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It's a great time to be a Gamma Phi Beta!



This spring Nu Chapter (Oregon) celebrated its 100th anniversary and Beta Phi (Indiana), Beta Chi (Wichita State), Beta Psi (Oklahoma State) and Beta Omega (Northern Arizona) chapters celebrated their 50th anniversaries. In addition three new collegiate chapters were born: Zeta Chi (TCU), Zeta Psi (UT-San Antonio) and Zeta Omega (Kennesaw State).

I was privileged to attend three of the five anniversary celebrations and all three new chapter installations. As I reflect on these new beginnings and remember the anniversary celebrations, I've been thinking about what it takes for a chapter to grow and thrive for 50 or even 100 years.

Getting off to a great start is certainly important and a healthy, thriving host institution is also critical to our success. But, the one ingredient that no chapter can afford to do without, if success and longevity are to be achieved, is good, solid alumnae support.

Gamma Phi Beta is for life. The relationships that are so meaningful in the collegiate chapter continue to be relevant for our members in the alumnae years. Whether you are looking for sisterly support, someone to mentor, or a way to pay forward the care and encouragement that an alumna or advisor showed to you, Gamma Phi Beta thrives on your energy and your talent. What will your role be in ensuring success, growth and longevity for our sisterhood?

I have been inspired by the many members who are impacting other sisters' lives today . . . women who demonstrate the meaning of sisterhood by delivering 100 pink carnations, one day at a time, in celebration of a 100th birthday; sisters who model the way by advising collegians; sisters who endow scholarships so that others may experience sorority life and enjoy the benefits of a college education; sisters who daily handle the often thankless job of building and maintaining our collegiate housing facilities; sisters who respond in large numbers to a request to pay dues; volunteers who give up evenings and weekends to Gamma Phi Beta and IH staff who go above and beyond their job description. . . all so that Gamma Phi Beta will shine for many years to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as International President. May Gamma Phi Beta continue to grow and impact the women of the future because of your dedication and leadership.

Always in IIKE,

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Hundreds of wings were catered for Epsilon Delta Chapter's (Creighton) 3rd annual Wing Fling to benefit Camp Fire USA. This annual philanthropic event is an event prior to Creighton baseball and softball games.



Convention 2008

Where is the Convention news? This issue was in production during the week of Convention so watch for your fall 2008 *The Crescent* to catch up on all the wonderful happenings in Cincinnati!

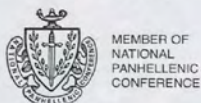
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Dear Editor,

I just wanted to take a minute to recognize your Epsilon Lambda Chapter. A friend and I visited the University of Alabama campus recently and were invited by a group of Gamma Phi Betas to join them for dinner. After they learned we were staying in a hotel, Bonnie Fredrickson insisted that we stay with her and Alisa Reynolds for the remainder of the weekend to save money.

They are such an amazing group of girls and were so happy to show us around campus and introduce us to many people. Alisa even offered to drive us an hour away to the airport in Birmingham. She was more than willing to get up at 3:00 in the morning and drive two girls she just met days before to the airport an hour away.

Unfortunately, after ten minutes of driving, we were hit by a drunk driver. Thankfully, nobody was injured and there was not much damage done to either vehicle. Ali did not even think about her car. The only thing she was worried about was us missing our flight back to Chicago.

Knowing she would have to stay at the scene for awhile, she called her sorority house to try and find someone to drive us. The president of this chapter, Amber Murphy, did not even hesitate. Ten minutes later we were getting into Amber's car and heading to the airport.

I can easily say that not many college girls would wake up at that hour in the morning to drive two strangers to the airport. This just shows the kind of girls that the Gamma Phi Betas are. My parents and I cannot thank them enough for their unending kindness and generosity. It made my first visit to my future school truly a great experience!

Sincerely,
Alexis Gilgrist
Wheaton, IL

Gamma Phi Beta

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Zeta Iota Chapter members (Valparaiso) get silly and have fun at their 10th anniversary celebration.

Ghosts, Girlfriends and Great Times

What's it really like to be a collegiate leadership consultant (CLC)? *The Crescent* sat down recently with some of our outgoing team members to find out.

The Crescent: What do you want collegians to know about CLCs?

Megan Juffer, Kappa: We are just like you! We love the same TV shows and music, we like to sleep in on weekends, and we love Gamma Phi Beta!

Amanda Henriksen, Beta Upsilon: We are away from home for long periods of time, so take care of us when we visit you!

TC: What is a funny memory you have of a CLC experience?

Rachel Christiansen, Zeta Iota: I was visiting a chapter and no one knew it was my birthday. It was also a member's birthday and they invited me to sushi. In talking with the birthday girl, I realized we had more in common than I thought. We share a birthday, we have the same name, and had received identical fruit arrangements earlier in the day! They sang to both of us and we enjoyed the cake with "our" name on it!

Selina Ruiz, Zeta Theta: I will never forget being at a chapter in southern Illinois during their first earthquake in 20 years. It hit at about 3:00 a.m., and I woke up to shrieks of terror and yells of "the house is haunted!" The next morning, the entire campus was abuzz about the "great quake" which was something like a 5.0 on the Richter scale.

Megan: I was visiting Gamma Beta Chapter (Gettysburg) and had an amazing experience learning about the Civil War. It must have been a combination of the haunting history and lack of sleep because on the last night of my visit, I thought I saw a ghost come through my hotel room door! I grabbed my laptop and room key and bolted to the hotel lobby—and stayed there for the rest of the night!

TC: Spooky. What misconceptions about Gamma Phi Beta are floating around in the chapters?

Megan: Lots of chapters think our mascot is some obscure animal like a frog or a unicorn! Seriously!

TC: Although the Sorority has no official mascot, our symbol is the crescent moon and chapters are encouraged to use our symbol instead of a mascot.



The 2007–2008 CLC team wraps up the year at a reception with IH staff in Centennial, CO.

Rachel: They think International Headquarters is this mysterious place where all the regional coordinators, directors, and everyone works.

Amanda: And that IH is a huge office with old women at typewriters.

TC: Hey! We take offense to that! There are no typewriters here! And for the record, there are 26 full-time employees working at IH, including Foundation staff. And no unicorns. Would you recommend the CLC experience to graduating seniors?

Megan: Of course! It's a once in a lifetime opportunity—how else could you spend a year traveling the United States and Canada, meeting amazing collegians, and working with exceptional volunteer leaders?

Amanda: Yes! This year I grew as a person, accepted defeat, celebrated success, enhanced my professional development, and experienced the true sisterhood of our international Sorority.

Selina: Yes! The connections I have made with chapter women across the country have been phenomenal. I can truly say that I have friends everywhere!

TC: What will you miss most about being a CLC, besides stimulating conversations with *The Crescent* editor?

Rachel: I'll miss the constant change. Every day with this job was new and exciting.

Amanda: I will miss the excitement of traveling weekly and meeting new people at each chapter.

Selina: I will miss the CLC team. They were just a phone call away, and were always available to help me.

TC: It makes me wish I'd been a CLC... Readers, what about you?

Get to Know Your CLCs

Fun facts about the new team of collegiate leadership consultants

ALEXA FORNOFF

Hometown: Fremont, NE

Chapter: Alpha Delta, Missouri

Major: Magazine Journalism

Hidden Talent: Definitely playing the harmonica. I'm not exactly a talented player, so my friends do want me to keep it hidden!

Favorite Quote: "Dreams are necessary to life." —Anaïs Nin (It's on a crescent that my mom gave to me when I became a Gamma Phi.)

Dream Vacation: Thailand. It looks beautiful and I love the food.

Legacy? Yes, my mother and three of my aunts are Gamma Phis!

Splurge Item: MAC eye shadow. It gets me every time.

Advice to Collegians: Going to class really does help; seriously, it cuts the amount of time that you need to study for an exam in half.

Surprise! I have a twin sister in med school.



LACRETIA TAYLOR

Hometown: Bothell, WA

Chapter: Beta Sigma, Washington State

Major: Public Relations

Favorite GPB Moment: The 2006 Convention in Arizona—there's nothing like doing ritual with 800 Gamma Phis!

Guilty Pleasure: Chocolate-covered macadamia nuts and Ben and Jerry's Coffee Heath Bar Crunch ice cream

Favorite Quote: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." —Helen Keller

Favorite Color: Pink!

Career Goal: To write a book—maybe a memoir for my mom. She's been the biggest influence on my life.

Advice to Collegians: Get involved—in your chapter and in other extra-curricular activities and clubs. You only have so much time at the university, so use it to meet people and have fun!

Surprise! I have seven little brothers.



SASHAUN WOOD

Hometown: Los Gatos, CA

Chapter: Beta Kappa, Arizona State

Major: Communication

Guilty Pleasure: Dark chocolate

Hidden Talent: Longboarding

Favorite Color: Aqua blue

Motto: "You're never fully dressed without a smile."

Dream Vacation: Sailing in the Greek Isles

Career Goal: Become a school psychologist after graduate school

Advice to Collegians: Get involved, stay focused, and believe in your sisters. The more you put into Gamma Phi Beta, the more rewarding your experiences will be.



AMY GARWOOD

Hometown: Green Bay, WI

Chapter: Kappa, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Major: European History

Guilty Pleasure: Having conversations with people from different countries. It's wonderful to learn new perspectives.

Hidden Talent: I can tie a fleece blanket in less than 20 minutes.

Favorite Color: Kelly green

Dream Vacation: Backpacking through Europe with some of my closest friends for a month or two and not planning where we're going each day, but letting our gut instincts decide the route.

Career Goal: To work and travel internationally as a Client Relations Director

Favorite Splurge: Sun dresses

Advice to Collegians: Don't just become a member of Gamma Phi Beta but embrace the morals and values and let them become a part of your identity and personality.



LAUREN LEHR

Hometown: Appleton, WI

Chapter: Gamma Omega, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Major: Criminal Justice

Minor: Psychology & German

Guilty Pleasure: Ice Cream—any flavor, any time.

Favorite Quote: "Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly." (Anonymous)

Favorite Color: Yellow—the color of sunshine and laughter.

Career Goal: Attend graduate school to receive a degree in clinical psychology with an emphasis in forensic psychology

Legacy? Yes, my biological sister, Rachael Lehr, was a member of Gamma Omega Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta.

Splurge Item: Most definitely shoes. I can't pass up a good deal.

Advice to Collegians: Work hard, play hard and make the most of each experience. Stick to your values and give back to those around you.

Surprise! I love baseball!



WELCOME BACK, CAROLINE!

Sometimes you can't get enough of a good thing. Caroline Rogers (University of Georgia) is returning for an additional semester of CLC work after completing the 2007–2008 year. She will certainly be an asset to the newer consultants with her veteran experience. Caroline is also working as an intern at International Headquarters this summer.

KRISTIN NIELSEN

Hometown: Omaha, NE

Chapter: Gamma Kappa, University of Nebraska—Kearney

Major: Speech Communication

Favorite GPB Moment: Starting the tradition of slip-and-sliding on Bid Day and during Finals Week

Guilty Pleasure: Jimmy Johns late at night

Favorite Color: Navy blue or black

Favorite Movies: The Graduate and The Big Chill

Favorite Song or Genre: Folk, like Bright Eyes or Bob Dylan

Career Goal: To help people become happy with their jobs and make workplaces better for employees. I would love to work for Gallup some day.

Advice to Collegians: Hold yourself accountable. It's easier to actually do something than to make up an excuse and explain why you didn't.

Surprise! I love to sing karaoke!



CJ EHMANN

Hometown: Plano, TX

Chapter: Beta Kappa, Arizona State

Major: History

Guilty Pleasure: Watching "Mean Girls"

Hidden Talent: Sports, especially mountain biking

Favorite Color: Blue

Dream Vacation: Ireland

Career Goal: Research and development

Splurge Item: Music

Surprise! I cut all my food, even finger food, with a knife.



ALLIE CHESTER

Hometown: Granbury, TX

Chapter: Zeta Rho, Texas A&M

Major: International Studies

Favorite GPB Moment: Living in the house

Guilty Pleasure: Cupcakes

Hidden Talent: I read really fast—I don't know if that's a talent.

Dream Vacation: Mediterranean cruise

Career Goal: Go to law school and become involved with child advocacy

Legacy? Yes. My stepmother Tina was a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter at the University of Missouri.

Splurge Item: Shoes!

Advice to Collegians: Cherish every moment!

Surprise! I LOVE Lifetime Movies and Law and Order!!



KELSEY BECKSTROM

Hometown: Gwinner, ND

Chapter: Gamma Mu, Minnesota State-Moorhead

Major: Journalism

Favorite GPB Moment: Living in the house and being around so many different personalities. I'm sure everyone can agree that there is never a dull day when you live in the Gamma Phi house!

Guilty Pleasure: Definitely sales racks. Who doesn't like those?

Hidden Talent: Cooking!

Favorite Color: I don't pick favorites; I don't want other colors to feel left out!

Dream Vacation: Travel the world—never knowing what each day will bring or where I will end up.

Favorite Movie: Anything that is played in the dollar theater is good for me. (Yes, dollar theaters still exist.)

Favorite Song: Brown-Eyed Girl

Advice to Collegians: There is more to life than the 'Greek Life.' I find it important to get out there and try new things with new people who may have different perspectives and experiences.

Surprise! For a number of years, I voiced hundreds of TV commercials and have been a disc jockey at a radio station since I was 17.



BELLA RIVERA

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Chapter: Delta Lambda, California-Riverside

Favorite GPB Moment: Doing the "Flip Flop" chant at bid day with our entire chapter on the lawn at our school.

Favorite Quote: "Live the life you love. Love the life you live." —Bob Marley

Favorite Color: Pink, of course!

Dream Vacation: Traveling around the world visiting all of the most beautiful islands and tropical waters

Favorite Movies: The Notebook and Happy Feet

Favorite Music Genre: Anything but country!

Career Goal: Child psychologist providing therapy and counseling to children ages 8–12

Advice to Collegians: Great pleasure does not come without hard work and sometimes a struggle, but in the end, the harder it was the more you will appreciate it.

Surprise! I'm half Salvadorian and half Swedish and fluent in both languages.



Universities in Texas and Georgia Welcome Gamma Phi Beta

It's

been a busy time for new chapter installations and we couldn't be more thrilled with these wonderful additions to Gamma Phi Beta!

Zeta Chi Chapter—February 2, 2008

It was a great weekend in Fort Worth, TX, as Zeta Chi Chapter was officially installed and 114 women were welcomed into our sisterhood at Texas Christian University, culminating a journey of extension that began in September 2007.

Saturday morning, February 2, began early with preparations at the beautiful TCU chapel for initiation with help from more than 50 sisters from Psi Chapter (Oklahoma). Several Fort Worth area alumnae were also present. Margaret West Pape coordinated her very first initiation ceremony as the Sorority's new Director of Ritual while International President Linda Daniel Johnson and J.J. Stoll Kaelin, Sorority Director of Public Relations, participated as well.

For four new members, it was especially meaningful as they were pinned by Gamma Phi Beta relatives or friends—one mother, one grandmother, one aunt and one teacher.

"Overwhelmingly, the Zeta Chi new members spoke with pride in the friends they have made, how much they felt at home in Gamma Phi Beta, and their accomplishments," remembers Linda Johnson. "I think their sisterhood is off to a great start!"

The installation banquet for Zeta Chi was held at the Rivercrest Country Club, which had been beautifully decorated with flowers. Several parents and family members were present; many arrived from out of town to witness the presentation of the chapter's charter and the president's badge to Jessica Wickizer.

"What I heard from the parents was how proud they were that their daughters had joined Gamma Phi Beta, how excited their daughters were, and what a good experience and opportunity it was for them," says Linda proudly.



Zeta Psi Chapter (University of Texas-San Antonio) celebrates membership in Gamma Phi Beta!

The University administration was especially supportive by being present for the event, offering encouraging remarks, and giving a beautiful sterling silver punch bowl set as a gift to Zeta Chi. The evening also included a PowerPoint presentation documenting the colonization at TCU and songs performed by the collegians.

Congratulations, Zeta Chi Chapter!

Zeta Psi Chapter—April 5, 2008

Initiation and Installation Day was a big event at Zeta Psi Chapter, University of Texas-San Antonio, on April 5, 2008.

Linda Daniel Johnson, International President, and Margaret West Pape, Sorority Director of Ritual, joined the sisters from Zeta Lambda (Texas A&M-Corpus Christi) to welcome new members into Gamma Phi Beta. They initiated 43 collegians and four alumnae at the morning ceremony, including one legacy who was pinned by her mother. Several volunteer leaders, advisors and San Antonio alumnae members were also in attendance for initiation.

"This is a very determined group of women," comments Rachel Christiansen, the collegiate leadership consultant who oversaw the colony-to-chapter transformation. "While they have very diverse personalities, they came together very nicely."

Following the initiation, the ladies held the installation ceremony at the Dominion Country Club on a gorgeous Texas spring afternoon. Parents, family, friends and university administrators were all present to witness the historic event. Several members of the San Antonio Alumnae Chapter, including four 50-year members, attended as Linda presented the chapter's charter document and the president's badge to Caitlin Watson.

"New members commented on the sisterhood they experienced," says Linda Johnson. "Several mentioned how much better connected they felt with the University; this was nice to hear as it was one of the University's reasons for expanding and supporting the Greek system at UTSA." Administrators from UTSA were also very complimentary of Zeta Psi Chapter. "The extension recruitment and the recruitment of 16 additional new members have really set a new standard for UTSA—clearly an aggressive, but successful new standard," notes Linda, adding that optimism abounds for the future success of this new chapter.

Zeta Omega Chapter—April 26, 2008

Gamma Phi Betas at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, were proud to be initiated on April 26. With help from members of Delta Upsilon Chapter, University of Georgia; International President Linda Daniel Johnson; and Margaret West Pape, Sorority Director of Ritual, 87 women took the membership oath.

An installation reception was held later in the day. More than 200 supporters, including parents, family, friends and



Zeta Chi Chapter (TCU) has fun with International President Linda Johnson (bottom right) following their installation.

administrators, witnessed as Linda presented the chapter's charter and the president's badge to Collegiate Chapter President Danica Lempert.

"I'm very impressed by their leadership," says Jamie Shultz, a former collegiate leadership consultant who worked with the colony. "They quickly picked up on their responsibilities and are proactive in making Gamma Phi Beta great on their campus. I noticed their poise and how they really bonded in sisterhood in a very short time."

In fact, the women have already "boosted Greek spirit on campus" with their enthusiasm and won "All Sorority Champions" at Greek Week, according to Rachel Christiansen, CLC.

"They have amazing, strong leaders who are active both on campus and in the Sorority," says Rachel. "They're very mature and dedicated."



At Kennesaw State University in Georgia, Zeta Omega Chapter shines!

Five Decades of Sisterhood

Four chapters reach anniversary milestone



The women of Beta Omega strengthen the bonds of sisterhood at their anniversary festivities.

Beta Omega Chapter—February 1958

By Lindsey DellaDonna (Northern Arizona)

For the 200 collegians, alumnae and family celebrating the 50th anniversary of Beta Omega Chapter, it was a special privilege to honor the occasion on the date the chapter was founded, February 15. Organized by Mary Venezia, the celebration was a success with 10 founding mothers who traveled to Northern Arizona University to commemorate that special day in 1958.

"It is easy as active members to say, 'Our chapter has been here for 50 years'—but to sit down at the same table and celebrate Gamma Phi Beta with the ladies who founded Beta Omega was indescribable—it gave us a new perspective on the history of our chapter," says Mary. "Our alumnae still have the same zest and excitement for our chapter as they did back then. It was truly an amazing experience."

For the milestone celebration, the university's Du Bois Ballroom was transformed with pink carnations and gold accents as attendees gave tribute to their chapter. Festivities included dinner, a slideshow recapping the past five decades, and serenading by Gamma Phi Beta collegians.

Beta Phi Chapter—November 1957

By Joyce Cookman (Indiana University)

Beta Phi Chapter at Indiana University celebrated the 50th anniversary of its installation on the Bloomington, Indiana, campus with an April 18–20 weekend filled with many special moments. Among the honored guests were eight of those charter members, as well as some 50 other alumnae who followed in their footsteps.

Following a Friday night social event, alumnae were treated to a taste of recruitment on Saturday morning. Entering the chapter house to cheers and songs, the alumnae were greeted by 100 Beta Phi collegians who provided house tours and shared conversations about then-and-now. For some alumnae there were moments of disorientation, since the house had been expanded in 1986 and familiar rooms were repurposed. There was a lot of: "This is where the dining room used to end," or "How did we ever hold initiation in this room (now an informal living room with wide-screen TV)?"

To continue the collegians' demonstration of the recruitment experience, they performed a lively skit and presented a video illustrating the top 10 reasons for becoming a Gamma Phi.

A highlight of Saturday's luncheon was a presentation by International President Linda Daniel Johnson (Vanderbilt). As a native of Columbus, IN, and the daughter of Indiana University graduates, Linda brought a unique perspective to the history of Beta Phi and IU. Beta Phi Chapter also took much pride in recognizing its illustrious sister, Betty Ahlemeyer Quick, former chair of the National Panhellenic Conference.

Chapter advisor Kelly Nelson Hane (Southern Methodist) conveyed the connections among the past, present, and future, as she read a list of Beta Phi's accomplishments and awards over the past year and presented a review of Gamma Phi Beta's intent to "Connect. Impact. Shine."

The weekend's activities concluded with a brunch on Sunday. As the Beta Phi alumnae prepared to depart Bloomington, they hugged each other, expressed their heartfelt thanks to the collegians who had made the week-



Beta Phi Chapter members Sarah Casey and her mother Kim Casey, Melody Grand, Patti Eckerty, and her niece Christina Titak enjoy the 50th activities.

end so memorable, and marveled at how the bonds of Gamma Phi Beta sisterhood have endured across time and generations.

Beta Chi Chapter—February 1958

By Dara McKinney Myers (Wichita State)

After a year of planning, the Beta Chi Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta celebrated 50 years of friendship along with hard work, progress, and the future at an event-filled weekend in February. More than 130 sisters gathered from eight states to reconnect and reminisce.

On Friday, February 15, women who pledged between 1958 and 1989 met for dinner; Pam Hesse, alumnae chapter president, arrived in '80s attire to celebrate her pledge year of 1984. She received an award the following night for the laughs she inspired. Elsewhere, the women who pledged between 1990 and 2008 met for dinner and dancing.

On Saturday, February 16, alumnae were invited to brunch at the chapter house to see the recent renovations. Campus tours were also made available thanks to alumna Kim Sandlin, who works in the Wichita State Admissions office. Later that evening Beta Chi members and alumnae gathered for more festivities. Among the women present was a former house mother, "Mom" Snyder.

Dinner was followed by awards and updates from Alumnae Chapter President Pam Hesse, Collegiate Chapter President Kelsi Wells, and House Corporation Board President Emily Gleason, who also provided a slide show of the past 50 years.

The keynote speaker, breast cancer survivor and alumna Kelli Frazier, spoke about the importance of sisterhood and maintaining an environment in which Beta Chi Chapter can thrive. She challenged members to stay involved with Gamma Phi Beta.

"Think about making a commitment of your time, your talent and your treasure to help ensure the future of Gamma Phi Beta," she advises. "You can't possibly explain it to someone who doesn't have what we have. It is precious and rare and part of who we are—we are so blessed to have it. Let's make sure that we continue building strong women to carry the future of our sisterhood for many years to come."

Dancing and socializing followed until the clock struck 11:00 p.m. The 50th celebration was over, but not before the chapter met its goal. Members were able to connect once again, reflect on the great impact they have had over the past 50 years and watch Beta Chi Chapter at Wichita State shine brightly.



These "young alumnae" of Beta Chi Chapter pledged in the new millennium.

Beta Psi Chapter—February 1958

By Tara Carver (Oklahoma State)

It was a weekend to remember, April 11–12, 2008, for the Gamma Phi girls of Oklahoma State University as Beta Psi Chapter celebrated 50 years of sisterhood. The theme for the weekend was "Building a Legacy."

There were almost 300 sisters participating in the event, including 14 founding members. On Friday, alumnae were welcomed with a commemorative embroidered bag filled with special anniversary items. They enjoyed house tours, a sing-along in the formal living room, dinner and a silent auction with the actives. Scrapbooks from all 50 years were on display.

Saturday's breakfast was provided at the chapter house and a group photo was taken on the front lawn of the house.

At noon, the actives and alumnae gathered on campus for a luncheon featuring International President Linda Daniel Johnson as the keynote speaker. The current chapter president, Jill Jobe, also spoke and two collegiate members, Brittney Whitaker and Whitney Kempf, performed songs. Other highlights were the presentation of 50-year pins, a DVD presentation of all 50 years including alumnae involvement, and a special invitation to the graduating seniors to attend the next Tulsa Alumnae Chapter meeting.

It was apparent that the sisters were able to connect our past with the present, make an impact on the future of Gamma Phi sisterhood, and watch the sisterhood shine! The collegians are already talking about the 75-year reunion!



Members and alumnae of Beta Psi Chapter enjoy a sing-a-long in the chapter house during the Friday kick-off to their celebration weekend.

Spotlight On

One Life

How one woman made a difference in life and in death

By Mimi McMann, Editor



Catherine Barclift's life is a perfect example of how a person can affect so many others in countless ways.

Last November, Catherine (Florida State) was a 22-year-old student at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. She was actively training for a half-marathon to benefit LifeSouth's Community Blood Centers, running every day up to six miles in Gainesville, FL. Tragically, she died on November 6 as a result of injuries suffered when an SUV struck her during one of her runs.

In the end, Catherine was true to the mission of LifeSouth, an organization that promotes the five ways in which people can share life with others. Catherine was an organ and tissue donor. Her heart, two kidneys, liver

and one lung gave five critically ill patients across the nation hope for a new life, says Brite Whitaker, LifeSouth program manager.

Sorority sister Tara Herrschaft met Catherine through Gamma Phi Beta, and was not surprised by her friend's final act of giving.

"Catherine was so outgoing and energetic," remembers Tara. "She had so many friends because she was very understanding and never judgmental. I felt like I could tell her anything."

To honor Catherine, more than 100 Gamma Phi Beta sisters, friends, classmates, faculty and others who were impacted by her story ran the Five Points of Life half-marathon in her place in February. Many others volunteered to hand out water, cheer the runners along the route or contribute money.

Wearing specially-designed T-shirts bearing their friend's likeness and the words "I'm Running for Catherine," the team raised more than \$2,000 to support the organization that was personal to Catherine, Five Points of Life.

Acknowledging the significance of Catherine's team, Whitaker says, "Those students have been through a lot, and their effort was amazing."

No less amazing than a special woman whose generosity and love touched others both in life and in death.

Comments about this article? Send them to TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org. For information about LifeSouth visit their Web site at www.lifesouth.org.



10 Facts about Organ Donation

Fact #1: Doctors will still focus on saving your life in an emergency if you're an organ donor. They don't just "give up" on you.

Fact #2: Organ donation does not violate the beliefs of most major religions, including Catholicism, Protestantism, Islam and most branches of Judaism.

Fact #3: You can still have an open-casket funeral following organ and tissue donation. Steps are taken to mask any visible signs of donation. For example, if an eye is given, an artificial one is inserted and the lids are closed.

Fact #4: Even if your health isn't perfect, some organs and tissues can likely be used. Let medical professionals determine whether your organs are appropriate for transplantation.

Fact #5: Celebrities and wealthy people aren't on a high-priority list. Everyone on the waiting list is treated equally.

Fact #6: The recipient's family, not the donor's, pays for all costs associated with the transplant.

Fact #7: In addition to signing a donor card or your driver's license to indicate your desire to be an organ and tissue donor, you should also inform your family of your wishes, preferably in writing. If the time comes for your next of kin to give their consent for donation, it will be easier if your intentions were clear to them.

Fact #8: By being an organ donor, you can save the lives of up to eight people who need kidneys, a heart, lungs, a liver, pancreas, or small bowels. You would improve the health of up to 50 people through the donation of skin, heart valves, veins and corneas.

Fact #9: For many families dealing with the loss of a loved one, knowing that he or she helped others live through organ and tissue donation is a great comfort.

Fact #10: Every day 17 people on the transplant waiting list die.

Did you know? There is a high need for donations from ethnic minorities including African-Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and Hispanics. These groups have a higher incidence of specific health conditions affecting the heart, lungs, kidneys, pancreas and liver. Also, certain blood types are more common in ethnic minority populations, which is a critical factor in matching a donor to a recipient. August 1 is National Minority Donor Awareness Day.

Sisterhood Never Dies

A Gamma Phi Beta's legacy lives on

By Courtney Olson, State Campaign Liaison for Dru's Dive

Dru Sjodin was murdered before most of the current members of Alpha Beta Chapter (North Dakota) had the chance to meet her, but that hasn't stopped the women from becoming champions for Dru's Dive, a campaign to increase awareness about violence against students.

In April, the sisterhood came out to support Pancakes 4 Peace, a local fundraiser to benefit the cause named for University of North Dakota student and Gamma Phi Beta member Dru Sjodin. Twenty Alpha Beta Chapter members took over two Applebee's restaurants, acting as hostesses and pancake servers to raise both money and awareness.

"Because of the overwhelming support of Gamma Phi Beta and our other volunteers, over \$3,000 was raised to go directly toward Dru's Dive," said Shelle Michaels, Dru's Dive awareness innovator.

Five years after her unfortunate death, Dru's presence is still strong in the Gamma Phi Beta house. There is a room named Dru's Room. Its pink walls and the prominently displayed portrait of Dru are surrounded by memories her sisters wrote and ways Dru influenced their lives. Following her disappearance, many residents in Grand Forks left a light on for Dru to let her know the community was waiting for her to come home. There is now a light in the Gamma Phi house that has no off switch.

"Student violence is an issue that has had a lot of publicity in the past few years," said Molly Krivarchka, Alpha Beta Chapter member. "It hits close to home since Dru was a sister."

Dru, from Pequot Lake, MN, was kidnapped, raped and murdered in 2003. Her killer is currently on death row.

The money donated to the campaign is being used to set up scholarships for individuals who have been victims of violence.

Linda Walker, Dru's mother and a Gamma Phi Beta, maintains a Web site in her daughter's memory and champions Dru's Law, which requires convicted child molesters to be listed on a national Internet database and face a felony charge for failing to update their whereabouts. Learn more at www.drusvoice.com.



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2008 Winners of the Gamma Phi Beta Award

The 19th annual Gamma Phi Beta Panhellenic Awards were recently presented to two college Panhellenics who successfully planned and implemented programs that positively enhanced the Greek image as seen by the faculty/administration, the community, non-Greek students, and parents.

Illinois State University received the Gamma Phi Beta Panhellenic Award at the Mid-American Greek Council Association meeting in Chicago, IL, for their Professor Appreciation Dinner. Washington and Lee University won the Gamma Phi Beta Panhellenic Award at the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference for their community Halloween event. Each received a \$250 grant and certificate.

Scholarship Awarded

The winner of the 2008 Betty Quick Gamma Phi Beta Scholarship awarded by the NPC is Breyn Hibbs, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, University of San Diego. Breyn is a junior majoring in philosophy, with a minor in leadership, Asian studies. She has served as Panhellenic president for two terms, Honor Council vice chairman for two terms, and as a Freshman Orientation leader/preceptorial assistant.

Breyn said, "Panhellenic has truly changed my life. This scholarship is a positive reflection of the work that NPC does on a daily basis, and I cannot thank Gamma Phi Beta enough."

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Betty Quick, Linda Johnson, and Kristi Howard (Northern Arizona) visited Capitol Hill to lobby for college housing safety.

Lobbyists Address Congress

Interfraternal leaders work to change tax laws for the health and safety of members

Washington, DC – Undergraduate and alumnae leaders promoting college housing safety issues traveled to Capitol Hill to address Congress and congressional staff on April 15, 2008.

Forty collegians and 68 alumnae representatives of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) joined members of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) for the annual event. As a group of 250, they lobbied for passage of the Collegiate Housing Infrastructure Act (HR643/S638).

Under current laws, donations for student life safety and capital improvements to sorority and fraternity housing are not tax deductible. HR643/S638 would allow tax-deductible contributions to not-for-profit student housing entities to be used for the same purposes that a college or university could use such contributions.

If you or someone you know would like more information about this issue, contact Betty Quick, EAQ007@aol.com.

Fraternity Group Honors Betty Quick

Nashville, TN— One of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority's most prominent members was the top honoree as communicators from 64 college fraternities and sororities convened on Music City in May for the annual College Fraternity Editor's Association (CFEA) conference.

Elizabeth "Betty" Ahlemeyer Quick (Indiana University) accepted the organization's highest honor, the Evin C. Varner, Jr. Award. The award is given each year to an individual for performing extraordinary service and for achieving peer respect through a spirit of assistance and kindness. Criteria for selection include a demonstrated effort over a period of years to effectively communicate the benefits of fraternal life and interfraternal cooperation. A Varner Award winner must belong to an organization that is a member of CFEA.

Melanie Musick, communications director for Phi Gamma Delta and chair of the Varner Award committee, said Betty has shown true interfraternalism with her spoken and written word.

"There were seven outstanding candidates for the award this year," says Melanie, "but Betty is a prime example of true interfraternalism. I can only wish to accomplish in my lifetime a portion of all she's done to positively affect so many collegiate women."

Betty has served Gamma Phi Beta and the interfraternal community tirelessly for more than 40 years. She is best known for her work as the chair of the National Panhellenic Conference. While her term ended in October 2007, Betty's commitment to serving the interfraternal committee continues in her role as Gamma Phi Beta's NPC delegate and an active NPC committee member.



Patricia Crowley (Northwestern), Betty Quick (Indiana) and Mimi McMann (California-Bakersfield) have their hands full at the CFEA awards banquet.

Fraternity Communications Association

Editors group modifies name

Nashville, TN— At the annual conference of the College Fraternity Editor's Association in May, members voted to change the organization's name to Fraternity Communications Association (FCA).

The change reflects a shift in the membership from primarily editors of fraternity publications to the various communications professionals that now belong to the association. FCA is composed of fraternities and sororities, including Gamma Phi Beta, that are committed to communicating the highest ideals of the fraternity system and its achievements.

Beginning in 1883, editors of 14 men's fraternity magazines began meeting in Philadelphia to promote interfraternal cooperation. CFEA was formally established in December 1923 and from those early beginnings, the membership has been expanded to include more than 70 fraternal organizations that operate student chapters at colleges and universities.

FCA scholarships for the 2008–2009 school year are available! To qualify, applicants must be undergraduates in a communications-related field (journalism, public relations, etc.) and affiliated with a member of FCA. Gamma Phi Betas are eligible. For information, contact Mimi McMann at TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org.

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority also took home numerous communications awards at the CFEA banquet. Executive Director Patricia Crowley and Editor Mimi McMann were on hand to accept plaques in the categories of Story Packaging, Publications Improvement, Printed Materials Innovative Design, and Total Communications. In addition, our International Headquarters received a plaque to commemorate Betty's special honor.

A World of Good

Cloth bags give Africans stable income while reducing plastic bag waste in America

By Mimi McMann, Editor



Holly Petitt has a passion for the people of Africa.

Compassion comes easily to most people; action, well, not so much. Holly Benglen Petitt (University of California-Santa Barbara) is one woman who didn't stop at feeling sorry for the misfortunes of others; she did something about it.

Not long ago Holly and husband Todd became aware of the devastating

conditions in Malawi, Africa, an area deeply affected by the problems associated with AIDS, malaria, poverty and malnutrition.

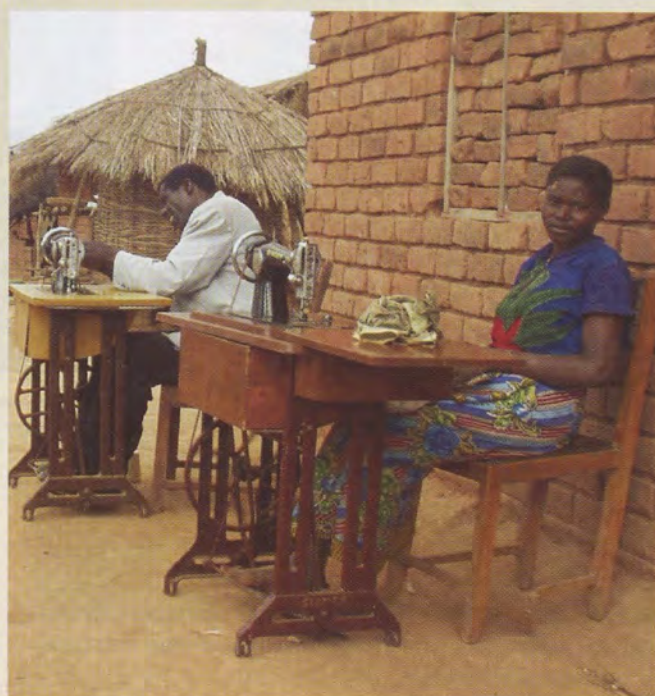
"As we did more research on the area, our passion grew to help the people there," says Holly. While many parts of Africa are destitute, such as Darfur and Sudan, "we focused on Malawi because their government is friendly and it's a safe and stable country," she explains. "The country is landlocked; they have very limited resources and no exports. They're just very, very poor."

Help is on the way

Profoundly disturbed by the dichotomy of wealth in America and extreme hardship in Malawi, the Petitts were compelled to action.

Their goal was to create a nonprofit foundation that not only offered financial assistance, but provided the means for villagers to support themselves.

An idea that serves two causes—improving the quality of life in Malawi and protecting the environment—seemed ideal: They would teach the villagers to make reusable cloth shopping bags and sell them in America, reducing plastic waste that harms the



Africa Bags, Inc. gives workers in Malawi a source of income and hope.

environment and establishing a viable source for sustainable income for the impoverished villagers. Africa Bags, Inc. was born.

"It took a couple of years to come up with the idea of the cloth bags," Holly remembers, crediting her brother for the inspiration. "We liked it because the bags are useful and appeal to a large market, unlike jewelry or other trinkets."

Using their own seed money and vacation time from their full-time jobs, the Petitts journeyed to Malawi for the first time in May 2007. They were not prepared for the enthusiasm of the tribal representatives, who met them with immense gratitude and excitement.

"The villages are just begging to be part of Africa Bags," says Holly. "It's so heartbreaking. I cried every day we were there but I also had such respect for the people. Their lives are very simple and genuine."

Change is possible

In just a year, the business has grown to include four Malawi villages, with a fifth village, Chibanzi, starting production in July. Two thousand bags have been sold,



with every penny of profit returned to the community. So far \$12,000 has been earned by the workers.

Buying just one Africa Bag does make a difference and can save a life, says Holly. For example, the cost of one mosquito net treated with insecticide to prevent malaria is \$3.00. Untreated mosquito nets can also help and cost only 50 cents each. A large bag of corn to feed a family of five costs \$7.00. So, the profit from one Africa Bag sale can feed a malnourished family in Malawi for one month or provide that same family with mosquito nets. The profit from two bags will enable an orphan to attend school for one year.

Already, the benefits to the citizens have been phenomenal. Prior to the introduction of Africa Bags in one village, the only source of income was to cut down trees to sell as firewood for \$1 per bundle, contributing to the problem of deforestation. Now, the village has completely stopped selling wood and relies on Africa Bags.

In other areas, workers use the money to send their orphans to school where English is taught. One village opened a food market, creating more business and income for the population. They can now provide food for their families and care for the elderly and the many orphans of the AIDS epidemic. They can also prevent malaria with protective mosquito nets for their beds and purchase medication while basic hygiene items like soap help prevent other illnesses. Some purchase fertilizer for their subsistence farming needs.

Future plans for growth

Africa Bags has recently completed construction on a community center in the village of Kamweko, giving the workers a place to make the bags. Staff members at the center also provide HIV/AIDS education as well as health and nutrition counseling. Children can use the center to study after school.

Goals for Africa Bags include expanding the market here in the United States for the bags, which are now available online and at some Colorado retailers.

Being involved with Africa Bags has been a life-changing experience for Holly and her family. "Going there and seeing these people who have absolutely nothing, yet they are the happiest, most humble and peaceful people is incredible," says Holly.

"We went to give them a gift but they gave us so much more. If we didn't have kids we would have never come back. We love it there."

With a full-time job and three children at home, Holly still found a way to reach out in compassion to the less fortunate across the globe. Using her own funds, fierce determination, and incredible effort, she has accomplished a world of good. Where will compassion take you?

To learn more about Holly's work and to purchase Malawi-made bags, go to www.africabags.org. Comments about this article? Send them to TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org. Alisa Heber, a relative of Holly's, contributed to this article.



The Country of Malawi, Africa

Size: Smaller than Pennsylvania

Population: 13.6 million

Median age: 16.7 years

Average life expectancy: 43 years

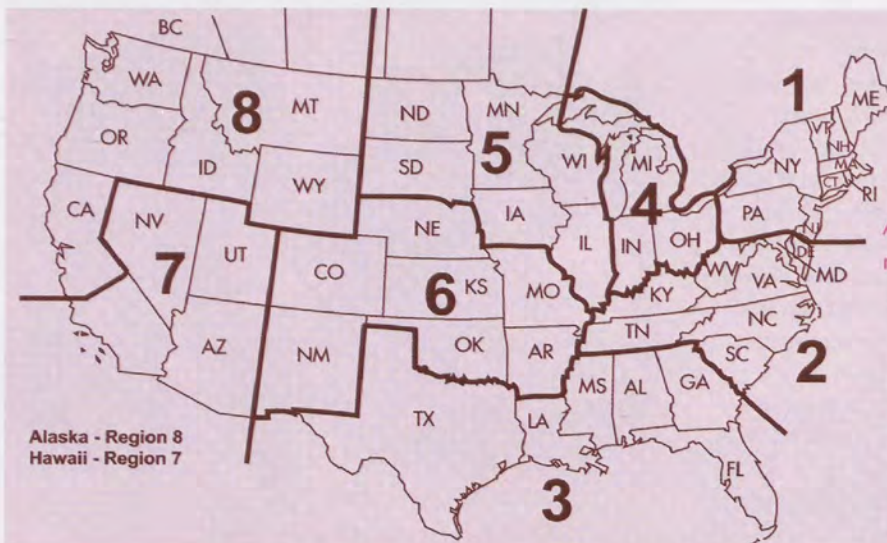
AIDS: Affects 14.2% of the population

**According to the CIA World Fact Book*

AFRICA BAGS
HELP US HELP THEM HELP US







Member News



Member news

Alumnae member news and collegiate member news is combined and is now sorted by region. See all the exciting things happening in your region at-a-glance!

Symbol Key:


-  Sisterhood
-  Philanthropy
-  Leadership
-  Scholarship




ABOVE: Each year, Houston Alumnae Chapter welcomes a local bookstore owner to a spring meeting to share the newest books up for grabs. Alumnae also bring secret soup and salad recipes to share! Pictured is Linda Kemper, hostess Maryann Metcalf, and Luann Cefola. RIGHT: Members of Epsilon Eta (Bridgewater State) clown around at their fun spring events.

REGION 1

MASSACHUSETTS

 More than 25 members of Epsilon Eta Chapter (Bridgewater State) participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Members took turns walking around a track to show support for those affected by cancer and to raise funds.

NEW YORK

 Self-defense, self-awareness and avoiding dangerous situations were the topics of conversation at Union College during Epsilon Epsilon Chapter's R-E-S-I-S-T Safety event. Utilizing various martial arts procedures, including karate, boxing, judo and jujitsu, members learned techniques to defend against would-be attackers.




Rochester Alumnae Chapter collaborated with Epsilon Tau Chapter (Rochester) to provide sewn bags full of toiletry items and journals for the Hillside Family Agency.




Melissa Hayden (Christopher Newport) helps kids from the Boys and Girls Club show off the Easter eggs they dyed.

PENNSYLVANIA

 For 46 hours, members of Alpha Upsilon Chapter (Penn State) danced to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund, Conquering Childhood Cancer. The organization caps a year of fundraising with the two-day, no sitting, no sleeping dance marathon. The chapter collected more than \$136,000 for children with cancer at this year's event.

REGION 2

SOUTH CAROLINA

 More than 65 members of Zeta Sigma Chapter (South Carolina) danced the night away at the 10th Annual Dance Marathon benefiting the Palmetto Health Richland Children's Hospital. The chapter collected more than \$110,000.



LEFT: The ladies of Epsilon Theta (Clemson) enjoy their spring break at the beach. ABOVE: Movies, nail polish and board games helped prepare members of Alpha Nu Chapter (Wittenberg) for a Girl's Night with girls from On the Rise. On the Rise helps girls who come from impoverished or troubled families.

🌸👑 Members of Epsilon Theta Chapter (Clemson) had a lot to celebrate during the spring semester. The chapter hosted their annual volleyball tournament, which collected more than \$1,200 for Camp Fire USA and the United Way. In addition, the chapter celebrated its 20th anniversary, participated in Relay for Life and had a representative from the chapter participate in the Miss Clemson Pageant.

VIRGINIA

📖👑 To encourage members to study together and more frequently, Alpha Chi Chapter (William and Mary) distributed candy to members studying in the library and handed out exam study packets to students outside the library. Their hard work truly paid off! The chapter was recognized for its outstanding average GPA of 3.37, and received the campus award for the best new member education program and best public relations. They were also recognized as the most outstanding sorority on campus for the 2007–2008 academic year.

👑 As part of Gamma Phi Beta's International Day of Service, members of Zeta Beta Chapter (Virginia) got their hands dirty cleaning and organizing rooms at the Charlottesville SPCA. Chapter members teamed up with a group of eighth graders from the I Have a Dream Foundation, Zeta Beta's local philanthropy, to reinforce the values of education and community involvement with the students.

👑 Members of Epsilon Iota Chapter (Christopher Newport) spent Gamma Phi Beta's Day of Service with the local Boys & Girls Club, decorating Easter eggs with children. After the decorating was complete, the girl's dance team was eager to show chapter member their special dance routine, and shared some of their dance moves with members. Regular visits are planned for a greater impact on the youth.

REGION 3

FLORIDA

👑 Naples Area Alumnae Chapter continues to provide for community members in need, this time through their "Bedtime Bundles," which were donated to children of migrant workers. Each bundle contained a variety of bedtime necessities, such as pajamas, a blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, stuffed animals and books.

👑 Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter hosted the Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association Meeting.

👑 For the third year in a row, Zeta Tau Chapter (Emory) exceeded university quota. The chapter was founded in 2006 and is the newest sorority on campus.

TEXAS

👑 Zeta Rho Chapter (Texas A&M-College Station) had a very successful annual philanthropy, Crescent King, and participated in the campus-wide volunteer project, the Big Event.

REGION 4

INDIANA

🌸👑 Collegiate and alumnae members of Zeta Iota Chapter (Valparaiso) celebrated their 10-year anniversary with a meal, fond memories and a slideshow.

OHIO

🌸👑 Members of Beta Gamma Chapter (Bowling Green) were busy during the spring semester, participating in intramural flag football, dancing for 32 hours in a dance marathon to collect money for the Children's Miracle Network and representing Bowling Green and Gamma Phi Beta on the homecoming court.


REGION 5

WISCONSIN


🌸👑 Members of Madison Alumnae Chapter helped the University of Wisconsin celebrate 150 years of Greek Life by attending a Wisconsin football game. In April, the chapter hosted their annual Spring Luncheon, welcoming graduating seniors from Gamma Chapter to alumnae status.


🌸👑 More than \$780 was collected for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by Gamma Chapter's (Wisconsin-Madison) Valentine's Day candy grams. The candy grams were made during a chapter sisterhood event, and were distributed campus-wide.


Member News

 A pancake breakfast, blood drive and study nights are just a few of the many activities members of **Gamma Chapter** (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) hosted throughout the spring semester. The chapter also celebrated Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, planted flowers with a local Girl Scout troop, and hosted a social mixer with another campus sorority.


ILLINOIS


 Members of **Epsilon Chapter** (Northwestern) celebrated their new members by accompanying them to a comedy show with great food and new Gamma Phi Beta gear.

 **Chicago Alumnae Chapter** enjoyed a Chocolate Tour of Michigan Avenue, shared Founders Day with two other Chicago-area alumnae groups and **Epsilon Chapter** collegians, hosted a networking mixer with Kappa Sigma alumnae and collected almost \$1,000 for Camp Fire USA at the annual holiday party. The alumnae chapter meets monthly for lunch or dinner and plans other social events as well.

 Many members of **Beta Eta Chapter** (Bradley) left the University's Campus Carnival for kids with a face full of whipped cream from their "Pie a Gamma Phi" booth. The chapter also collected money for Camp Fire USA by hosting a Bingo Night, car wash, hot dog eating contest and dunk tank. The chapter has also been supporting other campus philanthropies by participating in a toy drive for Alpha Phi Omega, a clothing drive for Bradley Ambassadors and a chili cook-off for Theta Chi.

IOWA

 **Gamma Psi Chapter** (Northern Iowa) member Ally Green represented the United States in Hamburg, Germany, at the International Triathlon Union Hamburg BG Triathlon World Championships. Ally qualified by placing second at the summer national championships in Portland, Oregon.


 **Gamma Rho Chapter** (Iowa) brought smiles to the faces of the University of Iowa Children's Hospital patients with their 24 hours of nonstop dancing. The campus-wide dance marathon has helped cancer patients and their families for 14 years. The chapter contributed \$2,000 to the record-breaking total of more than \$1 million.




Members of the Madison Alumnae Chapter attended Panhellenic Alumnae Scholarship/Awards brunch where alumna Katharine O'Brien Batterman was honored.




Delta Theta Chapter (Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo) hosted their first GHOP philanthropy, serving a pancake breakfast at the house. They were joined by more than 600 members of the community including kids from Camp Fire USA. They raised more than \$3,000 and were able to send 13 girls to camp.


 Members of **Omega Chapter** (Iowa State) took second at the campus variety show, winning Best Set, Best Actress, Best Costumes and Best Choreography for their play.


REGION 6 COLORADO

 To show their support for Camp Fire USA, **Beta Rho Chapter** (Colorado-Boulder) packed their house with forest trees, camp gear and outdoor decor during recruitment. A camouflage tent, hiking gear and a TV that featured a burning camp fire completed the scene and helped the chapter recruit more than 50 outstanding new members.

 **Denver Alumnae Chapter** continued to celebrate their 100th anniversary with special events throughout the year, including a panel to discuss women in politics and an awards night to recognize outstanding area alumnae.

KANSAS

 Members of **Sigma Chapter's** (Kansas) intramural basketball team brought the heat during the intramural championships. Many fans cheered the team on to victory, holding signs that read "Fear the Phi."

 **Beta Chi Chapter** (Wichita State) members dressed in 80's fashions at their sisterhood outing to a local skating rink. Several members also participated in the Bowl for Kids' Sake Bowl-A-Thon to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters.



Sisters from Beta Psi (Oklahoma State) presented a check for \$8,000 to the Rise School of Stillwater to benefit young children with mental or physical challenges.

MISSOURI

Members of St. Louis Alumnae Chapter enjoyed a fun-filled night of games and trivia at their 10th annual Trivia Night. The chapter also collected money in support of local collegiate chapters and hosted their first "Dine with Your Chapter," which helped members reconnect with collegians and alumnae in the surrounding area.

After a successful spring recruitment, the women of Zeta Delta Chapter welcomed nine new members. The chapter is busy preparing for Greek Week with the men of Theta Xi and Sigma Chi. This year's theme is "The Price is Right" and "Mary Poppins."

NEBRASKA

Pi Chapter (Nebraska-Lincoln) has three women representing student government at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Member Katie Madsen was elected external vice president, one of the prestigious leadership roles on campus.

OKLAHOMA

Psi Chapter (Oklahoma) helped collect money for the Children's Miracle Network through a campus-wide dance marathon. Chapter members also helped with Rake It Up, a university-wide effort to clean up debris left behind after a severe December ice storm.



Members of Alpha Epsilon Chapter (Arizona) enjoy the Region 7 Leadership Conference.

In only two days, Beta Psi Chapter (Oklahoma State) collected \$8,000 for the Rise School of Stillwater, a local school that educates physically- and mentally-challenged youth, with their Pancake Palooza and their annual volleyball tournament.

REGION 7 ARIZONA

Beta Kappa Chapter (Arizona State) rocked the Relay for Life, collecting more than \$1,700 for the American Cancer Society. The chapter helped celebrate survivors, remember loved ones lost and wage war on cancer at the annual event.

Beta Omega Chapter (Northern Arizona) received five awards from the 18th annual Order of Omega Awards Banquet. Awards included New Member of the Year, Living Your Ritual, Greek Woman of the Year, Philanthropic Achievement and Sorority of the Year.

Members of Alpha Epsilon Chapter (Arizona) had a great time collecting money and spreading awareness about Muscular Dystrophy with fellow students and community members at their annual fundraiser, G-Phi B-Ball. Last year, the chapter collected more than \$2,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

CALIFORNIA

Members of Alpha Iota Chapter (UCLA) participated in UCLA's annual Dance Marathon to collect money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Kindle and Heartland summer camps to benefit children living with HIV and AIDS. Members participated in all areas of the event, which raised more than \$380,000. The chapter also teamed up with two local elementary schools to promote childhood literacy by reading to the students and sharing the joy of learning. The members got to know the local alumnae as they shared stories, snacked on sandwiches and collected donations for the women's shelter in Los Angeles.

Delta Psi Chapter (California-Santa Barbara) dodged their way through Alpha Epsilon Phi's annual dodge ball tournament to raise money for AIDS research.

Member News



The women of Xi Chapter (Idaho) worked as coaches, referees and score keepers during their very successful and highly anticipated G-Phi-B-Ball Tournament. Open to all students, the tournament collects money for Camp Fire USA.

🌸 **South Bay Alumnae Chapter** hosted several breakfasts and a tea to celebrate sisterhood. Alumnae also assisted local collegiate chapters and welcomed graduating seniors into the group.

🦉 **Camp Fire USA and Balboa Harbor Alumnae Chapter** teamed up to celebrate Absolutely Incredible Kid Day in Orange County. Volunteers helped at after-school program sites in Orange and Tustin. The group has also enjoyed several sisterhood activities, such as dinner and movie nights, luncheons and museum tours.

🦉📖 Five members of **Epsilon Nu Chapter** (Chapman) achieved 4.0 GPAs in the fall semester, helping bring the chapter's overall GPA to 3.4, the highest in Greek life. The chapter also volunteered at the Orange County Food Bank, assembling more than 500 boxes of food to be donated to those in need.

🌸 **San Diego Alumnae Chapter** shared a luncheon with **Beta Lambda Chapter** (San Diego State), where they enjoyed gourmet food and sisterhood. A presentation on preparing for disaster was given by a member of the Community Emergency Response Team, San Diego.

📖 **Beta Alpha Chapter** (Southern California) held a GPA that was above the all-sorority average, the all-women's, all-Greek, and all-undergraduate averages. The chapter had 13 members with 4.0 GPAs and 120 sisters held a GPA above 3.0. To celebrate, the chapter invited their professors to the bi-annual scholarship dinner at the chapter house.

🌸 Dinner nights, a movie night, a game night with Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae and a senior celebration were just a few of the many activities **Long Beach Alumnae Chapter** enjoyed.



Zeta Beta Chapter (Virginia) members are smiling after working at the Charlottesville SPCA for Gamma Phi Beta's National Day of Service.



Sigma Chapter (Kansas) won the championship girls intermural basketball game while fans sported signs boasting "Fear the Phi!"

REGION 8 BRITISH COLUMBIA

🌸🦉 Amidst their philanthropy events, their fun times with sisters and their many study sessions on campus, the members of **Alpha Lambda Chapter** (British Columbia) spent many weeks preparing a song and dance routine for the annual Order of Omega Songfest. The chapter achieved third place overall and was honored with awards for Most Chapter Participation and Best Costumes.

WASHINGTON

🌸 **Zeta Alpha Chapter** (Eastern Washington) enjoyed a day of snow tubing and spending time together at their winter sisterhood retreat on Mt. Spokane.

This list reflects notifications received at International Headquarters from January 15, 2008, to April 14, 2008.

Alpha I Syracuse

Marjorie McClure Hotchner, 1939
Elaine McDonald Stepanian, 1961
Georgia Stanton Yaus, 1940

Beta I Michigan

Florence Kingsbury Froelich, 1944
Patricia Patton Pollock, 1938

Gamma I Wisconsin-Madison

Mary Werrbach Doll, 1945
Kathryn Smith Femal, 1931
Marilyn Fullerton Mieszkuc, 1954
Frances Sullivan Waters, 1941

Delta I Boston

Catherine Weldon Dyer, 1928

Epsilon I Northwestern

Constance Heilman Brakke, 1931
June Patton Brewer, 1931
Dorothy Ruttle MacDonald, 1931
Sherrilyn Saurer Maltby, 1940
Barbara Schmidt Watts, 1945
Elsa Neumann Wittmack, 1936
Ruth Zangerle Zangerle, 1940

Zeta I Goucher

Gloria Thames Bottom, 1929

Eta I California-Berkeley

Robin Hix Coonrad, 1943
Joyce Smith Damert, 1937
Katharine Daniel Swift, 1935
Helen Ostrand Symon, 1932

Theta I Denver

Glenna Whisman Cribari, 1948
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Kappa I Minnesota-Twin Cities

Navonne Nicholls Andre, 1951
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Lambda I Washington

Terry Proctor Edgers, 1950

Xi I Idaho

Jane Harvey Wonderly, 1936
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Omicron I Illinois

Patricia Oram Gillespie, 1937
Helen Frese Nichols, 1939
Nancy Vannoppen Thomas, 1946
Jean Woller Wienecke, 1937

Pi I Nebraska-Lincoln

Virginia White Gelwick, 1944
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Harriette Kniss Pugh, 1943
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Rho I Iowa

Marcia Moore Buchele, 1957

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Dorothy Douglass Leidig, 1933
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Betty Anderson Webdell, 1931

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Phyllis Jeffreys Elliott, 1956
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Marsha Mickle Sherer, 1967
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Jeanne Chartier Brewster, 1943
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Mary Rose Briggs, 1942
Alice Vanhorne Huff, 1946
Barbara Miller, 1955

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Angela Wallace Augur, 1969
Glory Gensch, 2002
Katherine Grant McLearn, 1963
Beatrice Tetreau Schou, 1936

Alpha Zeta I Texas

Josephine McCutcheon Dennis, 1940
Patricia Stephens Hamilton, 1948
Betty Langhammer Hill, 1942

Alpha Eta I Ohio Wesleyan

Elizabeth Neer Allison, 1929
Jean Reinbolt Johnson, 1938
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Alpha Kappa I Manitoba

Elizabeth Andrews Richards, 1928

Alpha Lambda I British Columbia

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Gamma Beta I Gettysburg

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Susan Totman Roberts, 1961

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Debora Stein Munson, 1969

Gamma Theta I Pacific

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Elinor Harrold Sagehorn, 1964

Gamma Nu I Lamar

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It Pays to Dream

By Mimi McMann, Editor

Alumna accomplishes her career goals in China

"A dream is a wish your heart makes," Cinderella once said, but 1991 Loyola University-New Orleans graduate Stephanie Giambruno (Epsilon Mu) would add that it takes work to make those dreams come true.

As an award-winning producer for NBC News, Stephanie has her dream job, a glamorous and exciting career traveling the world and mingling with celebrities. Some of her assignments include producing one of Matt Lauer's "Where in the World" series shows in Balboa, Spain, and covering the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, for five weeks.

Hard Work, It Works

Stephanie got where she is today with the hard work and luck that makes most successful people just that — successful. After growing up in Westchester County, NY, Stephanie attended Loyola University in New Orleans, lured by their strong communications department.



Stephanie, right, joins Katie Couric, left, in an Athens, Greece, news photo.

At first, Stephanie had decided not to join a sorority. But after attending an all-girls school in Greenwich, CT, Stephanie found something missing on Loyola's coed campus. "I missed those close female relationships," she says. When the Gamma Phi Beta Epsilon Mu colony was being formed, the chance to be a part of something different and being honored with the responsibility of starting a new chapter changed her mind.

Ultimately, the friendships at Gamma Phi Beta were a huge influence on Stephanie as she worked to make a home away from home in college. "Membership in Gamma Phi made me more of a whole person and

was my family at Loyola," she says fondly.

Stephanie thrived as Epsilon Mu's first recruitment chair. "We called it 'rush' then—I loved rush! I'm so competitive," she laughs. "I started planning the events the summer before. This was before e-mail and Internet so it really took a lot more work making all of those photocopies of instructions, schedules and plans for the all members. But I loved every minute of it."

From College to Career

Skills she honed as a leader at Epsilon Mu have taken her far—literally—in her career. Since the end of 2005, Stephanie has been on long-term assignment in Beijing, China.

"Working here is so much different than working in New York," explains Stephanie. "The stories we do here are never boring and it's like living in the middle of a history book. There's a smart story on every corner and I feel a great responsibility when reporting these stories to the Western world and illustrating what China is really like."

Since China is a communist country, it's difficult to be a journalist there. "Even though, as foreigners, we can report freely for our viewers back home, the press here is censored so people don't always like to be recorded or taped because they're afraid of getting in trouble with the government," she says, noting that the country was only opened up to the rest of the world about 30 years ago.

The red tape involved in securing an interview or filming B-roll, the additional visual images needed to supplement a broadcast story, can be tedious as well. "We have to get extensive permission to do any reporting," Stephanie says. "It can sometimes take weeks to get permission to film, even in a public place. I've learned to be patient with it. It's a huge hassle, and then of course there's the problem of traffic and getting around in a city of more than 15 million people."

Don't get her wrong, the job can be really thrilling and fun, as well. A story on China's efforts to correct "Chinglish" (the inaccurate translation of Chinese into English on the signage in Beijing) before the Olympics games in August was especially amusing.

"Chinese is such a difficult language to translate," explains Stephanie, citing the fact that Chinese has more than 60,000 characters instead of a 26-letter Roman alphabet. "I remember one sign for a proctology practice that read, 'Anus and Intestinal Hospital.' Another sign at a park said, 'Garden with Curled Poo.'"

Life in China

With the Olympics only days away, the lively city of Beijing is in overdrive. "The Chinese are so proud to host the Olympics and they want to do it perfectly, which they will. The stadiums were done two years ago, unlike in Greece, where they were still painting during the Opening Games," she laughs.

While pollution in such an overpopulated city—one that is also



Chinese is difficult but "Chinglish" is fun!

producing a majority of the world's products—is a serious problem, interestingly, the Chinese government can literally clear the air by using a variety of methods. First, they can make it rain by seeding the clouds with silver iodide pellets, a technology also used in the United States, according to Stephanie. Then they shut down all production of factories within 150 miles of the city and restrict the use of cars.

"All through the Olympics the sky will be beautiful but we all worry what it will be like in the fall, when all the production starts back up and the factories are in overdrive making up for lost time. The smell will be terrible, worse than normal I imagine," Stephanie laments.

With a new baby, legacy Mirabelle, in her life, Stephanie looks forward to returning to the U.S. in 2009. "I'm more homesick now than ever for my family and friends back home," she admits, although her network of other 'ex-pats' [foreigners] has been a strong support group. "Having this support and the bond of friendship away from home reminds me of being back in the Sorority," she says.

Taking Risks

As Stephanie reflects on her career, she sees the importance that taking risks has played in her success. After earning a degree in advertising, Stephanie got a job in the field. It only took two years to decide she didn't like it. So as a 25-year-old, she quit her job and took a huge pay cut to work in a six-month training program at a local news station in

New York City. It paid next to nothing and there was no guarantee of a job at the completion of the program.

The gamble paid off. "Through a lot of hard work and with the contacts I made on that job, I left the program early to work for ABC Network News," she recalls.

That job took her from local news reporting on robberies and fires to big-time network assignments for "Good Morning America." She worked the Democratic and Republican conventions of 1996 and traveled to Israel, Hong Kong and other international locations.

"It became my dream to work overseas full-time as a journalist," says Stephanie.

The next step to making that dream a reality was a job offer from NBC's "Today Show," where Stephanie started producing news and feature stories. Emmy nominations and other awards soon followed as Stephanie established herself as one of the most respected producers in the news business, thriving on the adrenaline and excitement of a news professional's crazy schedule.

"In this business, we've all gone without sleep when there's a big news story to get on the air," she admits. "You learn to live without showers and sleep or a change of clothes when covering Hurricane Katrina or a plane crash in Nova Scotia, or the shootings at Columbine High School."

When Stephanie's husband, Chris, was transferred to China for his finance business, she parlayed that opportunity into accomplishing her career goal of overseas reporting and looks forward to working this summer's Olympic coverage.

For others with career aspirations that seem fantastic or unreachable, Stephanie's recommendation is to take risks and take chances.

"It's never too late to pursue your dreams," she advises. "Just have confidence and go for it."

Send your comments or dreams to TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org.

Gamma Phi Beta Camping Experience Evolves into Lifetime Work

It was a beautiful August morning in 1972 when Amy Montgomery boarded a bus in Denver to the Gamma Phi Beta camp near Idaho Springs, Colorado. Little did she know that this was the beginning of a life-changing experience.

Amy was one of 90 fortunate eight- to 11-year old girls who were given a camping scholarship from Gamma Phi Beta Foundation after recommendation by Denver Girls, Inc. and the Denver Public Schools. The generosity of Foundation donors and volunteers made it possible for Amy to go camping in the mountains, ride horses, learn archery, and participate in other camping activities.

"I had two fabulous weeks camping during the summers of 1972 and 1973 at two different Gamma Phi Beta camp sites," says Amy enthusiastically. "Although they were both some of my best memories, my favorite was at a camp with cabins scattered up a hill behind a lodge. It had horses and a director named 'Mama San' who was just so wonderfully nice to me. I remember her creative story about an animal, Tajar, who was something like a tiger, something like a jaguar, and something like a badger—I received a stuffed animal at camp that I named Tajar and carried with me everywhere."

Her fond memories have lasted a lifetime and influenced the work she loves.

"I have never forgotten these camping experiences," continues Amy. "Mama San and the other counselors gave so much to me that I wanted to give these same kinds of experiences to my daughters and other young girls. I later served as a camp counselor at church camp, have been Day Camp Director for the Girl Scouts in my area for six years and a leader for 20 years."

"I credit my camping experiences as a girl for the work that I love to do now. My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in my wonderful camping experience!" she exclaims.

To donate to Gamma Phi Beta's camping philanthropy, visit our Web site at www.gammaphibeta.org/foundation. Click on Make a Gift, click on Donate Now and choose Camping on the drop down menu.

Tau Epsilon Pi Society New Members

The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation recognizes **Peggy Campbell Clark** (Texas Tech) who has joined the Tau Epsilon Pi Society by notifying the Foundation of an estate gift. Thank you!



Camping experiences make a lifetime impression on girls.

Foundation Welcomes New Trustees

Karen Guttormsen Harvey, J.D. (Wisconsin) is thrilled to be joining "such a dynamic and accomplished group of women." Karen, an attorney with her own practice specializing in business law and estate planning, became interested in becoming a Trustee after reading the Foundation section in *The Crescent* several years ago.

"I had a wonderful Gamma Phi Beta experience during my college years at University of Wisconsin," says Karen. "Many students became lost at U of W due to its size, but Gamma Phi gave me a strong sense of myself. I felt a sense of responsibility to my sisters and the organization, and it has always been a comfort knowing that Gamma Phi Beta also felt a responsibility to give back to me (and my sisters). The Sorority has been a strong, motivating factor in making me who I am today. Now I am looking forward to playing a greater role in giving back through the Foundation."

Ruth Janssen Person, Ph.D. (Gettysburg College) spent nine years as Chancellor of Indiana University, Kokomo, and is set to begin this fall as Chancellor of the University of Michigan, Flint. She feels this is a good time to give back to the Sorority and is hoping her fundraising experience with the university will be helpful in her new role as Foundation Trustee.

Sisters Connect through Scholarship Endowment

Tucky Wheeler Hobbs (Iowa) has served as an example of Gamma Phi Beta values in her service and generosity since her college years at University of Iowa. Her love for the Sorority and her sisters has always been a great source of joy to Tucky and contagious to those around her.

However, she is experiencing her greatest reward by giving back through the Tucky Wheeler Hobbs Fellowship and reaching out to the latest recipient of her endowment, medical student Callie Cox (Minnesota-Minneapolis).

Enjoying a new and budding friendship with Callie is an added benefit of Tucky's generosity. Following their recent meeting, Tucky shared, "Callie is a wonderful young woman with her head and heart in all the right places. It is such a gratifying feeling to have a small part in her future success."

"Gamma Phi Beta has made such a difference in my life," says Callie. "I have a much easier time relating to strangers. Through my leadership positions in my chapter (president, scholarship chair, recruitment leader and program chair for panhellenic), I have learned to value different opinions and to make decisions for the greater good."

"Gamma Phi Beta became my family, and now that I'm in medical school, I still see my sisters. When I met Tucky, my family expanded. Receiving her scholarship has given me not only financial support, but it has made me realize that sisterhood friendships span generations," she says.

Tucky and her late husband, Dennis, shared the goals of the Foundation in wanting to ensure that future generations of sisters might reach their potential through educational opportunities. Four years ago, they established a



Callie Cox, right, believes sisterhood friendships span generations, thanks to a scholarship endowment from Tucky Hobbs, left.

scholarship/fellowship endowment through the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation. Although the endowment is fully funded, Tucky continues to add to it every year.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship or fellowship endowment, please contact Bonnie Payne at bpayne@gammaphibeta.org or (303) 799-1874, ext. 305.

Ruth still finds time to have dinner with her Gamma Phi Beta college roommate. "I knew I wanted to be a Gamma Phi because of the diverse, interesting group of girls. I still meet other interesting Gamma Phi Betas in so many places—even at the hairdresser! Many of my chapter sisters are still my friends today. I'm excited to have this opportunity to contribute to helping our collegiate sisters!"

Jolene (Joey) Lessard Stiver (North Dakota State), pharmacist, has been involved in Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and the Foundation for many years. Her experience includes camp counselor, province alumnae director, Collegiate Vice President, International President and Foundation Chair.

Joey's involvement began during her college years as a chapter officer but really grew after she became an alumna. When her two now adult children were small, she attended alumnae functions in hopes of meeting other young

mothers. After serving as a delegate to the 1982 Convention, she was asked to serve as an international officer which was the beginning of many years of service to her Sorority.

"Gamma Phi has been so important in my life for the wonderful friendships as well as the challenge of holding various offices," says Joey. "Now I want to do my part with the Foundation to educate collegiate members about the Foundation and help to grow our endowments that will benefit our sisters into the future."

Longtime Foundation Trustees L'Cena Brunskill Rice and Verona Lynam will be stepping down from the Foundation board on July 31, 2008. Between them, they have contributed more than 20 years of Foundation board experience. Their enthusiasm, knowledge, and dedication will be missed by all.

Foundation | In Celebration!

The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation acknowledges the following individuals and groups who contributed to the Foundation to celebrate a special event or individual. This list represents gifts received through April 26, 2008.

In Celebration of . . .

Cathy Griffin, the best field trip leader EVER! The Renoir exhibit was great. "South Pacific" here we come!

Princeton Alumnae Chapter

Lois Kirchner Abbott for her love, labor and loyalty to Gamma Phi Beta and to the Delta Psi Chapter.

Kay Graham

Jane Bacheller Habermann for being Santa Barbara County Volunteer of the Year for 2007.

Kay Graham

Annabel Jones receiving the Service Award.

Sandra Nauman

The birth of Micah Villeneuve on December 3, 2007. Proud parents are Alpha Tau Chapter alumna Kelly Harps and husband Jamie Villeneuve of Ottawa, Canada. A little brother for Jace!

Dominique Groulx

Nabanita Giri

Dr. Yael Acre

Suzanne Lee

Pamela Carkeener

Kimberly Thorpe

The birth of Ethan Robert Pare' in Montreal, Canada. Proud parents are Alpha Tau Chapter alumna Karen Belding and husband Denis Pare'. A brother for legacy Kayleigh!

Kelly Harps

Heather Beaton

Suzanne Lee

Grace Lin

Dr. Yael Acre

Dominique Groulx

The lavaliering of Fraya Lynn Hirschberg (Beta 1994).

Christopher Black

Tom and Joyce Smith (Beta Omicron) on their 50th wedding anniversary!

Judy Dyckman

Puget Sound Alumnae Chapter achieving Diamond Circle of Excellence for 2007.

Gigi Eyre

Kathy Sargent Steinle's birthday and 25 years of friendship! Here's to another 25 years of friendship! Happy Birthday my dear friend and pledge sister!

Lorraine Henson

L'Cena Rice's service as chair of the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

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The birth of Morgan Emily Retterer on October 28, 2007, second daughter of Trinh Le Cong and husband Jason Retterer.

Balboa Harbor Alumnae

Chapter

The initiation of my daughter, Norah Isbister, at Alpha Alpha Chapter.

Anne Layton

The Delta Tau collegians who helped Epsilon Tau have such a successful recruitment.

Anne Layton

The amazing women on the Beta Kappa Advisory Board: Anne Wolf, Ashley Morawitz, Danica Cullins, Donna Blatt, Donna Goyette, Judy O'Neill, Kim Bailey, Lisa Procknow, Liz Flint, Megan Nonno, Nicole Pedron, Rachael Petersen and Rachel Priddy Ohlschlager. Thank you for a wonderful year!

Betsy Reynolds

Ginger Joy, Beta Kappa regional coordinator. I'm lucky to have you as BK's RC and even more lucky to have you as a sister!

Betsy Reynolds

Sashaun Wood and CJ Ehmann. You are great Beta Kappas and will be outstanding CLCs! Congratulations!!

Betsy Reynolds

The birth of Brennan Slaughter to Kristen and Blake Slaughter. Congratulations!

Melinda Sutton

A significant birthday for Betty Baldessari Sokol (Beta Lambda '49). May you enjoy many more wonderful, productive years, Betty! Happy Birthday!

Joe and Maria DeMaggio Cioffi

The installation of the Zeta Chi Chapter at Texas Christian University.

Nancy Enright

My little sis, Amy Garwood, for becoming a CLC. I am so proud of you!

Megan Juffer

The International Headquarters staff for all their help this year while I was president of Denver Area Panhellenic.

Leigh Ann Kudloff

Denver alumnae of Gamma Phi Beta for all of their love and support while I served as president of Denver Area Panhellenic.

Leigh Ann Kudloff

Linda Lyons Malony's nomination as International President.

Greater Kansas City Alumnae

Chapter

The Rochester Alumnae Chapter for the wonderful support that they have given us!

Epsilon Tau Chapter

Commemorate the special events in your life and the lives of your sisters by making an In Celebration gift to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation!

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 Gamma Pi new member class, fall 2000
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Remember your sisters and loved ones who have passed away with a memorial gift to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.

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A badge should never be sold through any means.

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Those Girls

By Mikell Frost (Arizona State)

"Who are those girls?" someone would ask.
They are the girls who shared my past.

They are those precious girls I'd found
To love and wrap my life around.

They knew my address, mom and dad,
The pets I loved, the dreams I had;

When boy kissed girl, and hearts were won;
When candles passed and songs were sung.

They helped me study, cut my hair,
Loaned me their favorite clothes to wear.

Those girls! Why have I been so blessed
With friends who gave me all their best?

They held me when my dreams grew dim,
And gave me strength to dream again.

And when this grand adventure's done,
I'll ask the Lord for favor one.

When angel songs around me swirl
At heaven's gate I'll find those girls.

Crescent Catchers

Location: Italy

Part 1

By Jo Ann Nelson (Florida State)

During a visit to Sicily in November 2007, I was window shopping in Taromina when I spotted some jewelry that looked very familiar. It was a Gamma Phi Beta badge displayed upside down with an Alpha Beta guard. After inspecting the badge and finding the initiation date and name, I went through a long price negotiation with the store owner. Communicating was difficult because of the language barrier (I don't speak Italian). I finally bought the badge hoping that I could find the rightful owner.

Part 2

By Gay Shemorry Williamson (University of North Dakota)

About 15 years ago while living in Oneonta, New York, we had a burglary and several items were taken from my dresser drawer, including my Gamma Phi Beta badge. A report was filed with the police and insurance company and an ad was placed in the local newspaper, but for all of these years I just assumed I would never see any of the things that were taken. Every time I received *The Crescent*, I considered ordering a new badge, but never did since a new one could never replace the original.

At our Gamma Phi reunion last spring I mentioned that my badge had been stolen. When I received an email from Jo Ann Nelson I just thought it was someone playing a joke on me. However, since I didn't know Jo Ann and since it was entirely possible that what she was telling me was true, I emailed her back. When we spoke on the telephone, I knew that she had found my badge.

I'm so grateful to Jo Ann for taking the time and money to purchase the badge from the shop in Sicily, of all places, and for going to so much effort to find me. Thank you to everyone who helped return my badge after all these years.



In October of 2007, Beta Kappa alumnae (Arizona State) celebrated 50 years of sisterhood. Highlights of the two-day excursion to Balboa Island included dinner and a sunset sail.

Dear Sisters,

I hope you enjoyed this issue of *The Crescent* as you relax and refresh this summer! As your new editor, my desire is for our magazine to truly represent our sisterhood. I'm inviting you to take a more active role in producing *The Crescent*—your articles, your interests, your photos, your poems, and other submissions will find a home here on these pages in future issues.

Are you a budding journalist or writer? Is photography your hobby or career goal? This is your chance to have published material for those future job interviews. Even if these are not your specialties but you have a passion for a particular topic, send it in for consideration.

I'll be watching my in-box: TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org. The deadline for our winter issue is October 1, 2008.

Happy relaxing!

In IIKE,

Mimi
Mimi McMann
Editor, *The Crescent*



*Above: Check out the hair!
Me in 1992, just after
I graduated, visiting IH
on vacation.*

About Me

One thing I love about this job is getting to know the wonderful, amazing women who make up our sisterhood. While I don't claim to be wonderful or amazing, I'd like us to get to know each other. Hopefully, we can become friends as well as sisters through these pages. Here's me:

Tami (Mimi) Burch McMann

Hometown: Born in Las Vegas, raised in Bakersfield, CA

Chapter: Delta Phi, California State-Bakersfield (Shout out! Hi!)

Major: Communications, minor in English

Favorite GPB Moment: Passing the candle after my engagement.

Hidden Talent: Scrapbooking

Favorite Motto: "Don't be so busy making a living that you forget to make a life."

Favorite Music Genre: Contemporary Christian

Career Goal: This is it! I love my job at Gamma Phi Beta!

Splurge Item: Monthly facials, ahhhhh

Family: I'm married to a handsome Sigma Pi and we have two beautiful children. Plus two affectionate cats.

Advice for Collegians: College goes by so fast. Have fun with it! And remember the choices you make can have lasting effects.

Surprise! I've worked as an actress in California. More of a hobby than a job, but it was fun and I have great memories.

Call for Submissions*

Winter Issue 2008, deadline October 1, 2008

Circulation: 10,000 collegians and
85,000 alumnae

- Original articles about Greek life on campus
- Fresh perspectives on general women's issues with a Gamma Phi Beta slant
- Candid (spontaneous) and posed photos showing Gamma Phi Beta pride
- Original poems about sorority life
- Member news, collegiate and alumnae
- Letters to the Editor – Did something in this issue strike a chord with you? What would you like to see in future issues? What are some challenges facing sisters today?
- Alumnae expert articles — Are you an authority on a particular topic of interest to women?
- Capture a Crescent – photos showing you with crescents around the world

Send to TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org or snail mail to International Headquarters, 12737 E. Euclid Drive, Centennial, CO 80111-6445.

*Articles should appeal to the general Sorority membership (both collegians and alumnae) and are subject to editing. Photos should not show cans, bottles, cups or glasses. High resolution images only, or good, old-fashioned photographs. Write a photo caption describing the image and identifying the people.

Capture a Crescent



1. Pat Smith Ronzone, Wendy Brownton Pohlmann, Pat Dolan Dicker, Trudi Brownton Diffnedafer, and Liz McDiarmid Teirnan (San Jose State) found this seashell crescent while on a reunion weekend on Stinson Beach, California
2. Karen Urette (University of Oklahoma) recently "captured" a blue crescent moon in the Hotel California, Todos Santos, Baja, Mexico.
3. Rhenee Reyes (McGill) captured a crescent in a boutique window during her travel in Rome, Italy.
4. Anna Petrocco, Jessi Libbing, and Meagan Fraser (University of Washington) studied abroad in Rome, Italy and found these crescent moons on the floor of Il Duomo in Sienna, Italy.
5. Summer Hill (Morehead State) captured this crescent in a gift shop in downtown Gatlinburg, TN.
6. Volunteer leaders Denise Vollert-Parrotto (Cal State-Fullerton) and Cathy Boudreaux Griffin (Louisiana State) contemplate a yummy chocolate dessert called "Light Side of the Moon" that was topped with white and dark chocolate crescent moons.
7. When staying at the New York, New York Hotel in Las Vegas, Sara Puchon (Northern Arizona) discovered this crescent moon hidden in the tile floor.
8. Katie Jones Brousse, left, and Allison Knox, right, flew from Florida and Alaska to visit fellow Northern Arizona alumna and sister Kit Connolly Rendon in Tubac, AZ.