



# Denver Alumnae Club Newsletter Fall 2007

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[www.pibetaphidenver.org](http://www.pibetaphidenver.org)

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## A Letter from the Executive Board:



Dear Pi Phis,

We are really excited for this year's alumnae club. Read on in this newsletter to see all the great plans in store. Our programs will include traditions such as our annual Angel Exchange and a Cookie Shine as well as new activities like learning about certain sisters' expertise and touring the Brown Palace's famous rooms while hearing about famous (or infamous) romantic romps. Our interest groups are running strong and we are adding a new one this year geared toward Moms and their little ones. There are great opportunities for volunteering and giving back to the community as we continue our relationship with The Gathering Place, promote literacy with the Champions are Readers (CAR) program, and read to the young patients at Denver Health. There are many great ways to get involved, promote Pi Phi values, and make great friends this year!

We had two executive board members attend Convention this past June. Read below for more details about it. We are also proud to announce that our alumnae club received a Club of Superior Performance, Region 5 Award as well as an Excellence in Communication, Region 5 Award!

We look forward to this great year ahead and hope you will join us when you can!

In Pi Phi,

Your 2007-08 Executive Board



## 2007 Convention - A Great Success!

Pi Beta Phi's Biennial Convention was held June 22-26 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Board members Joan Rondinelli and Michelle McClean attended this year's Convention on behalf of the Denver Alum Club. Some of the highlights:

- ⇒ Convention attendees raised more than \$25,000 for Foundation.
- ⇒ Pi Phi announced a new partnership with First Book by presenting a combined gift of \$250,000 from the Fraternity and Foundation.
- ⇒ A digital collection detailing documents and photographs of the Settlement School, early Arrowmont, and the surrounding community of Gatlinburg, TN can now be seen online. Go to [www.lib.utk.edu/arrowmont](http://www.lib.utk.edu/arrowmont) to view it.
- ⇒ Foundation announced a new \$6 million endowment campaign. By the end of Convention, \$3 million had already been raised!

For a full report, please go to the local website and see the "What's New" section on the home page. 2009 Convention will be Pi Phi Texas Style in Grapevine, Texas!

*The mission of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women is to promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich lives through community service.*

### Recruitment Information Forms

As Pi Phi alumnae we are eligible to write a **Recruitment Information Form (RIF)** for any potential new member you believe meets the Fraternity's membership requirements. You can download a RIF form from [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).

#### What to send?

- ⇒ The completed RIF form with picture if possible.
- ⇒ If the woman is a legacy (sisters, mothers, and grandmothers), you can submit a Legacy Introduction Form.
- ⇒ Send it to the VP of Membership of the appropriate chapter. All addresses are available on the Pi Phi national website ([www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org)).

#### Please note:

- ⇒ Do not contact the chapter during recruitment to inquire about progress.
- ⇒ Do not expect to get a bid list from the chapter.
- ⇒ Violations of Panhellenic rules by Alumnae may cause the collegiate chapter to be penalized.

### The Gathering Place - Volunteer to Help

We will continue to partner this year with our local philanthropy *The Gathering Place* (TGP), a local daytime shelter for homeless women and children. We will be collecting toiletry/food items for them at all Pi Phi functions. For a list of items needed at *The Gathering Place* please go to our website.

We will also be serving the afternoon snack from 2-3:45pm on the following dates:

- ⇒ Monday, October 15th
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 5th
- ⇒ Monday, February 11th
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 9th

Four volunteers are needed for each date so if you're interested, please contact Amy Wilson ([tawilson0903@msn.com](mailto:tawilson0903@msn.com) or 303-399-3586).

TGP is located on 1535 High Street. For more information or other philanthropy news, contact Amy Wilson or Michelle McClean ([mamcclean75@yahoo.com](mailto:mamcclean75@yahoo.com) or 303-733-3029).



### New Website Design!

We have given our website a facelift and we invite you to check it out! Please provide any feedback, updates, and comments to [admin@pibetaphidenver.org](mailto:admin@pibetaphidenver.org).

### Celebrate Courage!

Join Pi Phi sisters for a great Denver activity and be part of the country's largest Race for the Cure. This annual 5K Walk/Run supports the research, education, screening, and treatment of breast cancer. Details:

**Date:** Sunday, October 7th

**Time:** 7:00 am

**Where:** The Pepsi Center

**Cost:** \$30 per person

**Registration:** Do it easily online at [www.komendenver.org](http://www.komendenver.org) (register as a "team member" and enter Pi Beta Phi as the team) or get a form at our first meeting. Questions? Contact Michelle McClean ([mamcclean75@yahoo.com](mailto:mamcclean75@yahoo.com)).



### Founders' Day

Mark your calendars! This year's Founders' Day luncheon will be held on April 12, 2008 at Lakewood Country Club. If you're interested in being on the planning committee for this great tradition, please contact Christina Leone ([leone.christina@gmail.com](mailto:leone.christina@gmail.com)).



### News of the Wines and Blues!

A new feature we're adding to share special news and announcements—marriages, births, promotions, awards—everything!

- ⇒ Christina (Lewis) Leone got married in June
- ⇒ Tish Vanoni had a beautiful baby boy (DJ)
- ⇒ Jessica Prasser just got a big promotion at work
- ⇒ Joan Rondinelli is celebrating the birth of her seventh grandchild
- ⇒ Sarah Meyer welcomed her new baby, Annabelle
- ⇒ Robin Reames has gotten engaged

We know there's more out there! If you have news to share that we can publish here, please contact Dana Mansell on [www.danamansell@yahoo.com](http://www.danamansell@yahoo.com).

### This Year's Goals

Our executive board has put together goals for our club this year and the main ones are highlighted here:

- ⇒ Increase membership
- ⇒ Increase attendance at meetings
- ⇒ Develop our philanthropic projects—especially the Champions are Readers program

We'd love input from you to help us achieve these!



## 2007-2008 PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE



The meetings at people's homes include socializing and dining time from 6:00-7:15 pm (evenings) and from 11:00 am-12:15 (days) with the official meeting beginning at 7:15 pm/12:15 pm. Please note that directions will be included in the Evites sent out prior to the event. Please RSVP before each meeting/event so enough food is provided and an accurate head count is given where applicable.

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>
9/11 6-9 pm	<b><i>Fall Kick-Off Wine Tasting</i></b> Raise a glass with fellow Pi Phis! Cost: \$15	The Reserve List 1886 South Pearl Street Denver, CO 80210 (303) 722-5478 <a href="http://www.reservelist.com">www.reservelist.com</a>
10/9 6-9 pm	<b><i>Women Business Owners</i></b> Pi Phi Carlie Odau discusses owning and running her Asian themed antique shop Cost: \$8	Footprints of Asia 1947 South Broadway Street Denver, CO 80210 (303) 777-1180
11/13 6-9 pm	<b><i>Professional Tips/Lessons from Pi Phis</i></b> Get great ideas and tips from a myriad of different professions! Cost: \$8	Sue Penner's home 5001 East Mineral Circle Centennial, CO 80122 (303) 740-7337
12/11 6-9 pm	<b><i>Annual Angel Exchange</i></b> Bring an angel to exchange at this traditional holiday party! Cost: \$8	Barbara Mendicino's home 530 Circle Drive Denver, CO 80206 (303) 329-6286
2/11 6-9pm	<b><i>Brown Palace Romantic Trysts Tour</i></b> Celebrate Valentine's Day with a fun tour of the Brown Palace's infamous trysts! Cost: A donation of \$5 for the tour	The Brown Palace Hotel 321 17th Street Denver, CO 80202 (303) 297-3111 <a href="http://www.brownpalace.com">www.brownpalace.com</a>
3/11 11 am-1 pm and 3/11 6-9 pm	<b><i>Cookie Shine</i></b> Revel in all things Pi Phi with lots of fun, laughter, and sweets! Cost: \$8	Park Place Retirement Community 111 Emerson Street Denver, CO 80218
4/12 11 am-2:30 pm	<b><i>Founders' Day Luncheon</i></b> A great local tradition—come to celebrate our Founders and meet other local Pi Phis. Cost: \$30	Lakewood Country Club 6800 West 10th Avenue Lakewood, CO 80214 (303) 233-4614
5/13 6-9 pm	<b><i>Officer Turnover</i></b> Wrap up the 2008-07 year and install the new officers for 2008-09. Cost: \$8	TBA

Please check the website for any changes and/or additional information on programming.



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### INTEREST GROUPS

Our club has several interest groups that meet outside of our regular meetings. We currently have two social happy hour groups (Twilight Angels and Moonlight Angels) as well as a book club. We are also introducing a new group this year for Pi Phi Moms called Angels with Little Angels! For more information, please check out our website (go to the Events link) and/or contact the chairpersons below:

- ⇒ **Moonlight Angels** - Jessica Prasser  
jprasser@yahoo.com
- ⇒ **Twilight Angels** - Linda Crosby or Sue Penner  
yourmortgagelady@netscape.net (Linda)  
rspenner@msn.com (Sue)
- ⇒ **Book Club** - Sonja Schedler  
ssched@aol.com
- ⇒ **Angels and their Little Angels** - Tish Vanoni  
tvanoni@hotmail.com



### MANY THANKS!

Our philanthropy chairs, Michelle McClean and Amy Wilson wish to extend their gratitude for your generosity. Many of you included donations for CAR and/or TGP along with your dues and Michelle and Amy are hard at work setting up various philanthropic endeavors for this year that will definitely put this money to good use! So far, they have purchased many school supplies that will supplement the CAR materials at Barney Ford Elementary School as well as for the child patients at Denver Health (where we are sponsoring part of their children's library). In addition to these supplies, there is money to buy books which will also be used with the aforementioned groups. What a wonderful way to support the mission of our Fraternity and promote literacy! Watch our website for more info on what we're doing with this money and how you can get involved!