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LAKE OSWEGO-DUNTHORPE ALUMNAE CLUB

FALL | 2011

Welcome to the start of a new Pi Phi year. In April 2012, the Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe Alumnae Club will be “Celebrating 45 Years of Friendship.”

During Alison’s trip to convention in Orlando (see Alison’s Convention Report later in the newsletter), an important message she took home was the question, **“How can you share your time, talents and treasures with Pi Beta Phi?”** This is an excellent question to answer, and our club events are focused on some examples of the time, talents and treasures of our club.

We are fortunate enough to have excellent examples of servant leadership in our midst ... members who give of their time endlessly. Both Maja Berge and Heather Skogen are fresh off completing regional positions at the alumnae and collegiate level, respectively. They were both kind enough to join us on Executive Board, and we look forward to using their amazing talents to help further improve our award-winning club. In addition to Maja and Heather, Mari Lou Diamond is currently serving as the Chairman of the Pi Beta Phi Foundation’s Emma Harper Turner Fund. We also have club members serving at the local level on Alumnae Advisory Committees (AAC) and Chapter House Corporation (CHC) Boards for both Oregon Alpha and Oregon Gamma.

Robin Bosco will continue as Club Treasurer and Laura Smith will be rounding out the executive team as our ACRIC and Collegiate Connections Chairman. We will be sharing the office of President, and our goal is to help further energize the club. Wow ... we all have many talents to share!

Make it your goal to join us at an event this year. Plan to share some of your time with the club and your Pi Phi sisters. We have tried to mix up days of the week and times to meet different schedules. Our existing interest groups, Drama Queens and Happy Hour, as well as our new Book Club and Play Date groups are all off to a good start. Look for e-mails with event details for things of interest to you. Please show us how YOU can share your time, talents and treasures with Pi Beta Phi!



In the wine and blue,
Alison Burcham and Susan Maxwell
Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe
Alumnae Club Co-presidents



LAST YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

FOUNDERS' DAY

104-year-old club member Edith Bader Pate (Oregon Alpha) and her niece joined us. A fabulous video about Holt House and the 12 founders was shown.

AWARDS

At Convention 2011 we won our fifth Club of Excellence award as well as an Excellence in Communication award.

MORE ...

Check out our website for photos and more details about last year 2010-2011 ... www.lakeoswegopiphis.com.

2011-2012 EVENTS
“Celebrating 45 Years
of Friendship”

Saturday, August 13, 2011 ➔ 10:30 a.m.
 Kami Gray's STYLE SCHOOL followed by a light lunch and mimosas. Location: Maja Berge's home in Forest Heights.

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 ➔ 7-9 p.m.
 Meet Pi Beta Phi Foundation Ambassador Ruth Walsh McIntyre (South Carolina Alpha). Location: Robin Bosco's home in SW Portland. [our philanthropy program]

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 ➔ 7-9 p.m.
 Silent Auction Item Collection and Dessert. Location: Susan Maxwell's home in West Linn.

Saturday, December 3, 2011 ➔ Time TBA
 Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction
 The Portland Alumnae Club and the Lake Oswego-Alumnae Club will enjoy the magic of the season at our annual holiday luncheon. The silent auction is a great place to start your holiday shopping! Location: Portland Golf Club. Event fee TBD.

January / February 2012 ➔ Details TBA
 We had so much fun last year, we are going to do it yet again! Bring friends and family to the Blazer game and cheer the Pi Phis on for their First Book Speed Read™. The game that we will attend and the cost of the tickets will be announced at a later date. **[We need someone to head up this very fun event ... please contact Alison or Susan soon.]**

Saturday, March 3, 2012 ➔ Details TBA
 We will celebrate Fraternity Day of Service by decorating First Book® bookplates at a local bookstore. Maybe we will see the Cat in the Hat!

Saturday, April 28, 2012 ➔ 11 a.m.
 Pi Beta Phi Founders' Day Luncheon
 Join us for fun and sisterhood with the Portland Alumnae Club while we honor our 12 pioneering members. Location: Waverley Country Club in Milwaukie. Event fee TBD.

May 2012 ➔ Details TBA
 We will prepare gifts for graduating seniors, and Kathy will give a Panhellenic report.



Join Us for Our Kick Off Event
Kami Gray's STYLE SCHOOL
Learn to Create a Personal Style That
Matches Your Lifestyle

Not quite sure how to put outfits together? Think you've got some fashion sense but would like to turn it up a notch or two? Confused about what is considered age appropriate dressing? Worried that you dress like you're trying too hard or being too trendy? Feel like you're in fashion limbo or stuck in a style rut? Not sure what clothing is ideally suited to your body type?

Kami (Arizona Beta '85) has the answers, and she's sharing her style tips with us! We'll talk about everything from wardrobe and accessories to makeup, skin care and eating healthfully to get into your dream pair of jeans! Kami isn't only a fashionista ... she's the bestselling author of **“THE DENIM DIET: 16 Simple Habits to Get You Into Your Dream Pair of Jeans.”**

A light lunch and mimosas will be served after Kami's informative presentation.

August Interest Group Events

PLAY DATE INTEREST GROUP

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 | 11:30 a.m. | Jamison Square

Pack a lunch, a picnic blanket and water shoes then head on over to Jamison Square in the Pearl. Enjoy an afternoon of watching the kids frolic in the amazing water feature area and meeting up with Pi Beta Phi friends. E-mail Heather.Skogen@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

BOOK CLUB INTEREST GROUP

Sunday, August 21, 2011 | Time TBA | Bridgeport Movie Theatre

Are you reading “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett? If so, join us for our second book club meeting. We plan to see the movie in early afternoon then grab a bite to eat and discuss both the book and the movie. Please send an e-mail to burchama@gmail.com if you can join us.

Invitations to all regular events and interest group events will be e-mailed. Please let us know if you do NOT want to receive interest group notices.

Alison's Convention Report: “The Magic of Sisterhood”

Throughout the programming as well as in the daily published updates, members presented their magic moments. With that in mind, I'd like to describe my convention experience as a series of magic moments.

- The excitement leading up to convention just continued to grow ... all the way until my arrival at the hotel. When I noticed that the young women seated across the aisle from me on the plane were carrying Pi Phi tote bags and a majority of the people waiting for the shuttle were headed to convention, I knew I was in for some Pi Phi magic.
- Late night conversations and spending time with my Pi Phi friend and roommate Helen Yu (Michigan Beta, Eugene Alumnae Club President and Oregon Alpha AAC member) were very special. My convention experience would not have been the same without her. She and I, along with Laramie, Wyoming Club President Jennifer Syvertson are pictured below.
- The alumnae outnumbered the collegians, demonstrating that our commitment to this organization extends beyond our collegiate years. Every convention guest speaker complimented our organization for our dedicated service.
- You never know when you will make a Pi Phi connection. Convention introduced me to what just may be a distant cousin! We're following up through Facebook to try to find out what the exact connection is, but I'm really excited to potentially have a Pi Phi relative in Alumnae Region Two Director Sande Ullmann (Oregon Gamma)!
- We surpassed the weekend goal for Foundation donations and set a record at Pi Phi Express®. Pi Phis truly love their organization.
- Dinner by chapter with the parade of banners was an impressive event. I was one of four attendees from my chapter, and I treasured the fact that three of us spanned 10 consecutive years of Oregon Beta history.
- Alumnae Region Five is bursting with amazing women. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting women from throughout our region and spending time with new and old friends. We had several clubs recognized, culminating with the Denver Alumnae Club's recognition as the Premier Club Second Runner Up.
- In our daily lives it can sometimes be easy to lose sight of how we can live our ritual as alumnae. At the convention, we were educated on ResponseAbility and the Bystander Effect. We had a dynamic speaker remind us that we always represent our organization, whether we are wearing our letters or not. It was an honest, albeit uncomfortable, reminder of how society tends to view Greek organizations and invoked thoughts on how collegians and alumnae alike can help make strides to improve that.
- The honor to represent our club at convention will be hard to surpass. It seemed everyone I met had heard of our club because of our organization's strong members.

And most of all ... the eruption of excitement from western Pi Phis when it was announced that **Convention 2013** will be in SAN DIEGO could be heard all the way to Oregon! It's just under two years away, but please consider making it a part of your plans.

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We have openings for Happy Hour Chairman and First Book Speed Read Chairman. Contact Alison or Susan to volunteer!

Is there an asterisk on your mailing label? If so, we need your e-mail address! Please send it to Maja.



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I wanna be a Pi Beta Phi, don't you?



Consider renewing the vows that you made as a collegian. Support Pi Beta Phi Fraternity (and our local alumnae club) by sending in your annual dues today. We would love to have you as a member of our award-winning **and** very fun alumnae club!!

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Our Next Event
 Meet Kami Gray, author of:

The DENIM DIET
 16 SIMPLE HABITS TO GET YOU INTO YOUR DREAM PAIR OF JEANS
 The No-Nonsense Guide to a Smaller You and a Healthier Planet
 KAMI GRAY