



Pi Phi TIMES

Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe Alumnae Club

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What Does Pi Phi Mean to You?

Have you ever stopped to think what Pi Phi means to you? What are your most memorable Pi Phi experiences?

As we begin another convention year, I began to ponder the above questions. For me personally, Pi Phi has been and continues to be a big impact in my life. I was fortunate to be a founding member of PA Zeta and was initiated by then Grand President, Jean Wirths Scott. As the chapter's first President, I had the opportunity to speak in front of a room full of Pi Phis, some beginning their journey and some having been Pi Phis for many years.

Honestly, I remember only a bit of that day; the wonder of initiation, the surprise of a Cookie Shine, attending a college reception and being surprised by my mom, who didn't drive and somehow found a ride to campus which was one hour away! I also had to give the banquet speech, and though the speech has long been discarded, I remember that it was a recipe for Pi Phi: a cup of this and a pound of that all stirred with love.

I recently traded e-mails with **Patty Melrose** and new member **Jennifer Johnson**, and asked them what Pi Phi means to them and what their most memorable experience was.

I caught **Patty** in between trips and she kindly offered her quick response. "Being a Pi Phi has meant so much to me all through the years. The friendships made, the good times shared, an appreciation of sisterhood, philanthropic endeavors and high ideals and moral standards. Now that I am a Golden Arrow, I appreciate the thoughtfulness of alums and collegians at our gatherings. I hope to see everyone at Founders' Day this April to celebrate the wine and blue, honor our founders and sing a little "Ring, Ching, Ching!"

It is hard to think of one most memorable memory of Pi Phi membership. It would start with initiation, but perhaps best was going to convention and realizing the international scope and wonderful women all over the



world who care about our Fraternity and share their wisdom and talents working for Pi Phi and their communities all the while having a grand time and cherishing membership."

Jennifer pondered my e-mail questions a bit longer and then sent me her comments. "When I joined Pi Phi, I was just really beginning to discover my own skin. There I was, just 17, learning to fend for myself on a campus of thousands. The Pi Phi house became a safe place, a warm welcoming home with comfortable furniture, good food and company. My favorite memories include my first Cookie Shine, (wonza, it was like a Willy Wonka factory exploded on the sheet strewn carpet), studying in the 24-hour quiet room, snuggling into my electric blanket on the sleeping porch, getting gussied up with the gals for a 'function' so we'd be ready to smile for 'Wally,' serenading the fraternities and eating the soup and bagels on Wednesdays.

Now, Pi Phi takes on a whole different flavor. I just became an active member of our alumnae group this past year. I was a little bit nervous about attending the first get together, but our group is a welcoming sisterhood of ladies. I really like the multi-age aspect of the group and appreciate that no matter where we are in our lives, we have the shared history of Pi Beta Phi in common."

Thanks, Patty and Jennifer, for sharing your thoughts. Take a minute and think about what Pi Phi means to **you**? Then join us at an upcoming meeting and start making new Pi Phi memories!

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FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON

The Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe and Portland alumnae clubs will have their annual Founders' Day luncheon on Saturday, April 30 (note the date change) at Waverley Country Club.

We are so Pi Phi proud of our heritage! Did you know that you may invite non-Pi Phis (even boyfriends and husbands) to this event?



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“Love Having Pi Phi Sisters”

Abby’s Closet

Prom Dress Event

Come celebrate Valentine’s Day with your Pi Phi sisters on February 12, 2011, at Maja Berge’s home. We will serve heart-shaped cookies and appetizers and pink and red drinks.

Abby’s Closet is a non-profit organization whose mission statement is, *“To inspire confidence and respect in high school women by providing free formal gowns for prom and other memorable events.”*

Abby’s Closet collects used prom dresses, formal and semi-formal dresses and accessories to donate to high school girls so that they can have a nice prom dress which they otherwise may not be able to afford. Their give-away event this year is going to be in early April.

We chose this organization as the one charitable organization to support that is outside of our main philanthropies to help build self-confidence in young women. Abby’s mother, Sally, will be at our event to talk about Abby’s Closet and collect our donations.

If you can’t attend the event, please arrange to give your used gowns and accessories to Linda Enloe before the event date. We really would like to donate a significant number of gowns.

Help a high school girl’s dreams of looking beautiful at her prom come true!

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON

“Love Having Pi Phi Sisters”

February 12, 2011 – Abby’s Closet from 3 – 5 p.m. at Maja Berge’s home.

Join us as we collect and donate our formal and semi-formal dresses to this worthy cause for high school girls so that they might have a nice prom dress. - **Philanthropic Service to Others*



March 2011 – Fraternity Day of Service – Decorating bookplates with OES - **Lifelong Commitment*

April 30, 2011 – Founders’ Day at Waverley Country Club with the Portland Alumnae Club. Our club hosts the luncheon this year! - **Honor and Respect*

Monthly Interest Group Event – Pi Phi Happy Hour – Linda Enloe organizes our meetings at all the hot spots in town with the best happy hour menus. Watch for the monthly e-mail for specific date, time and location then R.S.V.P. to Linda directly, linda.enloe@comcast.net. - **Sincere Friendship*

*** Pi Beta Phi’s Six Core Values**

Invitations are sent prior to each event with additional information posted on our website www.lakeoswegopiphis.com. Hope to see you soon!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON PICTURES

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for the holiday luncheon and silent auction. How exciting for our club to receive the 2009-2010 international Communications Award!

