



# Denver Alumnae Club Newsletter Summer 2007

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## **A Letter from the Executive Board:**

*Looking back to a great 2006-07 and forward to an even better 2007-08!*

Dear Pi Phis,

We hope your summer is off to a great start! Our newest executive board has already met to begin work for next year.

This past year our club embraced the mission of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, "To promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich lives through community service." Our meetings ranged from a private wine tasting to a tour of the Brown Palace to having a fun-filled Pi Phi Cookie Shine! Within the community we continued our strong ties with *The Gathering Place* (a center of support here in Denver for homeless women and children) and we met with children in a local hospital to bring the joy of Dr. Seuss and his zany characters into their lives.

Looking forward, we hope to do as much if not more this year in terms of creating opportunities to have fun and get involved, both socially and philanthropically. We'll have our meetings at interesting and fun places; stay active with the *CAR (Champions Are Readers) Program* and our local philanthropy, *The Gathering Place*; and continue our very popular interest groups (Book Club, Moonlight Angels, and Twilight Angels). As well, we'll carry on traditions such as the Founders' Day Luncheon, the holiday Angel Exchange, and, of course, a yummy Cookie Shine!

Enclosed in this newsletter is the membership form for this upcoming year (2007-08). Please do join us as this promises to be an excellent year for our alumnae club!

In Pi Phi,  
Your 2007-08 Executive Board



## **National News**

Convention is underway! From June 22-26, Pi Phis will meet in Scottsdale, Arizona for Convention 2007. Our own Joan Rondinelli and Michelle McClean are representing the Denver Alumnae Club. We look forward to hearing about all the festivities.

Pi Beta Phi celebrates its 140th anniversary in 2007. Check out the Pi Phi's National website for a special message from Grand President Emily Russell Tarr.

Pi Phi's Virtual Book Drive was a big success! Pi Beta Phi raised \$125,000 for First Book to provide 50,000 new books to children in need. Many thanks to all who donated to this worthy cause.

Stay in touch with Pi Phi National via the website at [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org).

## Founders' Day a Great Success!

In April the six Denver area alumnae clubs gathered at Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden to celebrate our Founders. This year's theme was "Hats Off to Our History" with that motif incorporated into the décor and embraced by the guests. Attendees wore hats that ranged from modern bike helmets to straw bonnets to vintage elegance.

The luncheon allowed for Golden and Diamond Arrows, current collegians, and all ages in between to meet and mingle, share stories, and honor our fraternity's history.

The group also recognized the tragedy at Virginia Tech by creating and signing a large, wall-sized card that was then sent to our sisters at Virginia Zeta. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all those in the community of Virginia Tech.

## The Gathering Place

The Denver Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi's local philanthropy is The Gathering Place, Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women and children who are experiencing homelessness or poverty. The Gathering Place offers a safe daytime refuge for these women and children, provides emergency services to those in distress, and has resources to develop self-sufficiency and opportunities to acquire new skills. Learn more about this facility at their website [www.thegatheringplace.org](http://www.thegatheringplace.org).

Pi Phi's experience with The Gathering Place includes direct volunteering by serving afternoon snacks to the women and children throughout the year as well as holding drives to collect products like toiletries to donate to the group. The Gathering Place has very specific needs for their donations and if you are interested in donating, please see the comprehensive list of their needs on our website (under the Philanthropies link) or on their website.



## Send E-Cards for Free to Support Foundation!



Did you know that there is an excellent and easy way to support Foundation? You can send a virtual greeting for any occasion via an e-card for free. To find the choices of cards, go to the National website [www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org), click on the Foundation link and then click on the E-Cards link. This is a fun way to say hello, send congratulations, or wish happy birthday to someone while drawing attention to Foundation (there's a small Foundation logo on the e-card cover and in the message). Send an e-card now to show your support!

## 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. Chapters depend upon this information to identify the most qualified potential new members. 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, you can submit a Legacy Introduction Form, but it's not required. Remember, legacies are sisters, mothers, and grandmothers.
- ⇒ 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)).

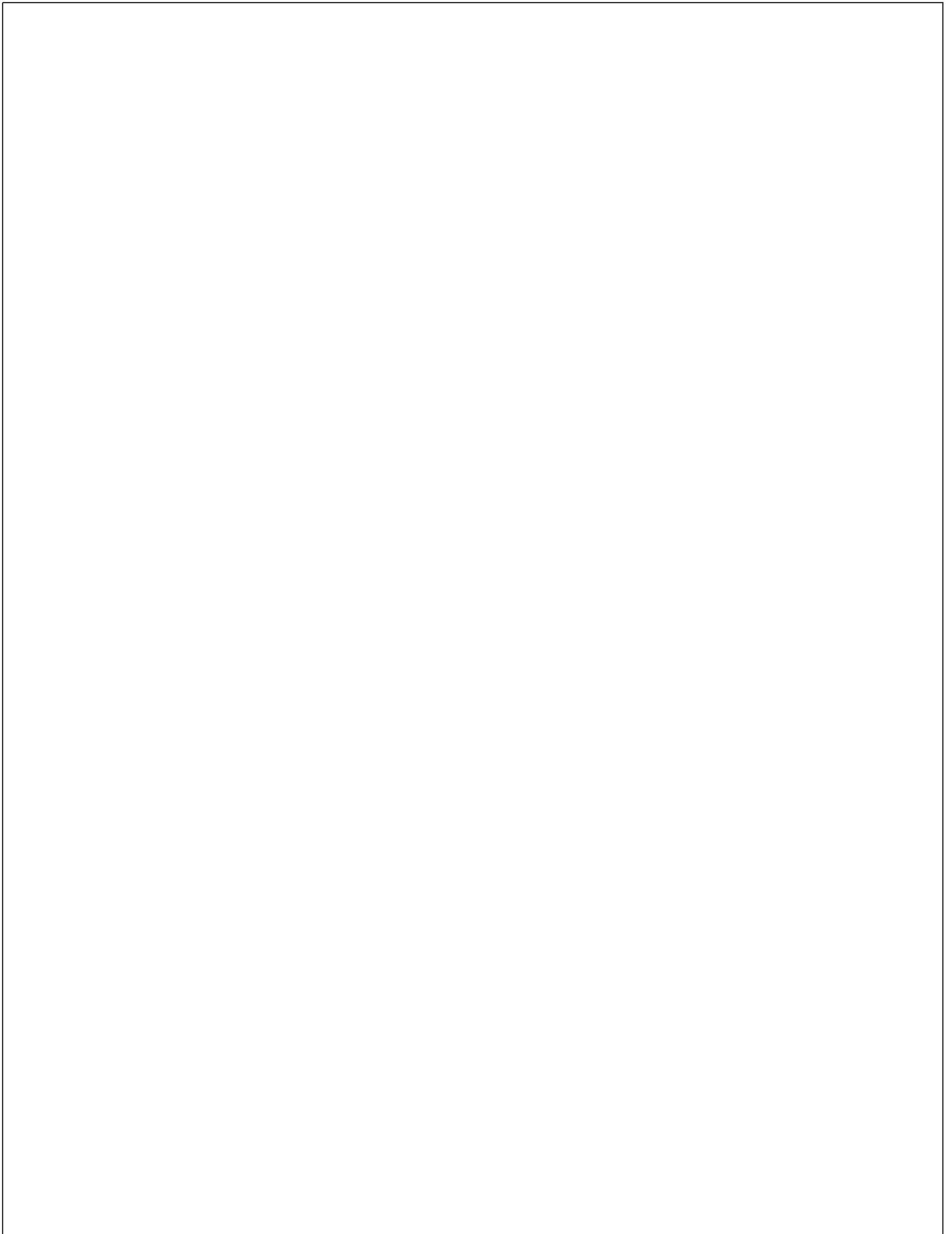
### Keep in mind:

- ⇒ 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.



## This Year's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

The Denver Club always has a team in the Susan G. Komen's Race for the Cure. This year it will be held on October 7th at the Pepsi Center so mark your calendars now! As the date nears, we will advise on how to sign up to be part of our club's team. Get more information now at the Race for the Cure Denver Metropolitan Chapter's website [www.susankomen.org](http://www.susankomen.org).



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### INTEREST GROUPS

A part of our club is informal interest groups that allow for even more fun and socializing outside of the structured meetings and regular programs established for the year by the Executive Board. We currently have three very strong groups which are highlighted on this page and if you have an idea for a group and/or would like to chair one, let us know! Our club is always growing and we welcome new opportunities for Pi Phis to get involved in the Denver area.



### MOONLIGHT ANGELS

This group for Pi Phi's initiated in the 80's, 90's, and 00's meets for happy hours on the last Tuesday of each month for drinks, appetizers and fun! Get to know other Pi Phis! For more information and/or to get on the E-vite list, contact Jessica Prasser at [jprasser@yahoo.com](mailto:jprasser@yahoo.com). Cheers!

### BOOK CLUB

This past year's book club was hugely successful with a large turn out for the monthly meetings. Some of the books discussed were Nine Parts of Desire by Geraldine Brooks, The Secret by Rhonda Byrne, and The Dogs of Babel by Carolyn Parkhurst. Please watch our website ([www.pibetaphidenver.org](http://www.pibetaphidenver.org)) for details regarding the next meeting. Even those who don't have a chance to read the book are welcome to join the group for a fun atmosphere and lively discussion.

### TWILIGHT ANGELS—FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!

Pi Phis initiated in the 50's, 60's, or 70's have been meeting on the first Tuesday of each month for dinner, laughter and good conversation. Invitations are sent out via E-vite. If you have not yet joined us, please give it a try. What a great time we have! Contact Sue Penner ([rspenner@msn.com](mailto:rspenner@msn.com)) or Linda Crosby ([yourmortgagelady@netscape.net](mailto:yourmortgagelady@netscape.net)) for more information.