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LAKE OSWEGO-DUNTHORPE ALUMNAE CLUB

FALL | 2020

NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



What a year 2020 is turning out to be! We are happy to announce some GREAT news. We think we all need that! In celebration of September Read>Lead>Achieve® month, the club donated 100 book bags to The Children's Book Bank. The donation is definitely not as fun as making them as a club but we are happy to continue to support this worthwhile cause.

Jan Allen Halverson won the drawing for submitting photo to our Facebook September reading collage.

Our second great news is that our club was selected to receive a FDS500 book grant. This year we nominated Oak Creek Elementary in Lake Oswego as our recipient group. The school will receive, from the Pi Beta Phi Foundation, a \$1,000 credit from First Book to purchase approximately 500 books for their school. We hope to have some type of celebration with the school in March so stay tuned.

Our third piece of GREAT news is that we received a \$250 check from Pi Beta Phi for being the 1st runner-up Premier (small) Club for 2019-2020. This is our NINTH international award! Our club is truly exceptional because of our very special members. We are going to donate \$100 of the \$250 to First Book Portland.

We will donate \$100 more to another charitable group in the Portland metropolitan that is in need of children's books.

Your mission: send your nominee to Susan by October 12 (sbmaxwell@mac.com). The board will review the nominations and the members will vote on the top three recipient groups at our next online meeting on October 23. We will also be playing BINGO (for prizes, of course)!

Stay safe and healthy. We are looking forward to seeing you online soon.

Not Sisters by Blood but **SISTERS BY HEART**,
Susan, Maja, Megan, Peggy, Cynthia, Keiley and Julia

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WELCOME TO OUR CLUB!

first-time club members

Alice Hadley Corwin (MI Gamma 1955)

Dennie Allen Scharer (OR Alpha 1960)

Katrina Tabor (OR Alpha 2016)

Lucia Guild Otto (IA Zeta 1958)

Pamela Thomas Welch (OR Beta 1979)

Patricia Bukowski May (IL Eta 1972)

Shannon Howell (IN Eta 2000)

Susan Burke Lyslo (OR Alpha 1960)

SAVE THESE DATES: 2020–2021 EVENTS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our events will be primarily virtual this year.
See www.lakeoswegophiphis.org/events.html for more information.

August 30, 2020 ➡ 2–4 p.m.

Julia Tucker led us on a guided art walk in downtown Lake Oswego.

September 2020 ➡ CANCELLED

The two outdoor events that we had planned for September were cancelled due to the wildfire smoke and then rain.

October 23, 2020 ➡ 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Bingo night, happy hour and a short meeting. We will vote on the organization to receive \$100 to buy books for the children they serve. Nominate a charitable organization by October 12 via an email to Susan Maxwell.

December 5, 2020 ➡ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Portland Alumnae Club is planning this year's **Holiday Luncheon** at the beautiful Portland Golf Club if things ease up for "large" groups.

Late February/Early March 2021 ➡ Date/time TBA

We hope to be able to have a celebration with Oak Creek Elementary, a Title I school in Lake Oswego, for **Fraternity Day of Service**. The school was recently awarded \$1,000 by Pi Beta Phi Foundation to buy books from First Book Marketplace. Thank you to Susan for preparing the application.

April 24, 2021 ➡ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We hope that we can have an in-person **Founders' Day** celebration. Details TBA.

June 25-28, 2021

Pi Beta Phi convention in Arizona. Details to come.

MEET A MEMBER: Susan Burke Lyslo



Artist **Susan Burke Lyslo** was born and raised in Oregon, was an Oregon Alpha Pi Phi and graduated from UO in Education and Art.

She took a watercolor class while living in Ohio and was hooked. **All dues-paying members of our club will receive a birthday postcard for which Susan lovingly created the artwork.**

Susan moved back to Oregon in 2005 and has become involved with friends who paint en plein air in the summer. She recently started doing dog portraits (I wonder if she does cat paintings, too).

Susan says on her website, "I have a passion for painting which has led me on a path of wonderful friends and acquaintances. It has been a blessing in my life."

Thank you, Susan, for sharing your talent with us.

<http://www.susanlyslo.com/index.html>



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Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe Alumnae Club
Kick-off Event: Art Walk in LO guided by
member Julia Tucker (2nd from left in face shield)
Sunday, August 30, 2020

The ladies in masks: Lisa Critchlow, leader Julia Tucker (in face shield), Susan Maxwell, Debbi Monahan, Marilyn DeBonny, Cynthia Guenther, Pat Hurley, Dennie Scharer, Kristen Corwin, Alice Corwin, Sandy Hageman, Jennifer Johnson and Maja Berge

VP of Finance Megan Duerk says:
**"Thank you to 90 members
for sending
your 2020–2021 dues
by the deadline!"**



**If you haven't joined,
Megan will be accepting
dues through the end
of the year. Please
continue to support
our club and Pi Beta Phi.**

<https://lo-dun-pi-phi-dues-for-2020-2021.cheddarup.com>

WHAT A YEAR THIS HAS BEEN!

On a warm August afternoon, **Hadley Corwin** became the fourth generation Pi Phi in her family. Proud mother **Kristen Landis Corwin** (Oregon Alpha 1990) and grandmother **Alice Hadley Corwin** (Michigan Gamma 1955) were on hand for **Pi Beta Phi's first-ever virtual initiation ceremony**. Surely watching from above was her late great-grandmother, **Ruth Wheatley Hadley** (Michigan Alpha 1927). Now, not only does Hadley share the name of her grandmother and great-grandmother, she shares the arrow pin as well. Welcome to Pi Beta Phi, Hadley!



New club member **Alice Corwin**, **Hadley Corwin** and club member **Kristen Corwin** participated in the online initiation ceremony and then had a private Cookie Shine. Hadley is attending Chapman University in California.

READ ABOUT COOKIE SHINE HISTORY ON THE NEXT PAGE



Online Zoom meetings are the new normal for 2020. Meet the **Region Seven Team**. Our Alumnae Engagement Director **Paula Pace Shepherd** is in the lower left. Club members: **Marisa Stoll** (upper right), **Carolyn Reil** (bottom right, large photo), **Gillian Tobin** (bottom center).



Our club's VP of Finance **Megan Duerk** with the \$250 award check (1st runner-up for small Premier Club) and Club President **Susan Maxwell** with a Dr. Seuss book received from Grand Council and Pi Phi Headquarters.



100th anniversary of women's voting rights! Donate to Portland Alumnae Panhellenic scholarship fund by purchasing a \$29 T-shirt through October 13, 2020. [CLICK THE T-SHIRT TO ORDER.](#)

Cookie Shine History written by Pi Beta Phi Historian Fran DeSimone Becque in 2000

The Cookie Shine had its origin at the first I.C. Sorosis party given by Kappa Chapter, now Kansas Alpha, at Lawrence, Kansas, in June 1873 at the home of the Richardson sisters. Flora, May, and Alma Richardson were entertaining in honor of their sister Sara, a charter member of the Illinois Beta chapter at Lombard College. It was through Sara's influence that Kansas Alpha was established on April 1, 1873. Sara's sisters were charter members of Kansas Alpha.

John Fraser, the chancellor of the University of Kansas, was present at the party. When I.C.s began to lay their spread of good food, the chancellor dubbed the feast a Cookie Shine. Cookie Shine was the term Chancellor Fraser used for any kind of an informal social gathering brought together by accident or design. The term so pleased the I.C.s that they immediately took it as their own.

By 1885, nearly every chapter has adopted the Cookie Shine as a genuine Pi Phi tradition. Cookie Shines were a part of conventions and chapter life. The suffragist, Carrie Chapman Catt, Iowa Gamma, attended Cookie Shines as did Grace Goodhue Coolidge. The Founders, in their later years, had many occasions to share in Cookie Shines.

At the 1910 Swarthmore Convention, when the plan for the Settlement School was presented, Pennsylvania Beta entertained with a stunt party and a Cookie Shine. Cookie Shines have continued to be a part of Pi Phi celebrations at alumnae club meetings, conventions, leadership seminars, regional leadership retreats, anniversary celebrations and installations.

Many local versions of the Cookie Shine have developed over the years. In the early days, some chapters kept Cookie Shines very secret, while other chapters invited their friends. Some made it purely informal with no one knowing what the other would bring. Others have a set menu such as arrow shaped sugar cookies and even fruit salad.

Decorations and set-ups vary from chapter to chapter. Whatever the arrangement, the Cookie Shine set-up should be large enough for the entire chapter or alumnae club to gather around. Greek letters, arrows, angels, and even the crest, outlined with candies may be scattered about. In chapters where a big cookie is passed around the room, members often say a few words before they break off a piece of the cookie and make a wish.

Many chapters have special Cookie Shine sheets, on which members write their names, often embroidering them afterwards. Some chapters have graduating seniors write their names on the Cookie Shine sheet. Others have the little sister sign under the big sister's name, thereby keeping a record of family trees.

Candy and treats have become a big part of some Pi Phi Cookie Shines, but they needn't be. The primary purpose of a Cookie Shine is to share our Pi Phi sisterhood. If your chapter's Cookie Shines have become "candy grabs" please bring the tradition back to its roots.

The Pi Beta Phi Cookie Shine is a tradition that connects Pi Phis the world over. Just as it connected those Kansas Alpha's 127 years ago, it connects us tonight. The Pi Phis you didn't know are friends now and the memories of this Cookie Shine will be with you for years to come.

In 1912 a Pi Phi collegian wrote in *The Arrow*, "The term Cookie Shine itself, and the occasion for which it stands, has become so inseparable as a part of social life of our Fraternity that it will always be held in unquestioned and loving regard by all of us. It is our hope you will find new friends tonight at this Cookie Shine and later share the fellowship and Pi Phi love that is here in this room tonight."