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Denver Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi

Fall 2010 Newsletter

A message from the President...

Hello, again, fellow Pi Phis!

While it may be hard to believe, it is time for Club activities to resume! Despite wishing the summer lasted longer, I always look forward to the start of a new "year" and the exciting Pi Phi programs that await us. This year, I'd like to focus on a concept that impacts the overall success of our organization ~ leadership. All members of the Club are leaders in their own way, whether they hold a specific position on the Executive Team, chair a fabulous Arrow Club, share their energy in a philanthropic activity, or give of their time at a monthly meeting. Today, where "time poverty" is not only the new catchphrase but also accurately describes most of our lives, the leadership each of you shows within Pi Phi is so appreciated. Time has become the currency of the realm and without it, our Club would not be as successful

as it is. So I'd like to personally say thank you for all your of your contributions to the Denver Club ~ you are what makes us great!

It is an honor to serve as your President this year and I couldn't be prouder of the 2010 – 2011 Executive Team and Arrow Club Chairs who have been enthusiastically working to make this a spectacular year! I hope to see you all soon!

In Pi Phi ~

Jessica Prasser





INFO FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

I'm so excited to start a new year here with the Denver Club – we have so much fun stuff planned for our membership; there's no reason NOT to join us. Many of you know me as the face (and voice, and email stalker) of Membership from the last two years, and I'm very excited to step into my new role as Vice President.

The role of VP has always been only loosely defined – but not this year! With the help of the entire Executive Board, and feedback from past VPs, we've given the position a complete facelift. From now on, I have responsibilities over the following areas:

Serving as our club **ACRIC**, and keeping you informed about collegiate recruitment

Coordinating and publishing the **Denver Area Council's** yearly **Directory** (which you receive when you pay your dues)

Working with the **Arrow Clubs** to plan exciting events outside of our monthly general meetings

Serving as our **Collegiate Chapter Liaison**, strengthening our club's relationships with the five chapters in and around the Denver Metro area.

I have a lot of ideas for the coming year and beyond, and would love to hear your feedback and answer your questions. Please, never hesitate to email me – vicepresident@pibetaphidenver.org – or call me, 303-249-8962.

PPL,
Tanya

What's an ACRIC?

ACRIC stands for **Alumnae Club Recruitment Information Chair** and this is the contact within the Club who takes a leading role in recommending quality women as potential new members of Pi Beta Phi. Collegiate chapters may request specific information from the ACRIC on women going through recruitment on their campus. Sometimes, the only way a chapter knows about a young woman is through an alumna's recommendation. Members are encouraged to support the growth of Pi Beta Phi by recommending any young woman who embodies the qualities of a Pi Beta Phi and who is or will be attending a college where a Pi Beta Phi chapter is located.

It's simple to recommend a woman for recruitment:

Fill out the Recruitment Information Form (RIF) found in the summer ARROW or at <http://www.pibetaphi.org>.

Write a personal letter of recommendation for the young woman.

Attach a photo of the woman under consideration.

ARROW CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's new with the Arrow Clubs? Lots! Each group has been busy planning their events for the first part of the year, and they hope that you'll join them! Please see below for a description of each club, along with announcements about upcoming events. If you'd like to join a specific Arrow Club's mailing list, please email secretary@pibetaphidenver.org with your interests.

Twilight Angels - a dinner group that meets at a variety of restaurants throughout the Denver Metro area. Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, dinner, laughter, and good conversation are always on the menu. Sue Penner and Linda Crosby are co-chairs for this Arrow Club, and can be reached at twilightangels@pibetaphidenver.org.

September 21 – Root Down, 6:30 PM
October 19 – Simms Steakhouse, 6:30
November 16 – Izakaya Den, 6:30 PM

Moonlight Angels - has traditionally been a Happy Hour meet-up, trying new locations and revisiting old favorites once a month all year long. This year, chair Ashley Zimmerman, is also working on bigger events – like movie nights and wine tastings – to complement the Happy Hour schedule. Ashley is always looking for ideas and suggestions – moonlightangels@pibetaphidenver.org.

September 16 – Root Down, 6:30 PM
October 19 – Baker Street Pub DTC, 6:30 PM
Week of November 15-19 (TBD) Wine Tasting
December 9 Govnr's Park, 6:30 PM

Meals for New Moms – Chaired by Courtney Henry, this Arrow Club is designed to help take some of the stress out of being a new Pi Phi mom. When a new baby joins a family, meal time can be hectic. Club members drop off meals to help cut out some of that stress! If you know of a new Pi Phi mom, or you'd like to help by bringing a meal, please contact Courtney at meals@pibetaphidenver.org to get on the mailing list.

Angels with Little Angels – This Arrow Club offers Pi Phis and their kids the opportunity to make new friends through fun, kid-centered activities. Generally meeting about once a month, Pi Phi moms and nannies are invited to get involved. Shannon Lawrence chairs, and can be reached at piphisplay-group@pibetaphidenver.org. Look for event announcements coming soon!

Adventure Club – chaired by Alexis Savas, explores Denver and the surrounding Rocky Mountains. Open to alumnae of all ages, the Adventure Club hosts events including an annual ski trip, hiking, nights at the theatre/ballet, etc. As many of these events require RSVP far in advance and are limited in size, anyone interested in any of the events below should contact Alexis at adventures@pibetaphidenver.org immediately.

September 12 – Horseback Riding (group size limited to 10), 3:30 PM
October 3 – Hiking in Rocky Mtn National Park, Time TBD
November 4 – MAMMA MIA! at DPAC (group size limited), 8:00 PM
December 4 – Gift making @ the Painted Platter in Littleton, 12:00 Noon
January 7-9- Ski trip to Copper Mountain, details to follow

Pi Phi Book Club – Open to members of all generations, Book Club meets each month on the 1st Monday. Books from the last year included *Pretty in Plaid*, *Dreaming in Hindi*, and *The Shadow of the Wind*, among others. Anne Barnhart, Chair, can be reached at bookclub@pibetaphidenver.org.

September 8 – *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff
October 4 – *The Mists of Avalon* by Marion Zimmer Bradley
November 1 – *Interview with a Vampire* by Anne Rice

Philanthropy - is eager to continue serving our community this year. You spoke and we listened. We will be implementing many ways you can be involved and still work your day job. Let us know that you are interested in helping with **Philanthropy** and we will let you know what opportunities are available.

BIG THANKS!

Meals for New Moms is a program that was started this past year. We have received lots of great feedback and appreciation from new Pi Phi moms! Having a new baby is an exciting and wonderful time, but it can also be stressful, especially for new moms. This outreach program supports new Pi Phi moms by delivering meals to their homes after they come home with their new little lads and legacies. Meals can be homemade or pre-prepared; anything is appreciated!

If you would like to help out this year, please email Courtney Henry at courtney_cate@yahoo.com with your contact information. Also, if you are expecting a new baby (or know of another Pi Phi who is), please email Courtney with the expectant mom's contact information so that a meal delivery schedule can be set up.

Many thanks to the Pi Phis listed below who delivered one or more meals to new moms this past year:

Laura Bergfield
Kristen Carrillo
Holly Filak
Tanya Frank
Lindsey Frey
Erin Haddigan
Courtney Henry
Jenn Herrera
Christina Leone
Sarah Meyer
Amy Nofziger
Jessica Prasser
Joan Rondinelli
Kelly Swartzendruber
Tish Vanoni.

A big thank you to all of our summer reading volunteers at the **Gathering Place**: Paula Klein, Gayle Dunn, Joan Rondinelli, Andrea Hobbs and Ashley Zimmerman. Thank you also to those who donated items for the emergency food needs at **Betsy's Cupboard** at the **Gathering Place**.

HELP WANTED

CO Alpha Fall Initiation will be November 13, time TBA. Also, **CO Alpha AAC**, located in Boulder at the University of Colorado, is looking for 1-2 additional members who are interested in volunteering. Time commitment is 3-5 hrs/month. Interested parties can contact Jacey McDaniel, AAC Chair, at jacey.mcdaniel@gmail.com.

Looking for a way to get more involved with Pi Beta Phi? The **CO Delta AAC**, located in Golden at the **Colorado School of Mines**, is looking for Alumnae in the Denver/Metro area to serve on the Alumnae Advisory Committee. This opportunity is open to any Alumnae regardless of past leadership experience within Pi Phi at any chapter. Please contact Shaughnessey Winkelhake, AAC Chair, at 720-261-1251, or srwinkelhake@yahoo.com with any questions. We look forward to serving with you!

COLLEGIATE NEWS

There are 5 Pi Phi chapters around the Denver Metro area – University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado State University, Colorado School of Mines, University of Colorado at Colorado Spring, and the University of Wyoming. This year, one of our club goals is to help you, our alumnae population, stay up on what's happening with the local chapters. We know many alums are from these chapters and would love to stay connected. Here are some things that are coming up this year:

Wyoming Alpha (University of Wyoming) is celebrating their 100th year as a chapter. They are holding their Centennial Celebration the weekend of September 17th and 18th. All are welcome; please visit <http://www.pibetaphi.org/pibetaphi/uwyo> for more information and to register.

Most of the area chapters will be holding Fall Initiation in mid-November, and would love additional alumnae to attend and witness initiation. Please contact Tanya at vicepresident@pibetaphidenver.org for exact dates and locations (*psst* – Wyoming Alpha will be initiating on November 20th and are actively looking for alumna volunteers. If you'd like to take a little weekend trip to Laramie, email Tanya!)

Many chapters are looking for AAC and House Corp volunteers – please email Tanya for more information on whom to contact about volunteering!

We'd like to give a big "THANKS!" to those Denver alumnae who currently serve on the AAC or CHC for our area chapters, including Emily Calbert, Kristen Carrillo, Catherine Diamond, Jenny Follett, Sarah Ghiazza, Jacey McDaniel, Hillary Moore, Sue Penner, Nikki Walters and Shaughnessey Winkelhake.



PI PHI WEBSITE

Have you checked out the **Denver Club website**? It's chock-full of great information about the club – including our membership forms, information about upcoming club events, Arrow Club events, and general announcements from the Regional Team and Headquarters. Bookmark <http://www.pibetaphidenver.org> as your go-to source for Denver Pi Phi information!

We're currently seeking a new website administrator and/or designer. It's a pretty simple job – you just have to have a couple hours a week (really, a month) to update the information and upload new pictures. The tool we use is easy to learn – and requires NO prior web experience. Of course, if you're a web designer and would love to volunteer to oversee the "brand" of Pi Beta Phi in Denver, we'd love your input! If you're interested, please email admin@pibetaphidenver.org for more information!

Pi Phi Meetings:

September 14 – 6:30 pm

Host: Courtney Henry
4000 S. Bellaire St.
Cherry Hills Village, CO (303) 756-6227
Theme: Pi Phi Round Up
Philanthropy: School Supplies
Education: 100 years in Denver
Food: Appetizers

October 12 – 6:30 pm

Host: Linda Schenkein
6 Fairway Ln. Littleton, CO
(303) 795-2627
Activity: Pumpkin Painting
Philanthropy: Gathering Place
Donations
Education: Mission of Pi Beta Phi
Food: Fall Potluck

November 9 – 6:30 pm

Host: Sue Penner
5001 E. Mineral Cir., Centennial, CO
(303) 740-7337
Theme: Thanksgiving
Philanthropy CAR/Books. Speed Read
Education: Leading with Values
Food: Soups & Dessert Samples

December 4 Day Meeting, 1:30-3:30

Host: Clare Nelson, Hillary Moore
Activity: Denver Tea Room

December 14 – 6:30 pm

Host: Barbara Mendicino
530 Circle Dr., Denver, CO
(303) 329-6286
Activity: Angel Exchange
Philanthropy: Gathering Place
Gift Cards
Education: Fraternity History
Food: Catered

February 8 – 6:30 pm

Host: Kara Vitek
9231 E. 33rd Ave., Denver, CO
(303) 909-0396
Activity: Chili Cookoff/Book Swap
Philanthropy: Book Plates &
Speed Read
Education: Leading with Values
Food: Chili & Sides

March 8 – 6:30 pm

Host: Nicole Jarmin
Theme: Mardi Gras
Philanthropy: Business Clothing
Donation
Education: Servant Leadership
Food: New Orleans style

March day meeting - TBD

May 10 – 6:30 pm

Host: Jody Keppler
4040 E. 6th Avenue Pkwy.,
Denver, CO (303) 242-6837
Activity: Cookie Shine/Officer Installation

