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What is your life's purpose? It's arguably the hardest question we're asked. But we don't always need to have all the answers. Perhaps what's more important is paying attention to the questions.



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The Impact of Monumental Moments



MARLA NEELLY WULF
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We've all experienced them. Sometimes they are empowering. Sometimes they are destructive. Sometimes they are a little of both. They can bring joy and sorrow, fear and adventure, clarity and uncertainty. They are those moments in our lives that change our trajectory ... they are our monumental moments.

Earlier this summer, we gathered in Washington, D.C., to celebrate another incredible convention. Taking cues from our host city, convention was themed "Monumental Sisterhood." Looking back on those few days, I know without a doubt there were monumental moments that will forever change our Fraternity and its members. Perhaps the most recognizable are the big things: the change to our organizational structure, the celebration of the largest fundraising campaign ever completed by a National Panhellenic Conference organization and the distribution of 30,000 new books to children who otherwise might not have a book of their own. However, I also know there were monumental moments that did not get the same hoopla: the collegian who met a mentor, the alumna who realized she had always been a leader, the attendee who left energized to make an overdue change. I've come to learn that there are not fireworks for every monumental moment in our lives. In fact, in that instant, we might not know something big is happening.

In 2002, I left my job as a middle school principal in Littleton, Colorado, to take a new post in Houston as my husband's number one supporter. I joined my local Pi Beta Phi alumnae club to find friends and, in the process, realized a Pi Phi lived just seven houses down my street. Encouraged by my club, I took on leadership roles. An issue of *The Arrow* included a volunteer interest form. I thought I might have some skills that could be helpful, and I had the time, so I completed the form. I was asked to serve on the Alumnae Regional Team, then elected director of the team. At this past convention, something happened that had been the farthest thing from my imagination for most of my life: I was installed as the 24th Grand President of Pi Beta Phi. You may see several monumental moments in those last few sentences, but you might not identify the most important. The moment that truly changed my trajectory was completing that form in *The Arrow*.

I never thought I'd care about protecting the legacy of our Fraternity as much as I do. I never thought I'd feel a deep responsibility to inspire our members to make the most of their membership. I never thought I'd ever say my purpose — for the last few years and next few to come — would be to add value to my college Fraternity. But all those feelings came from attaching a 34-cent stamp on a completed volunteer form.

As you read this issue, I hope that you reflect on the monumental moments in your life. That you'll think a bit more about the exact experience that changed your plans and helped you find your purpose. And, if you need the extra nudge, that this issue encourages you to acknowledge that little, inconsequential blip that keeps circling in your mind ... maybe that was a monumental moment and you just don't know it yet. ←

In Pi Phi,

JULI WILLEMANN NAMED PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Pi Beta Phi Executive Director **JULI HOLMES WILLEMANN**, Iowa Beta, was installed as the new President of the Fraternity Executives Association (FEA) at its meeting in May. FEA is the professional association of men's and women's fraternity executives, dedicated to promoting the common interests of fraternal organizations.

RECOMMEND A MEMBER

Submitting a Recruitment Information Form (RIF) is one of many privileges for a Pi Phi alumna and is a wonderful way to support a collegiate chapter during the recruitment process. A RIF provides sponsorship to a Potential New Member. If you know a woman going through recruitment who would benefit from Pi Phi sisterhood, visit pibetaphi.org/recruitment.

MAKING AN IMPACT, ONE CRITICAL CONVERSATION AT A TIME

More than 30 men and women joined Pi Beta Phi's Critical Conversations® facilitator team in June. The new facilitators were trained on all four Critical Conversations programs and represent campus-based professionals, higher education leaders, Headquarters staff and Pi Beta Phi volunteers. The Critical Conversations Speaker Series has a team of almost 100 facilitators. Read about their training experience at pibetaphi.org/blog.

CONGRATULATIONS, 2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Pi Beta Phi is excited to announce our scholarship and fellowship recipients for the 2019-2020 academic year! Congratulations to the 122 Pi Phis receiving awards totaling \$208,700. Thank you to all the sisters and friends who make these scholarships possible by giving to our Foundation. See the list of the recipients at pibetaphifoundation.org.

NEW GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR NPC

In Spring 2019, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) announced the first group of women to serve on the NPC Board of Directors under the organization's new governance and structure model. The Council of Delegates—one representative from each of the 26 member groups—elected five women to the Board of Directors, which will now govern the NPC. Two women will rotate onto the Board to honor the history of rotation of leadership in the conference. The Council of Delegates also elected Carole Jones, Alpha Omicron Pi, to serve as Chairwoman. The new directors began their service on July 1. To read more, visit pibetaphi.org/news. ◀



Pi Beta Phi leaders loved visiting with sisters at Halo Happenings events in Cincinnati, Ohio (above) and Naples, Florida (below) this past spring.



JOIN US FOR HALO HAPPENINGS

Halo Happenings is an opportunity to connect with sisters, receive updates from Pi Phi leadership and learn about the ways Pi Phis are making an impact in their communities. Pi Beta Phi is excited to bring the event series to eight cities in Fall 2019 and Spring 2020. All Pi Phi alumnae and collegians are invited to join for a morning of fun and friendship. Visit pibetaphi.org/events for event dates and more details.

Ohio Beta



Summer might feel quiet on a college campus, but inside Pi Beta Phi facilities, it's one of the busiest times of the year. After members move out at the close of the spring term, the furniture and floors in every facility are deep-cleaned, and routine repairs and needs are assessed and completed before students return in the fall.

The average Pi Phi facility is at least 100 years old, meaning that larger and more costly updates are needed to ensure safe, secure housing opportunities for members. This year, eight of the 13 Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC)-owned standalone houses are undergoing major capital improvements. Project scopes vary based on each

chapter's unique needs, but many include work such as facility expansions, interior and exterior painting, mechanical upgrades to HVAC systems and water heaters, plumbing installations, flooring and furniture updates, security enhancements and more.

The Ohio Beta house at The Ohio State University is one of the oldest FHC-managed properties. With historic beauty and rich Pi Phi heritage comes much-needed upgrades — and that's just what this stately home received. With the help of Ernest P. Properties, PDR Interiors and The Brill Company, FHC was able to transform the lovely Ohio Beta house, inside and out, while preserving its local identity. Exterior projects included repaving the parking lots,



rebuilding a retaining wall, repainting woodwork and fire escapes, repairing masonry and updating the landscaping. Inside the house, painting was completed throughout the first floor, the House Director's bathroom was remodeled, windows were upgraded and mortar was repaired in the basement. Every bedroom received all new furniture, a new ceiling fan and a fresh coat of paint. New furniture was also purchased for common areas, including the living and dining rooms, television room and two study rooms. The hard work was worth it — Ohio Beta members are thrilled to live, learn and grow together in their newly-restored home.

Throughout the summer, Pi Phi will share social media updates from chapter facilities featuring work in progress and recently completed projects. For a chance to be featured, please send photos and captions to socialmedia@pibetaphi.org.



ALABAMA

Alabama Alpha, Birmingham-Southern College

With an FDS500 grant from Pi Beta Phi, the Alabama Alpha Chapter donated money for the purchase of over 600 books to Better Basics, a local organization that provides literacy intervention and enrichment programs to children in Birmingham and surrounding areas.

ARIZONA

Arizona Alpha, University of Arizona

In February, Arizona Alpha received the Dean Robert Svob Chapter of the Year Award, which is given annually to the most outstanding fraternity or sorority at the University of Arizona. Chapter President **HANNAH ELLWOOD** and **CORINNE QUERREY** put together a winning presentation and were asked by a panel of judges to share what Pi Phi means to them. Hannah shared, "Pi Phi has given me lessons in friendship and respect. I will cherish the memories I have made and continue to make with these women. The friendships you make in this chapter will last a lifetime. Pi Phi has given me confidence and a voice I never knew I had." In addition to receiving the Chapter of the Year Award, the chapter

also received Outstanding Chapter Programming, Outstanding Campus Involvement, Chapter of Excellence and Highest New Member GPA awards!

Arizona Beta, Arizona State University

Arizona Beta senior **ALLISON MEYER** was named the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering's Outstanding Undergraduate of the Year and has showcased Pi Beta Phi's value of Personal and Intellectual Growth. Chapter members are proud of Allison and others who challenge themselves to grow as individuals.

CALIFORNIA

California Alpha, Stanford University

Many California Alphas compete for the Stanford Equestrian Team, including **CLAIRE WOMACK**, **LUCY BREWER**, **CATE GUYMAN**, **ELLEN ALLISON** and **ABBY FLEISCHLI**. In April, Abby and Lucy traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, winning a top-10 spot at Nationals with their teammates on the Stanford Dressage Team. Abby, who also qualified as an individual, won first place competing at the highest level of Intercollegiate Dressage, making her the national Dressage Champion!



Above: Members of the Alabama Alpha Chapter are all smiles because they understand that they have positively impacted children's lives. They were able to help Better Basics purchase hundreds of books for children.



Below: California Alphas **LUCY BREWER** (left) and **ABBY FLEISCHLI** (right) pose with their coach **Kate Douglas** (middle).

Above: California Nu members take a break from reading to children and pose with children's author **Mary Boone** and some of the children who benefit from Pi Phi's Champions Are Readers® (CAR) program.



California Nu, Loyola Marymount University
 California Nu members promote literacy by reading weekly with children in two elementary school classes. Every Friday, members spend 90 minutes working with the students through the CAR program. **EVE ROBINSON** brought her mother, children's author **Mary Boone**, to visit the school one week. Eve and Mary read to students in both classrooms, and Mary gave both classes two of the books she's written. Having a children's author read to the children showed them how impactful literacy can be and that writing can be a career as well as a passion.

California Omicron, Chapman University

The California Omicron Chapter held its annual philanthropy event, Arrowspike, a volleyball tournament with teams representing various campus organizations. The chapter raised money for Read > Lead > Achieve® through the event, and was pleased that it was the largest amount the chapter had ever raised.

COLORADO

Colorado Delta, Colorado School of Mines

Colorado Delta members serve in leadership positions on campus and are deeply involved in extracurricular activities. Sophomore **SAMIE MCLEARY** was elected Student Body President, while five other members were elected to positions on the Undergraduate Student Government. Another nine sisters were chosen as Peer Mentor Leads and Liaisons. All Colorado Delta members currently participate in two or more extracurricular activities, which has boosted Pi Phi's involvement on campus.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Eta, Millikin University

Illinois Eta hosted a Prince and Princess Party for local families in March. The event occurred before a performance of the Alabama Ballet's "The Sleeping Beauty" on Millikin's campus. Proceeds from the event went to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Vice President Philanthropy **LILLIAN HESTER** worked closely with local businesses to create a truly magical experience for local elementary school-aged princes and princesses. The children played royal games, received mini-makeovers, enjoyed carriage rides and more! The event was a great way to get involved with the community while raising money for Read > Lead > Achieve.

Illinois Theta, Bradley University

Members of Illinois Theta are very involved on Bradley University's campus. This year, for the first time in years, three members were on the Panhellenic Council, serving as President, Vice President of Finance and Assistant Director of Recruitment. Many members were also inducted into a variety of honor societies, with some even taking on leadership positions. Of the six members who were inducted into the Panhellenic Honor Society, Rho Lambda, three were elected into the executive positions of Vice President, treasurer and secretary. Additionally, other members are involved and hold leadership positions in various dance teams, major-related clubs, volunteer service organizations and other honor societies on campus. Finally, four members are taking on the role of recruitment counselors for fall recruitment to help Potential New Members find their new chapters.

INDIANA

Indiana Alpha, Franklin College

Congratulations to Indiana Alpha's former Chapter President, **GABRIELLE ARTHUR**, who was named Franklin College Greek Life Sorority Woman of the Year. She was also selected as Senior Commencement Speaker and a Top Ten Senior.

Left: Indiana Alphas are proud of **GABRIELLE ARTHUR**, who was awarded for her hard work within the chapter when she was named Franklin College Greek Life Sorority Woman of the Year.





Above: From left, members **COURTNEY TOMPKINS** and **ALEXIS PASTWA** at the first Iowa Gamma Pi Beta Pasta philanthropy event.

IOWA

Iowa Gamma, Iowa State University

Iowa Gamma's new philanthropy event, Pi Beta Pasta, raised money for Pi Beta Phi Foundation to support Read > Lead > Achieve. Members said that it took a lot of effort to change the event and get people on board, but in the end, seeing everyone's hard work pay off was all worth it. Iowa Gamma is proud to host the new event and to continue to grow as a chapter in order to better support and promote childhood literacy.



Above: Maine Alpha **CASCO HALEY** showcases her recent awards.

KANSAS

Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas

Kansas Alpha held a mental health awareness week, with special activities planned for members each day. Members placed pictures promoting a positive self-image around the chapter house; posted notes of encouragement and affirmation on bathroom mirrors; scheduled study breaks with healthy snacks and shared contact information for mental health support resources. These small gestures brought smiles to many members' faces, and Kansas Alpha is eager to continue the tradition in the future and work together to #EndTheStigma.

MAINE

Maine Alpha, University of Maine

Maine Alpha is proud of **CASCO HALEY** for competing in the Inter-Collegiate Business Strategy Competition in Anaheim, California, with her team of students from the University of Maine. They won first place for written documents and second place for overall performance.

OREGON

Oregon Gamma, Willamette University

Members of Oregon Gamma practice their leadership skills through a variety of campus activities. They are involved in the governing student body; they write and edit for the campus newspaper; introduce new and perspective students to campus as orientation leaders and admissions ambassadors; advocate for sustainability and equity-based efforts; choreograph for the campus-wide dance company; and they hold executive positions in several academic clubs.

In the community, members make an impact by interning at the Oregon State Capitol, allowing for many activism opportunities and direct interactions with political leaders.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Eta, Lafayette College

Pennsylvania Etas **MAILINDA HOXHA, RACHEL COX, FRAYNETTE FAMILIA, ALEXANDRA MCMILLAN, JORDYN MARLIN** and **CHLOE ORTEGA** were inducted into Alpha Alpha Alpha, a newly-founded honors organization for first-generation college students. Four other members, **KYRA O'DOWD, THEODORA BEEMER, ALEXANDRA KELLEY** and **CASEY BANTA-RYAN**, recently joined the Order of Omega, a Greek society recognizing fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-fraternity activities.

In April, the chapter celebrated Founders' Day with the members of Pennsylvania Kappa from Lehigh University. Members from Lehigh traveled to the Lafayette Pi Phi house for a brunch, Pi Phi trivia and a Cookie Shine.

Pennsylvania Kappa, Lehigh University

Pennsylvania Kappa sisters are keeping busy. More than 90% of chapter members are involved in extracurricular activities throughout campus, and over 80% of those women serve in leadership roles. Four sophomores are part of the Alumni Student Association, a program that connects students to graduates, and **NATASHA HEYER** and **MADDIE SHEIFER** serve on the association's executive board. Also, seven members have roles on the university newspaper with three of them serving as editors.

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Beta, Clemson University

South Carolina Beta hosted its first Barbecue for Books, raising money for Pi Beta Phi Foundation to support Read > Lead > Achieve. The chapter is proud of Vice President Philanthropy **KATELYN SEASE** for the dedication to literacy service she has shown this semester.

The chapter won Clemson Chapter Excellence awards for Scholastic Achievement, Philanthropy and Service and Alumnae Development. The Order of Omega New Member of the Year award was presented to **SOPHIA HENNESSY**.

TEXAS

Texas Beta, Southern Methodist University

Congratulations to Texas Beta seniors **AVERY LEWIS, MOLLEY AGAPIOU** and **ELLIE KING**, who were inducted into the Kappa Tau Alpha honors society for Meadows School of the Arts students at Southern Methodist University. Only the top 10% of Meadows students are inducted into the society.

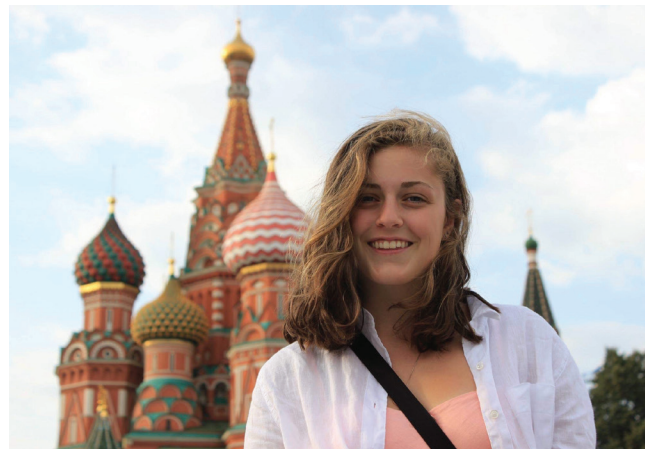
Texas Eta, Texas A&M University

In March, the Texas Eta Chapter hosted a new philanthropy event called Howdy. The outdoor concert featured food, dancing, a silent auction and games. The chapter surpassed their own fundraising goal and raised money for Pi Beta Phi Foundation! Vice President Philanthropy **MEREDITH DICKSON** organized the event and was recognized as the Most Outstanding Sophomore in Texas for Pi Phi by the Dallas Alumnae Club. It is a huge honor and her sisters are very proud of her!

WASHINGTON ALPHA

Washington Gamma, University of Puget Sound

In April, Washington Gamma members participated in a Relay for Life and raised money for the American Cancer Society. Many of the chapter's members have been impacted by cancer, so it was personal when they came together to support the cause.



Above: Washington Gamma **SARA BURKE** received a Critical Language Scholarship, given by the U.S. Department of State. She will go to Morocco and learn Arabic through the cultural immersion program.



VIRGINIA

Virginia Zeta, Virginia Polytechnic & State University
The Virginia Zeta Chapter proudly recognizes **ANNE MARIE TEDESCO**, who served this year as Co-Executive Director of Student Outreach for The Big Event at Virginia Polytechnic & State University (Virginia Tech). The Big Event is a student-run community service effort where thousands of students, staff and faculty complete hundreds of community-service projects around the New River Valley. Anne Marie's role was to spread the mission statement throughout campus and help build a bridge between the town of Blacksburg and the students at Virginia Tech. As a result, 7,900 volunteers completed 1,300 projects for area homeowners!

Anne Marie has been involved with The Big Event since her freshman year in 2015. During her sophomore year, she served on the Student Outreach committee where she completed classroom visits to talk about The Big Event and discovered her love for public speaking. As a junior, she joined Pi Phi while continuing her involvement in The Big Event. "While being a committee member for The Big Event last year, my

executive director was Virginia Zeta **AMANDA GLADSTONE**," Anne Marie said. "Amanda really took me under her wing and taught me about her position. She gave me responsibilities and also introduced me to many other sisters who were also on The Big Event staff. That year, three Pi Phis were on the executive team and it was great working with them."

This past year, 15 Pi Phis served on The Big Event staff. Anne Marie appreciated having her sisters there to share their opinions or support her when she needed help. "Pi Beta Phi has always been known to have a great presence within The Big Event," she said. "Many sisters have served on the staff, and the event goals parallel with our core value of Philanthropic Service to Others. I think it shows our chapter's dedication to service and engagement within our community. I am very proud to call myself a Pi Phi." ◀

Above: **ANNE MARIE TEDESCO** (front row, third from left) leads her Virginia Zeta sisters in support of The Big Event.

The Monumental Impact of Convention

Attending a Pi Beta Phi convention can have a lasting impact — just ask South Carolina Alpha **SARAH RUTH “SIS” MULLIS**, who attended her first convention in 1962 as the chapter’s alternate delegate. Sis found the experience so monumental that she made a commitment to attend every Pi Phi convention since — and she has! In light of her amazing attendance at 30* conventions, *The Arrow* is spotlighting Sis alongside the 2019 alternate delegate for South Carolina Alpha, **PERRI LIEBERGALL**, who attended her first convention this year. Sis’ and Perri’s answers provide a glimpse into where they are in their Pi Phi journeys. Perhaps Perri, or an unidentified “young Sis” who also attended her first convention this year, will follow in Sis’ footsteps. Only time will tell!



PERRI LIEBERGALL and SIS MULLIS at the 2019 Convention in Washington, D.C.

PERRI LIEBERGALL

WHAT IS YOUR INITIATION YEAR? 2018

WHAT IS YOUR COLLEGE MAJOR? Marketing

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE PI PHI SONG? “Boom, Boom”

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROLE IN PI PHI? I’m currently on the Communications Committee as well as the Recruitment Video Committee.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST “AHA” MOMENT FROM YOUR FIRST CONVENTION? At the beginning of the weekend, we were informed that the fundraising goal for the **SHINE THROUGH** campaign was \$28 million dollars. I laughed to myself thinking raising a sum of that magnitude would be nearly impossible. I was amazed when our Foundation announced that they had exceeded the goal, raising over \$31.8 million dollars! I had underestimated the power and loyalty of our members.

WHAT WAS A MONUMENTAL MOMENT FOR YOU FROM CONVENTION 2019? The best part was getting to meet Pi Phis from all over the country — especially the South

Carolina Beta Chapter President and Alternate Delegate. Even though our schools have a serious sports rivalry, our Pi Phi bond superseded that, and we exchanged ideas about how we could improve our respective chapters.

WHY DO YOU THINK EVERY PI PHI SHOULD ATTEND AT LEAST ONE CONVENTION IN HER LIFETIME? I initially joined Pi Phi as something to enjoy during my college years; attending convention, however, showed me that commitment to the Fraternity is something that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I believe that if every Pi Phi took advantage of attending convention, they would feel the same way.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A PI BETA PHI? I love that there really is no stereotype or personality that defines the sisters of my chapter. Walking into the house for meals on a daily basis, I always feel welcomed to sit with everyone and am cheered up by people going out of their way to say hi or ask me how my day was.

**In 1967, convention was changed to odd-numbered years to allow for a 100-year celebration.*



SIS MULLIS (front row, third from left) as a collegian in 1962 — the same year she attended her first Pi Beta Phi Convention as the South Carolina Alpha Alternate Voting Delegate — shown here with other members of her chapter.

SIS MULLIS

WHAT IS YOUR INITIATION YEAR? 1962

WHAT WAS YOUR MAJOR IN COLLEGE? Pharmacy

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PI PHI SONG? I love “Ocean to Ocean” because it symbolizes east to west but also north to include our Canadian sisters.

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROLE IN PI PHI? Foundation Campaign Cabinet Honorary Chairman

WHAT PREVIOUS ROLES HAVE YOU HAD IN PI PHI? Grand President, Grand Vice President Collegians, Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) Vice President of Member Development Advisor, New Chapter Assistance Officer, Special Assistance Officer, AAC Social Advancement Advisor, Assistance Officer, New Chapter Assistance Officer, Supervising Officer, Visiting Officer, Probation Officer, AAC Vice President of Fraternity Development Advisor (of all of these, serving on the AAC has been the most fun!)

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST “AHA” MOMENT FROM YOUR FIRST CONVENTION? My “aha” moment came when I realized the number and caliber of alumnae who were there and how vast their involvement was. They blew me away, and I realized right then and there what Lifelong Commitment to Pi Phi is all about!

WHAT WAS A MONUMENTAL MOMENT FOR YOU FROM CONVENTION 2019? Two things stand out for me. The first is the announcement of our Foundation surpassing the **SHINE THROUGH** campaign goal — I’m in awe of the generosity of our members! The second is that every South Carolina Alpha chapter president, since the re-installation of the chapter, was at convention. It was so special to be together at Dinner by Chapter.

WHY DO YOU THINK EVERY PI PHI SHOULD ATTEND AT LEAST ONE CONVENTION IN HER LIFETIME? Those who attend come home inspired and excited and try to convey what it is like to be at a convention; however, nothing replaces actually being there and being part of a sisterhood that has lasted more than 150 years! Anyone who attends a convention gets exposed to the magnitude of our Fraternity, and there is nothing to replace that firsthand, life-changing experience!

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WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A PI BETA PHI? The friendships — how they have enriched my life! Certainly, the South Carolina Alpha friendships I made are special, but also the friendships I’ve gained as an alumna. Every time I try to “pay back” Pi Phi for all it has given me, I am blessed, once again, with cherished friendships! ◀

ARIZONA

Arrowhead-West Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club

For the past two years, the Arrowhead-West Phoenix, Arizona Alumnae Club has partnered with local YMCAs to promote literacy in Phoenix's West Valley. In 2018, the club partnered with the Glendale/Peoria YMCA to "plant" a Little Free Library on the garden fence at their facility. Through the leadership of Oklahoma Alpha **BARBARA ALLBEE SAUNDERS**, a second Little Free Library was created for the Northwest Valley YMCA in El Mirage, Arizona, in March. The Little Free Library was painted wine and silver blue, and members of the alumnae club are thrilled to further Pi Beta Phi's efforts to promote literacy by making books available for more members of the community.

Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club

The Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club was recently recognized as Community Group of the Year by United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM) New Day Centers, a local philanthropic partner. Club members contributed 423 hours of service this past year by working in a book room, volunteering at a Read to Me program and helping with

other non-literacy projects such as holiday gift wrapping and the annual Buckles and Bangles Gala. UMOM is one of the largest homeless shelters in the state and serves homeless families, women and children throughout the Phoenix area.

CALIFORNIA

San Jose, California, Alumnae Club

To celebrate Founders' Day, members of the San Jose, California Alumnae Club met for a luncheon at the Boulder Ridge Golf Club on April 27. Alumnae Club President **JENNY LUDWIG**, Oregon Alpha, arranged a delicious lunch in a private room with a beautiful view of the lushly-landscaped golf course. After lunch, a candle was passed as members read aloud the amazing facts about each Pi Phi founder and discussed how the founders' actions caused a ripple effect for the advancement of women that is still relevant today. It was a wonderful way to honor the 12 founders while strengthening bonds of sisterhood and friendship.

Below: The Phoenix, Arizona, Alumnae Club hosted a Founders' Day celebration this year where 10 Arizona Betas received their Golden Arrow pins. The Golden Arrows planned an entire reunion weekend around the event to gather, catch up and celebrate their 50th year together!



COLORADO*San Juan, Colorado, Alumnae Club*

San Juan, Colorado, alumnae celebrated Fraternity Day of Service by volunteering at the first day of the Pagosa Springs Elementary School Book Fair. The dinosaur-themed book fair was planned for the end of the school year to encourage summer reading, and was aimed at fundraising for the school's literacy efforts and getting books into the hands of more children.

FLORIDA*Fort Myers Area, Florida, Alumnae Club*

The Fort Myers Area, Florida, Alumnae Club celebrated Fraternity Day of Service with two events this year. The club celebrated the first event at one of the daycare centers supported by the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, where club members distributed some of the 500 books the Coalition received from a Pi Phi FDS500 grant. In appreciation for the books, the kids entertained club members with a play about the Very Hungry Caterpillar. The club sponsored a Dr. Seuss®-themed book fair at the Golisano Children's Hospital for their second event. In addition to providing each child with a free book to keep, club members also played games and made crafts with the children.

GEORGIA*Alpharetta, Georgia, Alumnae Club*

The Alpharetta, Georgia, Alumnae Club hosted a local Founders' Day luncheon at The Cottage on Main restaurant. It is on the grounds of the Payne-Corley house, which dates back to 1873. Georgia Alpha **BONNIE ROGERS HOLLEY** set the table with vases of wine carnations tied with silver blue ribbons that held short bios of the 12 founders. Club members shared inspiring stories about the founders and enjoyed some Pi Phi trivia. Two members achieved Golden Arrow status: Pennsylvania Epsilon **MARGI JACOB URQUHART** and Georgia Alpha **CORRY MCPHERSON CROWE**. Both members have contributed greatly to the success of the Alpharetta Alumnae Club, and their commitment and friendship are deeply appreciated and valued!

ILLINOIS*Arlington Heights, Illinois, Alumnae Club*

The Arlington Heights, Illinois, Alumnae Club celebrated its 68th Founders' Day by adding three members to the Order of the Golden Arrow: Illinois Beta-Delta **JUDY WAGONNER LAMBERT**, Indiana Beta **JEWELL BLEEKE KERN** and Ohio Alpha **GERI DALE CAMPBELL**. They join the club's 26 Golden Arrows and one Diamond Arrow in providing members with shining examples of Lifelong Commitment to the Fraternity.



Above: From left, pictured with the book fair's dinosaur mascot and four excited children are San Juan, Colorado, Alumnae Club Members Colorado Alpha **LISA GAMEL SCOTT**, Colorado Beta **CAROLYN HAYNES EDLUND**, Oklahoma Beta **PENNY MARTIN HART**, Oregon Beta **CAROLE MUNROE HOWARD**, Illinois Alpha **MELISSA MELVIN MCDONALD**, Missouri Alpha **MARILYN KELSO CHIPPS** and Ohio Beta **CONSTANCE LOREN CLARK**.

Below: Fort Myers Area club members gathered to celebrate Fraternity Day of Service. Back from left: Florida Delta **KIM OGBURN**, Iowa Gamma **NICOLE WEBB ROCKER**, Arkansas Alpha **PATTY ATHERTON TURNER**, Illinois Theta **BOBBIE LAY NACK**, Ohio Epsilon **PAT MORAN VALENTINE** and Florida Delta **ROSALIND LEM LUZZI**. Front from left: Mississippi Alpha **SANDIE FOWLER DELLACROCE**, Alabama Beta **SAM DELLACROCE** and Florida Epsilon **JENNY BASLER DUNCAN**.



Peoria, Illinois, Alumnae Club

On March 10, the Peoria, Illinois, Alumnae Club invited members of Illinois Theta at Bradley University to participate in a new program. "Practically Perfect Pi Phi" featured a speaker from Class Act Etiquette who covered five valuable and relevant topics of modern etiquette. Illinois Zeta **THERESA HUTCHISON DENTON** and Illinois Theta **GAYLE ERWIN MCDOWELL** arranged the fun and informative evening at the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center.

KANSAS*Greater Kansas City, Kansas Alumnae Club*

The Greater Kansas City, Kansas Alumnae Club is a longtime supporter of Reach Out and Read Kansas City (ROR-KC). Through the Local Impact Grants program, the club has nominated ROR-KC to receive more than \$15,000 in grants from Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Club members collect children's books for Reach out and Read at most events, and on Valentine's Day, past Chairman of the ROR-KC Advisory Board **CATHY CRAWFORD MCCADDON**, Texas Beta, and her husband were honorary hosts for ROR-KC's annual For the Love of Books Breakfast. Nebraska Beta **TANYA RODECKER WENDT** is the new chair of the ROR-KC Advisory Board, and Kansas Alpha **SALLIE PAGE-GOERTZ** is the medical director.

MARYLAND*Chesapeake, Maryland, Alumnae Club*

In the spring, members of the Chesapeake, Maryland, Alumnae Club held their Fraternity Day of Service event at the Homework Haven at Woodside Garden Apartments in Annapolis, Maryland. Thanks to an FDS500 grant from Pi Beta Phi, the club received 500 books to distribute to children at the event.

MISSOURI*Columbia, Missouri, Alumnae Club*

Trapped in a 1986 Escape Room with VCRs, cassette tapes, Sony Walkmen and a magic eight-ball, Columbia, Missouri, Alumnae Club members deciphered clues to help them open the safe that contained their return ticket to the present. Missouri Alpha **PAM SMITH MCALLISTER** and her husband set up the escape room in Pam's den. Club members experienced fun and frustration as they worked against the clock to secure their way back to the present. Would they do it again? Yes! They totally liked it and thought it was bodacious!

St. Louis, Missouri, Alumnae Club

The St. Louis Alumnae, Missouri, Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day at the Algonquin Golf Club on April 27, where club members honored centenarian Missouri Beta **SALLY ALEXANDER HIGGINBOTHAM**. Sally shared her memories of being a collegian right before World War II. The club also collected children's items for Kingdom House, which offers a free summer camp program to low-income students in St. Louis.

NEVADA*Las Vegas, Nevada, Alumnae Club*

In February, members of the Las Vegas, Nevada, Alumnae Club partnered with a local high school to host a pottery painting night. Spouses and children were invited, and members painted jewelry boxes and mugs using fabulous colors and artistic touches.

NEW MEXICO*Albuquerque, New Mexico, Alumnae Club*

The women of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Alumnae Club and the New Mexico Alpha Chapter hosted a Literacy Night at a local elementary school for Fraternity Day of Service. The day began with an FDS500 book distribution at the school and ended with a night of Dr. Seuss-related games and activities for students and their families. The families and students were grateful for the impact Pi Phi has had upon the school, and the Literacy Night was a wonderful celebration of all that has been accomplished throughout the year.

Albuquerque-area Pi Phis worked with the school on various literacy initiatives during the year, including conducting a book drive to support a shelter for domestic violence victims and their children. They also donated over 600 books to support a library at the shelter. In addition, each month, members visited Horizon Academy West to share their love of reading with the students through a Reading Buddies program and the Pi Phi Champions Are Readers® program. The students love their Pi Phi buddies and often request extra visits with them!

OREGON*Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club*

At the Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club Founders' Day luncheon, Club President **SUSAN JONNATTI MAXWELL**, Pennsylvania Zeta, presented Oregon Beta **CAROLYN MELROSE DONNE** with her Golden Arrow pin and a certificate commemorating the special occasion. Carolyn and her mother, Diamond Arrow **PATTY BATCHELDER MELROSE**, Washington Alpha, have attended many of the club's luncheons over the years.

Oklahoma Beta Celebrates Centennial

Stillwater, Oklahoma, Alumnae Club

There's nothing better than reuniting with friends known for so many years in the place where it all began. This year, Oklahoma Betas celebrated 100 years with more than 1,000 alumnae and collegians, ranging in age from 18 to 94. The celebratory event occurred March 29-30 on the Oklahoma State University (OSU) campus in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Alumnae gathered by New Member classes and reminisced about the friendships, skits, songs and good times of their collegiate days. The event took more than two years to plan and was coordinated by Oklahoma Beta **COLETTE DENNEY BUXTON**. "This centennial event is something we've been looking forward to for a very long time," Colette said. "It's an event that you only get to experience once in a lifetime, and everyone who came got to be a part of history for our chapter."

Stillwater was filled with Oklahoma Betas from eight different decades, some reuniting with sisters they hadn't seen since graduation. There were New Member Class reunions on Friday night and a brunch on Saturday, followed by a tour of the chapter house and the campus. Later that day, alumnae and collegians gathered for Ring Ching Retrospect: 100 Years of Oklahoma Beta, a history walk featuring hundreds of memorabilia items dating back to 1912 that were displayed by decade.

The evening was capped off with a banquet showcasing a centennial choir, Golden Arrow Ceremony and remarks from Oklahoma Beta Chapter President **EMMA MARITZ**, Grand President **PAULA PACE SHEPHERD**, Texas Epsilon, Foundation Executive Director **HALLEE WINNIE**, Michigan Gamma, and Past Grand President **MARY LOY TATUM**, Oklahoma Beta. The banquet room was filled with wine carnations, Pi Phi decorations and arrow cookies.

Throughout the weekend, Pi Phi chants and songs could be heard up and down the campus streets, many stories were shared and fun was had by all. It was a wonderful and exciting weekend for Oklahoma Betas that will never be forgotten.



Above: Sisters of the San Juan, Colorado, Alumnae Club — and the Oklahoma Beta pledge class of 1981 — pose at the brunch with Oklahoma State University's mascot, Pistol Pete.

Below: Memorabilia at the Ring Ching Retrospect: 100 Years of Oklahoma Beta exhibit.





TEXAS

Brazos Valley, Texas, Alumnae Club

The Brazos Valley, Texas, Alumnae Club in Bryan-College Station, Texas, recently celebrated the 75th anniversary of **BETTY BENBOW WESTBROOK TRANT**'s initiation into Texas Alpha in 1944. They were joined by members of the Texas Eta chapter at Texas A&M University, where Betty has been an active alumna volunteer since its founding in 1985. Betty's Pi Phi daughter, Texas Alpha **POLLY WESTBROOK OLSON**, came from San Antonio to join the Diamond Arrow celebration.

Tireless in her devotion to Pi Phi, Betty was a driving force in establishing the chapter, leading the fundraising efforts to construct Texas Eta's chapter house, recruiting Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) and Chapter House Corporation (CHC) board members and serving on AAC. Betty was also a devoted member of the local Panhellenic Council for many years. In addition to Betty's service to Pi Phi and the community, she fulfilled a promise made to her mother when she left school after her marriage. In 2001, Betty returned to the University of Texas to complete her college education, even choosing to live in a dorm on campus! She received her degree, a remarkable testament to her perseverance and commitment to higher education.

To learn more about our beloved Diamond Arrows, turn to page 48.

Above: Pi Phi sisters gather to celebrate Texas Alpha **BETTY BENBOW WESTBROOK TRANT** (seated).

Dallas, Texas, Alumnae Club

The Dallas, Texas, Alumnae Club's biennial style show and luncheon fundraiser occurred in April. This year's theme was Halos, A Spotlight on Sisterhood and Philanthropy. Throughout the past year, many Pi Phi sisters gave their time and talent that culminated in a fabulous event. The underwriting effort alone raised \$250,000! The style show and luncheon were attended by 400 guests. Pi Phis gathered for a reception, and the program started with a spotlight on philanthropy — a touching video showcasing the seven local literacy beneficiary agencies and Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

Houston, Texas, Alumnae Club

The Houston, Texas, Alumnae Club partnered with the Children's Museum of Houston for Fraternity Day of Service 2019. In conjunction with the museum's Free Family Night on February 28, Houston Pi Phis distributed 545 books. In addition to supporting the museum's annual Dr. Seuss celebration, the Houston Pi Beta Phi Foundation underwrites Free Family Night Storytimes, which feature free book giveaways in the museum's Parent Resource Library. More than 3,000 children's books are given away each year.

TORONTO*Toronto Area Alumnae Club*

During Fraternity Day of Service, the Toronto Area Alumnae Club participated in the largest book distribution in the club's history! Club members teamed up with First Book® Canada to distribute over 20,000 books at the University of Toronto campus. Pi Phis from the Ontario Alpha chapter at the University of Toronto were a huge part of the event's success. Collegians and alumnae worked together to set up, assist in distribution and clean up the event space. High-needs school groups, teachers and other community youth organizations were recipients of the much-needed books.

The event also included a Reading Celebration in the University of St. Michael's College Library with first and second graders from Rose Avenue Junior Public School.

The Reading Celebration featured guest children's author Cinders McLeod, who spoke about her book "Spend It!" The students who attended received a copy of "Spend It!" in addition to three more books to take home for their personal libraries. The event was immensely successful and a huge milestone for the club!

VIRGINIA*Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club*

It's not often that a book club gets to read a book written by one of its own members, but that's just what members of the Richmond, Virginia, Alumnae Club's book club experienced. Called the Bibliophillies, this group got together to read the financial thriller "Money Grab" by Virginia Gamma **FRANCES JONES AYLOR**. ◀



Above: From left, Texas Alphas **LAURA BENTLEY KELLOGG** and **CINDY SATTERLEE HARLAN**, Texas Beta **ELIZABETH SHUFORD CONROY** and Texas Zeta **BRITTANY HARLAN GRAFT** served as the Chairmen for the Dallas, Texas, Alumnae Club's biennial style show and luncheon fundraiser in April.

MONUMENTAL *Sisterhood*

CONVENTION 2019

The 72nd Biennial Pi Beta Phi Convention promised to be monumental, and it was! More than 1,100 Pi Phis made their way to Washington, D.C., and for four days, they celebrated accomplishments, conducted the business of the Fraternity, heard from amazing speakers and enjoyed monumental sisterhood. For complete convention coverage, visit piphiblog.org.

ALUMNAE INITIATES

Four alumnae initiates were welcomed into the sisterhood of Pi Beta Phi. These women are uniquely connected to Pi Phi through philanthropic endeavors, professional achievements and strong values complementing those of the Fraternity.

From left: New York Delta **KATE FOGARTY**, D.C. Alpha **KYLE ZIMMER**, Arizona Gamma **MEGHAN FROST**, and D.C. Alpha **YINGJIE SHU**.



MEMBERS OF DISTINCTION



Three sisters were recognized with Pi Beta Phi's Member of Distinction Award. Given only in convention years, the award honors Pi Phis who achieve professional success and recognition.

MARY JO RUPP MYERS, Kansas Beta, (left) humanitarian and founder of the Aschiana Foundation, told Pi Phis they don't have to do things on a grand scale — to just make a difference where they are.

PEGGY HABERSTROH CIFRINO, West Virginia Alpha, (center) principal assistant and spokeswoman for General Colin Powell, shared that she's had opportunities to meet many people, including famous people, but that in the end, the most notable people were the unsung heroes she's met along the way.

SUSAN GARRETT BAKER, Texas Alpha, (right) public servant and founding member of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, said that she rejoices in our

[Read more about these three sisters on page 42.](#)



Pi Phi presence is hard to miss at any convention, but our Greek letters adorning the obelisk in the main lobby of the Washington Marriott Wardman Park hotel in Washington, D.C. emphasized just how monumental it was.

sisterhood, which practices the philosophy held dear by her friend **BARBARA PIERCE BUSH**, Texas Eta: to believe in something larger than yourself, live with joy and cherish relationships with your friends and family.

JON GORDON INSPIRES POSITIVE LEADERSHIP

At Sunday's General Session, best-selling author and keynote speaker Jon Gordon made attendees laugh,



Without even knowing it, Jon Gordon has developed an outline for leadership that aligns with Pi Phi's core values and goal of servant leadership.

touched their hearts with stories about his family and gave them tips and strategies for being positive leaders. He shared his own testimony about struggling with negativity throughout his life and how a conversation with his wife prompted his desire to change and focus on positivity.

Referring to building a positive culture, he discussed how the world today tends to focus too much on "the fruit" (profits, stock price, wins/losses, etc.) but how we, as positive leaders, need to focus on "the root" — meaning the culture we create as leaders. He explained that if we ignore the root, the tree dies, but if we invest in the root, it will yield a great supply of fruit.

"If you influence even just one person, you're a leader," said Jon. "Being a positive leader doesn't just make you better, it makes everyone around you better."

He also discussed ideas for building a great team, and said that effective leaders know how to have the right balance of love and accountability, as they are the hallmark of great leaders. Jon explained that if you have too much love without accountability, then people around you won't become the best they can be. On the flip side, too much accountability without love leads people to fatigue and burnout.

Jon also shared that effective leaders have the opportunity to transform negativity into positivity and can help drive change within their organizations through positive

Congratulations Award Winners

Balfour Cup
Kansas Beta

*Amy Burnham Onken Award for Outstanding Scholarship
and Campus and Community Leadership*
HANNAH CLARK, Colorado Epsilon

Chapter Service Award for Outstanding Servant Leadership
JESSICA LITTLE, Texas Epsilon

Jean Wirths Scott Leadership Award for Outstanding Change Leadership
TAYLOR MIGUELINO, South Carolina Beta

Carol Inge Warren Award for Outstanding AAC Advisor
KAREN FARYNIAK, Pennsylvania Gamma

Silver Slipper Award for Excellence of a Chapter Vice President of Finance
SARAH LEWIS, California Epsilon

Premier Club
Large Club: Nation's Capital-D.C. Alumnae Club
Small Club: Peoria, Illinois Alumnae Club

Dorothy Weaver Morgan Award
JAN KINCAID CLIFFORD, Indiana Delta

Emma Harper Turner Leadership Award
MARYMARGARET MCDONOUGH, Maryland Beta

Evelyn Peters Kyle Angel Award for Club Service
ALISON HENNIG MOORE, Florida Gamma

May Lansfield Keller Award
KIM OBRIEN, Ohio Zeta

Service in Sisterhood (SIS) Award
SUE KINGSLEY ROBINSON, Missouri Alpha

Young Alumna Achievement Award
STEPHANIE SHADWICK, Missouri Gamma

Friends of Distinction
Dr. Andrew Ledbetter
The National Panhellenic Conference Executive Committee

Foundation Distinguished Partner
Kelly Wesley Taylor

For a complete list of award winners,
please visit pibetaphi.org/awards.

influence. "Don't let negativity persist and insist around you ... Instead of calling people out, call them up to greatness and to what is possible," he said, referring to negative people around you.

Jon is the author of 17 books, including multiple bestsellers. His tips have been featured on "The Today Show," CNN, CNBC, The Golf Channel, "Fox and Friends" and in numerous magazines and newspapers.

CONVENTION ATTENDEES MAKE AN IMPACT FOR LITERACY

On Monday, Pi Phis were invited to participate, advocate and donate for literacy with Pi Beta Phi through Read > Lead > Achieve® reading initiatives.

Three groups walked a route around the convention hotel wearing "I Am One" T-shirts to promote awareness of literacy and

Pi Phi literacy volunteers helped give 30,000 new books to Washington-area children in need at Monday's book distribution. More than 200 schools and non-profit organizations signed up to receive books.



highlight the need that exists within the Washington, D.C., community. At the same time, hundreds of dedicated Pi Phi volunteers helped to give 30,000 new books to Washington-area children in need at the convention book distribution. Two sessions of Literacy Advocacy Project training were offered, giving participants the statistics and strategies needed to effectively advocate for literacy in their home communities. A Read > Lead > Achieve Education Station was also provided so members could access more information on key Pi Phi literacy programs such as Champions are Readers®, Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events, FDS500 grants and Arrow in the Arctic.

PAULA SHARES HER STORY

At the closing General Session, outgoing Grand President **PAULA PACE SHEPHERD**, Texas Epsilon, reflected on her 10 years serving on Grand Council, six of them as Grand President. “Many of you know that I am an unlikely sorority girl,” she said. “I entered the University of North Texas as an anti-Greek first-generation college student.”

She went on to share how she jumped into chapter life with both feet and didn’t say ‘no’ to a volunteer opportunity from the very start. “I had no aspirations to serve on Grand Council,” she recalled. “I simply got there

Outgoing Grand President **PAULA PACE SHEPHERD**, Texas Epsilon, encourages Pi Phis to say “yes” whenever Pi Phi asks them to do something.

Convention by the Numbers

4 days of convention

72 conventions Pi Phi has held, including this convention

1,189 registered convention attendees

704 alumnae registrants

422 collegiate registrants

1,083 convention attendees at Saturday’s Dinner by Chapter, our largest event

6,874 meals served

14,279 pieces of candy at the Cookie Shine

43 D.C. Alpha initiates at convention; more than any other chapter

530 hotel rooms booked

416 convention badge dangles pre-ordered

NEARLY \$1.3 MILLION raised for the SHINE THROUGH campaign during convention

OVER 8,000 Halo Charms and Remember Carnations sent with a gift to our Foundation

3 Members of Distinction honored at Sunday’s Heritage Lunch

2 Friends of Distinction honored at Monday’s Wine Carnation Banquet

175 banners carried in the Parade of Banners

30 conventions attended by Sis Mullis

1948 earliest year of initiation among convention guests



by never saying ‘no’ when Pi Phi called, and never saying ‘no’ changed the trajectory of who I would become.”

She also said she feels she’s a living example of Lifelong Commitment and that if not for Pi Phi, she would not have friends and sisters throughout the country who have lifted her up and made her a better version of herself. “If not for Pi Beta Phi, I would not be a strong, confident woman speaking to you today who knows that the last 10 years have brought me more personal and intellectual growth than I received through four years of college,” she said.

Paula’s husband, Dave Shepherd, followed up her speech by posting an open letter to the women of Pi Beta Phi on social media where he said it’s been his honor and pleasure to share his beloved wife with the sisterhood for over a decade. He went on to say that both Paula and he have felt blessed by Paula’s work with the Fraternity. “I have, with great pride, gotten to watch her grow in confidence, strength, and determination into the version of the paragon of womanhood I am privileged to share my life with today,” he said.

CONVENTION 2019 DELEGATES VOTE TO IMPLEMENT NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Delegates voted in favor of implementing a new organizational structure for the Fraternity. The changes to the Volunteer Support structure and Chapter Leadership Team structure include revisions of roles and responsibilities, officer title changes and changes to committees to reflect the current needs of the Fraternity.

From research obtained, Pi Beta Phi identified a need to create a greater depth of leadership in collegiate chapters through roles that develop stronger leadership abilities. Those abilities include delegation and collaboration skills that translate within Pi Phi as well as into the professional

world and other areas of a member’s life. Additionally, a need for greater collaboration between collegians and alumnae emerged, as well as a desire to engage more alumnae, including those outside of an alumnae club area.

“We are very excited about the new structure and can’t wait to see the benefits emerge as it unfolds over the next several months,” said newly-elected Grand President **MARLA NEELLY WULF**, Kansas Beta. “With the changes we’re seeing to the fraternity and sorority landscape and the increased time demands on our alumnae, our new structure better positions Pi Phi to meet the needs of our members now and in the future.”

The new structure was implemented immediately following convention beginning with elected International Officers, quickly followed by Appointed Officers. In the fall, collegiate chapters and Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) members will begin to transition to the new structure as chapter elections occur, with full implementation scheduled for January 2020. For more information, please visit pibetaphi.org/officerstructure.

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION REPORT 2019

An important piece of business conducted at convention was sharing the State of the Organization report. The report was presented jointly by Paula, Pi Beta Phi Foundation Board President **KATE BLATHERWICK PICKERT**, Kansas Alpha, and Fraternity Housing Corporation Board President **LISA GAMEL SCOTT**, Colorado Alpha. Paula said the report wouldn’t be a traditional progress report but instead a summary of what the Fraternity has heard from members as highlighted in the framework of the five key areas below.



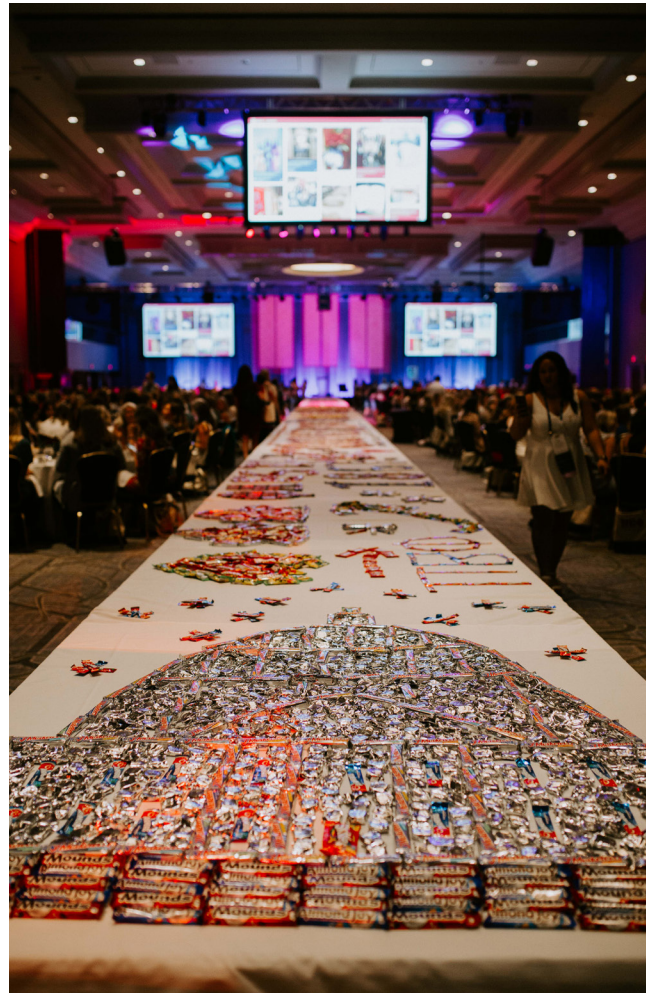
Fun and Friendship are at the core of Pi Beta Phi

For many Pi Phis, the setting for fun and friendship during college is a Pi Phi chapter facility, and over the last biennium, considerable efforts have gone into ensuring Pi Beta Phi properties are supporting a premier member experience. With the average age of a Pi Phi facility being 100 years old, ongoing maintenance is critical, and deferred maintenance costs for facilities are in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Many alumnae recognize the need to make the facilities a priority, and donors to the **SHINE** THROUGH campaign established the first-ever Pi Beta Phi housing endowment. Additionally, 25 chapters hold funds with the Foundation to help with capital improvement projects or ongoing maintenance. Today, 46 chapters are supported under FHC management — accounting for property valued at \$29.4 million in 24 different states and provinces. FHC continues to support those who manage, strengthen and preserve our chapter facilities.

Also, in an effort to keep fun and friendship the number one priority, the Fraternity has given extensive thought to Pi Phi policies, position statements and expectations. As a result, Policy and Position Statements have been streamlined from 33 individual statements to seven policies that address expectations in a clear, concise and simplified way while still protecting the Fraternity and the brand.

Pi Beta Phi develops and empowers confident women leaders

Pi Phi's leadership programming continues to be a priority. Pi Beta Phi Leadership Institute develops confident women leaders who contribute to making the impossible the inevitable. Also, College Weekend, where chapter officers and advisors learned how to be most successful in their leadership roles, was held for the fifth year in January. Participation continues to grow at this event — more than 750 Pi Phis have attended in each of the past two years.



Above: A monumental Cookie Shine is set for convention attendees to enjoy.
Below: From left, New York Alpha **FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE** received the Delta Gamma Compass Award from Delta Gamma alumna Kerri Cox. The award is given to a non-Delta Gamma who, through his or her extraordinary leadership and service, has made a lasting and deeply significant contribution to the Fraternity and/or the inter-fraternal movement.

Additionally, Pi Phi allows members a place to practice and grow their skills through our 2,300 volunteer opportunities or engagement with Pi Phi's premier programming and events that promote personal, intellectual and leadership growth. The newly-established Grace Goodhue Coolidge Leadership Endowment holds more than \$1.5 million to support Pi Beta Phi leadership programs, and the newly-established Chapter Assistance Endowment offers more than a half million dollars for developing Pi Phi leaders.

Finally, 16 new scholarships have been established through our Foundation in the last biennium to empower Pi Phis to lead in the classroom.

We are committed to advocating for the ability to read

At the 2019 Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events, 427 Pi Phis registered to volunteer, and 634 recipient groups received books — books that were paid for thanks to members' contributions to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation.

This past biennium, the amount awarded through our Local Impact Grant program surpassed the half million-dollar mark.

The **SHINE THROUGH** campaign invited donors to champion reading initiatives, and two incredible endowments were established to help Pi Phi do just that in perpetuity: the Elizabeth Clarke Helmick Literacy Endowment was established with a gift from the Fraternity, and the Barbara Beardmore Adams, Texas Alpha, Literacy Endowment was established with a cash gift of nearly \$1 million.

This biennium, the Literacy Advocacy Training program launched, more than 10,000 children were served through Pi Beta Phi's Champions Are Readers® program and more than 750,000 hours of community service were reported by alumnae clubs and chapters. Also, this year, 100% of Pi Beta Phi's literacy initiatives were fully funded by gifts to the Foundation for the first time ever.

Pi Beta Phi must be a leader in addressing the issues facing fraternal organizations

Pi Phi has been a leader in the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) since the conference's founding, and we continue to lead the way alongside our Panhellenic sisters. The fraternity and sorority experience is under attack with the right to associate freely being questioned. Entire fraternity and sorority communities are closing. Paula passionately called upon Pi Phi to lead the way by modeling what "sorority" should look like and noting that all members must do more to ensure future generations of women have the privilege of a sorority experience.

Our strength is found in the pride of our members

Members agree there is value in the Pi Beta Phi membership experience and say they don't need to look far to find something about the sisterhood that fills them with pride. Rooted in shared values, Sincere Friendships have been built that allow Pi Phis to work together as one sisterhood.

Conventions are a time to conduct the business of the Fraternity as well as a time of celebration, recognition and education, yet each one is unique and memorable in its own way. At Convention 2019, Pi Phis benefitted from the educational programming that was offered, distributed 30,000 books to children in need, celebrated the accomplishments of many, brought new members into the sisterhood, made history with a vote to implement a new organizational structure for the Fraternity and much more. But in the end, most will say it was the fun and friendship that they loved the most about Convention 2019 — confirming that in the bonds of wine and silver blue, the sisterhood is indeed monumental! ←

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THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO SHINE THROUGH

The **SHINE THROUGH** campaign invited every member and friend of Pi Beta Phi to be inspired and to inspire others. Every Pi Phi was asked to transform her unending loyalty into endless impact as we worked together towards a goal to raise \$28 million to sustain our sisterhood. Sisters were asked to join in by making their first gifts to our Foundation; to stretch their gifts to make a greater impact; to consider endowment giving to prepare Pi Phi for the future; to consider making Pi Phi part of their estate plans; and to support the Friendship Fund, helping Pi Phi meet today's needs as well as needs yet to come.

Across our sisterhood, members responded with a resounding "yes!" — and, together, achieved something truly monumental for Pi Beta Phi. At convention, we celebrated the incredible success of the largest philanthropic endeavor ever assumed by Pi Phi, and the largest fundraising effort in National Panhellenic Conference history.

Over 7,000 sisters and friends joined us to **SHINE THROUGH** for Pi Beta Phi. As of the close of convention, we have exceeded our goal by raising more than \$31.8 million* to sustain Pi Phi into our next 150 years. Imagine all the opportunities created through gifts to support leadership development, scholarships, housing, literacy initiatives and operations. Think what Pi Phi is poised to do next. Our sisters truly turned unending loyalty into endless impact, and Pi Beta Phi will forever benefit from this generosity.

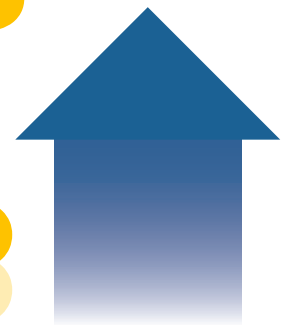
Gifts to the **SHINE THROUGH campaign will be finalized during the coming weeks, and official campaign totals will be shared in the next issue of *The Arrow*. ◀*

\$31.8 MILLION 
RAISED FOR PI BETA PHI

*That's \$3.8 million
more than our goal,
and counting!*

MORE THAN
7,000 DONORS

AND ENDOWMENTS
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Meet our New Grand Council

Get to know our new Grand Council members who were elected at Convention 2019.

Find out what they're passionate about, which Pi Phi has been impactful in their lives, what they hope to accomplish and more. If some of the titles look new, that's because they are! At convention, delegates voted to pass a new officer structure, and officer titles across Pi Phi have been updated to reflect those changes.



GRAND PRESIDENT
MARLA NEELLY WULF
Kansas Beta

Marla is most passionate about her family, faith and friends. It doesn't escape her that Pi Phi's ideals are interwoven into each of these. The friendships she's made over the years are what she loves most about being a Pi Phi, and she hopes all members realize that opportunities for leadership development and philanthropic service deepen the ties of sisterhood throughout their Lifelong Commitment to the Fraternity. She hopes to make an impact by honoring the legacy that has been created and cultivated throughout our history, while remaining relevant, nimble and forward-thinking.

Describing her Pi Phi journey, Marla says it was love at first sight. "Over the years, my incredible journey has been more than I could have ever imagined. On the Pi Phi highway, I've been in fast lanes, slow lanes and the rest area but have always been a proud member," she says.



GRAND VICE PRESIDENT
COLLEGIANS
EMORY MCGINNIS EISON
Mississippi Beta

The friendships she's made are what Emory loves best about being a Pi Phi. Every time she's said "yes" to a volunteer role within Pi Phi, she's been blessed with another opportunity to make new friends. Her top three passions are her spiritual life, family and friends and developing others. When she looks back on her days as a collegian, her Pi Phi experience began as fun and friendships — and they're still at the center of her Pi Phi life today.

Emory's biggest Pi Phi influence was Mississippi Beta **ELIZABETH WILLISTON WEBB**, who was her Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) advisor during her year as Chapter President at Mississippi Beta. "She was my support during the ups and downs of chapter leadership, and then she encouraged me to volunteer after graduation. She was my first example of Lifelong Commitment in Pi Phi," Emory says.



GRAND VICE PRESIDENT
ALUMNAE
AMY LORENZEN SOUTHERLAND
South Dakota Alpha

Amy's dream for this biennium is for all Pi Phis to see the wide variety of engagement opportunities that are available to help them feel connected to their sisters and the Fraternity. She also wants to help alumnae clubs create the right environment for their community and local sisterhood and support them in their endeavors.

Amy feels her Pi Phi journey really took off when she started serving on an AAC. Regardless of the roles she's had, she connects more deeply when she's doing the work, and that has not changed from the time she was a collegian. "My hope is that all Pi Phis have an opportunity to witness the power of Pi Beta Phi beyond their own chapters," Amy says.



**GRAND VICE PRESIDENT
FINANCE/HOUSING
LISA GAMEL SCOTT**
Colorado Alpha

Lisa hopes to create a path for the future success of fraternity and sorority life and prepare Pi Beta Phi by ensuring the future of the sisterhood. She loves the friendships she's made in the Fraternity and the satisfaction she feels from working on a project alongside women she trusts and admires. Her Pi Phi journey has changed over the years because she's added friends from various circles within the sisterhood, and she believes that's made her a better Pi Phi and a better person.

Lisa hopes all sisters realize being a Pi Phi is more than just the collegiate experience. "If we value and find meaning in our collegiate and alumnae experience, then we must put forth a valiant effort to ensure the future of the sisterhood for those who come after us," she says.



**GRAND VICE PRESIDENT
FRATERNITY GROWTH
ALISON VEIT HEAFITZ**
Illinois Zeta

Alison wants to ensure Pi Beta Phi's extension and recruitment models are relevant, grounded in friendship and true to the Fraternity's values and heritage this biennium. Her journey in Pi Phi has gone from joining in college for social reasons, to having an alumnae experience that has enriched her life in ways she couldn't have imagined as a collegian. The Pi Phi who has had the biggest impact on her is Past Grand Vice President Collegians and Grand Vice President Finance **CARA BALLARD SUTCLIFFE**, Illinois Beta-Delta, who has been a friend and mentor who inspires, motivates and stretches Alison's thinking.

"I hope each alumna chooses the path that fits her life the best — even if it looks different throughout her life — and that she realizes she will be paid back in loyalty and friendship several times over," she says.



**GRAND VICE PRESIDENT
COMMUNITY RELATIONS
DR. JENN PLAGMAN-GALVIN**
Iowa Gamma

Jenn wants to lead in a way that helps collegians navigate the college environment and advocate for the contributions Pi Phi offers because she knows membership positively influences the education of collegians. Like many, she has engaged with Pi Phi throughout various stages of her life. She considers her Pi Phi sisters an extension of her family and is most passionate about her family, community and education — all of which align closely with membership in Pi Beta Phi.

"The collegiate experience is a life-learning laboratory where we are supported when we make mistakes and celebrated when we have successes. The same is true in our alumnae journey, and there are always Pi Phis along the way to offer sincere and unending friendship," Jenn says.



**GRAND VICE PRESIDENT
MEMBER EXPERIENCE
JAMIE FEIST DANIELS**
Montana Alpha

Jamie is passionate about her family, friendships and Pi Beta Phi. She hopes to continue making the Pi Phi experience relevant for all sisters, from New Members to Diamond Arrows.

Montana Alpha **KORINNE HAGUE RICE** has had the biggest impact on Jamie. As pledge sisters, Korinne's willingness to get involved, get to know others and hold an office encouraged Jamie to do the same, and Jamie appreciates that Korinne still has an ear to listen and is willing to help problem-solve.

Jamie's collegiate experience was enriched by strong friendships, leadership roles, connection with the community and great memories. "I encourage all Pi Phis to stay involved and connected in big or small ways," Jamie says. ◀

Monumental



Moments

THE SPARKS THAT
IGNITE CHANGE

What is your life's purpose?

It's arguably the hardest question we're asked.

As women, we're expected to have a plan; to know where we're going and how to get there. We work hard — no matter our role — to do our best, stay confident and get it right. We coach ourselves: "You've got this, girl." But as true friends will tell you, we don't always need to have all the answers. Perhaps what's more important is paying attention to the questions.

When we gathered for Pi Beta Phi's 72nd Biennial Convention, speaker and best-selling author Jon Gordon reminded us, "The vision is where you are going. The purpose is why you are going there." Often, it's not the vision we're missing, it's clarity of purpose — the why. Some find purpose in impactful, monumental experiences. For others, purpose may be revealed through everyday conversations, seemingly inconsequential decisions or perceived setbacks. Regardless, once something or someone sparks inspiration on our purpose, we begin the journey to fulfill our vision.

Finding Purpose in Every

Strengths coach and entrepreneur **CAITLIN PIERCE KISSEE**, Missouri Gamma, wants to disrupt the way we think about purpose. "Purpose is not a destination," she says emphatically. "We talk about purpose as if it's an 'X' marked on a treasure map — and when we find it, everything will fall into place." Caitlin sees finding purpose as gaining deeper knowledge of ourselves through the experiences along our path — the journey rather than the end. "We want to look at everything as a whole, but it's really the little pieces that give us the clues we need," she says. "It's an understanding of how we're wired, and it can change depending on our season of life."

As the owner and founder of Propel People Development LLC, Caitlin guides her clients through the process of discovering their unique strengths, learning to see those strengths as positive attributes and then putting action behind them. "We look at a mission through the lens of the client's natural strengths and talents, then leverage those strengths to achieve the mission," she says.

While this approach might seem intuitive, psychology

suggests otherwise. "We're naturally wired to look at our deficiencies, but research supports that we're most effective when we focus on our strengths," Caitlin explains. Yet for much of her own life, she was unable to see herself with this perspective. She credits her year as a Leadership Development Consultant (LDC) for Pi Beta Phi, and a particularly poignant conversation with a graduate school professor, as sparks for her own growth and continual transformation.

Caitlin was selected as a member of the 2009–2010 LDC class and looks back on the year as an incredible learning opportunity. "It was almost like being part of a second New Member class," she recalls, "only you're connecting with Pi Phi women and leaders across the country." The strengths-based training for her LDC role and the opportunity to coach other women opened Caitlin's eyes to the possibility of leadership development as a career path. "The year was a crucial 'dot' on my timeline," she says. "Looking back, I can trace so many professional and Pi Phi moments back to the experiences and connections of my LDC year."

Caitlin returned to Missouri and found what felt like her dream job — Executive Director of the Springfield Ballet. "I grew up dancing," she says, "so the role was the perfect mix of my professional and artistic passions." Her years with the ballet represented a significant growth curve, both for Caitlin and the organization. "My favorite part of the job was board development," she says. "I also learned that I liked implementing growth, then handing off projects when it's time for growth to level off. That was my first clue consulting might be a good fit for me."

Caitlin had started working on her master's degree in organizational leadership when it was time to transition out of her role at the ballet. Through her strengths-based development knowledge, she had also learned some critical truths about herself. "I'm an achiever," Caitlin explains. "I thrive on accomplishments and a fast pace. I

Missouri Gamma **CAITLIN PIERCE KISSEE** is a certified strengths coach and the owner and founder of Propel People Development LLC.



Season

also tend to be self-critical and hold myself to impossibly high standards. I saw myself as a perfectionist, but I was really justifying unhealthy behavior." One of Caitlin's professors issued a direct challenge: Start seeing yourself as an asset, instead of a liability. "That rocked me to my foundation," she says, "but it stayed with me and transformed me." Suddenly, it made sense for Caitlin to embrace her unique gifts and use them to her advantage — and to help others see themselves in the same light.

While still in graduate school, Caitlin helped a local startup with community relations and internal team development. As she completed her degree, she transitioned her employer to her client and launched Propel People Development. "I never saw myself as an entrepreneur," Caitlin says. "I just didn't see anyone else offering the work I wanted to do, so I did it myself. I like to joke that I woke up one day and had a company. In reality, I took things one step at a time, grew my network and relied on the support of my family." Caitlin is the first to admit that venturing out on her own was often overwhelming, particularly her drive to find answers to even the smallest of questions. Eventually, she put her own philosophy into practice, learning to rely on the expertise of others to balance her own skill set. "I have a saying: 'it's not my strength, it's not my passion,'" she says. "Everything becomes a decision around working from my strengths and passions and allowing others to work from theirs. What makes sense for me to take on, and what can I give to someone else?"

As her professional profile grew, Caitlin's personal life took on a new dimension. She and her husband, Weston, welcomed their son Topher, now three. Caitlin found the transition to motherhood unexpectedly challenging. "Suddenly I felt like all the truths I'd learned about myself



Missouri Gamma **CAITLIN PIERCE KISSEE** (left) with son Topher and husband Weston.

no longer applied," she says. "My pre-parenting strengths started to feel like weaknesses. I had this new job I didn't know how to approach." Caitlin again learned to use her unique lens to shift her perspective, redefine her priorities and reframe her daily life. "As someone who's driven to do work that matters, I try to stay focused on the long game of motherhood," she explains. "My overall goal is to raise a person, and if I do something for Topher that contributes to this goal every day — even if it's just feeding him five times — it's progress."

Reframing her perspective to fit a new season of life has also changed the way Caitlin sees impact. "I used to think making an impact had to be something really grand," she says. "I've had to shift my own expectations around this truth, but the impact really lies in the individual. If I can change the way one person thinks, then I've made a difference." Looking back on her younger self, she offers advice for those working to discover their own strengths: Embrace the way you're wired and be humbly confident. "Remember that you are where you are for a reason, whether it's skill or hard work," Caitlin says. "Stay humble enough to keep learning, but be confident in who you are and what you can do." ◀

The Day

Books have surrounded Iowa Eta **MISSY REAMS** her whole life. “I think that’s why Pi Beta Phi’s literacy work resonates so deeply with me,” she says. “I grew up on a farm in Iowa and spent a lot of time with my grandparents, who lived in an old farmhouse across the road. My grandmother was a country school teacher at age 16, then an English teacher and eventually ran the Osceola, Iowa, Schools’ library system. An entire room in her house was filled with well-loved books. Until I became a Pi Phi literacy volunteer, I don’t think I realized how many children grow up in homes without books.”

After graduating from Drake University, Missy entered the IT field and joined a prominent Des Moines data and technology solutions company. She stayed involved with Iowa Eta until the demands of career and motherhood intervened. “I traveled extensively for work, and as a single mother, working evenings and weekends and struggling to find child care, I wasn’t able to attend many events,” she says. “When my son was old enough to stay home by himself, I was ready to recommit.” At her first Des Moines Alumnae Club planning meeting, Missy found herself welcomed by two Pi Phis who were Alumnae Advisory Committee members at her chapter — **LAURIE HOSKINS**, Iowa Alpha, and **ANN WEAR WILEY**, Iowa Gamma. Missy was asked to serve in the club’s communications role, and Laurie asked for her help planning the club’s Fraternity Day of Service celebration.

“I had served on my company’s Cares Committee for years, but my involvement was limited to dropping off supplies at a local elementary school,” Missy recalls. “Through our club’s literacy activities, I started to work with children and learn about their needs. Seeing how excited the children were to receive books surprised me immensely. If not for our Fraternity Day of Service events, I don’t think I would have ever truly understood the impact of our literacy projects on the children in my community, or the need that exists here.”

Missy soon became President of the Des Moines Alumnae Club and represented the club at the 2011 Convention in Orlando. As she watched Pi Phi leaders launch our Read > Lead > Achieve® philanthropic effort and honor our partnership with First Book® with a \$1 million gift, she



Above: **MISSY REAMS**, Iowa Eta, and **LAURIE HOSKINS**, Iowa Alpha, participate in a literacy activity at the Des Moines Alumnae Club’s Fraternity Day of Service event in March 2015.

realized the experience was more than just a celebration of sisterhood – it was a monumental moment. “At that moment, Pi Phi changed my life,” she says. “To see what we, as members of Pi Phi, could do together truly overwhelmed me. I realized our organization’s true potential for impact.”

Missy returned to Des Moines determined to make an impact for local children. “I was on fire,” she laughs. “We visited multiple schools, taking loads of books with us each time. We gave away 1,500 books to families at a local mall. We met with teachers and librarians, invited more club members to get involved and found new ways to reach the children in our city.” The more they served, the more the club members’ understanding and knowledge of the need in Des Moines grew.

Around the same time, Missy saw an ad for two certificate programs in community leadership and volunteer

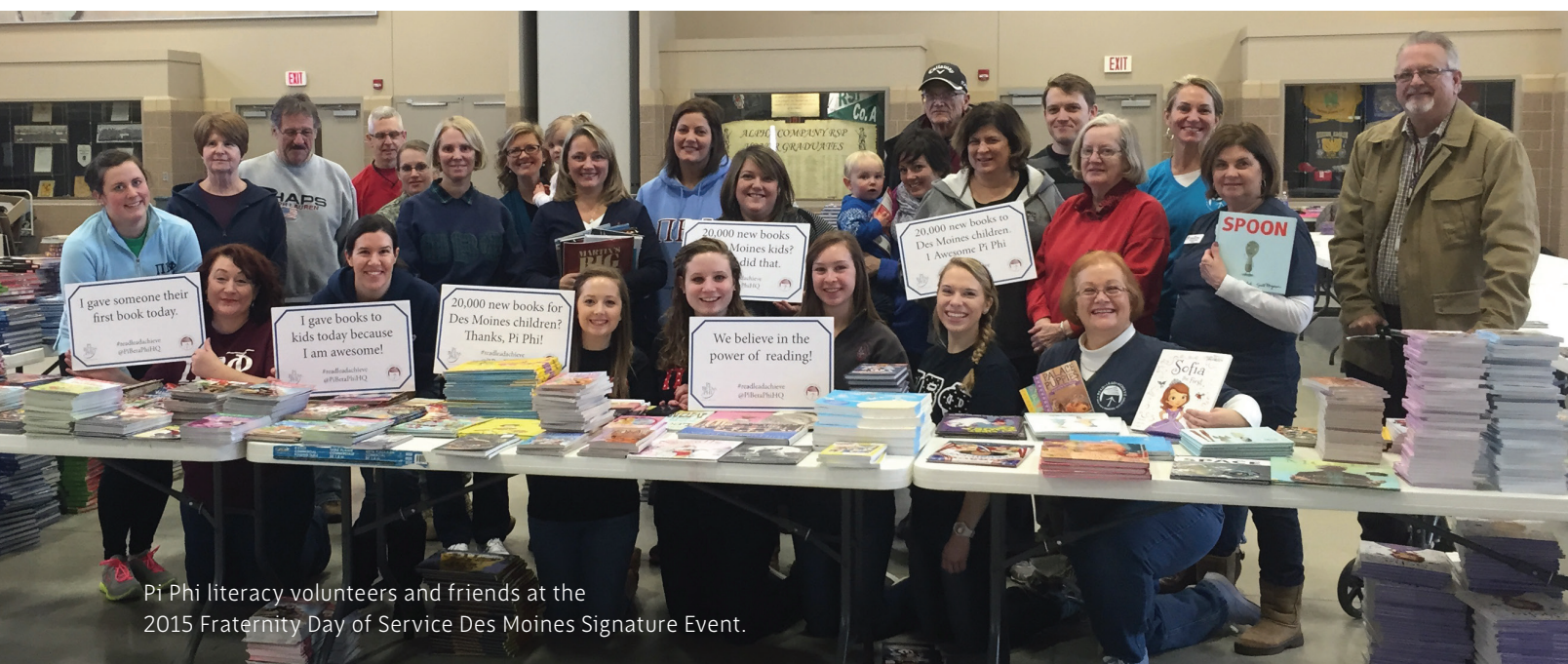
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management. Intrigued, Missy used her vacation and personal time to complete the programs, letting her passion for Pi Phi literacy work and her growing awareness of the need in her community propel her forward. In January 2014, she enrolled in an MBA program with an emphasis in Nonprofit Management. That October, she followed her heart on a course set in motion three years earlier. Missy walked away from her corporate job of 16 years to work in the nonprofit sector, joining Bidwell Riverside Center in Des Moines as volunteer coordinator. In addition to overseeing Bidwell's basic facility needs and IT support, Missy manages the highest-serving food pantry in Iowa and 2,500 volunteers. "Most importantly, my job is to advocate for the families we serve and share their stories with the community," she says. "Only with understanding will our world change, and only with understanding will our citizens know how and why they should help."

Since her life-changing experience at convention, Missy continues to draw inspiration and momentum from "aha!" moments during her work with Bidwell and Pi Phi:

hearing a child exclaim "Best day EVER!" when receiving her first new book at a Fraternity Day of Service Signature Event; seeing the long reach of Pi Phi's work when a senior citizen who couldn't pay his monthly bills humbly requested a new book to read with a grandchild; and feeling the palpable excitement of hundreds of literacy volunteers in one place, united by one mission.

"Pi Phi opened my eyes to something I didn't realize was a problem," Missy says. "Because of that connection, I've rededicated my life's work to making sure those in need in my community are treated with kindness and respect. My dream is for every Pi Phi to grow in her understanding of the difference literacy makes for children. If families don't have enough money for food, they don't have money for books. With so many families struggling, it's our responsibility to inspire and motivate children to read. To put a book in the hands of a child is empowering that child. Giving a child the lifelong love of reading will change that child's life." ←



Pi Phi literacy volunteers and friends at the 2015 Fraternity Day of Service Des Moines Signature Event.

You are Mean

"Do you love your career?" This simple but straightforward question, posed by a near stranger, resonated deeply with **SAM MACARTNEY DITKA**, Ohio Alpha. It was the end of 2016, and Sam was enjoying her role in business development for a luxury clothing line after years of success in sales. Surprising herself, she took a long breath before beginning her response with, "Yes, but..."

Having the courage to respond with authenticity was the spark that reconnected Sam with a dream 30 years in the making. Two and a half years later, Sam is the creator of **MoxieMama.tv**, a blog and coaching business designed to bring confidence and a sense of belonging to midlife women. "My mission is to sponsor clients and build a community that elevates and empowers women to be the best, most authentic versions of themselves," she says. "And, I'm completely leading by example. You can be almost 50 before you figure out what you want to do with your life!"

At 18, Sam envisioned a purposeful career in television. "Mentorship runs deep in me historically," she says. "I had this dream for an Oprah-esque show for teens blending fun stuff with deeper topics — makeup tips and prom fashion alongside healthy relationships and substance abuse. Overall, the mission was to encourage and empower young women with confidence and knowledge." Sam jumped at the opportunity to shadow a friend who worked in broadcasting, but allowed doubt to overshadow her ambition. "The fact is, I got scared," Sam says. "We all have voices in our heads that say, 'You'll never be good enough.' I let those voices take over and told myself it wouldn't work."

Walking away from her dream career but understanding her gift for connecting with people, Sam decided to pursue work in sales. Regardless of the position or the employer, she felt herself drawn to familiar territory. "Somehow, I always found myself seeking opportunities to mentor others within my company," she says. "Realizing this about myself was the beginning of restarting my passion." Around the same time, a friend and colleague in marketing started encouraging Sam to start a blog.



It for More



A chance conversation with a television and movie producer reconnected Ohio Alpha SAM MACARTNEY DITKA with her career dreams after a 30-year hiatus.

Photography by Julie Kahlbaugh-Emmel

"I had no idea what running a blog entailed or how to go about it, so I brushed her off," Sam says. But she began to hear similar thoughts from other friends. Then, her family joined the chorus. And a chance conversation with a media personality changed everything.

Sam had become interested in the "Four Chairs" concept of respectful dialogue among people of diverging viewpoints. With friends, she began planning a Four Chairs event in her hometown of Pittsburgh. She tagged Riaz Patel, a prominent television and movie producer who champions the concept on social media, hoping for a mention on his page at best. "The next thing I know, I have a direct message from Riaz with an offer to help," Sam says. "We had an hour-long phone conversation, and he asked if I loved my career. I said 'Yes, but,' and he asked

about the 'but.'" Sam explained the personal development opportunities she thought the company would offer weren't materializing. Nothing could have prepared her for the producer's response: "You are meant for more, Sam. You are meant for more than you're doing. I need you to dig in and be brave, and if you want me to, I will hold you accountable."

Sam knew she was ready to take her leap. She mentioned to her husband, Anthony, that she might start that blog after all. His reaction was more concise, but equally memorable: "Finally." Sam immediately called the colleague who had been persistently encouraging her for years. "She gave me a list of tasks and suggested we meet in about three weeks," Sam says. "I said, 'No, you don't understand, I need to do this today!' It had taken me 30 years to get back to my dream, and I knew I had to do it." The two spent hours on the phone going over every detail, and Anthony, an attorney, filed trademark paperwork the same day. MoxieMama was coming to life.

"WHAT'S THE FIRE IN YOUR GUT THAT GETS YOU OUT OF BED IN THE MORNING?...IT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, OR HOW, IT'S WHAT MOTIVATES YOU. GET CLEAR ON YOUR WHY."

Thoughtfully balancing lighthearted topics with deeper sentiment has helped Sam engage her audience. "When I launched, MoxieMama was based on image coaching," Sam recalls. "But when women told me 'you've helped me regain more confidence than I thought I'd ever have again,' I knew there was more to it." With support from the same colleague who encouraged her to start her blog, Sam began developing a more robust coaching and mentoring side of the brand. "I want to work with women who are figuring themselves out and nurturing their authentic sides," she explains. "The next phase of MoxieMama is about what I call 'midlife becoming.' Many women my age haven't worked outside the home in years or have settled for 'safe' options. Did you take that job because you love it, or because it was a practical choice that gave you stability and benefits? What's the fire in your gut that gets you out of bed in the morning? You have to go back to that place of determining your why.

Ohio Alpha **SAM MACARTNEY DITKA** with (from left) son Connor, dog Guinness, husband Anthony and son Timmy.





It's not what you want to do, or how, it's what motivates you. Get clear on your why."

Sam draws inspiration and strength from the relationships woven throughout her life. "My husband always has been my greatest champion — he encourages that tiny piece of risk-taker in me," she says, noting she and Anthony are college sweethearts. Sam found a best friend in Anthony's sister, Laura, who unexpectedly passed away in late 2018. As a prosecutor and victim advocate, Laura was a passionate supporter of women and children. "She encouraged everyone around her to be fearless in everything," Sam shares. "Since her passing, she's still right behind me, pushing me not to put my life on hold, to be brave." Laura was a Chi Omega at Ohio University, and Sam recognized the depth of friendship shared by the sisters who rushed to Laura's side. "The concept of sisterhood is so powerful to me," says Sam. "It's about women who push you to be your best self, look out for you and check in with you. And, it's the bond I share with my Pi Phi sisters that's helped me elevate my other female friendships to that level. I've carried the values of sisterhood from Pi Phi through my entire adult life." ◀

Sparking Confidence

Sam finds purpose in connecting and empowering other women. But although projecting confidence is part of her job, Sam admits it's not always an easy task. She shared the challenges she and many of her readers face — and how she overcomes them.

"I struggle with the negative voices of others, especially in the entrepreneurial space and on social media. But those are little voices compared to my biggest obstacle — me. I get in my own way by allowing the voices of insecurity and fear to shape the conversation in my own head.

"Never give in to the negative voices, whether they're someone else's or your own. Move up and beyond them. Bad things happen, and they matter — acknowledge them, use them for fuel and keep moving forward.

"I know my readers have insecurities, even if no one else sees them. I hope to connect with those women who need a cheerleader and a champion to keep them moving forward. That's what it's all about."





MARY JO RUPP MYERS

KANSAS BETA

IN A NUTSHELL...TELL US ABOUT YOU AND WHAT YOU DO.

I was a military spouse for 40 years and taught secondary and adult education and piano as we moved 26 times. We have three children and seven grandchildren. My husband is now the president of Kansas State University, and I'm very involved with activities on campus. I am a founding member and still active with Aschiana Foundation, which provides literacy, vocational, recreational and psycho-social programs for children in Afghanistan.

WHAT MONUMENTAL EXPERIENCE HELPED YOU FIND YOUR PURPOSE?

It's more a "bloom where you're planted" philosophy — just trying to do what you can in your corner of the world. On one visit to Afghanistan, I had taken some school supplies to Aschiana. When a little boy came up to thank me, he added, "Please don't forget us," and those words have stayed with me.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO WOMEN WHO WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Find something you care about! Utilize the three P's — be passionate, persistent and "play" well with others. Have a passion, be persistent, accept failure and move on having learned from the experience, and "play with others" — build a team. Success is always a group effort.

MEMBERS OF DISTINCTION

Pi Beta Phi presented three esteemed women with the prestigious Member of Distinction award at Convention 2019. The award is given biennially and honors a member of Pi Beta Phi who has distinguished herself by achieving success and recognition within her profession. To learn more about these remarkable women and their accomplishments, visit piphiblog.org.



SUSAN GARRETT BAKER

TEXAS ALPHA

IN A NUTSHELL...TELL US ABOUT YOU AND WHAT YOU DO.

I'm a very blessed octogenarian as I try to keep up with my vigorous 89-year-old husband, eight children plus spouses and 18 grandchildren. I hope to play more golf, read more books and finish strong!

WHAT MONUMENTAL EXPERIENCE HELPED YOU FIND YOUR PURPOSE?

The tragedy of a divorce before I was 32 forced me to develop my courage and determination muscles, and it also forced me to examine my faith seriously. I had been one of the "goodie two shoes" gals, believing that if I worked hard to do everything right and please God, then all would go well with me. When my world fell apart, I was forced to go back to square one to find out if God was real or not. My 50-year faith journey has richly blessed my life and brought peace and joy, even in the most difficult circumstances.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO WOMEN WHO WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

Whatever career you choose, make the decision that you will be an encourager and problem solver and not a complainer or troublemaker.

PEGGY HABERSTROH CIFRINO

WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA

IN A NUTSHELL...TELL US ABOUT YOU AND WHAT YOU DO.

I have worked for General Colin L. Powell for over 25 years. I currently manage his office in Alexandria, Virginia, and serve as his principal assistant and spokesperson. I also assisted him in researching and editing his best-selling books. My previous role was as deputy chief of staff to Secretary Powell at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to that, I worked at the Pentagon in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

WHAT MONUMENTAL EXPERIENCE HELPED YOU FIND YOUR PURPOSE?

When I went into the Pentagon, I saw public service in a whole different light, personified by General Powell. Here were people not only serving their country, but who were ready to lay down their lives for their country.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO WOMEN WHO WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

As a mother of two daughters, I tell them to live a fulfilling life and pursue their passion using the skills they've acquired to do what they love to do. ◀

Making a Monumental Impact for Over 27 Years

New Alumna Initiate **KYLE ZIMMER**, D.C. Alpha, first had her eyes opened to the lack of educational resources available to low-income families while she was a practicing attorney in Washington, D.C., and volunteering at a soup kitchen on the side. Washington was struggling with a crack cocaine epidemic, and Kyle wanted to be part of the solution. Knowing how critical education is to one's success, she was moved to act when she realized the children she was working with didn't own any books. So, in 1992, she worked with two friends to establish First Book®, a nonprofit social enterprise that provides schools and community programs serving children from low-income families with new, high-quality books and resources they so desperately need.

"Providing children with new books means bedtime stories, but the books mean more than that," says Kyle. "They mean reduced poverty, unemployment, crime and health disparities. But most of all, they mean hope for the children who receive them."

Kyle continues to lead First Book as its president and CEO. The organization has evolved into a champion of educational equality, with a family of award-winning social enterprises and home to the largest and fastest-growing network of educators serving children in need across the United States and Canada.

Leading First Book ignited Kyle's passion to advocate for social entrepreneurship, educational equity, civil rights and the importance of literacy to further economic competitiveness and global understanding. Her commitment to innovation and collaboration has earned her a reputation as a social sector leader.

Meanwhile, the need for placing books in the hands of children in need continues to increase.

"A few years ago, a research team literally counted books in a Washington-area neighborhood and found there was one book for every 830 children," said Kyle. "It's a sobering statistic with horrendous implications for us and our children, but it reminds us that there's never been a more critical time for us to step up. Every child should have the ability to read, lead and achieve."

Because Pi Beta Phi and First Book both understand the inherent value of providing resources such as books to children to improve literacy rates, the Fraternity launched a partnership with First Book in 2007. With access to new,



D.C. Alpha **KYLE ZIMMER** says she's thrilled to have 300,000 new sisters after becoming an Alumna Initiate.

high-quality books through the partnership with First Book, Pi Phi has utilized donations to The Literacy Fund to put more than 3.5 million new books in the hands of children since 2007 and improved countless lives through literacy service. It was Kyle's passion for literacy and longtime partnership with the Fraternity that led Pi Phi to invite her to join the sisterhood as an Alumna Initiate.

"Before I became a Pi Phi, I only had two sisters, but now I'm thrilled to have over 300,000," says Kyle. "Pi Phis have unleashed the power of books and reading for more than a million children, and I can't imagine a better organization for me to be a part of."

To date, First Book has provided more than 185 million books and educational resources, worth more than \$1.5 billion, reaching more than 5 million children annually across the U.S. and Canada. While these numbers are impressive, it's the commitment to improving the lives of children that underscores the monumental impact this new Pi Phi sister is making — an impact that's reflected in the smiles on children's faces as they discover the joy of reading. ←

A Monumental Impact on Women's Rights

By **FRAN DESIMONE BECQUE**, New York Alpha

Our Fraternity was 10 years old with about a dozen chapters in four states when **CARRIE LANE** (later Carrie Chapman Catt) became a member at Iowa Gamma. In 1880, she was valedictorian and the sole woman in her 18-member graduating class. Over the following seven decades, Carrie created a life of purpose and impact that still resonates with women today.

Did Carrie's membership in our Fraternity inspire her life's work? Did it help spark her passion to become an advocate for women's issues, notably suffrage? A recent donation to the archives from a 1960s initiate included the sentiment, "My Pi Phi experience helped shape the woman I am today." I like to think that Carrie might have felt something similar.



CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, as shown in the June 1916 issue of *The Arrow*, spoke for women's suffrage in every state of the Union except South Carolina and Florida. She also lectured abroad in several countries, including England, Holland and Hungary.

After working as a teacher and principal and becoming the first female superintendent of public schools in Mason City, Iowa, Carrie married Leo Chapman and moved to San Francisco. Unexpectedly widowed a year after her wedding, Carrie stayed in California and began writing a newspaper column about women's political issues as San Francisco's first female reporter. Carrie remarried in 1890, and her new husband encouraged her longstanding interest and involvement in the women's suffrage movement. She embarked on a public speaking career, discussing women's issues in her oratories — likely inspiring other women to action.

Carrie utilized her Fraternity connections to advance her suffrage efforts, networking with Pi Phi sisters before "networking" was a term. In 1887, she wrote to "Sister Ile," an Iowa Beta at Simpson College, offering to speak in Indianola. In 1889, Iowa Epsilon members attended another of Carrie's lectures. The following year, she spoke at the 1890 Galesburg Convention. Searches of *The Arrow* include many mentions of her speaking at Pi Phi meetings or welcoming members to her public engagements. She also helped establish the New York City Alumnae Club and was a loyal member.

From 1900 to 1904, Carrie was President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) and is given credit for making the 19th Amendment a reality. From 1915 to 1920, she served a second term as president and then helped found the League of Women Voters when NAWSA was dissolved in 1920.

Carrie was the keynote speaker at the 1924 Eastern Conference of Pi Beta Phi in Washington, D.C., when the portrait of Vermont Beta and First Lady **GRACE GOODHUE COOLIDGE** was given to the nation. She was the first fraternity woman honored with Chi Omega's National Achievement Award gold medal, which she received from her friend, Eleanor Roosevelt. Grand President **AMY BURNHAM ONKEN**, Illinois Epsilon, attended the award presentation.

She remained deeply loyal to her chapter throughout her life, loaning Iowa Gamma money after a fire and then cancelling the debt. She answered a letter inviting her to attend the 1946 Swampscott Convention stating, "...I find Pi Beta Phis everywhere. They are all intelligent, ambitious and filled with plans for making the world better. I am proud of them, although most of them I have never met." At this same convention, Pi Phi designated January 9 — Carrie's birthday — as Chapter Loyalty Day in recognition of the example she set in her abiding fidelity to her chapter. ◀



Will YOU Be One?

READ > LEAD > ACHIEVE CALLS YOU TO ACTION

Every September, Pi Beta Phi celebrates Read > Lead > Achieve Month. As Pi Phi's philanthropic effort, Read > Lead > Achieve inspires a lifelong love of reading that can unlock true potential, creating a more literate and productive society. We charge every Pi Phi to participate, donate and advocate for literacy through our reading initiatives, both during Read > Lead > Achieve Month and all year long! Visit pibetaphi.org/literacy to learn more about these opportunities, see statistics about Pi Phi's impact and find other helpful literacy resources for members, chapters and clubs.

PARTICIPATE:

- **Partner with an elementary school to implement the Champions are Readers® (CAR) program.** CAR is an interactive reading and mentoring experience to engage children in a positive reading experience and foster a lifelong love of reading.
- **Apply for a Pi Phi FDS500 grant.** Each year, Pi Phi awards grants to 100 recipient groups nominated by chapters and clubs through our FDS500 program. The grants are used to purchase up to 500 books from First Book®, which are then given to children in need. Applications for the 2020 FDS500 grant nomination process will open on August 30, 2019.
- **Volunteer at one of Pi Phi's Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events,** which take place in several major cities across North America every year. At each event, Pi Phi volunteers help distribute 20,000 new, age-appropriate books to children in need and promote the importance of reading and literacy.
- **Join the Pi Phi Pages online book club.** Launched in January 2013, Pi Phi Pages encourages participants to read a selected book each month, engage in discussion questions and "meet" other Pi Phis, as well as get involved with the Fraternity in a new way.

DONATE:

- **Make a gift to The Literacy Fund at Pi Beta Phi Foundation.** Gifts to The Literacy Fund support all Read > Lead > Achieve reading initiatives, including Champions are Readers, Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events, FDS500 grants and more.
- **Make a gift to our Foundation in support of Arrow in the Arctic,** Pi Phi's Canadian philanthropy, which helps to fund literacy programs and supplies books for Canada's Northern library system.
- **Apply for a Local Impact Grant.** As chapters and clubs fundraise for The Literacy Fund, they're able to nominate 25% of their gifts to a local nonprofit organization with a mission or special program focused on literacy. Our Foundation then matches that 25%, dollar for dollar.

ADVOCATE:

- **Attend training through Pi Phi's Literacy Advocacy Project.** This interactive program explores why advocacy is important, how you can have an impact and what is needed to become an agent of change.
- **Become a literacy advocate in your own community.** Attend school board and parent/teacher association meetings, or volunteer at a local school or library. Email local and state elected officials asking them to allocate more funds toward libraries, schools and reading programs.
- **Inspire your friends to join you.** Share the "Story of One" and the "Story of One Part Two" videos with a family member, coworker or friend. Both videos can be found at pibetaphi.org/literacy. Post literacy statistics, stories, photos and quotes on your social media accounts. ←

Will you be one who will **participate, donate and advocate** for literacy with Pi Beta Phi? Make sure you share what you're doing on social media using **#ReadLeadAchieve**. We look forward to seeing your passion for literacy and the impact you make for the children in your community!

Gravity
from Miguel



Peninsula Elementary

Hani
Elizabeth



Services



Some of the Madonna Mission students with their artwork depicting the Chicago skyline. Paintings were created in the "Know Your City" art workshop held at MM led by Tori Cmkovich and Barry Lee.

Thank you

Thank you
Bellina
Mia
Valentin
Thank you!

Pi Beta Phi!
-Sandrina

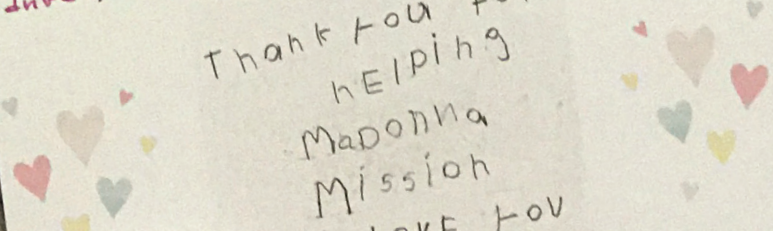
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Sincerely,
Pessy Inba

Y Leticia, a 55 year old Madonna Mission ESL student who is learning to write for the first time.



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Honoring our 75-Year Diamond Arrow Members

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 691 WOMEN WHO BECAME DIAMOND ARROWS AS OF JULY 1, 2019.

The following women requested certificates in honor of their 75 years of membership in Pi Beta Phi. They truly demonstrate the core value of Lifelong Commitment!

BARBARA RITCHIE ADAMS
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Colorado Alpha

NANCY CARTER WORKMAN
Colorado Beta ←

Pi Beta Phi Diamond Arrows were **initiated in 1944.**

Other facts about that year include:

The **D-Day invasion** of World War II started on June 6.

The average cost of a new house was **\$3,450.**

The average yearly wage was **\$2,400.**

The cost of gasoline was **15 cents** per gallon.

Franklin D. Roosevelt became the only U.S. president elected to a fourth term.

Bing Crosby had four #1 songs on the US Billboard chart.

Casablanca won three Oscars, including Best Picture.

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Risk Management Specialist - Jennifer Mandeville, Virginia Theta
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Finance/Housing Specialist - Missy Roma Dorsey, Connecticut Alpha
Recruitment Specialist - Allison Hayes, Connecticut Alpha
Community Relations Specialist - Christine Toth Justice, Connecticut Alpha

REGION 2 TEAM

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Operations Specialist - Maggie Ibrahim-Taney, Kentucky Alpha
Risk Management Specialist - Laura Clough Redmond, Ohio Eta
Member Experience Specialist - Tiffany Mitchell Senn, Ohio Theta
Finance/Housing Specialist - Ashley Boarts Lewis, Ohio Theta
Recruitment Specialist - Monica Diaz-Greco, Ontario Alpha
Community Relations Specialist - Julia Furtaw, Michigan Gamma

REGION 3 TEAM

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Operations Specialist - Jessica Donda Ledbetter, Michigan Alpha
Risk Management Specialist - Lara Omphal, West Virginia Alpha
Member Experience Specialist - Lauren Brown, Kentucky Gamma
Finance/Housing Specialist - Jessi Nill, Indiana Gamma
Recruitment Specialist - Nicole Bridges, Kentucky Alpha
Community Relations Specialist - Stephanie Hardiman Simon, Virginia Theta

REGION 4 TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director - Amy Shuart Gingrich, Virginia Zeta
Collegiate Regional Director - Danielle Janowski, Michigan Beta
Operations Specialist - Molly Harris, Mississippi Beta
Risk Management Specialist - Amanda Fishman, Florida Alpha
Member Experience Specialist - Carla Hashley, Michigan Epsilon
Finance/Housing Specialist - Betsy Pierce, North Carolina Alpha
Recruitment Specialist - Erika Bates Mackey, Connecticut Alpha
Community Relations Specialist - Anne Herold, Georgia Beta

REGION 5 TEAM

Alumnae Engagement Director - Andrea Gaspardino Kovachy, Ohio Theta
Collegiate Regional Director - Amanda Reid, Michigan Alpha
Operations Specialist - Brooke Avila, Iowa Beta
Risk Management Specialist - Lyndsey Redding Howe, Nebraska Beta
Member Experience Specialist - Stephanie Shadwick, Missouri Gamma
Finance/Housing Specialist - Lacie Drogen Baumgartner, North Dakota Alpha
Recruitment Specialist - Darcy Dahl, Minnesota Alpha
Community Relations Specialist - Catherine O'Dea Pallardy, Illinois Eta

REGION 6 TEAM

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Collegiate Regional Director - Debbie Boyd Sharp, Arkansas Alpha

Operations Specialist - Tracy Gilbreath Fenter, Texas Gamma
Risk Management Specialist - Megan Smith, Mississippi Alpha
Member Experience Specialist - Meredith Stone, Georgia Alpha
Finance/Housing Specialist - Leslie Faulk Shanks, Arkansas Alpha
Recruitment Specialist - Kasey Mitchell Adams, Mississippi Alpha
Community Relations Specialist - Roxanne Guess Ross, Arkansas Alpha

REGION 7 TEAM

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Operations Specialist - Gillian Tobin, Oregon Alpha
Risk Management Specialist - Lauren Jenkins Smith, Oregon Gamma
Member Experience Specialist - Kristen Brandenburg, Colorado Epsilon
Finance/Housing Specialist - Gina Schreiner, Alberta Alpha
Recruitment Specialist - Carolyn Much Reil, Oregon Gamma
Community Relations Specialist - Alison Seamon Smith, Michigan Epsilon

REGION 8 TEAM

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Collegiate Regional Director - Jessica Chavez, New Mexico Alpha
Operations Specialist - Tara Abbott Davis, Arizona Alpha
Risk Management Specialist - Lauren Kolnick Whalen, California Kappa
Member Experience Specialist - Brittany Vogl, Arizona Alpha
Finance/Housing Specialist - Thea Christensen, Oregon Gamma
Recruitment Specialist - Marie Baldazo Andreasen, California Eta
Community Relations Specialist - Tracie Whelan Wells, Michigan Gamma

REGION 9 TEAM

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Operations Specialist - Tillie Bell Good, Iowa Gamma
Risk Management Specialist - Kris Murphy, Montana Alpha
Member Experience Specialist - Kristi Hanlon Marsh, Illinois Zeta

Finance/Housing Specialist - Melissa Bockhold-Hack, Indiana Alpha
Recruitment Specialist - Katey Ulrich, South Dakota Alpha
Community Relations Specialist - Kristin Zemke, New York Eta

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In Memoriam

We honor our Pi Phi sisters who have passed away and celebrate their part in our sisterhood.

In Memoriam lists the name and initiation year of each member who has died. The list below reflects notification by public obituary received at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters between February 1, 2019 and May 31, 2019.

Obituaries may be sent by email to Engagement Coordinator **CAROLYN BANKS LOPER**, Illinois Eta, at cloper@pibetaphi.org or mailed to Headquarters.

Memorial gifts made to Pi Beta Phi Foundation are a loving and lasting way to honor the memory of a beloved Pi Phi sister. To make a memorial gift, please call our Foundation at (636) 256-1357 or visit pibetaphifoundation.org.

ALABAMA ALPHA

Peggy E. Patterson, 1961, affiliated
Louisiana Alpha

ALABAMA BETA

Stacy Anastasia Anders, 2006
Shirley Copenhaver King, 1951
Beverly Himel Rafferty, 1979

ALABAMA GAMMA

Miriam Thornton Young, 1978

ARIZONA ALPHA

Carolyn Biggam Anderson, 1961

ARKANSAS ALPHA

Nell Abernathy-Lorenz, 1950
Martha Martin Cease, 1952
Rita Beaty Goolsby, 1957
Virginia Hammond Jolly, 1956
Barbara Brady McLellan, 1948
Mabel Sloan Williams, 1943

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

Margaret Irving Roulette, 1943

CALIFORNIA DELTA

Barbara Davis Moore, 1951
Marian Semmelmeier Stoner, 1944
Peggy Parsons Gobar Wilson, 1943

CALIFORNIA EPSILON

Janice Beach Thrift, 1950

CALIFORNIA ZETA

Caroline Hamilton La Motte, 1961

COLORADO ALPHA

Betty Wigton Dewell, 1940
Sharon Nelson Weilbaeher, 1959
Lou Dumm Wierman, 1944

COLORADO BETA

Jean Blanch Johnston, 1943
Geraldine Herbst Winegardner, 1945

COLORADO GAMMA

Peggy Mizer, 1958

CONNECTICUT ALPHA

Helen Whipple Robords, 1943
Natalie Walters Warner, 1956

D.C. ALPHA

Jeanne Heimann Vass, 1946

FLORIDA BETA

Floy Jean Pflough Hale, 1946
Marjorie Williams Smith, 1957
Jean Yothers, 1942

FLORIDA GAMMA

Mary Boyd Kelly, 1959, affiliated
Ohio Delta
Alison Hennig Moore, 1948

GEORGIA ALPHA

Jane Eagar Lamkin, 1956
Nancy Gower Randall, 1948

IDAHO ALPHA

Jody Raber Thomas, 1949

ILLINOIS ALPHA

Helen Adair Hayes, 1941, affiliated
Illinois Zeta
Betty Hagen Maseng, 1945
Jacqueline McGinnes Shoemaker, 1947
Kelly Johnson Smet, 1988

ILLINOIS BETA-DELTA

Nancy Tucker Fifield, 1950
Harriett Hunter Munson, 1937

ILLINOIS ETA

Beverly Stickel Herington, 1945
Charlotte Beesley Moorehead, 1944

ILLINOIS IOTA

Ann Lynette Harshman, 1974

ILLINOIS THETA

Barbara Mackie Feltham, 1947
Barbara Waters Marcus, 1947
Mary Jean Shimp, 1999
Cynthia Seifert Tousley, 1954

ILLINOIS ZETA

Janet Van Arsdale Fretland, 1969

INDIANA ALPHA

Ruth Rogers Ragsdale, 1947

INDIANA BETA

Lucille Peters Callahan, 1943
Nancy Crouch Cheek, 1954
Mary Kampschaefer Curry, 1947
Carol Purves DeLoughery, 1956
Arlene Tway Hansen, 1951

INDIANA DELTA

Corinne Clark Mitchell, 1946
Jane Oderkirk Thompson, 1954

INDIANA EPSILON

Jacqueline Snyder Critchett, 1954

INDIANA ETA

Susan Lilie Gallmeyer, 1981

INDIANA GAMMA

Carolyn Watt Pritchard, 1949

IOWA GAMMA

Judy McCoy Eischen, 1956
Joyce Lindgren Mitchell, 1951

IOWA ZETA

Rheta Archer Lippi, 1956

KANSAS ALPHA

Alison Heath Carter, 1965
Nancy Reich Esry, 1955
Barbara Hume Fennel, 1946
Barbara K. Hodgson, 1958
Nancy Dunne O'Farrell, 1957
Margaret Granger Robinson, 1948
Jeanette Jenkins Younger, 1936

KANSAS BETA

Nancy Schoonover Cleavinger, 1947
Mary Ann Montgomery McCoy, 1941
Joan Sargent Sherwood, 1953

KENTUCKY ALPHA

Marjorie Smith Handley, 1955
Patricia Tafel Kirchdorfer, 1943

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Sedley Roussel Alpaugh, 1949
Yvonne Brown Collier, 1948
Carol Moore Killian, 1957, affiliated
Texas Alpha

LOUISIANA BETA

Eleanor Gates Barry, 1942, affiliated
Louisiana Alpha
Betty Key Flanagan, 1947
Dorothy Feth Longnecker, 1947
Jane Murrey O'Bryan, 1957

MARYLAND BETA

Karen McCurry Palmer, 1960

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Deborah Gustafson, 1973

MICHIGAN GAMMA

Suzanne Wilson Clogg, 1945
Betty Shannon Kirch, 1945
Marilyn Happ Rider, 1953

MINNESOTA ALPHA

Jacquelin Kobs Mork, 1955

MISSISSIPPI BETA

Martha Rovelstad Caulfield, 1971

MISSOURI ALPHA

Elsie Dickson Barks, 1945
Marian Whiting Humphrey, 1944
Frances Ellinor Isern, 1948

MISSOURI BETA

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MISSOURI GAMMA

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Tamie Jo Pachek, 1977

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NEW MEXICO ALPHA

Sarah Hutchison Almy, 1964
Barbara Lagaw Hayden, 1955
Lillian Jean Murphy-Wix, 2008
Helen Watson Rhett, 1946

NEW YORK ALPHA

Susan Rudolph, 1974

NEW YORK DELTA

Patricia A. Loux, 1959
Julie Kamerer Snell, 1944

NORTH CAROLINA ALPHA

Lila Smith Everett, 1961

NORTH CAROLINA BETA

Libby Garvin Baynes, 1958

NORTH DAKOTA ALPHA

Mary Ann Phelps O'Callaghan, 1948
Marjorie Sheehan O'Shea, 1943
Jane Brynjolfson Wallace, 1943

OHIO ALPHA

Patricia L. Dineen, 1949
Emajeane Wright Harvie, 1936
Joanne Nichols Jones, 1954
Anne Hubbard Shambaugh, 1953
Ann Hammerle Stoutenborough, 1949

OHIO BETA

Nancy Lu Brown Sarver, 1947
Paula DiPaola White, 1963

OHIO DELTA

Doris Hunter Mauck, 1944
Dolores Borland Nudds, 1949
Sylvia Schweiker Strasburg, 1949

OHIO EPSILON

Lois Meyers Davis, 1945
Mary Frances Dolan Fenady, 1950,
affiliated Ohio Beta

OHIO ETA

Ann McCulloch Carver, 1956
Elizabeth Nida Noethlich, 1956

OHIO ZETA

Jean Bryan Cramer, 1961
Connie Malone Tamcsin, 1958
Barbara Laird Young, 1955

OKLAHOMA ALPHA

Alden Obering O'Brien, 1948

OREGON ALPHA

Jackie Newburn Aiken, 1948
Kathy Dotterer Vahl, 1955

OREGON BETA

Dorothy Dale Cassinelli, 1947
Patricia McCumsey Thompson, 1949

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Maddie Kate Smart, 2019

SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA

Rosemary Orr Kannaday, 1959

TENNESSEE BETA

Dolly Nance Fischer Crabtree, 1944
Sharon Wemhoener Keith, 1950
Marilou Gardner Sanders, 1942
Laura Miles Spong, 1945

TENNESSEE GAMMA

Katsy Everett Bruner, 1948

TEXAS ALPHA

Frances Schneider Bauman, 1949
Jean Hudson Caton, 1937
Phyllis Hennessey Fleming, 1944
Linda Walker Ligon, 1963
Helen Smith Mahaffey, 1958
Judy Castleberry Miller, 1964
Sue Cocke Robinson, 1958

TEXAS BETA

Diane Nichols Cunningham, 1956
Mary Hubbard Hosford, 1952
Mary Lou Bain Stark, 1952

TEXAS GAMMA

Lotta Baldwin Tucker, 1953
Susan Smith Youngblood, 1956,
affiliated Texas Beta

UTAH ALPHA

Shauna Wood Trabert, 1951

VERMONT ALPHA

Margaret Fell Council, 1941

VERMONT BETA

Rita McGarry McNeil, 1944

VIRGINIA ALPHA

Guyanne Tittle Booth, 1950
Martha Maxwell Loyd, 1955, affiliated
Texas Alpha

WASHINGTON ALPHA

Betty Hill Balmer, 1947
Dorothy Anderson Getaz, 1944
Mimi Afflen Torgerson, 1987

WASHINGTON BETA

Joyce Bronson Lyons, 1952
Dawn Hagan Marshall, 1946

WASHINGTON GAMMA

Ann Vlahovich Marinkovich, 1948

WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA

Tona Renforth Bays, 1964
Nancy Wooster Dils, 1943
Elizabeth Casto Mathias, 1952

WISCONSIN GAMMA

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WYOMING ALPHA

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