



Denver Alumnae Club Newsletter

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www.pibetaphidenver.org

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A Letter from the Executive Board:

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are as excited as we are about the upcoming events and opportunities with Denver's Alumnae Club for 2007. We have a lot going on so please read through this newsletter and check out our web-site at www.pibetaphidenver.org to get the full details and additional information.

Our community involvement remains strong with our work at *The Gathering Place* which is an amazing center of support for homeless women and children. As well, we're continuing with our *Champions are Readers* program by going into a school to read with students. What a great way to celebrate our literacy values!

The programs this year will be lots of fun. Join us in February to express your creativity and in March where you'll have a chance to show off your Pi Phi pride! This year's Founders' Day promises to be fantastic and, as usual, we have lots of social gatherings from our book club to the Moonlight and Twilight Angels clubs.

There's something for everyone—volunteer in the community, make new friends or catch up with old ones at social events, and embrace the Pi Phi spirit in everything.

In Pi Phi,
Your 2006-07 Executive Board

Volunteers Needed!

The nominating committee is putting together a list of nominees for Regional Alumnae and Collegiate Specialists to present to Grand Council for appointment in March. Are you interested in serving? They are looking for successful officers who demonstrate evidence of success with multiple commitments and have been involved with the Fraternity. They feel it is important to have a mix of younger and more experienced members, so age is not a barrier. Specialists have a two-year commitment. Training is provided by the Fraternity.

Perks of volunteering for the Fraternity include: attendance at an officer workshop in even numbered years and convention in odd numbered years; servant leadership training that is adaptable to other community and professional leadership roles; Fraternity travel reimbursement; and rewarding relationships with other committed Pi Phi members. If you would like to be considered for any of the Regional Specialists positions, or know someone who would make a great Specialist, please fill out the Volunteer Leadership Profile form, which can be found on the National website in the Alumnae/Volunteer Opportunities section. For more information on the different specialty areas please contact headquarters for more information. Job descriptions can be found on the website in the Members-Only section.

Treasurer's Report

Our cash balance is fine so many thanks to all members who have paid their dues. Remember that our dues cover the year from July 1st through June 30th so if you haven't paid by now you will be getting an invoice from National Pi Beta Phi. If you have paid your dues through the Denver Club and receive an invoice from National in error, please contact me at treasurer-@pibetaphidenver.org to have it investigated. Have an Angel-filled 2007!
Joan Rondinelli, Treasurer

E-Vite Invitations

In addition to our newsletter, website, and meeting announcements to convey information, Pi Phi Denver uses E-vites. Therefore we ask that you take a few moments to register with E-vite the next time you receive an invitation or by going to www.e-vite.com. By registering you allow us to see not only your e-mail screen name when you reply, but also your actual first and last name. This is very helpful to us when making nametags or if we need to contact you. If you are not receiving these and want to be put on the list, please contact Robin at secretary@pibetaphidenver.org. Please note that E-vite does not share, sell or otherwise provide information to third parties.

PI PHI AWARDS

We need your help! It is time to nominate some outstanding women from our club. We have several National Pi Beta Phi Awards and two Denver Area Panhellenic Awards for which we need nominations. It is impossible for us to know everything about all of our sisters. If you are aware of one of your sisters that is especially deserving of some extra recognition for her contributions to Pi Beta Phi and/or the community please let us know. Self nominations are acceptable. Sometimes we are not aware of all of the wonderful things you may be doing. It's OK to toot your own horn! Please contact Christina Lewis, christinanlewis@gmail.com or (720) 488-0804 or Linda Crosby, yourmortgagelady@netscape.net or (303) 322-7950.

Denver Pi Phi Helps Hurricane Katrina's Youngest Victims!



We put some of our literacy funds to good use by donating \$500 to the Hancock County School District in Mississippi. Hancock County lost two entire elementary schools to Hurricane Katrina. The school district has secured a federal grant for replacement of the hardbound portion of their new library, which will break ground in January 2007. Our donation will be used to support the current library and help rebuild the paperback collection while the newly combined Gulfview-Charles B Murphy Elementary School continues to provide to the students at its temporary trailer-based campus. You can learn about and view the school and the students at www.hancock.k12.ms.

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 or contact Christina Lewis (vicepresident@pibetaphidenver.org) to get one.

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).

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.

Stay Updated with Pi Phi

Don't miss out on any new information! Be sure to check out the websites on a regular basis:

National: www.pibetaphi.org
Denver: www.pibetaphidenver.org



Founders' Day Plans Underway!

The Founders' Day Committee is getting geared up for this year's luncheon. The celebration will be Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 11 am - 2 pm at the Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden, CO. Keep your eye out for "save-the-dates" as well as your invitations. Susan Folkins from the Highlands Ranch Club has taken the lead on the event. From the Denver Club, Joan Rondinelli, Natalie Van Note and Christina Lewis are working with the committee.

A Note on Membership...

If you haven't joined yet, it's not too late! Our year is only half over with a lot planned for 2007! Please do join us. More information on how to join can be obtained on our website (click on the Membership tab) or you can contact the Co-Membership Chair, Kyla O'Rourke, directly at membership@pibetaphidenver.org or (317) 460-0160.



Philanthropy News

CHAMPIONS ARE READERS (CAR) and THE GATHERING PLACE

SAVE THE DATES

We will need your involvement to make these efforts great Pi Phi successes! Look into your calendars and keep an eye on the website and at meetings for additional details as they develop.

1. Our Fraternity's National Day of Service is Friday March 2, 2007. We plan to offer great opportunities for YOU TO GET INVOLVED that week!

2. CHAMPIONS ARE READERS: We are looking forward to another rewarding April with our young readers at Denver's Kepner Middle School. In the past we've gone to the school on Thursday mornings.

THE GATHERING PLACE (TGP)

Due to Mother Nature, our time at The Gathering Place in December was cancelled. We will be looking ahead to Spring of 2007 and scheduling new dates for both serving at TGP and for product drives for Betsy's Cupboard. Stay tuned!

Denver Area Panhellenic "Phantom Tea"

Every year the Denver Area Panhellenic (DAP) presents five \$1000 scholarships to collegians to assist them with their education expenses. This year they would like to be able to give six scholarships. These scholarships are funded through the DAP's Phantom Tea. As this is a "Phantom Tea," there is no actual event to attend, we just need your contributions. Please note that DAP keeps track of the number of contributions made by each sorority. Since Sarah Leffen of the Denver Alumnae Club is the current president of DAP, let's all show our support and contribute. The amount is not important. What counts is the number of members that give. You may send your contributions to Linda Crosby or give them to her at the next meeting.

Suggested Levels of Giving (note all donations are tax deductible):

Morning Tea _____\$15 Afternoon Tea_____ \$20 High Tea_____ \$30

Tea with the Queen_____ \$35 Other_____

Checks should be made payable to Denver Area Panhellenic Scholarship Fund. Please write Pi Beta Phi on your donation check and mail to:

Linda Crosby
1300 Clermont Street
Denver, CO 80220



These scholarships will be presented at the May 5th, 2007 DAP Awards Luncheon. If you know of any collegians that would like to apply for this scholarship money, please contact Linda Crosby at panhellenic@pibetaphidenver.org.

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Programming Notes

Please join us for some great fun at our upcoming meetings/events. Here's a brief list of what's going on for the first half of 2007. Please check out our website or contact a board member for additional details.

February 6th Pottery Painting at Color Me Mine in Lowry
March 13th Chapter Loyalty Day (Members' Homes)
April 21st Founders' Day at Fossil Trace Golf Club
May 8th Year End Celebration (Member's Home)

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! Our upcoming events are as follows:

2/16 Lola (1575 Boulder Street, west of I25 at 15th)
3/6 Nine 75 (10th and Lincoln downtown)
4/3 Chama Cocina Mexicana (Belmar in Lakewood)
5/1 Le Central (8th and Lincoln downtown)
6/5 Yia Yia's Euro Bistro (Denver Tech Center)

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 Alli Maddox at president@pibetaphidenver.org. Cheers!

BOOK CLUB

The book club is up and running! The last few meetings have brought out many women to discuss interesting books. For our next meeting in February we'll be discussing Nine Parts of Desire by Geraldine Brooks. This book takes a look at the hidden world of Islamic women—an intrepid journey toward an understanding of the women behind the veils. Even if you don't have time to read the book, join us anyway! Please watch our website (www.pibetaphidenver.org) for details regarding date, time, and place.