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## JET BOAT RIDE!

Jump in and join the Jet Boat Adventure! On Sunday, September 13, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. we will meet at Missy's houseboat for snacks, and the boat will pick us up at her back dock!

The boat leaves at 5:30 p.m. Please bring \$10 to help cover the ride and a "teen" book to donate to Raphael House.

### 2009-2010 Events (check the Web site for event updates)

- **Sunday, September 13, 2009 - 4:00 p.m. - Jet Boat Ride with Pi Beta Phi**  
See details on the left. Boat leaves the dock at 5:30 p.m. Being splashed is a distinct possibility so please dress accordingly. Contact Missy Gerber [missy@organizersnw.com](mailto:missy@organizersnw.com) if you need directions.
- **November 2009 – Initiation in Eugene**  
Join us as our Alumna Initiate member Robin Bosco is initiated into Pi Beta Phi at Oregon Alpha.
- **Saturday, November 28, 2009 - TBD – Gift Wrapping for SMART™**  
Volunteer to work the gift wrapping table at the Barnes and Noble in Tanasbourne. All proceeds will go to SMART™ (Start Making a Reader Today) to support early literacy in our community.
- **Saturday, December 5, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. - Holiday Luncheon & Silent Auction**  
Join us for the annual Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction at the Portland Golf Club. Our club will be hosting the event this year! Event fee TBD with more details to follow. Please contact Laura Garratt, Silent Auction Chairman, if you have items to donate.
- **Tuesday, February 9, 2010 - Speed Read™ at a Blazer Basketball Game**  
Plan to attend the on court, pre-game Speed Read™ at a Trail Blazers home game. Details will be announced soon.
- **March 2010 - Fraternity Day of Service - Oregon Food Bank**  
We had so much fun last year! We are going to do it again! Help us box food or do whatever the Oregon Food Bank needs. We will also have an event to decorate book plates for First Book around Dr. Seuss's birthday. Details to follow.
- **Saturday, April 24, 2010 - 11:00 a.m. - Pi Beta Phi Founders' Day**  
Come for a day of sisterhood and fun while we honor our 12 pioneering members. The event will be held at the Waverley Country Club in Milwaukie.

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## Dare to D.I.F.F.E.R.

Our theme for 2009-2010 is "Dare to D.I.F.F.E.R." which encompasses the things that are most important to us as members of our great alumnae club.

## Do It for Food Friendship Education & Reading

Last year we worked at the Oregon **Food** Bank and we certainly enjoyed lots of good **FOOD** at our various events. We treasured our past **FRIENDSHIPS** and the new ones that we made throughout the year. We donated funds for **EDUCATION** for Panhellenic and Pi Phi Foundation scholarships. We supported literacy and **READING** by helping SMART™ (Start Making a Reader Today). We did a Speed Read™ for First Book® and collected books for Raphael House (a women and children's shelter). We also participated in Pi Phi's Fraternity Day of Service.



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## We Applaud Our Alumnae Club Members!

For the third year in a row, our alumnae club has been given a "Club of Excellence" award from Pi Beta Phi. This award is only second to the award which is given to the one premier club in the country. It takes each and every member of the Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe Alumnae Club to achieve this award, so give yourself a pat on the back.

We also received an "Excellence in Communication" award at convention in June, and Mari Lou Diamond was recognized on stage for her Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award for Community Service. It was announced at the Region Five meeting at convention that Jeanne Bliss was the regional winner of the Evelyn Peters Kyle Angel Award for service to our club.

At convention, club member Heather Skogen was installed as Collegiate Region Seven Director and Maja Berge was installed as Alumnae Region Five Director.

Recently, Mari Lou Diamond was appointed to the newly-formed Fraternity Housing Corporation Board and she is helping to build a new chapter house in Mississippi!

Last year, **THANKS TO YOU**, our membership hit a record high of **86 members!** We love the energy and great ideas that the new members have brought to our alum club.

We know that everyone is on overload so we are planning a minimum number of events this year. We also have a Drama Queens interest group as well as a Young Alums interest group (for members 30 and under) which provide fun outings for those of you who "have an interest." Hope you can join us!

Thank you for making last year a great one. I hope to see you soon!

*Missy Gerber*

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## Portland Alumnae Panhellenic News

Our alumnae club, along with 10 other sororities in the Portland Metro area, is a member of Portland Alumnae Panhellenic. Our rep is Kathy Gadler who served as PAP's president a couple of years ago and will head up the scholarship committee next year.

One of our club members applied for a PAP scholarship last year and was awarded \$500 for this fall term. To find out more about the scholarship application process, e-mail [kgadler@comcast.net](mailto:kgadler@comcast.net).

Again, this year's fundraiser is selling of raffle tickets with proceeds going towards PAP's scholarship fund. The winner will receive a week's stay in Sunriver! **If you would like to buy a \$20 raffle ticket, e-mail [kgadler@comcast.net](mailto:kgadler@comcast.net) for more information. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50.**

Another way that we help PAP is by gathering up those toiletries that are provided in our hotel rooms and donating them through PAP to Rosemont School for Girls. They also love to receive those freebie make-up giveaways that we all have too many of to count!



## Pi Phis are Friends and Leaders for Life!

Pi Beta Phi follows the model of Servant Leadership. Find out how this is used in Pi Phi and everyday life.

Servant Leadership is a philosophy and practice of leadership that one should lead in service before one serves as a leader. This philosophy is inherently suited to Pi Beta Phi. Robert K. Greenleaf in "The Servant as Leader," an essay that he first published in 1970, coined the phrase "Servant Leadership." In that essay, he said: **"The servant leader is servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead."** It supports the ideas that teamwork, collaboration and a sense of community are prime components of this model of leadership.

Servant Leadership in practice places the club aspirations and the development of leaders before your own. The individual is a servant first, making the conscious decision to lead in order to better serve others, not to lead to increase their own power. This style would enhance the growth of individual members and improve the quality, caring and success of the organization as a whole.

Why would we support Servant Leadership? The answer is simple. This model best exemplifies what Pi Phi leadership is. It applies to everyone not just the officers. It

is grounded in research with all types of successful organizations. It is well aligned with the values of Pi Beta Phi of integrity, honor and respect, life long commitment, personal and intellectual growth, philanthropic service to others and sincere friendship.

Our club strives to fulfill the Servant Leadership mission of the Fraternity. These club members have assumed international and local leadership roles: Heather Skogen, Collegiate Regional Director - Region Seven; Maja Berge, Alumnae Regional Director - Region Five; Deanna Rusch, Lauren Carrier and Kelsey Lewis serve on Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) at Oregon Alpha; Ashley O'Hollaren, Julie Whitecotton and Rachael Berch serve on AAC at Oregon Gamma; and Mari Lou Diamond, Holly Rodway and Katherine Ossey serve on Oregon Alpha Chapter House Corporation. Mari Lou also serves on the Fraternity Housing Corporation Board at the international level and is on the Emma Harper Turner Fund selection committee. Member Kathy Gadler is a past president of Portland Alumnae Panhellenic.

Our club's philanthropic endeavors support Servant Leadership. We complete a book



drive each year for Raphael House, a multi-faceted domestic violence agency dedicated to ending intimate partner violence for good. We volunteer our time supporting Start Making a Reader Today (SMART™), a reading program that helps kids become confident readers by providing individual volunteer attention and new, take-home books. We actively participate in a First Book Speed Read, a playful fundraising event with a tangible impact: every \$2.50 generated places a brand new book into the hands of a child in need. We use our skills and talents to help others.

How can we as club members model the behavior of Servant Leadership? We should

practice these main elements. We should strive to be honest and trustworthy in our endeavors. We should model good behavior and hold ourselves accountable for what we have agreed to do. We must be caring, committed and actively listen to others. We must appreciate and treat people with respect, encourage others and have a positive, enthusiastic attitude.

By embracing the Servant Leadership philosophy, we can have fun, build relationships and make leadership habit forming within Pi Phi and in our everyday lives!

## Q&A With President Missy Gerber

**Q: How do you find the time to run a business and lead the alumnae club?**

A: To tell you the truth, at times it can be really busy, but I have found that the skills that I have as a professional organizer help me to stay focused and "organized."

We have a great team of club officers and they each do their part to make the club run very smoothly.

Everyone is busy with work, family and every day life! We have found that if we split up the tasks and events into manageable pieces, no one person (including me!) will be overtaxed with Pi Phi responsibilities.

We all love to be a part of our successful club, but our primary goals are to **HAVE FUN** while doing good deeds within our community and to promote literacy.

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