Alpha EMMA HARPER TURNER presided in the absence of Grand President RAINIE ADAMSON SMALL, Illinois Beta. Famed suffragist CARRIE LANE CHAPMAN CATT, Iowa Gamma, was a guest speaker.

1887

Three versions of Coca-Cola were on the market, having made its debut at Jacob's Pharmacy the year prior as a patent medicine for five cents.

1888

The Great Blizzard was one of the most severe in the U.S. and mainly affected the East Coast.

1892

Basketball was invented.

1893

The Panic of 1893 affected the economy of the United States.

1896

The Klondike Gold Rush began, with an estimated 100,000 prospectors to that Northwestern Canadian region.
By convention vote, April 28 became known as Founders’ Day to celebrate the founding of the Fraternity.

1892

A national Alumnae Department was organized. D.C. Alpha EMMA HARPER TURNER stepped down as Grand President to become the first President of the Alumnae Department.

1893

The wine carnation was chosen as the official Fraternity flower.

The Chapter Meeting Ritual was written by D.C. Alpha ANNA HAZELTON.

D.C. Alpha EMMA HARPER TURNER was elected Grand President.

1890

“Somehow, the longer I am a Pi Phi, the more I love the things of Pi Phi, her very name, her motto, her flower, her arrow, her song, her whistle, her yell. I love them all.”

— Pennsylvania Beta Mary Bartol (Theiss)
1899

The “Songs of Pi Beta Phi” songbook was published on January 1, 1899. It was 117 Pages and contained 78 songs. It was the first official songbook compiled and published by the Fraternity.

1901

At the 1901 Syracuse Convention, GRACE GOODHUE (COOLIDGE) was Vermont Beta’s delegate. ANNA NICKERSON (ROBINSON) was Massachusetts Alpha’s delegate. A lifelong friendship between the future First Lady and future Grand Vice President was forged.

1904

The Pledging Ceremony was adopted by the convention body, although its use was optional at that point.
1906
The convention body adopted a uniform pledge pin of an arrowhead in Roman gold mounted with the Greek-letter Beta in burnished gold.

“I have hung in memory’s picture-gallery, over against each other, two scenes: One, the girls on the porch at Fannie Whitteack’s in Monmouth 37 years ago; the other, this beautiful convention. My early relations with LC were most pleasant, and I can truly say, of all the times that Time has in his grip, there are none that I can smile at half so much, or think of half so tenderly.”

— Founder Libbie Brook Gaddis

1897
First Boston Marathon took place

1898
Spanish American War ended

1899
Al Capone was born

1900
World population hit 75 million

1901
President McKinley was assassinated

1902
First Rose Bowl was played

1903
Wright Brothers’ first flight

1904
Teddy Roosevelt was re-elected

1905
Las Vegas was founded

1906
Susan B. Anthony died
By convention vote, a plan was adopted to establish a Settlement School in the Appalachian Mountains. D.C. Alpha EMMA HARPER TURNER presented the philanthropic project as a way to honor the founders and Pi Beta Phi’s founding. A committee was appointed to outline and develop the project.

The Pi Beta Phi Settlement School opened in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. School began with 14 students and ended three months later with 33 students.

Parliament Elections in Finland were the first to include female candidates

During her maiden voyage, Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic and sunk

The Federal Reserve System was created

Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was killed and World War I began

Daylight savings time began
1907–1916

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1912

The Coat of Arms (crest) was copyrighted. It was previously adopted at the 1910 Swarthmore Convention.

The song “Pi Beta Phi Grace” was adopted by the Fraternity. Today, some chapters sing the song, while others recite the words aloud.

1913

On June 21, 1913, Grand Council authorized an amendment to the Constitution and Statutes, providing the formation of Alumnae Advisory Committees (AAC). The amendment included provisions “that for each active chapter, there shall be an advisory committee of five from the nearest chartered alumnae club” and that committee shall supervise in the areas of scholarship, house management, general social conditions, the publication of Fraternity news and the Panhellenic situation.

1915

By convention vote, it was decided each alumnae club would meet at least four times per year. One meeting was to be devoted to the nearest chapter, a second to Founders’ Day, a third to the interests of the Settlement School and a fourth to the Constitution and Statutes.

“Convention Daily” newspaper was published for the first time. The newspaper was distributed to convention attendees and mailed to those who subscribed to it. It raised $80, which was donated to the Fraternity’s loan fund.

Whatsoever things are true, Lovely, fair, Beyond compare, Pure as is your arrows’ gold, Sweet as wine carnations hold, Honest, just of worth untold — These hold ye in honor due Best to serve the name ye bear; Weavers of the wine and blue, Choose these in your hearts to wear.

— Illinois Epsilon Abigail Williams Burton
1917
The Golden Anniversary Convention celebrating 50 years was canceled abruptly due to the United States’ entrance into World War I. It would have taken place in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from June 23–30, 1917.

1918
Scholastic requirements for initiation into Pi Beta Phi were adopted.

After serving 10 years as Grand President, Maryland Alpha MAY LANSFIELD KELLER was named Grand President Emerita.

1921
No member active at the time or initiated after July 6, 1921, could wear a badge other than the standard gold badge. Platinum badges, stones on the chain or enameled pins were no longer permitted.

1921
The Balfour Cup, the Fraternity’s highest and most prestigious honor for a collegiate chapter, was first awarded at the 1921 Charlevoix Convention to Virginia Alpha. The silver cup was originally known as the Ruth DeHass Balfour Memorial Cup. It was given to Pi Bera Phi by Lloyd G. Balfour, Sigma Chi and fraternity jeweler, in memory of his wife, Indiana Gamma RUTH DEHASS BALFOUR.
1923
The Chapter House Building Fund was established.

Chapter Executive Councils were created.

The mother’s pin became available for mothers of Pi Beta Phi members. Today, the pin is a gold arrowhead with the Greek letters Pi Beta Phi and a pearl accent. The pin can be purchased through Pi Phi Express.

1924
A portrait of First Lady GRACE GOODHUE COOLIDGE, Vermont Beta, was presented by the Fraternity to the White House. More than 1,200 members and Pi Phi mothers attended the portrait presentation. Famed suffragist CARRIE LANE CHAPMAN CATT, Iowa Gamma, spoke at the event. Grand Vice President ANNA ROBINSON NICKERSON, Massachusetts Alpha, was the banquet toastmistress. The portrait hangs in the China Room of the White House today.

World Events

1917  The first Pulitzer Prizes were awarded

1919  The Treaty of Versailles between Allied Powers and Germany was signed, bringing World War I to an end

1920  Prohibition began

1923  The first issue of Time Magazine was published, making it the first weekly news magazine in the United States

1924  The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was established

“…The one word out of my heart to every other heart is — give all that you are and have, and this consecration will restore all that has been lost to you, to others and the world — forevermore.”

— Founder Rosa Moore
1927
A ritual for pledge meetings was approved at the 1927 Pequot Convention. It was prepared by Colorado Beta EMILIE ENGELBACH KING.

1928
The name Pi Beta Phi and the arrow badge were copyrighted by the Fraternity.

World Events

1927: The first "talkie" film, The Jazz Singer, came out
1928: Mickey Mouse® was created by Walt Disney
1929: The Great Depression began and was catalyzed by the Wall Street crash
1930: The first FIFA World Cup was played
1931: Construction began on the Empire State Building
1933: The New Deal programs were created to provide relief for the unemployed and poor and help recover the economy to normal levels
1936: Margaret Mitchell’s historical romance Gone with the Wind was published
1934

Grand President AMY BURNHAM ONKEN, Illinois Epsilon, was awarded an honorary degree from Monmouth College. Founder MARGARET CAMPBELL placed the doctoral hood on her.

1934

At the 1934 Yellowstone Convention, it was voted that bronze markers should be placed on the graves of the founders.

The convention body also voted there should be just 12 links in the chain of the badge, one for each founder.

1935

The first Amy Burnham Onken Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Campus and Community Leadership was given. Regional winners received a special guard designed by Lloyd G. Balfour with three modeled feathers in flight stemmed with a sapphire. The overall winner received a gold charm in the shape of the Fraternity crest with a diamond in the center.

"Life is complicated, but if we are true and live up to the ideals of our grand Fraternity, Pi Beta Phi will mean more and more as the years go by."

— Founder Inez Smith Soule
1940
Through the efforts of a Pi Phi father, Hugh Moffet of the Monmouth Daily Review, Holt House was purchased for the Fraternity at a delinquent tax auction for the sum of $1,100. Mr. Moffet’s own lot adjoined the Holt property on the east.

1941
On April 26, 1941, Holt House officially opened. The Illinois Alpha Chapter and the Monmouth, Illinois, Alumnae Club entertained at a tea. Banta’s Greek Exchange reported: “Those of you who have seen cherished dreams of your own come true will know the thrill and the sense of satisfaction and gratitude, which moved so deeply every member of the Fraternity privileged to be at Holt House that day!”

1942 & 1944
On account of World War II, convention was canceled in both 1942 and 1944.

1945
Past Grand President AMY BURNHAM ONKEN, Illinois Epsilon, was installed as Chairman of the National Panhellenic Conference. She served in the role for two years. During her term, she oversaw the merger of the Association of Education Sororities into the Conference.

1941
Founder FANNIE WHITENACK LIBBEY died in Lake City, Minnesota, at the age of 95. At her death, she was the last surviving founder.
1946

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1937 Hindenburg exploded
1938 Orson Welles caused nationwide panic with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds," a realistic radio dramatization of a Martian invasion of Earth
1939 World War II began
1940 President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected for a third term
1941 Hitler declared war on the U.S.
1942 The Manhattan Project started
1943 Detroit Race Riots took place
1944 Allies launched the largest amphibious invasion in history when they assaulted Normandy, located on the northern coast of France
1945 Battle of Iwo Jima was fought
1945 Germany surrendered, marking the ending of World War II
1947–1956

1948

An Officers Workshop was authorized to take place in the years when there was an interim from convention. Today, Officers Workshop creates and cultivates aspiration in volunteers, builds relationships among those attending, drives alignment with Fraternity-wide efforts and allows for opportunities to provide input on future Fraternity projects and priorities.

1950

Senior dues and annual alumna dues both increased to $2.50 per year.

1952

Pi Beta Phi grew to 97 active collegiate chapters and 56,000 ever-initiated members.

1954

The Canadian Loan Fund was approved and interest-free loans were made available to Pi Phi graduate students studying social work.

1956

Chapter accounts were placed into the hands of professional staff members at Pi Beta Phi’s Central Office.

1956

The first Chapter Service Award for Outstanding Servant Leadership was awarded. Silver arrows were given to regional winners. A bracelet was given to the overall winner. Since 1967, regional winners have received a hand-crafted silver arrow pin, originally designed by Stan Kyle, whose wife was Pi Beta Phi’s Poet Laureate EVELYN PETERS KYLE, Illinois Alpha.
World Events

1947 The Truman Doctrine, an American foreign policy, was created to counter Soviet geopolitical spread during the Cold War

1948 The Berlin Blockade started, which cut West Berlin off from resources that were brought by railway, road or canal

1949 The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was created

1952 Queen Elizabeth II of England was crowned

1953 Elvis Presley’s career took off when he walked into the offices of Sun Records and recorded a two-sided acetate disc

1954 The landmark U.S. Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education declared state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students to be unconstitutional
1962

The Chapter Executive Council was increased from seven members to 11 members to better assist with growing chapter needs.

Past Grand President SARAH RUTH “SIS” MULLIS, South Carolina Alpha, attended her first convention. She was a newly-initiated member of Pi Beta Phi at the time. She has not missed a convention since. At each convention, during the convention countdown, Sis is the last Pi Phi standing. She has attended more conventions than any other living Pi Phi.

1964

Each chapter was required to have a Chapter House Corporation and a local maintenance fund.

At the 1964 Victoria Convention, the project committee proposed The Centennial Project, an arts and crafts center to be developed on Fraternity property in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in honor of the Fraternity’s 100th anniversary. The project was approved and work began.

1966

A mini-convention, consisting of a three-day working session, was held in Gatlinburg. The purpose of the mini-convention was to plan the 1967 Centennial Convention.

By 1966, Sevier County took over the administration of the former Pi Beta Phi Settlement School. The existing facilities were remodeled and/or built new and called Pi Beta Phi Elementary School. At that time, the Fraternity also deeded the land the school was built on to the county.
1957–1966

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“Pi Beta Phi is unending,
The warm affection it holds,
Keeps purpose and honor
forever unbending,
For each in its way it enfolds.

We cherish the gift of our arrow,
May its gleam āer
reflect through our lives;
Looking backward with pride,
Knowing love will abide
— forever — In Pi Beta Phi.”

— Oklahoma Beta Chapter

1966

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1957

Civil Rights Act passed

1958

Sputnik was launched

1959

Hawaii became
the 50th state

1960

"To Kill a Mockingbird"
was published

1961

U.S. increased its
involvement in Vietnam

1962

Cuban Missile Crisis
took place

1963

President John F. Kennedy
was assassinated

1965

Protestors marched from
Selma to Montgomery

1966

Freedom of Information
Act signed into law

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1967

The Northern Libraries Project was adopted to commemorate the centennials of Canada and Pi Beta Phi. The project was later renamed Arrow in the Arctic. It was the first Canadian philanthropy established by a National Panhellenic Conference group.

The book, "A Century of Friendship in Pi Beta Phi," was published. It covered Fraternity history from 1867 to 1967. Pi Beta Phi Historian JEAN ORR DONALDSON, Oklahoma Beta, used the work of Past Historians, issues of The Arrow, Fraternity correspondence and archives materials including letters and pictures to write the book.

1968

The Traveling Graduate Consultant (TGC) — now Leadership Development Consultant (LDC) — program officially began. From the 1940s, Grand Council had assigned outstanding Pi Phis to work with new colonies and chapters on an as-needed basis. Past Grand President BETH VAN MAANEN BEATTY, Texas Gamma, served as one of these early consultants in 1958. Today, graduating seniors participate in an application and interview process and are members of the Headquarters staff.
The first Evelyn Peters Kyle Angel Award for Club Service was awarded. The award recognizes an individual alumna who has served her alumnae club by performing those duties that often go unrecognized but serve to enhance the success of a club. The first award was a handmade ceramic angel wearing a silver blue dress. Today’s winners receive a silver angel medallion.

The Canadian convention delegates determined there was no longer a need for the Canadian Loan Fund, so it was dispersed.

World Events

- 1967: Summer of love happened in San Francisco
- 1968: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated
- 1969: The U.S. landed on the moon
- 1970: Kent State campus unrest led to the death of four students
- 1971: Landmark U.S. Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade affirms the legality of a woman’s right to have an abortion under the 14th Amendment
- 1974: President Richard Nixon resigned
- 1975: First Apple® computer released
1977–1986

1981
Annual alumna dues and senior dues were raised to $6 per year.
A policy was enacted requiring publicity in any national print publication, or on any film, radio or television program, to have the pre-approval of Grand Council.

1983
A large Pi Beta Phi coat-of-arms, or crest, banner was presented by Grand Council to the Fraternity at the 1983 Louisville Convention. The banner continues to be displayed at each biennial convention.

World Events

1977 The first installment in the Star Wars film series was released
1979 The U.S. Department of Education was created
1980 The U.S. boycotted the Summer Olympic Games in Moscow
1981 Sandra Day O’Connor became the first female Supreme Court Justice
1982 EPCOT theme park opened at the Walt Disney® World Resort
1984 Summer Olympic Games were held in Los Angeles
1986 Space Shuttle Challenger exploded, resulting in the death of all seven crew members, including a civilian school teacher
1985

In anticipation of Pi Beta Phi rotating onto the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) Executive Committee, the NPC Delegate was removed as a member of Grand Council and made an appointed office. At that time, Past Grand President JEAN WIRTHS SCOTT, Pennsylvania Beta, was named NPC Delegate. She would serve in that role until 2003.

A stronger statement that hazing was in violation of Fraternity standards was issued.

Probationary terms for New Members and initiated members were clarified, as well as terms for Automatic Financial Probation.

The initiation fee was set at $85, and included a gold-filled badge.

The Arrow magazine’s centennial was celebrated with a special anniversary issue of the magazine, featuring historical information and greetings from Past Arrow Editors and Past Grand Presidents. At the 1985 Kansas City Convention, Arrow Editor MARILYN SIMPSON FORD, Nebraska Beta, presented a program highlighting the history of the magazine. Favors during the anniversary dinner were replicas of the first issue of The Arrow, dated 1885.
1989

Three of Founder JENNIE HORNE TURNBULL's granddaughters were present at the 1989 San Diego Convention: KATHERINE TURNBULL CAMPBELL, MARJORIE TURNBULL FRITZ and ELEANOR TURNBULL SASSANO, all Illinois Alphas. They had with them the badge their grandmother wore to chapel when I.C. Sorosis made its debut at Monmouth College in 1867.

1990

The Links to Literacy philanthropy program debuted. Chapters and alumnae clubs were encouraged to provide literacy service to their local communities.

Pi Beta Phi Foundation was created to ensure a financially sound future for the Fraternity, and provide support for its members, through scholarship opportunities, educational and leadership development programming, Fraternity heritage, philanthropic efforts and other charitable programs.

1990 Arrow told of the establishment of Pi Phi Express. The tagline was “Think Pi Phi — Shop Pi Phi.” Its establishment was concurrent with the initiative to ensure all commercial use of Pi Beta Phi’s trademarks on logo apparel and merchandise were administered through a license agreement with the Fraternity.

1989 - The Berlin Wall fell
1990 - Gulf War began
1991 - First public website created
1992 - Los Angeles Riots occurred following the ruling in the Rodney King case
1993 - World Trade Center bombing took place
1995 - World Trade Organization (WTO) was established
1991
The first Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Awards were given to distinguished alumnae who exhibited excellence and outstanding leadership in their career or volunteer service to their communities.

The Chapter Banner Parade debuted at the 1991 St. Louis Convention. Each chapter with living alumnae had a banner in the parade. Active chapters designed and prepared their own banners with symbols specific to their campus. Those banners are proudly carried across the convention stage today.

1993
The alumnae department celebrated its 100th year.

Groundwork for revision of the Fraternity’s governing documents began after the convention body authorized a committee to review the documents. Fraternity Parliamentarian Carrie-Mae MacNair Blount, Maryland Alpha, chaired the committee. The documents were enthusiastically approved at the 1995 Palm Desert Convention.

1994
The first Emma Harper Turner Leadership Award, honoring alumnae club leadership, was given.

1995
Past Grand President Jean Wirths Scott, Pennsylvania Beta, became National Panhellenic Conference Chairman. The practices she helped put into place continue to ensure the Conference remains a vital force in the fraternity and sorority community today.

1996
Due to the demands of institutions with Pi Phi chapters, a streamlined New Member orientation program was created.
1997

National Panhellenic Conference's International Badge Day became an annual event to encourage sorority women of all ages to celebrate the power of sorority by wearing their badge or letters on that day.

The Fraternity’s first website launched. At its start, it averaged 77 visits per day. Today, the Pi Beta Phi website averages more than 1,500 visits per day.

1998

A new chapter officer, the Risk Management Educator, was added. The officer was to facilitate two special programs per year. Topics included health issues, alcohol/drug abuse, eating disorders, etiquette and personal safety.

2000

New terminology was enacted. Rush became recruitment. Rushee became Potential New Member. Pledge became New Member. The preference card became formal membership recruitment acceptance.
The Order of the Diamond Arrow was established for those Pi Phis celebrating 75 years of membership. Recognition of this Order included a letter of congratulations and a framed certificate, signed by the Grand President. Today, members can also purchase a special Order of the Diamond Arrow pin from Pi Phi Express. The pin is a gold circle with a cubic zirconia detail in the center.

The Silver Arrow Society was established for those Pi Phis celebrating 25 years of membership.

A grand opening celebration was held for the brand-new Pi Beta Phi Headquarters building in Town & Country, Missouri. The celebration included a ribbon cutting, tours of the building and a reception.

Champions are Readers®, Pi Beta Phi’s own reading enrichment program, was launched.

Leading with Values®, Pi Beta Phi’s Member Development Program based on the core values of the Fraternity, was introduced.

The Arrow was redesigned with formatted pages, more color pictures and larger images.

Pennsylvania Beta Jean Wirths Scott was named Grand President Emerita.

North Carolina Beta Carol Inge Warren became Pi Beta Phi’s National Panhellenic Conference Delegate. She would go on to serve the Conference for 14 years.

Pi Beta Phi partnered with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

The first Fraternity Day of Service took place. Pi Phis found a range of activities to celebrate the day. Many events included the distribution of books. The events also brought visibility to Pi Beta Phi’s work to promote literacy. Fraternity Day of Service is celebrated on or around March 2, the date of Dr. Seuss® birthday.
2007
The Fraternity began its partnership with First Book® to give brand-new books to children across North America.

2008
The Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) was established to ensure our members receive a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live, learn and grow together. FHC oversees housing on an international level, and helps local Chapter House Corporations operate effectively and efficiently. FHC strives to provide a living environment that supports members’ education, meets their expectations for safety and is competitive with other housing options on or near campus.

2009
Holt House received its historical landmark status from the Illinois State Historical Society.

World Events
2008: Stock markets plunged around the world
2010: The BP oil spill, the largest accidental oil spill in history, occurred
2010: The Arab Spring, a series of democratic uprisings and demonstrations across the Middle East, commenced
2011: Occupy movements popped up across the world to protest a variety of social and economic inequalities
2012: Benghazi attack caused the U.S. to increase its security in American diplomatic and military-based facilities abroad
2011
The Fraternity unveiled a new literacy platform, Read > Lead > Achieve®, and a new literacy vision: Pi Beta Phi leads the way to a more literate society.

2012
One hundred years of literacy service were celebrated in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The dedication of a plaza featured a life-size bronze sculpture of Pi Beta Phi Settlement School’s first Pi Phi teacher, DELLA “MISS DELL” GILLETTE (MORGAN), Illinois Zeta, handing a book to one of her students.

2015
A new goal to impact one million lives through Read > Lead > Achieve began. Because when one out of four children cannot read, that is one too many.

2015
To celebrate 150 years of sisterhood, the Ring Ching Roadshow made its debut at the 2015 Chicago Convention. The Pi Phi car, Libbie, began her two-year road trip to gather stories from coast to coast. Libbie was named after Founder LIBBIE BROOK GADDIS, who started our second chapter.

2016
More than 4,000 square feet were added onto the back of the Headquarters building. The addition included more office and meeting space as well as a larger kitchen and shipping area.

The inaugural Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute was held to develop confident women leaders who contribute to making the impossible the inevitable.

“As we move forward, our focus will remain on our members, for each Pi Phi is critical to the Fraternity’s overall success. We intend to be the organization of choice for women who value enduring friendships, want to make the world a better place and aspire to be leaders of intellect and character. Therefore, it is critical we understand the needs of the membership. With the help of our chapters, alumnae clubs, staff and volunteers, the Fraternity is poised for future success. Thank you for all you do to help make Pi Beta Phi a premier organization for women.”

— Oklahoma Beta
Mary Loy Tatum
Pi Beta Phi Chapter Installations

The name of the Fraternity changed from I.C. Sorosis to Pi Beta Phi at the 1888 Ottumwa Convention. Previously, I.C. chapters were not designated by state, but simply by Greek letter. In the June 1887 issue of *The Arrow*, notice was given of the new names of the I.C. chapters with the state naming system we use today. Those early chapters that became dormant before the state naming system was adopted are listed below. All other Pi Phi chapters are listed on the following pages.

**Delta of I.C. Sorosis, Mount Pleasant Female Seminary**
The chapter was installed in 1869. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1871. Most of its members were absorbed into the Iowa Alpha Chapter at Iowa Wesleyan University.

**Epsilon of I.C. Sorosis, Indiana Asbury College**
The chapter was installed in 1870. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1877. The school changed its name to DePauw University in 1884. When a Pi Phi chapter was installed at DePauw in 1942, it was by coincidence named Indiana Epsilon.

**Zeta of I.C. Sorosis, Baptist Young Ladies’ Seminary**
The chapter was installed in 1870. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1871.

**Eta of I.C. Sorosis, State Institute**
The chapter was installed in 1872. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1885. The school later became known as Indiana University, where the Indiana Beta Chapter was installed in 1893.

**Theta of I.C. Sorosis, Illinois Wesleyan University**
The chapter was installed on February 18, 1872. The date the chapter’s charter was relinquished is unknown.

**Lambda of I.C. Sorosis, Coe College**
The chapter was installed in 1884. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1886. The Lambda designation was used for two I.C. chapters, the other for the Iowa Beta Chapter at Simpson College.

**Nu of I.C. Sorosis, Clarinda, Iowa**
The chapter was installed in 1881. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1885. The Nu designation was used for two I.C. chapters, the other for the Colorado Alpha Chapter at the University of Colorado.

**Xi of I.C. Sorosis, Iowa East Normal School**
The chapter was installed in 1881. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1892.

**Rho of I.C. Sorosis, Dearborn Seminary**
The chapter was installed in 1881. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1883.

**Sigma of I.C. Sorosis, Pella College**
The chapter was installed in 1881 and the chapter’s charter was relinquished that same year. The Sigma designation was used for two I.C. chapters, the other for a chapter located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Sigma of I.C. Sorosis, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**
The chapter was installed in October 1883. The date the chapter’s charter was relinquished is unknown. The Sigma designation was used for two I.C. chapters, the other for a chapter located at Pella College.

**Phi of I.C. Sorosis, Jacksonville Female Academy**
The chapter was installed in 1881. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1883.

**Psi of I.C. Sorosis, Wesleyan College (Cincinnati)**
The chapter was installed on January 14, 1886. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1886.

**Omega of I.C. Sorosis, Des Moines, Iowa**
The chapter was installed in 1882. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1893.
Alabama Alpha, Birmingham-Southern College
A local group, Theta Pi, formed in 1925. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 7, 1927. The chapter’s charter was withdrawn in 1989. The chapter was reinstalled on February 10, 1991. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the chapter room at Stockham Hall. The installation banquet was held at Vestavia Country Club.

Alabama Beta, University of Alabama
The chapter was installed on September 19, 1949. The installation banquet was held at the McLester Hotel. The Birmingham, Alabama, Alumnae Club presented each new initiate with Pi Phi stationery.

Alabama Gamma, Auburn University
The chapter was installed on February 2, 1957. At the installation banquet, charter member JAN BISHOP (MANGE) was named Best Scholarship and charter member NANCY AVARIA (GILLIS) was named Best New Member.

Alberta Alpha, University of Alberta
A local group, Alpha Upsilon, formed in 1928. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 22, 1931. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the home of charter member RUTH SHIPLEY (WOTHERSPOON). The installation banquet was held at Athabasca Hall.

Arizona Alpha, University of Arizona
A local group, Gamma Delta, formed in 1906. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on August 1, 1917. Installation activities took place at the home of Colorado Beta LOUISE FOUCAR MARSHALL.

Arizona Beta, Arizona State University
The chapter was installed on May 1, 1965. Installation activities took place at the Camelback Inn. The banquet theme was ‘Lift Off.’ Special guest speakers included Fraternity officers who described their personal experiences with some of the founders. Charter members included MARGARET JOHNSON GOLDWATER, wife of five-term U.S. Senator Barry Morris Goldwater.

Arizona Gamma, Northern Arizona University
The chapter was installed on April 21, 1990. The Initiation Ceremony took place at Federated Community Church. The installation brunch was held at the North Student Union Dining Hall. Tables were decorated with light blue cloths, wine napkins and pastel wicker baskets filled with greenery.

Arkansas Alpha, University of Arkansas
A local group, Gamma Epsilon Delta, formed in February 1906. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on December 29, 1909. Installation activities took place at the home of Louisiana Alpha JUANITA BASS TRUMBO, which had been the Arkansas building at the 1904 World’s Fair. At the banquet, tables were decorated with wine carnations and each place was set with a single large carnation.

Arkansas Beta, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
The chapter began as a local group, the Battlecriers, and was installed as a Pi Beta Phi chapter on May 4, 1963. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the home of Texas Beta CATHERINE COUCH REMMEL. The installation banquet was held at the Riverdale Country Club. Decorations featured Barbie® dolls dressed as angels. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2008.

California Alpha, Stanford University
The chapter was installed on September 13, 1893. The chapter was established through the influence of Kansas Alpha ANNA LEWIS. Due to declining membership, the chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1897. The chapter was reinstalled on February 11, 1905. Because of anti-fraternity legislation from the University, the chapter’s charter was relinquished a second time in 1944. The chapter was installed for the third time on November 11, 1979.

California Beta, University of California, Berkeley
In the spring of 1900, Wisconsin Alpha NAN MASHEK (TILLOTSON) visited her cousin, ELMA KORBEL (MELLERSH), who wanted to form a sorority with her friends. After meeting the women, Nan suggested they apply for a Pi Phi charter. The chapter was installed on August 23, 1900. Installation activities took place in a house the women rented at College Avenue and Sylvan Way in Berkeley, California.

California Gamma, University of Southern California
A local group, Entre Nous, formed in 1895. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on July 27, 1917. Installation activities took place at the home of Indiana Beta NETTA NIXON YOUNG, President of the Los Angeles Alumnae Club. The large banquet took on the form of a Southern California reunion, with Pi Phis from each part of the region in attendance.

Chapters without living alumnae are designated on the following pages with the Pi Beta Phi wine carnation banner.
PI BETA PHI CHAPTER INSTALLATIONS

California Delta, University of California, Los Angeles
A local group, Alpha Tau Zeta, formed in 1918. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 9, 1927. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Beverly Hills Women’s Club. The installation banquet was held at the Jonathan Club. Centerpieces were silver blue candles tied with wine-colored bows, set in bouquets of delphinium and wine-colored roses.

California Epsilon, San Diego State University
A local group, Phi Sigma Nu, formed in 1925. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 1, 1949. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Thursday Club on Point Loma, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The installation banquet was held in the Don Room of the El Cortez, a landmark hotel in downtown San Diego.

California Zeta, University of California, Santa Barbara
A local group, Delta Zeta Delta, formed in 1924. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on February 2, 1950. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the El Mirasol Hotel. The installation banquet was held at the Montecito Country Club. The events concluded with a formal tea at the new chapter house at 1620 Grand Avenue.

California Eta, University of California, Irvine
The chapter was installed on January 26, 1974. The Initiation Ceremony took place at St. Mark Church. The installation banquet was held in the Skyliner Room at the Airporter Inn Hotel.

California Theta, University of California, Davis
The chapter began as a local group, Pianta Su, and was installed as a Pi Beta Phi chapter on November 8, 1980. During the festivities, the Nevada Alpha Chapter provided Pi Beta Phi banners, the Contra Costa, California, Alumnae Club gave sewing kits and the California Beta Chapter made calligraphy copies of “The Arrow Song” for each new initiate to treasure.

California Iota, California State University, Chico
A local group, Gamma Nu, formed in 1984. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 5, 1986. The Initiation Ceremony took place at First Christian Church. The installation banquet was held at Butte Creek Country Club. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2005.

California Kappa, Pepperdine University
A local group, Pi Gamma Phi, formed in 1984. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 19, 1996. Installation activities included a Cookie Shine at Calamigos Ranch. The Initiation Ceremony was held at the First Presbyterian Church. The banquet took place in Wilshire Hall at the Miramar Sheraton.

California Mu, Loyola Marymount University
The chapter was installed on November 16, 2002. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Holy Nativity Parish. The installation banquet was held at the Renaissance Hotel. A poem written for the occasion by Pi Beta Phi’s Poet Laureate EVELYN PETERS KYLE, Illinois Alpha, was read aloud.

California Xi, University of San Diego
The chapter was installed on May 2, 2015. Installation activities were held on campus at the University of San Diego. The installation banquet was held outdoors in the Camino Courtyard. Sisterhood stories were shared and special guest speakers included Pi Beta Phi Foundation President BETH SEIDELHUBER SORDI, California Kappa.

California Omicron, Chapman University
The chapter was installed on May 9, 2015. Installation activities were held on campus at Chapman University. The installation banquet was held outdoors on Memorial Lawn in the heart of campus. Sisterhood stories were shared and special guest speakers included Grand Vice President Alumnae DIANE BIELMAN, California Eta.
Colorado Alpha, University of Colorado
The chapter was installed on October 15, 1884 as Nu of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter was established through the influence of Iowa Alphas HELENA DURR and DESSIE WIDNER (ROGERS). The Nu designation was used for two I.C. chapters, the other for a chapter located in Clarinda, Iowa.

Colorado Beta, University of Denver
The chapter was installed on February 12, 1885 as Beta of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 1980.

Colorado Gamma, Colorado State University
The chapter was established through the influence of Texas Beta LILLA BRYAN MORGAN, wife of the University President at the time. Installation activities were held at the new chapter house.

Colorado Delta, Colorado School of Mines
The chapter was installed on September 8, 1954. The chapter was established through the influence of Texas Beta LILLA BRYAN MORGAN, wife of the University President at the time. Installation activities were held at the new chapter house.

Colorado Epsilon, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
A local group, Phi Alpha Omega, formed in 1997. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on April 21, 2002. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Broadmoor Community Church. The installation banquet was held at the Doubletree World Arena Hotel. A poem written for the occasion by Pi Beta Phi's Poet Laureate EVELYN PETERS KYLE, Illinois Alpha, was read aloud.

Connecticut Alpha, University of Connecticut
The chapter was installed on April 30, 1943. Installation activities took place at the Community House. The installation banquet featured long tables decorated with smilax and wine and blue flowers. At each place were nut cups with Pi Beta Phi colors, a menu and a program with carnations on the cover, hand-painted by Vermont Beta SUZANNE RUTLEDGE HOPSON. Many fraternities sent arrangements of spring flowers including the Sigma Chi chapter, which was installing that same day.

Connecticut Beta, Yale University
The chapter was installed on November 11, 1989. Installation activities were held at the storied Quinnipiack Club. The installation banquet featured centerpieces of wine carnations, mirrored tile, angel hair and silver blue candles. The chapter treated attendees with a surprise song: Pi Phi lyrics to the tune of the Yale fight song.

Connecticut Gamma, Quinnipiac University
The chapter was installed on November 5, 2011. Installation activities included a Cookie Shine for New Members, local Pi Phi alumnae, Fraternity officers and campus friends. The installation banquet took place at the Trabant University Center. Special guest speakers included Past Grand Council Member KAREN SHELTON CHEVALIER, California Delta.

Florida Alpha, Stetson University
A local group, Delta Alpha Delta, formed in 1910. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on January 30, 1913. Pi Phi guests were welcomed by University President, Dr. Lincoln Hulley, and his wife, Pennsylvania Beta ELOISE MAYHAM HULLEY. Their daughter, HARRIET HULLEY (JACKSON), was a charter member of the chapter. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the chapter room. The installation banquet was held at the College Arms Hotel.

Florida Beta, Florida State University
A local group, Alpha Omega, formed in 1913. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 14, 1921. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Practice House, a model home supervised by the University’s home economics department. The installation banquet was held at the Leon Hotel.
Florida Gamma, Rollins College
A local group, Sigma Phi, formed in 1920. The chapter was installed on April 28, 1929. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Woman’s Club building of Winter Park. The installation banquet took place at the Dubsdread Country Club. The room was decorated to represent a lakeshore garden, featuring a miniature lake, palms, oaks, wild flowers and other native plants. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1970.

Florida Delta, University of Florida
The chapter was installed on April 19, 1969. Due to declining membership, the chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1977. The chapter was reinstalled on February 9, 1985. The installation banquet took place at the Gainesville Golf and Country Club. Tables were decorated with angels holding wine carnations, and a small angel marked each place.

Florida Epsilon, University of Central Florida
The chapter was installed on January 10, 1981. Installation activities took place at the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando. Special guest speakers included Florida Beta JEAN YOTHERS, Curator of the Orange County Historical Museum.

Florida Zeta, University of Tampa
The chapter was installed February 1, 2014, becoming Pi Beta Phi’s 200th ever-installed chapter. The Initiation Ceremony was held at Hyde Park Methodist Church. The installation banquet was held in the Crescent Room in the Vaughn Center. Special guest speakers included Pi Beta Phi Archivist and Historian FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE, New York Alpha.

Georgia Alpha, University of Georgia
Impressed with the University of Georgia and the potential for growth, the 1938 Ashville Convention voted to establish Georgia Alpha. In September 1938, eight Pi Phis transferred to the University to colonize the new chapter. The chapter was installed on February 4, 1939. The installation banquet took place at the Georgian Hotel.

Georgia Beta, Emory University
The chapter was installed on April 16, 2016. Installation activities included a Cookie Shine for New Members, local Pi Phi alumnae, Fraternity officers and campus friends. The installation banquet took place in the Penthouse Ballroom at the Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart. Special guest speakers included Leadership Development Officer LISA MASTERS, Georgia Alpha.

Idaho Alpha, University of Idaho
A local group, Omega Phi Alpha, formed in 1920. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 28, 1923. The installation banquet was held in Guild Hall by the women of the Episcopal Church Guild. The table was in the form of a square built around a garden of brilliant fall flowers.

Illinois Alpha, Monmouth College
The chapter was formed as I.C. Sorosis on April 28, 1867, by 12 Monmouth College women. Because of anti-fraternity sentiments, the chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1884. The chapter was reinstalled on May 25, 1928. Five of the six founders who were alive at the time attended the reinstallation.

Illinois Beta-Delta, Knox College
This chapter is the only dually named chapter in the Fraternity. The Illinois Beta Chapter was installed at Lombard College on November 7, 1872 as Iota of I.C. Sorosis. The Illinois Delta Chapter was installed at Knox College on March 7, 1884 as Upsilon of I.C. Sorosis. When Lombard College closed in 1930, the students transferred to Knox College. Thus, the chapter took on both names and became Illinois Beta-Delta in June 1930.

Illinois Gamma, Carthage College
The chapter was installed on September 13, 1882 as Tau of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1888.

Illinois Epsilon, Northwestern University
The chapter was installed on May 26, 1894. The chapter was established through the influence of the Michigan Beta Chapter. After the Initiation Ceremony, the women enjoyed a tea at the house of a town member, where they received little plates decorated with carnations from a member’s mother.

Illinois Zeta, University of Illinois
The chapter was installed on October 26, 1895. Installation activities took place at the home of Illinois Beta NELLIE LAPHAM SWIGART, located on South Hall Street near campus. The home was decorated with wine and silver blue carnations. After the banquet, the chapter held its first Cookie Shine.
Illinois Eta, Millikin University
A local group, Delta Theta Psi, formed in 1904. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on March 29, 1912. Installation activities were held at the home of Maryland Alpha CAROLINE LUTZ. At chapel, the University President announced the establishment of the chapter and suggested the student body sing the college song in honor of the occasion. The festivities concluded with a school dance where Pi Phi colors and carnations provided decoration.

Illinois Theta, Bradley University
A local group, Lambda Phi, formed in 1901. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on May 17, 1947. The Initiation Ceremonies took place over the course of a few days and concluded with a Cookie Shine at the City Women’s Club, hosted by the Peoria, Illinois, Alumnae Club. The installation banquet was held at the Block and Kuhl Skyline Dining Room. A wine and silver blue arrow hung above the speakers’ table.

Illinois Iota, Illinois State University
A local group, Pi Beta Co-op, formed in 1967. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on January 19, 1974. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the First Unitarian Church. The installation banquet took place at the Illinois House. Special guest speakers included Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, Alumnae Club President JULIE MILLS WILLIAMS, Indiana Beta.

Illinois Kappa, University of Chicago
The chapter was installed on April 20, 2013. Installation activities included a Cookie Shine for New Members, local Pi Phi alumnae, Fraternity officers and campus friends. The installation banquet took place at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.

Indiana Alpha, Franklin College
The chapter began as a local group, Alpha Xi Theta, and was installed as a Pi Beta Phi chapter on January 16, 1888. Fourteen women, including future Grand President EMMA HARPER TURNER, were charter members. Installation activities took place at the home of charter member MARY ELLIS (MONROE), located at 500 North Main Street.

Indiana Beta, Indiana University
The chapter was installed on April 13, 1893. The chapter was established through the influence of Indiana Alpha ELISABETH ELEONOR MIDDLETON, who transferred her membership to the new chapter. Installation activities took place at the Henry Springer House. The next day, the women enjoyed a reception hosted by the chapter’s patroness.

Indiana Gamma, Butler University
A local group, Alpha Phi Psi, formed in 1894. The chapter was installed on August 27, 1897. The chapter was established through the influence of Indiana Beta BERTHA HOLLAND (BRANSON). Installation activities took place at the home of charter members ANNIE MCCOLLUM and MARY MCCOLLUM (MOORHEAD).

Indiana Delta, Purdue University
A local group, Delta Rho, formed in 1915. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on January 1, 1921. Installation activities took place at the chapter house on Waldron Street. The installation banquet took place in the College Inn of Hotel Fowler. Charter member FAITH OTTEN (CLARK) sang and University faculty gave a classical music program.

Indiana Epsilon, DePauw University
A local group, Pi Phi Epsilon, formed in 1941. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 1, 1942. The Initiation Ceremony took place at Gobin Memorial Church. The installation banquet was held in the large dining room of Mason Hall.

Indiana Zeta, Ball State University
A local group, Gamma Gamma, formed in 1920. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on August 23, 1952. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the arts building. The installation banquet took place at the Delaware Country Club with the theme “Royal Gems of Pi Phi.”

Indiana Eta, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
A local group, Kappa Delta Theta, formed in 1968. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 26, 1974. Installation activities took place on campus and concluded with a reception in the Student Union Building. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2004.

Indiana Theta, Valparaiso University
A local group, Alpha Xi Epsilon, formed in 1919. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 31, 1998. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the First United Methodist Church. The installation banquet was held at the Casa del Roma. The chapter provided entertainment during the banquet.
Iowa Alpha, Iowa Wesleyan University

In the fall of 1868, a little more than a year after I.C. Sorosis was formed at Monmouth College, Founder LIBBIE BROOK (GADDIS) enrolled at Iowa Wesleyan University. She installed our second chapter, Iowa Alpha, on December 21, 1868 as Gamma of I.C. Sorosis. It’s believed the installation activities took place at the home of Elijah Spry at 206 North Jefferson. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2004.

Iowa Beta, Simpson College

The chapter was installed on October 13, 1874 as Lambda of I.C. Sorosis. The Lambda designation was used for two I.C. chapters, the other for a chapter at Coe College. The chapter was established through the efforts of IDA CHESHIRE (BARKER), who later became a charter member. Installation activities took place in Ida’s bedroom.

Iowa Gamma, Iowa State University

The chapter was installed on May 11, 1877 as Mu of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter was established through the efforts of MARY CARPENTER, who later became a charter member. Because of anti-fraternity legislation from the University, the chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1894. The chapter was reinstalled on February 24, 1906. Installation activities took place at the home of Iowa Gamma OLIVE WILSON CURTISS, which is now the restored Farm House Museum. The home was decorated with hundreds of wine carnations and the University’s campanile bells played Pi Phi songs which could be heard all over campus.

Iowa Delta, Burlington, Iowa

The chapter was installed in 1881 as Omicron of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1885.

Iowa Epsilon, South Iowa Normal School

The chapter was installed January 1, 1881. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1887.

Iowa Zeta, University of Iowa

The chapter was installed on February 8, 1882, as Chi of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter was established through the influence of Iowa Alpha RENA REYNOLDS (HOWARD) and Iowa Beta ESTELLA WALTERS BALL.

Iowa Eta, Fairfield, Iowa

The chapter was installed on October 12, 1882 as Beta Omega of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1890. The Iowa Eta name was later used for the chapter at Drake University.

Iowa Eta, Drake University

The chapter was installed on October 8, 1983. Installation activities took place at the Hotel Savery. The next day, a reception was held at the newly-acquired chapter house, where, despite a lack of furniture, family, friends and University officials gathered to welcome the chapter. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2005.

Iowa Theta, Ottumwa, Iowa

The chapter was installed on August 22, 1884 as Zeta Omega of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1892.

Iowa Iota, Mount Pleasant, Iowa

The chapter was installed in September 1884 as Gamma Omega of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1894.

Iowa Kappa, Iowa City, Iowa

The chapter was installed in September 1884 as Delta Omega of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter’s charter was relinquished that same year.

Iowa Lambda, Callanan College

The chapter was installed on October 26, 1886. The chapter was established through the efforts of CARY DORR (ELLIOTT), who later became a charter member, with assistance from Iowa Alpha and Iowa Beta alumnae. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1888 when the College closed. The school later reopened as Drake University, where the Iowa Eta Chapter was installed in 1983.
Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas
The chapter was installed on April 1, 1873 as Kappa of I.C. Sorosis. The chapter was established through the influence of Illinois Beta SARA RICHARDSON, who spent the summer of 1872 at home in Lawrence, Kansas. Three of her sisters — FLORA RICHARDSON (COLMAN), MAY RICHARDSON and ALMA RICHARDSON (WALLACE), who later became charter members — were attending the University. It was at the first party given by the chapter, to honor Sara, that the Cookie Shine took on its name and place in Pi Beta Phi.

Kansas Beta, Kansas State University
A local group, Phi Kappa Phi, formed in 1904. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on June 3, 1915. The installation banquet took place at Carnegie Library. The next day, guests were entertained at the chapter house for lunch and the first chapter meeting was held.

Kentucky Alpha, University of Louisville
A local group, Tri Xi, formed in 1921. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 9, 1925. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the home of Ontario Alpha EMMA WOERNER. The installation banquet took place in the Red Room of the Seelbach Hotel. The theme was the ship Tri Xi arriving at the port of Pi Beta Phi, and was carried out through details like placecards and decorations.

Kentucky Beta, University of Kentucky
The chapter was installed on March 3, 1962. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. The installation banquet took place at the Coach House. The chapter saw "Pi Phi Lights" reflected in a shimmering pool at its banquet.

Kentucky Gamma, Eastern Kentucky University
The chapter was installed on August 28, 1976. Installation activities were held in the ballroom of the Keene Johnson Building. Decorations included candlelight, flowers and wide satin ribbon representing the bonds of wine and blue.

Louisiana Alpha, Tulane University-Newcomb College
The chapter was installed on October 29, 1891. The chapter was established through the influence of Indiana Alpha MAY BURTON (WRIGHT). For many decades, it was the only Pi Phi chapter in the South.

Louisiana Beta, Louisiana State University
A local group, Pi Beta, formed in 1935. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 17, 1936. The Initiation Ceremony took place at Highland Hall. The installation banquet was held in the dining room of La Maison Française, the French chateau on campus.

Maine Alpha, University of Maine
A local group, Delta Phi, formed in 1925. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 5, 1929. The installation banquet featured a large golden arrow lit with Pi Phi colors. Tables were decorated with streamers of wine and blue. Each place was set with a menu featuring a silhouette of a college woman, wearing the armor of Fraternity and holding high the torch of progress. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 1976.

Maryland Alpha, Goucher College
The chapter was installed on January 9, 1897. Installation activities took place in the home of Pennsylvania Alpha ELIZABETH LAMB. The Initiation Ceremony was filled with songs, music and intricate decorations. Due to anti-fraternity legislation from the College, the chapter's charter was relinquished in 1950. Past Grand President MAY LANSFIELD KELLER was a charter member of the chapter.

Maryland Beta, University of Maryland
The chapter was installed on June 17, 1944. Installation activities took place in the Dean of Women’s Lounge, located in the Old Library. The installation banquet featured ferns and wine carnations. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 1991.

Maryland Gamma, Johns Hopkins University
The chapter was installed on November 20, 2010. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Doubletree Inn at The Colonnade. The installation banquet was held at The Glass Pavilion on the Homewood campus.
Massachusetts Alpha, Boston University
The chapter was installed on March 7, 1896. There was heavy rain that day, but the storm could not dispel the brightness of the occasion. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1985.

Massachusetts Beta, University of Massachusetts
The chapter was installed on March 4, 1944. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Congregational Church. The installation banquet was held at the historic Lord Jeffery Inn. The head table was decorated with a centerpiece of wine carnations and violets, with candelabras holding blue candles. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1973.

Massachusetts Gamma, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The chapter was installed on November 15, 2008. Installation activities included a Cookie Shine. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the MIT Chapel and the installation banquet was held at the Le Méridien Cambridge.

Michigan Alpha, Hillsdale College
The chapter was installed on May 21, 1887. The chapter was established through the influence of Illinois Beta JENNIE COLEGROVE. The Initiation Ceremony was held at the home of charter member MINTA MORGAN (DASHER)’s grandfather, located at 73 West Street South.

Michigan Beta, University of Michigan
The chapter was installed on April 7, 1888. The chapter was established through the influence of Iowa Gamma STATIA PRITCHARD (OURSLER) and Iowa Alpha MINNIE NEWBY (RICKETTS), who attended the University and both became charter members. The Initiation Ceremony and installation banquet took place in the homes of charter members.

Michigan Gamma, Michigan State University
A local group, Pi Phi Gamma, formed in 1944. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on February 17, 1945. The Initiation Ceremony took place in People’s Church. The installation banquet was held at the Hotel Olds. Tables were decorated with wine carnations, candles and iris flowers. Programs were designed by Michigan Beta RUTH JERNEGAN RUNQUIST.

Michigan Delta, Albion College
The chapter was installed on March 7, 1959. The Initiation Ceremony took place in Goodrich Chapel. The installation banquet was held in Baldwin Hall. The banquet featured flowers, candlelight and songs. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1985.

Michigan Epsilon, Western Michigan University
A local group, Gamma Phi Sigma, formed in 1993. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on April 13, 1996. The initiation Ceremony took place at Kanley Chapel. The installation banquet was held at the Kalamazoo Country Club with the theme “Hats Off to Michigan Epsilon.” Decorations included white hats and silver confetti. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2014.

Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota
In 1889, AVA SUMBARDO (HARPER), who would later become a charter member, met a Michigan woman wearing a small golden arrow. That meeting led to the establishment of a local group, the Secret Six. The Pi Phi chapter was installed May 30, 1890. Due to the effects of the Panic of 1873, the chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1896. The chapter was reinstalled on September 8, 1906. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the T.B. Walker Art Gallery. The installation banquet was held at Donaldson’s Tea Rooms.

Mississippi Alpha, University of Southern Mississippi
A local group, Pi Phi Alpha, formed in 1960. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on April 8, 1961. The Initiation Ceremony took place at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The installation banquet was held at the Holiday Inn. It featured programs studded with a jeweled crown. The chapter presented a jewel-studded crown to Missouri Beta ALICE WEBER MANSFIELD (JOHNSON), who was Grand President at the time.

Mississippi Beta, University of Mississippi
The chapter was installed on March 10, 1888. Installation activities took place at the Continuation Center. The traditional beauty of the Old South formed the background for the installation theme, “Heritage of Pi Phi.”

Mississippi Gamma, Mississippi State University
The chapter was installed on April 4, 2009. The Initiation Ceremony was held at Starkville First United Methodist Church. The installation banquet was held in the Colvard Student Union. The chapter presented Texas Beta EMILY RUSSELL TARR, who was Grand President at the time, with a cowbell, a University tradition.
Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri
A local group, the Iazug Club, formed in 1899. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on May 27, 1899. Installation activities took place at the home of the Belcher Family on University Avenue and Hill Street.

Missouri Beta, Washington University in St. Louis
A local group, the Jeserah Club, formed in 1905. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on March 22, 1907. Installation activities took place at the home of Missouri Alpha AMANDA BECKER (MONTAGUE) at 5870 Cabanne Avenue.

Missouri Gamma, Drury University
A local group, Mu Beta, formed in 1906. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on January 9, 1914. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the chapter room in Burnham Hall. The installation banquet was held at the Colonial Hotel. In lieu of speeches, the banquet featured a play written for the occasion by charter member MARY CRISS.

Montana Alpha, Montana State University
A local group, Phi Gamma, formed in 1912. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 30, 1921. Installation activities took place at the chapter house. Banquet decorations included fall leaves and long tables with wine and blue candles.

Nebraska Alpha, Nebraska Methodist College
The chapter was installed on January 1, 1884. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1892 when the College closed.

Nebraska Beta, Hastings College
The chapter was installed on November 17, 1887. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1888 when the College closed. The Nebraska Beta name was later used for the chapter at the University of Nebraska.

Nebraska Gamma, Creighton University
The chapter was installed on April 9, 1994. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Dundee Presbyterian Church. The installation banquet was held in the Cloud Room at Kiewit Plaza. The room provided a panoramic view of the city and each table held a centerpiece of wine and silver blue carnations.

Nevada Alpha, University of Nevada
A local group, Delta Rho, formed in 1900. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on November 13, 1915. Installation activities were held at the Riverside Hotel. Tables were arranged to form the Greek letter, Pi, and were decorated with red carnations, smilax and wine and blue placecards. The evening ended with dancing on the veranda. The chapter’s charter was suspended in 2013. The chapter will be reorganized in Fall 2017.

New Jersey Alpha, Princeton University
The chapter was installed on March 31, 1990. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the home of Pennsylvania Epsilon DONNA TARTAGLIA (COLLINS). The installation banquet was held at the Princeton Ramada Inn. The room was decorated in Pi Phi colors, with each table having mirrored tile with votive candles. Balloons were affixed to wine-colored bags decorated with silver blue angels.

New Mexico Alpha, University of New Mexico
The chapter was installed on September 11, 1946. The chapter was established through the influence of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Alumnae Club. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the YWCA. The installation banquet was held in the Coronado Room of the Alvarado Hotel. The banquet theme was “Flight on the Arrow-Line,” with blue programs printed with silver airplanes and centerpieces of model airplanes surrounded by wine and blue flowers.

New Mexico Beta, New Mexico State University
The chapter began as a local group, Kappa Chi Upsilon, and was installed as a Pi Beta Phi chapter on January 22, 1972. The Initiation Ceremony was held at the home of Kansas Alpha JOYCE LAYBOURN WELCH. The installation banquet was held in the Mecca Room of the Palms Motor Hotel. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2016.
New York Alpha, Cornell University
The chapter was installed in 1892. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 1893. The New York Alpha name was later used for the chapter at Syracuse University. When a Pi Phi chapter returned to Cornell in 1919, it was given the New York Delta name.

New York Alpha, Syracuse University
A local group, the Philokalean Club, formed in 1895. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on February 12, 1896. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 1984. The chapter was reinstalled on April 31, 1988. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Erwin United Methodist Church. The installation banquet was held at the Holiday Inn. The chapter's charter was relinquished for the second time in 2013.

New York Beta, Barnard College
The chapter began as a local group, Gamma Beta, and was installed as a Pi Beta Phi chapter on May 28, 1904. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on November 17, 1984. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the First United Presbyterian Church of Troy. The installation banquet was held at the Russell Sage Dining Hall. Special guest speakers included Nebraska Beta NANCY NORMAN SPEARMAN, a local TV personality.

New York Gamma, St. Lawrence University
A local group, Omega Gamma Sigma, formed in 1904. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on March 20, 1914. The installation banquet featured decorations of wine carnations and red shaded lights. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 1993.

New York Delta, Cornell University
A local group, Beta Phi, formed in 1918. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on June 14, 1919. The Initiation Ceremony was held in the home of charter member EDITH HEDGES MATZKE. The installation banquet was held at the University Club. The club's parlors and surrounding lawns were enjoyed in the social hours before and after the dinner.

New York Epsilon, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
A local group, Kappa Phi, formed in 1982. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on November 28, 1984. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Erwin United Methodist Church. The installation banquet was held at the Holiday Inn. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 1992.

New York Zeta, Colgate University
The chapter was installed on May 3, 1986. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the new chapter house. The installation banquet was held at the Colgate Inn. Tables were set with daisy centerpieces and favors of Pi Phi notepads. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 1992.

North Carolina Alpha, University of North Carolina
A local group, Beta Alpha Pi, formed in 1921. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 28, 1923. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the 300-year-old home of Professor and Mrs. Caldwell. The installation banquet was held in the social rooms of the Presbyterian Church. The evening concluded with a large dance at the new Sigma Chi house in honor of the chapter.

North Carolina Beta, Duke University
A local group, Mu Lambda, formed in 1929. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on February 17, 1933. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the Student Union. The installation banquet was held at the Washington Duke Hotel. Tables were decorated with wine and blue flowers. The blue programs bore the etchings of the Duke University Chapel.

North Carolina Gamma, Wake Forest University
A local group, the Strings Society, formed in 1946. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on January 22, 1994. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Women's Club of Winston-Salem. The installation banquet was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Centerpieces were clear balloons covered in gold stars. The chapter's charter was relinquished in 2010.

North Carolina Delta, North Carolina State University
The chapter was installed on January 29, 2005. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Fairmont United Methodist Church. The installation banquet was held at the Sheraton Raleigh Capital Center Hotel.
North Dakota Alpha, University of North Dakota
A local group, Psi Omega Psi, formed in 1916. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 7, 1921. Installation activities took place in the home of Mrs. Olmstead, the group’s patroness.

Nova Scotia Alpha, Dalhousie University
A local group, Sigma Theta Pi, formed in 1929. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on November 2, 1934. Installation activities took place at Gorsebrook Golf Club. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1976.

Ohio Alpha, Ohio University
The chapter was installed on December 16, 1889. Installation activities took place in the home of General Charles H. Grosvenor, father of charter member GRACE GROSVENOR (SHEPARD).

Ohio Beta, The Ohio State University
The chapter was installed on April 5, 1894. Installation activities took place at the home of charter member AGNES CHALMERS. After the Initiation Ceremony, the women enjoyed a meal in a room decorated with wine carnations and the Fraternity’s colors.

Ohio Gamma, Wooster College
A local group, Alpha Delta Psi, formed in 1908. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 20, 1910. The installation banquet featured centerpieces of pink roses and menus enclosed in wine leather, in the shape of the pledge pin. Due to anti-fraternity legislation from the College, the chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1913.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University
A local group, Tri Sigma, formed in 1899. It became Sigma Delta Pi in 1922. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 3, 1925. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Hotel Allen. The installation banquet was held at the American Legion Hall with long tables decorated with ferns and carnations. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1992.

Ohio Epsilon, University of Toledo
A local group, Pi Delta Chi, formed in 1915. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on April 28, 1945. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the home of a Pi Phi alumna. The installation banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Commodore Perry Hotel. Decorations included spring flowers and wine and blue candles. Each place was set with a program bearing a gold crest.

Ohio Zeta, Miami University
The chapter began as a local group, Gamma Pi, and was installed as Pi Beta Phi chapter on May 11, 1945. The installation activities took place at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Decorations included wine carnations, blue delphinium and smilax, with silver and blue candles. At the head table was a large carnation plant. During the banquet, toasts were given comparing its soil, roots, leaves and flowers to the founders, the Fraternity, the chapter and its members.

Ohio Theta, Bowling Green State University
The chapter was installed on April 19, 1986. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the United Christian Fellowship Church. The installation banquet was held at the Holiday Inn with the theme “Ocean to Ocean.” Decorations included floral arrangements, wood-carved Pi Phi letters, balloons and angel posters. Programs were printed in wine and silver blue with shells, sea horses and rope designs to fit the ocean theme.

Ohio Iota, University of Dayton
The chapter began as a local group and was installed as a Pi Beta Phi Chapter on October 14, 1989. The Initiation Ceremony was held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. The installation banquet was held at the Dayton Convention Center. Each place was set with inspirational poems given by the Ohio Delta Chapter. A large Pi Phi banner, given by the Dayton, Ohio, Alumnae Club, hung above the podium.

Ohio Kappa, University of Cincinnati
The chapter was installed on January 23, 2010. The weekend began with a Cookie Shine for New Members, Pi Phi alumnae, Fraternity officers and friends at the Tangeman University Center. Other installation activities were held at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Hotel.
Ohio Lambda, Case Western Reserve University
The chapter was installed on January 12, 2013. The Initiation Ceremony took place at a local church. The installation banquet was held at the InterContinental Cleveland. Special guest speakers included Ohio Beta BARBIE OLIVER TOOTLE, who discussed the amazing things Pi Phi has brought to her life.

Oklahoma Alpha, University of Oklahoma
A local group, Phi Delta Gamma, formed in 1907. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 1, 1910. Installation activities took place in the home of charter member NELLIE JOHNSON (SNEED). Because supplies did not arrive in time for the Initiation Ceremony, the group had to improvise with items on hand.

Oklahoma Beta, Oklahoma State University
A local group, Beta Phi, formed in 1915. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on August 12, 1919. The installation activities took place in the College Dormitory for Girls, with the banquet held in the Reception Hall. After the banquet ended, the women didn’t want to go home, so they sat on the steps of the building singing Pi Phi songs.

Ontario Alpha, University of Toronto
A local group, Zeta Tau, formed in 1900. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on December 11, 1908. It is the first Pi Phi chapter established outside of the United States. Installation activities took place in the home of charter member EDITH GORDON. After the Initiation Ceremony, a meal was served during which Mrs. Davidson, wife of a University professor and patroness of the chapter, gave a toast.

Ontario Beta, University of Western Ontario
A local group, Upsilon Iota Sigma, formed in 1920. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 29, 1934. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the chapter house. The installation banquet was held in the dining room of a local hotel. Charter member JEAN THOMPSON NEVILLE was the wife of the University Registrar at the time.

Ontario Gamma, University of Guelph
A local group, Delta Sigma Chi, formed in 1992. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on November 23, 1996. It was the first new Canadian chapter in more than 60 years. The installation banquet was held at the College Inn. Charter members spoke about their happiness in becoming Pi Beta Phis.

Oregon Alpha, University of Oregon
A local group, Mu Phi Epsilon, formed in 1915. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 29, 1915. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the chapter house. Several members of the Portland, Oregon, Alumnae Club were in attendance, including Iowa Alpha LOUISE “LULU” SAWYERS LINN, author of “Ring, Ching, Ching.” The installation banquet was held at the Hotel Osburn.

Oregon Beta, Oregon State University
A local group, Delta Mu, formed in 1915. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on July 23, 1917. Installation activities took place in the home of charter member EDITH GORDON. After the Initiation Ceremony, a meal was served during which Mrs. Davidson, wife of a University professor and patroness of the chapter, gave a toast.

Oregon Gamma, Willamette University
A local group, Beta Chi, formed in 1919. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on June 3, 1944. The Initiation Ceremony was held at First Methodist Church of Salem. The installation banquet was held at the Marion Hotel. Centerpieces were arrangements of wine peonies, delphinium and valerian with wine and blue candles. Pi Phi songs were performed by a trio of charter members.

Oregon Delta, Portland State University
A local group, Chi Gamma, formed in 1957. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on December 4, 1960. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the home of Oregon Beta LOIS REEVES JORDAN. The installation banquet was held at the Benson Hotel. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1980.

Pennsylvania Alpha, Swarthmore College
The chapter was installed on October 12, 1892. Installation activities took place in the home of a charter member. Due to anti-fraternity legislation from the College, the chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1934.

Pennsylvania Beta, Bucknell University
The chapter was installed on January 4, 1895. The chapter was established through the influence of Indiana Alpha ELIZABETH EDDelman (HEIM), a professor at the school. Installation activities were held in the home of charter member KATE MCLAUGHLIN (BOURNE). The next day, the women announced their membership in chapel with a chorus of “Ring, Ching, Ching.” The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2013.
Pennsylvania Gamma, Dickinson College  
A local group, Phi Alpha Pi, formed in 1898. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on December 21, 1903. Installation activities took place in Denney Hall, which was destroyed by fire the following year.

Pennsylvania Delta, University of Pittsburgh  
A local group, the Dianthian Fraternity, formed in 1916. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 19, 1918. The chapter was established through the influence of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Club. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the home of Wisconsin Alpha JESSICA DAVIS MURPHY, followed by a banquet at a local hotel. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1931.

Pennsylvania Epsilon, Pennsylvania State University  
A local group, Aye Sees, formed in 1952. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on November 14, 1953, becoming Pi Beta Phi’s 100th active chapter at the time. The Initiation Ceremony was held in McElwain Hall. The installation banquet was held at the Nittany Lion Inn. The theme was “The Century Plant of Pi Beta Phi” and decorations were foil replicas of the plant and a golden arrow made of flowers.

Pennsylvania Zeta, Washington & Jefferson College  
The chapter was installed on November 10, 1979. Installation activities included a Cookie Shine with members of West Virginia Alpha, who acted as big sisters to the charter members. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the First Presbyterian Church.

Pennsylvania Eta, Lafayette College  
A local group, Delta Psi, formed in 1978. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 4, 1980. The Initiation Ceremony took place at College Hill Presbyterian Church. The installation banquet was held at Northampton Country Club. The next day, chapter members gave tours of their chapter house at 225 Reeder Street.

Pennsylvania Theta, Villanova University  
The chapter was installed on February 10, 1990. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the home of Ohio Eta TERRY KIRKWOOD. The installation banquet was held in the ballroom at Stouffer’s Inn. The room was aglow with candlelight and centerpieces were handmade golden angels.

Pennsylvania Iota, University of Pennsylvania  
The chapter was installed on February 6, 1993. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Tabernacle United Church. The installation banquet was held at the University City Sheraton. The banquet theme was “Proud Traditions Unite: Pi Beta Phi and Penn.” Centerpieces were made of wine-colored flowers. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2000.

Pennsylvania Kappa, Lehigh University  
The chapter was installed on October 25, 1997. The Initiation Ceremony was held in the University Center. The installation banquet was held in the Allentown Room of the Comfort Suites of Bethlehem.

South Carolina Alpha, University of South Carolina  
A local group, Gamma Sigma, formed in 1927. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on October 9, 1931. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1985. The chapter was reinstalled on November 22, 2014. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the Russell House University Union. The installation banquet was held at the Columbia Convention Center. Special guest speakers included Past Grand President SARAH RUTH “SIS” MULLIS, South Carolina Alpha, who welcomed back her chapter.

South Carolina Beta, Clemson University  
The chapter was installed on October 30, 1976. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1993. The chapter was reinstalled on November 19, 2016. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Poole Agricultural Center. The installation banquet was held at the Madren Conference Center and Inn. Special guest speakers included Judge MARY GEIGER LEWIS, South Carolina Beta, who discussed how Pi Phi has positively impacted her life.

South Dakota Alpha, University of South Dakota  
A local group, Zeta Chi Delta, formed in 1921. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 30, 1927. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Tabernacle United Church. The installation banquet was held at the University Armory, which was decorated with wine and silver blue.

Tennessee Alpha, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
A local group, Alpha Sigma Phi, formed in 1916. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on (continued on next page)
September 26, 1923. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the University Building. The installation banquet was held at the Patten Hotel and featured a song written by charter member NELLE GREENWOOD GRAVES. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1989.

Tennessee Beta, Vanderbilt University
The chapter was installed on September 10, 1940. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the chapter house. The installation banquet was held at the Belle Meade Country Club.

Tennessee Gamma, University of Tennessee
The chapter was installed on May 15, 1948. Installation activities took place at the Farragut Hotel. The banquet theme was “Pi Beta Phi Symphony” and special guests wore gardenia corsages.

Tennessee Delta, University of Memphis
The chapter was installed on February 24, 1962. The installation banquet theme was “Ocean to Ocean” and decorations featured a large map encircled with a golden chain of friendship.

Texas Beta, Southern Methodist University
A local group, Pi Beta, formed in 1915. The chapter was installed on June 10, 1916. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the home of Virginia Alpha EDITH DANIEL DYER. The installation banquet was held at the Oriental Hotel. During the banquet, a game was played. Each woman called on was to “choose” someone else before they sat down, until everyone present had told in a few words what the day had meant to her.

Texas Gamma, Texas Tech University
A local group, the Ko Shari Club, formed in 1932. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on April 25, 1953. The Initiation Ceremony took place at St. John’s Methodist Church. The installation banquet was held at the Skyline Dining Room with the theme of “The Pi Phi Arrow Points to a New Star in Texas.” The room’s ceiling was covered in mobile stars of various sizes.

Texas Delta, Texas Christian University
The chapter was installed on August 30, 1956. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the University Christian Church. The installation banquet was held at the Ridglea Country Club. Jeweled recognition pins were presented to the new initiates for their outstanding work.

Texas Epsilon, University of North Texas
The chapter was installed on January 31, 1976. Installation activities included a Cookie Shine hosted by local alumnae, the Initiation Ceremony and a banquet.

Texas Zeta, Baylor University
A local group, Alpha Omega, formed in 1924. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on August 13, 1977. The Initiation Ceremony took place at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. The banquet theme was “Pi Phi Lights Anew.” During the banquet, Mayor J. Leigh Brooks presented the chapter with a proclamation declaring August 13, 1977, as Pi Beta Phi Day in Waco.

Texas Eta, Texas A&M University
The chapter was installed on April 20, 1985. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the College Station Community Center. The installation banquet was held at the Aggieland Inn. Decorations included flowers, candles and programs printed in wine and blue. During installation events, the chapter received many gifts, including a Cabbage Patch® angel doll.

Utah Alpha, University of Utah
A local group, Gamma Phi, formed in 1897. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 11, 1929. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Jewish Community Center, whose rugs were wine and draperies silver blue by coincidence. The installation banquet was held at the Hotel Utah. Tables were arranged with baskets of wine-colored asters, blue delphinium and carnations.

Vermont Alpha, Middlebury College
The chapter was installed on December 1, 1893. After the Initiation Ceremony, the women enjoyed a meal and literary program. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1969.
Virginia Delta, Old Dominion University
The chapter began as a local group, Kappa Kappa Kappa, and was installed as a Pi Phi chapter on Chapter Loyalty Day, January 9, 1965. The Initiation Ceremony took place at Park Place Methodist Church. The installation banquet was held at the Golden Triangle Hotel. It included a tribute to suffragist CARRIE LANE CHAPMAN CATT, Iowa Gamma, in whose honor Chapter Loyalty Day is celebrated.

Virginia Eta, University of Virginia
The chapter was installed on April 12, 1975. The Initiation Ceremony took place at Christ Episcopal Church. The installation banquet took place in the Dogwood Room at Newcomb Hall.

Virginia Zeta, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
The chapter was installed on December 5, 1981. Installation activities included the Initiation Ceremony, a Cookie Shine and installation banquet. The chapter presented ceramic wine carnations to all current and past Fraternity officers in attendance.

Virginia Eta, University of Richmond
The chapter was installed on May 2, 1987. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the First Presbyterian Church. The installation banquet was held at the Hyatt Richmond. In memory of Past Grand President MAY LANSFIELD KELLER, Maryland Alpha, who served as Dean of the University’s Westhampton College for 12 years, the Fraternity presented a $5,000 gift to establish an endowment fund for campus programming in the area of women’s issues.

Virginia Theta, Washington and Lee University
The chapter was installed on April 25, 1992. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the Seven Hills Inn, originally built as a men’s fraternity house. The installation banquet was held at the Lexington Country Club. The next day, an arrow badge belonging to Grand President Emerita MARIANNE REID WILD, Kansas Alpha, was presented to the chapter honoring her son, who passed away while he was a student at the University.

Virginia Iota, George Mason University
The chapter was installed on January 25, 2014. The installation banquet was held at the Mason Inn. Special guest speakers included Past Grand President SARAH RUTH “SIS” MULLIS, South Carolina Alpha, who was celebrating her attendance at her 50th chapter installation.

Washington Alpha, University of Washington
A local group, Kappa Tau Tau, formed in 1900. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on January 5, 1907. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the home of Maryland Alpha ROBERTA FRYE (WATT). The installation banquet was held at the Butler Hotel. Special guests included Founder INEZ SMITH SOULE and Past Grand President RAINIE ADAMSON SMALL, Illinois Beta.

Washington Beta, Washington State University
A local group, Phi Alpha Epsilon, formed in 1908. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on July 6, 1912. Installation activities were held at the chapter house. The chapter’s charter was suspended in 2012. The chapter was reorganized on January 24, 2015.
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Washington Gamma, University of Puget Sound
A local group, Kappa Sigma Theta, formed in 1903. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 9, 1948. The Initiation Ceremony took place in the Little Chapel of Jones Hall. The installation banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Wintonop. The banquet theme was “Visions” and special guest speakers spoke on this topic, including their visions for the chapter’s future.

West Virginia Alpha, West Virginia University
A local group, The Circle, formed in 1916. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 21, 1918. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the home of Dr. Strickland and his wife, a member of Gamma Phi Beta. The installation banquet was held at the Hotel Maderia. Many wives of faculty members and townspeople attended the banquet, representing Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega and Alpha Xi Delta.

West Virginia Beta, Davis & Elkins College
A local group, Phi Chi, formed in 1922. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 21, 1950. The installation banquet was held at the Tygart Valley Country Club. Decorations included wine and silver blue floral arrangements and a banner of wine silk centered with a large golden arrow. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1955.

West Virginia Gamma, Bethany College
A local group, Pi Alpha Theta, formed in 1965. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on March 2, 1968. The installation banquet was held at the Wilson Lodge in Oglebay Park. The banquet theme was “Golden Fleet of Pi Beta Phi” and decorations included wine carnations, wine and blue ribbon, handmade candleholders and silkscreened banquet programs with matching placecards. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1981.

Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin
The chapter was installed on November 1, 1894. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1971. The chapter was reinstalled on October 11, 1986. The installation banquet was held at the Maple Bluff Country Club. During that banquet, the chapter was presented with its original charter. Wisconsin Alpha ROSANNE BOTHAM RAEMISCH sang the “Pi Phi Anthem” with a special verse written for the occasion.

Wisconsin Beta, Beloit College
A local group, Chi Epsilon, formed in 1905. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on August 20, 1919. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1971. The chapter was reestablished in 1979, but was withdrawn in 1980 before installation took place.

Wisconsin Gamma, Lawrence University
A local group, Pi Phi Gamma, formed in 1939. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 12, 1940. The installation banquet was held at the Riverview Country Club. The banquet theme was the shape of an arrow and special guest speakers spoke on this topic, from the arrowhead to its shaft. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 1983.

Wisconsin Delta, Marquette University
A local group, Kappa Xi Kappa, formed in 1988. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on November 11, 1990. The Initiation Ceremony took place at the First Unitarian Church. The installation banquet was held in the Regency Ballroom of the Marc Plaza Hotel. Tables were decorated with wine tablecloths, gold angel garland and centerpieces of roses and pink and white lilies.

Wyoming Alpha, University of Wyoming
A local group, Alpha Omega, formed in 1905. The Pi Phi chapter was installed on September 8, 1910. The chapter was established through the influence of Iowa Zeta GRACE HEBARD, a member of the University’s faculty. Installation activities took place at the Woman’s Hall. During the banquet, each course was served with a different flag, including flags decorated with wine and blue. The chapter’s charter was relinquished in 2013.
Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Clubs

The history of alumnae clubs traces back to the 1870s. In one of the early I.C. constitutions, it’s recorded that upon graduation, members were to join an alumnae chapter, but should also remain in connection with their former collegiate chapter. These early alumnae chapters held regular meetings and devoted their time to literary study, Fraternity interests and social affairs.

In May 1893, Grand President EMMA HARPER TURNER, D.C. Alpha, sent out a circular proposing the formation of an Alumnae Association of Pi Beta Phi composed of existing alumnae chapters and clubs as well as alumnae at large. This proposal was taken very seriously. From the “The History of Pi Beta Phi,” published in 1915, it is written:

“There was no doubt but what such an organization would have a great and good influence on the undergraduates of the Fraternity. Besides inspiring them by their example, the association of older women in Fraternity work would give a dignity and weight to the Fraternity, which would never belong to a mere college society. Also, it was the crystallization of a well-developed conviction in the Fraternity that alumnae relations would be best conserved and productive of the most good through a definite, concrete organization.”

The inauguration of the Alumnae Association took place at the 1893 Chicago Convention. EMMA HARPER TURNER stepped down as Grand President to become the first President of the Alumnae Association. It was also set forth that this alumnae contingent would maintain the Fraternity associations of Pi Beta Phi alumnae and secure their cooperation in the development of the Fraternity.

In 1900, the Alumnae Association made a petition to Grand Council asking for reduced rates for alumnae Arrow subscriptions. The proposal recommended 25 cents per year. The petition was granted and proved most successful in increasing both alumnae support and magazine subscriptions.

Later, at the 1901 Syracuse Convention, the Alumnae Association became a part of the Fraternity at large. Additionally, the duties of the Grand Vice President were made to include those of Secretary of the Alumnae Association. As a result, she became the head of the Alumnae Department and was given a small stipend.

It was also stipulated that every alumnae club should hold at least three meetings per year: one devoted to the interests of the nearest collegiate chapter; a second to the study of the Constitution, the historical documents and the yearly examination questions; and a third to the observance of Founders’ Day. Alumnae clubs, if geographically close to a collegiate chapter, were also asked to send a delegate to a chapter meeting at least once per month. And, if practical, a club representative was to attend national convention.

Throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, Pi Beta Phi alumnae clubs continued to grow and serve as a venue to make friends, network and stay connected to the Fraternity. Today, Pi Beta Phi has 288 alumnae clubs encompassing nearly 300,000 members ever initiated. Modern clubs are more involved than ever, participating in Read > Lead > Achieve literacy service, supporting collegiate chapters, donating to Pi Beta Phi Foundation and more.

Alumnae members are encouraged to get involved! To learn more about alumna member benefits or to join an alumnae club in your area, visit www.pibetaphi.org.

Members of the Baltimore, Maryland, Alumnae Club with members of the Maryland Alpha Chapter at a 1945 Founders’ Day celebration.
Pi Beta Phi Marketing

Our early members promoted Pi Beta Phi by wearing their arrow badges. They also wore stylized Pi Beta Phi jewelry and accessories, such as hatpins, stickpins, hair clips and tie bars. Later, members used Pi Phi symbols and the Greek letters for stationery and certificates, many of which featured custom designed monograms. Today’s marketing efforts encompass a variety of brochures and multimedia pieces. The Arrow magazine has also been a prominent mainstay for connecting sisters since the first issue in 1885.
MODERN MARKETING MATERIALS

THE ARROW MAGAZINE
Pi Beta Phi Fashions

When Pi Beta Phi was founded in 1867, our founders wore golden arrow badges to signify their membership. During the early days, the badge was often incorporated into a member’s hairstyle or worn near the neck. At the 1906 Indianapolis Convention, a fixed spot for the badge, “the left side near the heart,” was adopted.

Pi Phi clothing was not available to members until after World War II. The first mass-produced clothing items in the archives are two small square scarves with the arrow badge printed on them. A company produced these scarves for several women’s fraternities and sororities and sold them in department stores in the 1940s.

In the 1950s, white blazers with the Fraternity crest can be seen in composite pictures. Chapter members might have one sweatshirt with the crest or the words Pi Beta Phi spelled out in front, but strict college dress codes prevented women from wearing sportswear for anything other than recreational activities. A few pictures show women wearing these sweatshirts during powder puff football games.

In the 1960s, dress codes went by the wayside. Blue jeans became a part of college life, paired with silkscreened and appliqued T-shirts. Satin Greek letters stitched onto sweatshirts became popular in the 1970s. The Spring 1990 Arrow told of the establishment of Pi Phi Express, with one of the store’s first catalogs featuring puffy paint sweatshirts and crewneck sweatshirts.

Today’s member is likely to show her Pi Phi pride with a T-shirt, sweatshirt or jacket adorned with our Greek letters. The combination of colors, stitching and fabric are seemingly endless. Members continue to purchase from Pi Phi Express, which offers a full line of merchandise and operates out of Pi Beta Phi Headquarters in Town & Country, Missouri.
Pi Beta Phi Awards

The first Pi Phi award was presented at the 1910 Swarthmore Convention. A cup was awarded to the chapter with the largest delegation, judged on the following criteria: total enrollment of the chapter, years the chapter had been in existence, greatest number of active chapter members and number of miles required to travel to convention. Nebraska Beta was the first winner of that award.

The Balfour Cup, the Fraternity’s highest and most prestigious honor for a collegiate chapter, was first awarded at the 1921 Charlevoix Convention to Virginia Alpha. The silver cup was originally known as the Ruth DeHass Balfour Memorial Cup. It was given to Pi Beta Phi by Lloyd G. Balfour, Sigma Chi and fraternity jeweler, in memory of his wife, Indiana Gamma RUTH DEHASS BALFOUR. The L.G. Balfour Company had become Pi Beta Phi’s official jeweler a few years earlier, and Ruth and her husband had visited many Pi Phi chapters selling badges.

Today, the Balfour Cup continues to be awarded based on an evaluation of a chapter’s success and its quality of the Pi Beta Phi membership experience. The highest and most prestigious honor for alumnae clubs is the Premier Club of Excellence Award, awarded annually to one small club and one large club that are representatives of performance that is exemplary above all others.

Numerous other awards are presented annually to chapters, alumnae clubs and individuals, both collegiate and alumnae. These awards honor philanthropic service, academic success and overall achievement, among other categories. Awards are also presented to chapters and alumnae clubs for giving to Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Each winner retains permanent possession of their award. Past traveling awards have been retired to the archives at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters.
1950s

Collegiate awards

Silver Slipper

1987

Alumnae awards

1991

Carolyn Helman
Lichtenberg Crest Award

Collegiate and alumnae awards
Early Pi Phi officers conducted their own correspondence and office duties from their homes. As the Fraternity grew and administrative activities expanded, rented offices were used. Over the years, Pi Beta Phi Headquarters, previously called “Central Office,” was located in several different cities. The first offices were in Hartford, Connecticut, and three cities in Illinois — Bloomington, Marshall and Decatur.

In 1964, Pi Beta Phi began renting office space in the Midvale Building on Hanley Road in downtown Clayton, Missouri. In 1974, Pi Phi had outgrown its quarters and moved around the corner to Suite 333 at 7730 Carondelet. Over the years, more and more office space was rented until Pi Phi took up most of one floor of the building.

After careful consideration, a plot of land was purchased in Town & Country, Missouri, in 2000. Construction began on the new Headquarters building in November 2001. Construction was completed in late summer 2002 and the building was dedicated in November 2002. The trees planted around the building are called “Founders Grove” and are dedicated to the 12 visionaries who began our Fraternity 150 years ago. The brick walkway in the front entrance has inscribed bricks purchased by Pi Phi members, chapters, alumnae clubs and friends of Pi Beta Phi. Many archival items are displayed on the walls and in cabinets.

In 2016, a 4,200-square-foot addition was constructed onto the back of the existing Headquarters building. The new space included more than 20 workstations; a larger kitchen and dining area to better accommodate visiting officers and local Pi Phi events; and a dedicated space for shipping and receiving supplies and Pi Phi Express merchandise. Additionally, the square footage of the archives doubled, allowing treasures of Pi Phi heritage to be more prominently displayed.

Today, Pi Beta Phi Headquarters employs more than 50 professional staff members across three entities: the Fraternity, the Fraternity Housing Corporation and the Foundation. These men and women spend every day working to create a valuable member experience for Pi Phis of all ages.

Visitors are welcome at Headquarters! If you are in the area and would like to tour the building, a staff member would be happy to give you a tour. Don’t forget to shop at Pi Phi Express during your visit.
Midvale Building, 112 South Hanley Road, Clayton, Missouri • 1964-1974

Suite 333 at 7730 Carondelet, Clayton, Missouri • 1974-2002

1154 Town & Country Commons Drive, Town & Country, Missouri • 2002–present
The Living Legacy our Founders Left Behind

DESCENDENTS OF JENNIE HORNE TURNBULL

Founder JENNIE HORNE TURNBULL has a long line of Pi Phis in her family. Three of her granddaughters attended Monmouth College and joined Illinois Alpha: KATHERINE TURNBULL CAMPBELL, MARJORIE TURNBULL FRITZ and ELEANOR TURNBULL SASSANO. The three women attended the 1989 San Diego Convention together. They brought their grandmother’s original I.C. badge with them to celebrate the occasion.

That I.C. badge was passed down to Jennie’s great-granddaughter, PATRICIA SASSANO VANDERHEIJDEN, Maryland Beta. Patricia grew up surrounded by Pi Phis. Not only were her relatives Pi Phis, but her mother was also an active member of her local alumnae club. Patricia explained that, from a very young age, she knew she was a descendant of a founder. But she said she did not truly understand the significance of her Pi Phi lineage until she attended the University of Maryland and had the opportunity to live with her Maryland Beta sisters. Thanks to Pi Beta Phi, she found a place to belong, a sentiment that continues today in her alumna life.

Patricia loves how she shared Pi Beta Phi with her mother and two aunts. She’s also thrilled to share the sisterhood of the wine and silver blue with her niece, Tennessee Beta REBECCA GRANT. In fact, one of Patricia’s favorite Pi Phi memories is pinning her niece with Jennie’s original I.C. badge, just as she was pinned. She even traveled from New York to Nashville to attend her niece’s Initiation Ceremony.

DESCENDENTS OF CLARA BROWNLEE HUTCHINSON

Founder CLARA BROWNLEE HUTCHINSON’S Pi Phi legacy spans five generations over the past 150 years. Not only is the Pi Phi legacy strong between mother and daughter across generations, but Pi Phi helped unify this family wherever life took them: from mid-America to the great Northwest and down the Pacific Coast.

Clara’s daughter, Emmil Tornquist, followed in her mother’s footsteps by attending Monmouth College. However, she was unable to join Pi Beta Phi because all fraternal organizations were banned from campus during her years as a collegian.

However, Emmil must have spoken highly of Pi Phi, because when her daughter, JANE TORNQUIST COMPTON, also attended Monmouth College, she joined the Illinois Alpha Chapter. A few years into her education, she transferred from Monmouth College to the University of Washington where she affiliated with the Washington Alpha Chapter.

Above: Seated second from left, Illinois Alpha ELEANOR TURNBULL SASSANO. First from back left, Eleanor’s daughter and Maryland Beta PATRICIA SASSANO VANDERHEIJDEN. The women are descendents of Founder JENNIE HORNE TURNBULL.
Jane’s daughter, **CLARISSA “CHRIS” COMPTON WILLING**, the great-granddaughter of Clara, also became a Pi Phi at the University of Washington. After graduation, Chris moved to Phoenix where she became an active member of the Phoenix Alumnae Club. Later, she moved to San Diego, California, and briefly had contact with the North San Diego County Alumnae Club.

When it was time for her daughter, **JULIE WILLING MAHLER**, to begin her collegiate experience, she attended San Diego State University where she joined the California Epsilon Chapter.

One of the most exciting pieces of Pi Phi history that mothers and daughters of this family line have shared over the years is that Jane, Chris and Julie were all three initiated into Pi Beta Phi with Clara’s I.C. Sorosis badge. That badge remains with the family to this day.

These women are, of course, also related to Clara’s sister, Founder **EMMA BROWNLEE KILGORE**. Emma did not have any children, which explains the absence of her family line in this narrative.

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**DESCENDENTS OF FANNIE WHITENACK LIBBEY**

The feeling of finding a home in Pi Phi is also apparent among mother-daughter pair Indiana Epsilon **BARBARA WHEELER BYRNE** and Illinois Alpha **MEGAN BYRNE**. The two women are relatives of Founder **FANNIE WHITENACK LIBBEY**.

Megan, who graduated in May 2016, explained how she wasn’t sure if fraternity and sorority life was for her when she transferred to Monmouth College her sophomore year. However, she knew her mother was a Pi Phi and knew she was related to one of the Fraternity’s founders. So when the first friends she made on campus turned out to be Pi Phis, she decided to join Pi Beta Phi, in large part because of their welcoming nature. One of Megan’s favorite Pi Phi experiences was attending the dedication of the new Illinois Alpha Chapter house this past summer with her mother.

Another special Pi Phi memory between the two is that both mother and daughter were initiated at Holt House. Barbara was initiated into Illinois Alpha, and only later affiliated with Indiana Epsilon. She even pinned her daughter with her arrow badge. Barbara also felt it was an extra special opportunity to attend her daughter’s initiation at the exact location of her own, and also the exact location of the Fraternity’s founding.

Though Barbara has been a Pi Phi alumna for more than 30 years, she has stayed in touch with many of her Illinois Alpha sisters. Recently, nearly 20 women gathered for two separate reunion weekends in Chicago. The laughter, conversations and support for one another during those weekends was profound. Pi Phi continues to be a common thread among the women, no matter their location or life stage. It’s the sisterhood they share that brings them together.

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Above: Indiana Epsilon **BARBARA WHEELER BYRNE** (third from back left) and her daughter, Illinois Alpha **MEGAN BYRNE** (fifth from back left), attended the dedication of the Illinois Alpha Chapter house. The women are descendents of Founder **FANNIE WHITENACK LIBBEY**.
The following pages are a dedication to those outstanding Pi Phis who, through their words and deeds, are admired and adored. It is because of their deep, abiding love for Pi Beta Phi that our Fraternity remains a premier organization for women. We are grateful for their exceptional leadership and generous service over the last 150 years.
Iowa Gamma CARRIE LANE CHAPMAN CATTE played a pivotal role in helping women earn the right to vote.

Carrie worked with leaders like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She served as the President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association from 1900-1904 and then again from 1915-1920. Her brilliant organization and oratory skills were credited with helping pass the 19th Amendment in 1920. Later, she helped found the League of Women Voters.

Many honors and degrees were conferred upon Carrie. She was the first National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) member to receive Chi Omega’s National Achievement Award, a gold medal presented to a woman of notable accomplishment. Her likeness has been on two postage stamps, one in the U.S. in 1948 and another in Turkey.

Carrie was always loyal to Pi Beta Phi, especially her Iowa Gamma Chapter. After a chapter house fire, she gave them financial aid to rebuild. At the 1924 Eastern Conference, when the portrait of First Lady GRACE GOODHUE COOLIDGE, Vermont Beta, was presented to the nation, Carrie was the keynote speaker at the banquet. At the 1946 Swampscott Convention, the convention body voted to establish Chapter Loyalty Day as January 9, in honor of Carrie’s birthday.

Carrie passed away in 1947. One of her mottoes was: “Service to a just cause rewards the worker with more real happiness and satisfaction than any other venture in life.” This quote symbolizes all her efforts to make this a better world for women.

Emma Harper Turner
D. C. ALPHA

Few Pi Phis have such a lengthy list of contributions to the Fraternity as D.C. Alpha EMMA HARPER TURNER. Her service was completed with a fierce devotion to ensuring women played an important role in society. Though she was a charter member of the Indiana Alpha Chapter at Franklin College, Emma later also became a member of the D.C. Alpha Chapter at The George Washington University.

While a student at Franklin College, Emma was first a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. After a series of misunderstandings, Kappa withdrew the charter from its chapter at Franklin. NPC had not yet been established at that time and there was no prohibiting against belonging to more than one NPC group.
Emma then sought a charter to establish an I.C. Sorosis chapter. She was initiated as a member of that chapter in 1888 and served as the chapter’s delegate to the 1888 Ottumwa Convention. Her leadership was apparent; after only two days, the delegates elected her Grand Vice President. Two years later, at the 1890 Galesburg Convention, Emma was elected Grand President.

At the time, there were approximately 20 chapters in six adjacent states. Between 1888 and 1893, eight more chapters were installed. One of these was the D.C. Alpha Chapter at The George Washington University. Emma was the prime force behind the chapter’s establishment and also one of its charter members.

She always kept in close touch with D.C. Alpha Chapter members and is well remembered for an incident taking place at one of the chapter’s Initiation Ceremonies. The collegians had put a sign on the front door: “Keep out!” Emma arrived and read the sign, but then knocked on the door until it was finally opened. Then she said: “I am Emma Harper Turner, and I am coming in!”

Emma attended the historic meeting in 1891 in Boston where representatives from seven different women’s organizations met together in-person for the very first time. She was appointed Secretary of that group’s first standing committee.

Her crowning achievement was establishing the first women’s fraternity alumnae association. At the 1893 Chicago Convention, Emma resigned as Grand President to become the first President of the Pi Beta Phi alumnae association. It grew and became the backbone of the Fraternity.

At the 1910 Swarthmore Convention, Emma, as a Washington, D.C., Alumnae Club representative, presented a plan for an altruistic project she felt Pi Phi needed. The plan was to establish a Settlement School in the Appalachian Mountains in honor of the founders and Pi Beta Phi’s founding. A committee was appointed to outline and develop the project. Emma, Pennsylvania Alpha ANNA PETTIT BROOMELL and Grand President MAY LANSFIELD KELLER, Maryland Alpha, made many trips to Tennessee to find a location. Gatlinburg was later chosen. The establishment of the school marked the formal beginning of Pi Beta Phi’s more than 100-year commitment to literacy service.

At the 1924 Eastern Conference, Emma gave the opening address, welcoming more than 1,200 Pi Phis. During the conference, the women walked up Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, where Pi Phi members and mothers were invited to tea with First Lady GRACE GOODHUE COOLIDGE, Vermont Beta. The lovely portrait of the First Lady, paid for by the Fraternity, was presented to the White House that afternoon.

After being an honorary guest at the 1931 Asbury Park Convention, Emma retired and moved to Glendale, California, to be near her sister, a stage and film actress. Emma was active in that city’s alumnae club for many years. In 1934, she broke her hip, contracted pneumonia and passed away just shy of 80 years old.

Pi Beta Phi Foundation’s Emma Harper Turner Fund is a fitting memorial for this trailblazing leader. The Emma Harper Turner Fund program grants financial assistance on a confidential basis to alumnae and collegians in dire financial need, including those members residing in Presidentially-declared (or the Canadian equivalent) disaster areas. Today, the program grants more than $50,000 annually in support of sisters in need.
Michigan Alpha ELIZABETH CLARKE HELMICK served as Fraternity Historian and wrote “The History of Pi Beta Phi,” which was published in 1915. She also played a significant role in the success of the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School in Gatlinburg.

In 1889, Elizabeth married Eli A. Helmick who would become a Major General in the U.S. Army. Elizabeth followed her husband as he was stationed in various locales. He was sent to army posts in Washington and Idaho, then known as the western frontier, to guard American Indian reservations. Then from 1894 to 1896, the couple was stationed in Hillsdale, Michigan.

While her husband was detailed by the War Department for duty as a military instructor at Hillsdale College, Elizabeth was asked to be a patroness of the Michigan Alpha Chapter. The young wife and mother became a favorite of the chapter. She was initiated by the chapter in 1896.

The family left Michigan later that year, but Elizabeth continued to be involved in the Fraternity as she followed her husband’s career. From Michigan, the family moved to Oklahoma and then, in 1900, to Cuba. Elizabeth was among the first American women to go out with the American army of occupation after the Spanish-American War. The family then went on a 56-day voyage to Paraguay. At the time, Elizabeth was the only woman allowed to accompany any expedition upon active service. In 1902, Elizabeth went with her husband to the Philippines and then on to Alaska in 1906.

She was a member of the Washington, D.C., Alumnae Club when the idea for the Settlement School was proposed at the 1910 Swarthmore Convention. Later, as a member of the Chicago Alumnae Club, Elizabeth became concerned about the direction the idea was taking. The Chicago Alumnae Club was asked to take over the project and Elizabeth became Chairman of the Settlement School Committee.

She devoted herself to seeing that the school was a success. Elizabeth hired the first Pi Phi teacher, Illinois Zeta DELLA “MISS DELL” GILLETTE (MORGAN). She gave the Gatlinburg men the infamous ultimatum, saying if they did not come up with their portion of the funds to purchase land for the school, Pi Phi would leave and find another community. When the Teacher’s Cottage was being built, she spent weeks in Gatlinburg overseeing every aspect of the project. She visited with, and wrote hundreds of letters to, alumnae clubs and chapters, which helped the Settlement School become a respected and valued Fraternity project.

Elizabeth remained devoted to the Fraternity after her retirement from the Settlement School Committee in 1917. After her husband’s retirement from the Army, the couple moved to Hawaii. She was a loyal member of the Honolulu Alumnae Club until her death in 1951.

Maryland Alpha MAY LANSFIELD KELLER was a pioneer, scholar, teacher, college administrator, linguist, writer and traveler.

In 1897, May became the very first initiate of the Maryland Alpha Chapter. She was also the first Chapter President as well as her class President. For two terms after her graduation, May did graduate work at the University of Chicago. Her dream was to study in Europe; she finally persuaded her father to let her go to Heidelberg, Germany.
May was one of the first women to enroll at Heidelberg University. Her knowledge of English literature, German, philosophy, Anglo-Saxon and the classics impressed her professors. She also studied at the University of Berlin. She did her thesis research at the British Museum archives. Her thesis topic, one of two from which she could choose, was “The Etymological Treatment of Anglo-Saxon Weapon Names.” In 1904, May received her doctorate magna cum laude.

In 1908, May was elected Grand President. During her 10 years in office, she installed 21 chapters. Among them was Ontario Alpha, the Fraternity’s first Canadian chapter. The Pi Phi Symphony, recognition pin and official Pi Phi Grace were inaugurated during her presidency. The Settlement School was her greatest achievement, and it was her proudest moment when the new school building was dedicated in 1913.

In 1914, May became Dean of Westhampton College, a new women’s school that was to be part of the University of Richmond. She was resolute that Westhampton College should be a true college and not another finishing school. Eighty-eight young women were in the first class. May ran the school for 32 years and became known affectionately as the ‘Iron Dean.’

May traveled extensively throughout her life. Her many adventures included surviving a shipwreck off the coast of Norway. At the age of 71, she rode a donkey to a volcano in Guatemala and at the age of 75, she rode a camel through the Egyptian desert.

Many honors were bestowed upon May both before and after her retirement. She was named Professor Emerita and lived out her life at the ‘Deanery,’ the campus residence that she loved. Her last public appearance was in 1964 at Westhampton College’s golden anniversary, a few weeks before her death. She sat in cap and gown to watch a pageant showing the 50-year history of the college in which she had been a vital and guiding force.

In May’s memory, Pi Beta Phi Foundation established the May Lansfield Keller Award for Philanthropic Leadership in 2011. This award is presented biennially to a Pi Beta Phi member who has displayed outstanding philanthropic leadership in her community and who has significantly advanced the Foundation’s mission of ensuring the future of our sisterhood.

Amy Burnham Onken
ILLINOIS EPSILON

It was through the leadership of Illinois Epsilon AMY BURNHAM ONKEN that our Fraternity gained not only strength, but its outstanding reputation in the fraternity and sorority community.

In 1904, Amy entered Northwestern University and became a member of the Illinois Epsilon Chapter. She was extremely popular, serving as class historian for four years in addition to a myriad of other activities. Her course work was in English and she received a bachelor’s degree in 1908.

In 1912, Amy became a member of Pi Beta Phi’s Grand Council. Eight years later, at the age of 36, she was elected Grand President. She held that office for 31 years. During her...
tenure, Pi Phi grew from 65 chapters to 97 chapters, and from 13,000 members to 56,000 members. She installed 38 chapters, 36 of those as Grand President. She pinned the arrow over the hearts of more than 1,500 initiates. Amy knew many of the founders and reinstalled the Illinois Alpha Chapter at Monmouth College in 1928.

From 1928 to 1953, Amy served as Pi Phi’s NPC Delegate. She served as NPC Chairman from 1945 to 1947 and oversaw the merger of the Association of Education Sororities into NPC during that time. In 1934, Amy received an honorary degree from Monmouth College. Founder MARGARET CAMPBELL, a Monmouth resident, placed the hood upon Amy’s shoulders. This was at the request of Monmouth College’s President, James Grier, son of Founder ADA BRUEN GRIER.

Amy was outstanding in parliamentary law, phrasing motions concisely with all necessary points within one motion. Her wonderful memory for names and faces, her quiet dignity and her friendliness and interest made her one of Pi Phi’s truly great women. Her light blond hair had turned white while she was in her early 30’s. She wore her hair in a French roll, with never a hair out of place; few remember her any other way. It always amused her when a collegian would confuse her with the founders.

At the 1952 Houston Convention, the title of Honorary Grand President was conferred upon Amy. She attended her last convention in 1962 and passed away a year later.

One of Pi Phi’s highest individual collegiate awards, the Amy Burnham Onken Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Campus and Community Leadership, was established in her honor. The award recognizes the contribution of a senior who has best lived up to the ideals of Pi Beta Phi. It was first presented in 1935.

In 1898, Grace entered the University of Vermont and became a charter member of the Vermont Beta Chapter. The chapter often met in the Coolidge family home. She was the chapter's delegate to the 1901 Syracuse Convention. There she met ANNA ROBINSON (NICKERSON), the representative from the Massachusetts Alpha Chapter at Boston University. A lifelong friendship was formed.

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in 1902, she began working as a teacher at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, Massachusetts. Calvin Coolidge, also a Vermonter, had graduated in 1895 from Amherst College where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He set up a law practice in nearby Northampton. Grace met Calvin in a most unorthodox way. Calvin had very unruly hair, so he always wore a hat when he shaved. One day when Grace was in the garden of the Clarke School, she glanced up at the house next door and saw in a window Calvin shaving. He heard her laugh and made plans to meet her. They were married on October 4, 1905. They had two sons: John, born in 1906, and Calvin Jr., born in 1908.

After becoming mayor of Northampton, Calvin was elected State Senator, Lieutenant Governor and then Governor. In 1920, he was elected Vice President of the United States and the family moved to the New Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. Upon President Harding’s death, Calvin succeeded to the presidency on August 3, 1923. He was elected to a full term in 1924 by the largest Republican plurality up to that point.

In April 1924, as part of the Fraternity’s Eastern Conference, Pi Beta Phi presented a portrait of Grace to the White House, painted by Howard Chandler Christy. More than 1,200 Pi Phis, from every state, attended the presentation of the portrait. Pi Phi members had contributed $3,000 to have it painted. Based on the nation’s colors, Grace’s dress is red with her Pi Phi arrow over her heart. Her white collie, Rob Roy, is at her side against a background of the White House and a brilliant blue sky. Copies of the portrait were sold to Pi Phis for $2 each, and $3 each if they were signed by Grace. The proceeds benefitted the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School’s library.
FIRST LADY OF THE LAND

An Arrow correspondent described the presentation of the portrait of First Lady GRACE GOODHUE COOLIDGE, Vermont Beta, to the White House.

“The guests assembled in the historic East Room, forming a semi-circle about the panel on the west wall, where hung the curtains, in wine red velvet, with cords of silver blue, which covered the portrait. The presentation party was assembled in the Green Room. Promptly at 4:30, a section of the Marine Band began to play, announcing the opening of the simple ceremony. The presentation group came first from the Green Room, taking their places on the inner side of the circle, facing the portrait. On either side of the portrait stood the two collegiate girls who were to draw the curtains.

Through the double doorway appeared the Army, Naval and Marine Aides to the President. With the Senior Aides as escort, came Grace Coolidge, First Lady of the Land. She wore a soft grey georgette crepe afternoon dress trimmed with crystal, and, as jewels, a diamond eagle on her shoulder, a chain with a crystal pendant, a gold bracelet, her wedding ring and the diamond studded arrow, which had been presented the day before by a group of personal friends in Pi Beta Phi. With arms at her side, she stood very still through the entire ceremony, except for a constant play of understanding appreciation, which lighted her expressive face.

The representatives drew the silver blue cords, the heavy wine-red curtains parted and the portrait was revealed. Then, ‘to express a little of what was in their hearts,’ the Pi Beta Phi Anthem was sung, with Mrs. Coolidge joining in. After the portrait was presented, the group moved to the Blue Room. A single line was formed and the guests were presented by name to the First Lady. To each she gave a smile, an individual word of greeting and a warm handshake.

The lower floors of the White House were open, so that the attendees had an opportunity to see the staterooms. At the conclusion of the reception, the group headed to the gardens, where a panoramic photo was taken. As the First Lady left the grounds after the picture, she spoke to the nearby Pi Phis, ‘This is the loveliest thing I have seen here. I should like to keep you here always, to make beautiful the White House lawn.’"
Marianne Reid Wild
Kansas Alpha MARIANNE REID WILD was a dedicated Pi Phi leader. She led the way by becoming the first alumna to make a significant bequest to Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

Marianne joined Kansas Alpha in 1924. Her Pi Phi service began in 1931 with the role of Province Vice President. She served next as Assistant Grand Vice President for 12 years and then as Grand Vice President. In 1952, she became Grand President. During her six years in that role, she installed seven chapters. She served as Pi Beta Phi’s NPC Delegate and in 1966 was named Grand President Emerita.

Marianne died just as the Fraternity gathered for the 1991 St. Louis Convention. A Pi Phi for 67 years, tradition played a large part in her life. Marianne always carefully considered what had been done in the past before suggesting changes for the future. She honored the many past customs that had provided continuity.

Marianne extended her love for Pi Phi by leaving a large portion of her estate to Pi Beta Phi Foundation. She was the first Pi Phi to give a gift of its size, and it enabled Marianne to establish a permanent legacy that lives on in perpetuity and impacts many generations of Pi Phis beyond those she lived to see.

Today, many Pi Beta Phi members and friends also choose to make planned gifts that transcend their lifetime and allow the Foundation to ensure the future of our sisterhood. These forward-thinking donors are known collectively as members of the Marianne Reid Wild Society. Each November, the Foundation celebrates Marianne Reid Wild Society Month. The celebration honors the legacy of Marianne and those members and friends who have followed in her footsteps and made the ultimate gift to Pi Beta Phi.

Olivia Smith Moore
Missouri Alpha OLIVIA SMITH MOORE was a wonderful friend, a tower of strength and devotion and a truly great Pi Phi.

In college, Olivia was very active in her chapter. While serving as Chapter President, she had the great joy of pledging and initiating her younger sister. As an alumna, she continued to be active in Pi Beta Phi. She served as a Province Vice President from 1936 to 1946. From 1946 until 1951, she served as Treasurer of the Settlement School Committee. In 1952, she was elected Grand Treasurer and served in that office until 1967. At the 1967 Centennial Convention, she was named Grand Treasurer Emerita.

Apt to begin her Grand Treasurer’s report at conventions with the words, “We took in scads and we spent oodles,” Olivia kept a very careful eye on the Fraternity’s money. She closely watched the Fraternity’s investments and was proud that

Left and below (third from left): Kansas Alpha MARIANNE REID WILD served as Grand President from 1952-1958. She was the first Pi Phi alumna to make a significant bequest to Pi Beta Phi Foundation, a legacy that lives on in perpetuity.
there was enough money in 1961 to manage a national workshop in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for all Chapter Presidents and later enough to finance an extra convention to celebrate the Fraternity’s Centennial.

Olivia often said the Fraternity and its ideals filled a spiritual need in her life, and her greatest happiness outside her family was her contact with her Pi Phi friends. She attended many chapter installations, always choosing to stand at the left of the Grand President during the Initiation Ceremony. The sight of her, standing perfectly straight the whole time, kept many a volunteer on her feet; for who could admit to fatigue when Olivia continued in her place?

Olivia’s love of shoes became legendary in the Fraternity. At conventions, Pi Phi collegians considered it a great treat to be invited to Olivia’s room to see the shoes she “needed” for the week — usually about 40 pairs — lined up on the top of a chest of drawers. A salesman in the shoe department of Neiman Marcus encouraged “Miss Olivia’s” love of shoes. He never failed to send her one or two pairs of shoes each month — subject to her approval. She never regretted her association with the store.

Later, the Silver Slipper Award, given to an outstanding chapter Vice President of Finance, was presented in Olivia’s honor. The sterling silver award was a replica of one of her shoes. Sadly, the award became too fragile for the constant necessary shipping and was retired. It now lives in the archives at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters. Today’s Silver Slipper Award winners receive a silver, shoe-shaped charm. Olivia passed away in 1985.

Evelyn Peters Kyle
ILLINOIS ALPHA

As Pi Beta Phi’s Poet Laureate, Illinois Alpha EVELYN PETERS KYLE conveyed her pride and joy for our sisterhood through her poems. Her words and actions continue to inspire generations of Pi Phis.

After graduating from Monmouth College in 1932, Evelyn served Pi Beta Phi in numerous roles. These included Alumnae Province President, Director of Programs, Grand Vice President Alumnae and Grand Vice President Philanthropy. She also served as President of the Pasadena, California, Alumnae Club and Chairman of Pi Beta Phi Foundation’s Emma Harper Turner Fund Committee.

She was named Pi Beta Phi’s Poet Laureate at the 1993 Orlando Convention. In addition to her poems, Evelyn wrote the Founders and Notable Pi Phis sections of the Fraternity Heritage Manual alongside Fraternity Archivist and Historian FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE, New York Alpha.

Evelyn and her husband, Stan, were loyal Pi Beta Phi Foundation donors and longtime members of the Foundation’s Marianne Reid Wild Society. When Evelyn passed away in 2009, the bulk of her estate was gifted to the Foundation. In her honor, the Foundation created the Evelyn Peters Kyle Society to recognize donors who support the Foundation with gifts totaling $1,000 or more each fiscal year. Like Evelyn, members of the Evelyn Peters Kyle Society have a deep commitment to the future of Pi Beta Phi.
In addition to her Pi Phi service, Evelyn held many volunteer roles in her hometown of Pasadena, including: President of the Council of Women's Clubs, an organization composed of 76 women's groups in the area; member of the Pasadena Symphony Orchestra Woman's Committee; President of the Pasadena Women's League, which named her woman of the year in 1958; and a member of the Pasadena Library Board. She was also a member of P.E.O., a Philanthropic Education Organization. Evelyn passed away in 2009.

Each year, one outstanding alumna is awarded the Evelyn Peters Kyle Angel Award for Club Service. The award honors an alumna who has performed duties that often go unrecognized but enhance the success of an alumnae club.

Left and below (middle): Nebraska Beta MARILYN SIMPSON FORD served as The Arrow Editor from 1968–1989. The magazine celebrated several milestones under her leadership, including the introduction of color and its centennial.

Marilyn attended MacMurray College for Women, the University of Nebraska and Northwestern University. But her heart was with the University of Nebraska where she was a proud member of the Nebraska Beta Chapter. Marilyn was a radio producer and newspaper editor and writer. She also was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

During Marilyn’s 21 years as Arrow Editor, she chaired several committees and then served as Chairman of the National Panhellenic Editors Conference (now National Panhellenic Communicators Conference) from 1981 to 1983. Throughout the years, she also chaired numerous committees and served on the Board of Directors for the College Fraternity Editors Association (CFEA), now the Fraternity Communications Association (FCA).

For more than 20 years, Nebraska Beta MARILYN SIMPSON FORD presented the heart and soul of Pi Beta Phi in The Arrow. As Editor, Marilyn oversaw several milestones of the magazine, including introducing color in 1974 and celebrating The Arrow’s centennial in 1985.
At the 1989 CFEA/FCA Annual Conference, Pi Beta Phi presented an award in Marilyn’s name to CFEA/FCA to honor service to that organization. The Marilyn Simpson Ford Distinguished Service Award is given at the FCA Annual Conference to individual members of that Association who have worked diligently to advance the Association’s vision and purpose. Marilyn was the first honoree, with the presentation made by Pi Beta Phi Grand President CAROLYN HELMAN LICHTENBERG, Ohio Alpha, and the CFEA/FCA President Kris Brand Riske, Gamma Phi Beta.

Marilyn was also instrumental in the Atlanta Alumnae Club and the Georgia Alpha Chapter House Corporation (CHC), including serving as CHC President when the chapter house was built. Even in her retirement, Marilyn devoted her time and love to Pi Beta Phi, serving as Fraternity Historian from 1993 to 2003. She passed away in 2012.

Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg
OHIO ALPHA

Ohio Alpha CAROLYN HELMAN LICHTENBERG was an ardent Pi Phi alumna and served as Grand President from 1985 to 1991. Many affectionately knew Carolyn, including her family, as “CHL.”

Carolyn attended Ohio University, where she received a bachelor’s degree in education. After college, Carolyn was an alumnae club leader and became Alumnae Province President. She was elected to Grand Secretary in 1983 and then Grand President in 1985.

As Grand President, Carolyn was an innovative leader guiding the Fraternity forward with the establishment of Pi Beta Phi Foundation in 1990. Thanks to Carolyn’s vision, critical programs like leadership development and academic scholarships receive ongoing support through the Foundation.

Carolyn was instrumental in the development of the Fraternity’s past national service project, Links to Literacy. The program marked the first time Pi Beta Phi’s literacy work, which began in 1912 at the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School in Gatlinburg, extended to a national focus. The program’s aims continue today through Pi Beta Phi’s philanthropic effort, Read > Lead > Achieve®.

One of the most beloved parts of Pi Beta Phi’s biennial convention is the Chapter Banner Parade, a tradition that would not be in existence without Carolyn’s creativity and organization. It took years of planning, alongside Kentucky Beta KAREN EMBERTON, to ensure the chapters designed and prepared their banners. Those banners are proudly carried across the convention stage today.

The Fraternity created the Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award upon her retirement from Grand Council. The award is given to distinguished alumnae who exhibit excellence and outstanding leadership in their career or volunteer service to their communities.

In 2011, Carolyn served as Chairman for the committee that planned a celebration honoring the Fraternity’s 100-year commitment to literacy service. The celebration included the dedication of a plaza in Gatlinburg featuring a life-size bronze sculpture of Pi Beta Phi Settlement School’s first Pi Phi teacher, DELLA “MISS DELL” GILLETTE (MORGAN), Illinois Zeta, handing a book to one of her students. Carolyn found the sculptor and worked with the artist to make sure the statue was perfect. The celebration was her last major project. She passed away in 2014.

Above and left (first from right): Ohio Alpha CAROLYN HELMAN LICHTENBERG served as Grand President from 1985–1991. She helped plan the dedication of a plaza in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, honoring the Fraternity’s 100-year commitment to literacy service.
### NOTABLE PI PHIS

**Nell Custer Swisher**
- Iowa Zeta
- 1884–1885

**Rainie Adamson Small**
- Illinois Beta
- 1885–1890

**Emma Harper Turner**
- D.C. Alpha
- 1890–1893

**Helen B. Sutliff**
- Kansas Alpha
- 1893–1895

**Grace Lass Sisson**
- Illinois Delta
- 1895–1899

**Elise Bradford Johnson**
- D.C. Alpha
- 1899–1901

**Elizabeth Gamble**
- Colorado Alpha
- 1901–1908

**May Lansfield Keller**
- Maryland Alpha
- 1908–1918
- Grand President Emerita 1918–1964

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**Anna Lytle**
- Tannahill Brannon
- Nebraska Beta
- 1918–1921

**Amy Burnham Orken**
- Illinois Epsilon
- 1921–1952
- Honorary Grand President 1952–1963

**Marianne Reid Wild**
- Kansas Alpha
- 1952–1958
- Grand President Emerita 1966–1991

**Alice Weber**
- Mansfield (Johnson)
- Missouri Delta
- 1958–1967
- Grand President Emerita 1993–1997

**Dorothy Weaver Morgan**
- Nebraska Beta
- 1967–1969

**Sarahjane Paulson Vanasse**
- Washington Beta
- 1969–1973

**Elizabeth Turner Orr**
- Oregon Alpha
- 1973–1979

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**Jean Wirths Scott**
- Pennsylvania Beta
- 1979–1985
- Grand President Emerita 2003–present

**Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg**
- Ohio Alpha
- 1985–1991

**Jo Ann Minor Roderick**
- Oklahoma Beta

**Beth van Maanen Beatty**
- Texas Gamma
- 1995–2001

**Sarah Ruth “Sis” Mullis**
- South Carolina Alpha
- 2001–2003

**Emily Russell Tarr**
- Texas Beta
- 2003–2009

**Mary Loy Tatum**
- Oklahoma Beta
- 2009–2013

**Paula Pace Shepherd**
- Texas Epsilon
- 2013–present

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**SUPPORTING THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE SORORITY EXPERIENCE**

In addition to her Pi Phi service, Grand President Emerita **JEAN WIRTHS SCOTT**, Pennsylvania Beta, has been a visionary leader for NPC. She became Pi Phi’s NPC Delegate in 1985, a role she held until 2003. During her time with the Conference, Jean served as NPC Treasurer and Secretary, and then became Chairman in 1995. The practices she helped put into place continue to ensure NPC remains a vital force in the fraternity and sorority community. They include the incorporation of NPC in the state of Indiana, creation of an NPC website, increasing the number of NPC staff members and helping create the NPC Foundation, the 501(c)(3) philanthropic arm of the Conference. Jean has been honored by many fraternal organizations and received the NPC Distinguished Service Award in 2013.
Dear Pi Phi: A Letter to our Future Sisters

"Pi Phis understand the importance of Philanthropic Service to Others. You have the power to influence social good regardless of age, situation or income. Determine what matters to you and support those causes, including Pi Phi, by freely giving your time, talent and treasure. You will make an endless impact in your community."

Pi Beta Phi Foundation President
BETH SEIDELHUBER SORDI, California Kappa

"When J.R.R. Tolkien wrote, 'Not all those who wander are lost,' he must have meant it for me as the driver of the Ring Ching Roadshow! I encourage you to take the unfamiliar road, randomly turn off the highway or allow the stars to guide you. You never know where you'll land or who you'll meet until you get there."

California Eta DAPHNEY BITANGA

"I hope you know your membership in Pi Beta Phi is an incredible gift. Ahead of you lies a lifetime of philanthropic service, friendship and fun, but only if you seize the opportunities. You said 'Yes!' during recruitment. Continue to say 'Yes!' in the various stages of your life, and you will be enriched more than you can possibly imagine right now. Enjoy your journey!"

Florida Epsilon CHANTEL HAGNER LANIER

"Early in life, find a set of values that can be your foundation for all decisions and actions. When those tough decisions are before you, a solid set of values will make it so much easier to find the right answer. The core values of Pi Beta Phi are perfect for this because they embrace high moral principles as well as challenges for becoming your best self. And, they remind us that Sincere Friendship is an important ingredient for a happy life."

Past Grand President
MARY LOY TATUM, Oklahoma Beta

Are there things you wish you could go back and tell your 18-year-old self? Want to leave a legacy for our current collegians and young alumnae? It’s easy! All alumnae are encouraged to complete the alumnae Leading with Values seminar entitled “Lessons to our Younger Selves.” The seminar can be downloaded at www.pibetaphi.org/leadingwithvalues. The activity requires 20–30 minutes and can be completed during an alumnae club meeting or by yourself. The seminar includes postcards that are already colored and postcards that can be colored depending on how long you would like to spend on the activity.
We often think of the word ‘legacy’ as a personal membership opportunity transferred from one family member to another. But when serving as an officer for Pi Beta Phi and the National Panhellenic Conference, I became aware of a much broader meaning: the importance of personal connections established through chapters, alumnae clubs, national conference attendance, serving on committees and more. Many opportunities are handed down from one generation to the next. In a 150-year-old historic organization, our newest members have an opportunity to value the legacies of the past and move forward to strengthen Pi Beta Phi’s valued legacies in the future.

Grand President Emerita
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Pi Phi is for life. You will enjoy your friendships and the sisterhood for many, many years to come, even after you leave your college campus. Have fun and preserve what our 12 founders envisioned. Live our core values throughout your life and you will go far.

Grand Vice President Membership
RAE WOHLHUETER MAIER, Kentucky Beta

What you put into Pi Beta Phi is what you get out of it. You can choose to enjoy the collegiate experience and then keep those memories, or you can embrace Pi Phi for life. Pi Phi has brought me my closest friends but also my husband, my first job and the amazing opportunity to support current collegians as a Pi Phi volunteer. I hope you will commit to lifelong membership so that our amazing sisterhood can bring you similar benefits throughout your entire life.

Virginia Delta TONI CERINO

You are part of a legacy that dates back even farther than I can imagine. In fact, you are part of my legacy. One day, 150 years from now, some other young woman will be part of your legacy. Commit yourself fully to the service of others for the betterment of society and the betterment of you. Lastly, remember to always find the beautiful and the good in others.

Illinois Eta CAROLYN BANKS

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Celebrating 150 Years Together

Don't miss your chance to celebrate 150 years of sisterhood! You still have time to meet us in St. Louis June 23–27, 2017, for the 71st Biennial Convention and the celebration of a lifetime. You will not want to miss this special milestone event, with surprises and festivities offered throughout!

PHILANTHROPIC BOOK DISTRIBUTION AND READ > LEAD > ACHIEVE WALK

On Monday, June 26, Pi Beta Phi is giving away a full-sized semi-truck of brand-new, high-quality books to underprivileged children in the St. Louis area. St. Louis area organizations, representing thousands of children, will receive 40,000 books in less than five hours! Service opportunities for convention attendees will include sorting books, reading to children, helping children with arts and crafts, registering recipient groups and escorting recipient groups around as they select their books.

But that's not all! Convention attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a Read > Lead > Achieve Walk on the grounds of the Gateway Arch. Monday morning is going to be busy! Show your love of literacy and philanthropic passion by joining us. Every attendee will receive a limited-edition, literacy-themed T-shirt to wear as we show our Pi Phi pride.
CONVENTION 2017 REGISTRATION

Please visit www.pibetaphi.org/convention to explore the options best suited to your schedule and budget! This year, there are many registration options to make attending convention affordable. Can’t join for the full event? That’s okay — come for a day or even just a meal! Registration is open through May 15, 2017.

If you need assistance registering or have questions, email events@pibetaphi.org or call Headquarters at (636) 256-0680.

Please note: The official convention host hotel is the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. Rooms are sold out at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch at this time. Rooms are still available at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, a three-block walk from the Hyatt. All meals and programming will take place at the Hyatt, with the exception of Saturday night’s Dinner by Chapter/150th Celebration, which will be held at the Scottrade Center (shuttle buses will transport attendees).

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ONE NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

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DAILY REGISTRATION RATES*

Attendees who do not need overnight hotel accommodations or are booking single night accommodations may register to attend general sessions, special events and/or individual meals online. Visit www.pibetaphi.org/convention for more information about daily registration options.

MEALS*

Meals will range from $50–$125 depending on the meal. For detailed meal pricing, visit the Registration page at www.pibetaphi.org/convention. Make your meal reservations early, as space is limited.

*Meals are not included in the daily registration rates, but can be added during the registration process.

PRE- AND POST-TOURS

When booking travel, don’t forget about Pi Phi’s pre- and post- convention tours. We are offering two pre-convention tours on Friday, June 23. We are also offering two post-convention tours, including a trip to Pi Beta Phi’s birthplace: Holt House. Stay an extra day and enjoy a day-long trip on Tuesday, June 27 to Pi Phi’s founding home. Please visit www.pibetaphi.org/convention for more information.

SLATE OF OFFICERS


SISTERHOOD STORIES

Submit your Sisterhood Story today for the chance to be shared at convention. Stories should be short and focus on leadership, sisterhood, events, philanthropy, etc. Email sisterhoodstories@pibetaphi.org to submit your story today.

PI BETA PHI FOUNDATION

Convention presents opportunities for you to learn more about and support Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Being the 150th celebration of our sisterhood, this year offers some extra special opportunities. In addition to the special 150th tribute halo charms from Halo Heaven and visits from Angelica the Angel, the Foundation is planning to be part of your convention experience like never before. Be sure to join the Foundation for Sunday evening’s dinner where a very special project will be unveiled!
“CELEBRATING 150 YEARS” LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT
$24

“CELEBRATING 150 YEARS” QUARTER ZIP SWEATSHIRT
$52

“CELEBRATING 150 YEARS” T-SHIRT
$20
150TH COMMEMORATIVE BADGE  
Diamond, Sapphire and Garnet  
$550

150TH COMMEMORATIVE PENDANT  
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