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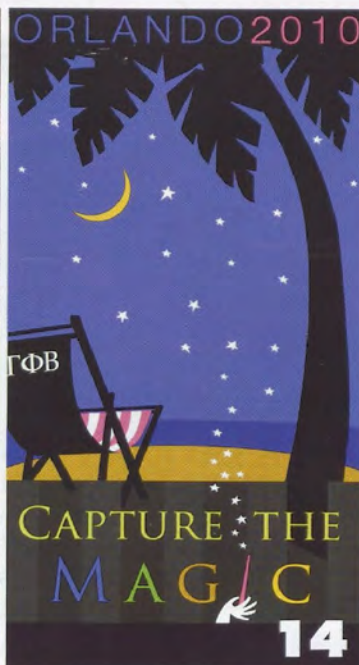
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## Respecting our Heritage, our Ritual and Each Other



Two years before the telephone was patented and less than a decade after America's Civil War, four young women drafted a constitution for a new women's society. This year, on November 11, Gamma Phi Beta – the first women's organization to be known as a "sorority" – celebrates 135 years.

Our Four Founders were trailblazers as female students in a male-dominated society. They did not initially envision that Gamma Phi Beta would extend beyond Syracuse University and withstand the test of time. They hoped to create a formal group to support one another, encourage academic pursuits and develop the highest type of womanhood. Our Founders created our creed, designed insignia and wrote ritual to unify Gamma Phi Beta members as well as honor those founding principles.

Founder Helen M. Dodge wrote: *"Gamma Phi Beta was the child of high ideals, and we who cradled its infancy earnestly sought and fondly anticipated their realization."*

Nowhere did hazing play a part in Gamma Phi Beta's rituals, practices or ideals.

This issue of *The Crescent* features articles about our ritual as well as hazing prevention. You might not expect these topics to be related, but they are intrinsically linked. Our ritual teaches us to respect one another and our heritage; hazing in any form does exactly the opposite. Our ritual binds us in Gamma Phi Beta irrespective of age, alma mater, current residence or profession; hazing defeats this very purpose. Our ritual builds our Sorority and challenges us to live Gamma Phi Beta's Core Values; hazing reduces our stature and compromises our ability to grow as an organization and as individual members.

It is no wonder that for 135 years, Gamma Phi Betas have nurtured the Sorority. Still today – in a world our Founders couldn't possibly have imagined – Gamma Phi Beta supports sisters, stimulates intellectual development and continues to emphasize "the highest type of womanhood." Our programs do not include anything contrary to these values.

Whether you are a new member or pledged long ago, take a moment to reflect on why you remain a member and conscientiously choose to live the values espoused by Gamma Phi Beta for 135 years. And as you celebrate Founders Day in 2009, honestly answer "Yes!" when you wonder whether our Founders would be proud of the organization they carefully cradled in the 19th century. We are their legacy.

In IIKE,

Linda Lyons Malony  
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## Camp Memories

It was great fun to see the camping article (Summer 2009) and know the history of camping in Colorado, Greta Weston and Crystal Lake are not forgotten. I'm sure this article has stirred memories for the former Colorado Camp Board and the collegians who served as counselors, as it has for me. It was a rewarding time for Denver alumnae. Thanks for keeping the Colorado Camp memories alive. – Marjory Mills Shupert (Colorado State)

## Surprised Sisters

I was in Jerusalem, wearing my favorite Gamma Phi Beta hoodie at the "Wailing Wall." A woman tapped me and exclaimed, "You're a Gamma Phi Beta?! I am too!" She gave me the secret grip and we hugged with surprised happiness. Meeting this sister warmed my heart, thousands of miles from home. – Miriam "Mimi" Olin (Colorado-Boulder)

## Page Turner

The new magazine format is great. Its layout and contents are much

more interesting. In fact, it's nearly impossible for me when I come in from the mailbox, not to sit right down and read through — page by page, cover to cover! I wonder if you might consider clarifying for us readers, in the "In Memory" article (Summer 2009), is the date after the sister's name her birth date (hardly), graduation year or initiation date? – Joan Noble Houghton (Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

*Editor: The date refers to the sister's initiation year, a fact that is now indicated on the In Memory and Memorial Gifts pages. Thanks, Joan!*

## Vintage Flat Irons

Regarding "Vintage Gamma Phi Beta" (Summer 2009), in the 1940s at Iowa State College, sisters with naturally curly hair "naturally" wished it straight according to current style. We would get assistance from a sister at the ironing board to iron out the "kinks." – Mary Burkhart Wagner (Iowa State)

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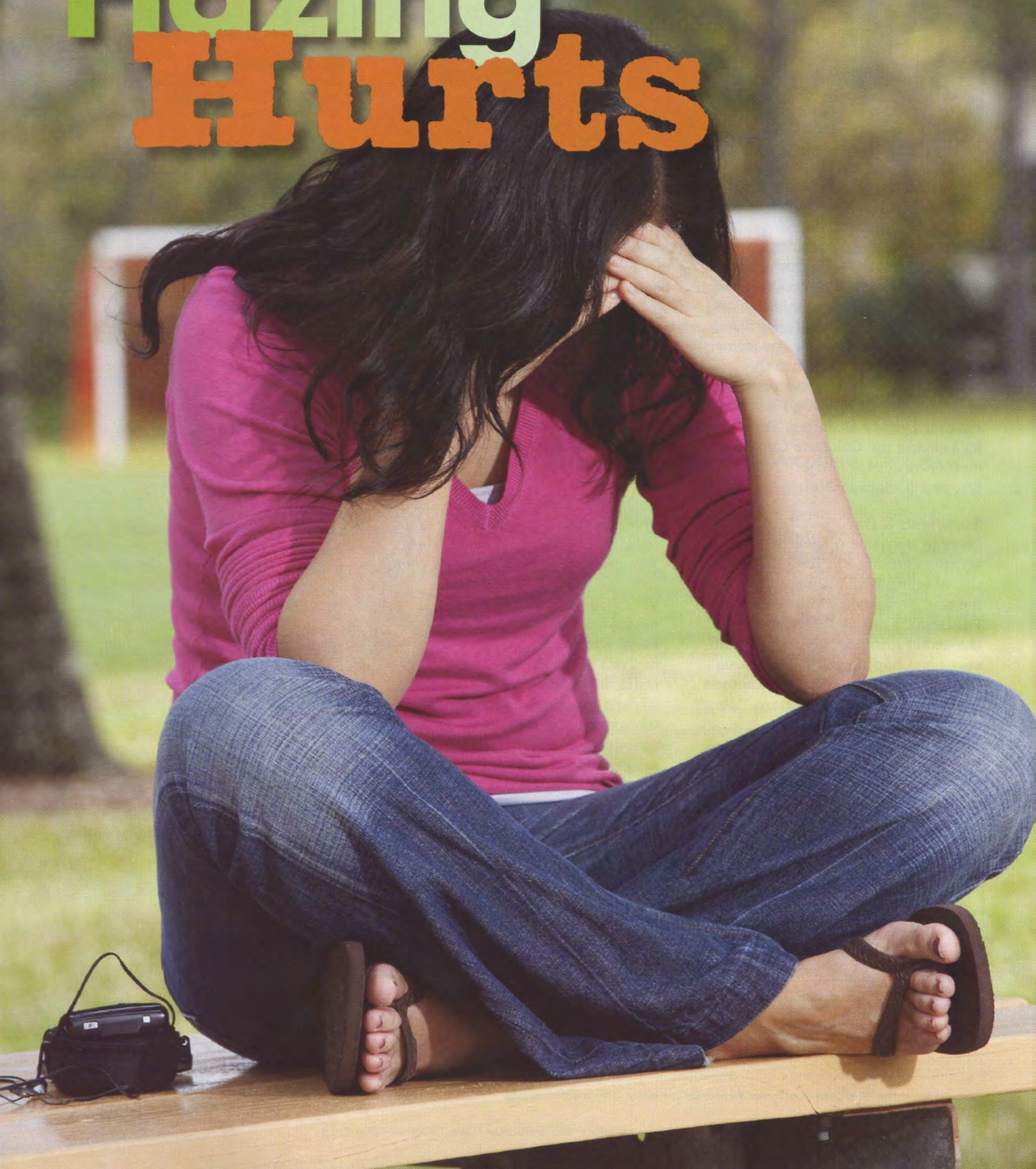
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# Hazing Hurts





## Every Panhellenic sorority decries the practice of hazing.

### What is Gamma Phi Beta doing to bring an end to harmful traditions?

Following National Hazing Prevention Week (September 21-25), Gamma Phi Beta's crescent continues to shine her light on anti-hazing education.

The Sorority has taken a leadership position against any activities that promote hazing, teaming up with other interfraternal organizations to develop three great resources that educate and influence collegians about the hazards of hazing:

- A toll-free hotline takes anonymous reports of suspected hazing incidents. Callers to (888) NOT-HAZE or (888) 668-4293 are connected with a voice-mail service at the law firm that publishes "Fraternal Law," a newsletter chronicling legal issues involving fraternities, sororities and higher education. The law firm alerts the appropriate fraternity or sorority and will notify the authorities if required by law. Gamma Phi Beta is a founding sponsor of the hotline and encourages members to report any concerns.
- Gamma Phi Beta supported the development of "ResponseAbility," a video created by the Greek Video

Consortium that helps men and women develop understanding, skills and positive group behavior to eradicate hazing. This includes educating bystanders and witnesses.

- Gamma Phi Beta is a financial supporter of [www.HazingPrevention.org](http://www.HazingPrevention.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to ending practices of hazing through comprehensive educational efforts.

"Gamma Phi Beta Sorority has informed parents of new members about the Hazing Hotline and sent important tools to all of our collegiate chapters," says International President Linda Lyons Malony. "Our organization does not condone hazing in any form."

With these valuable resources in place, chapters across North America hold the key to preventing and eliminating hazing on their campuses.

### Hazing's History

Sources such as publications and Web sites agree that the roots of hazing grew in Europe from two similar

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Some think "harmless" hazing activities benefit a new member class. Others feel new members have to earn acceptance by participating in certain chapter traditions. They may want to get revenge for hazing they endured by requiring younger members to do the same, or worse, activities. They may be bullies looking for a victim to harass.

In fact, hazing and bullying are a lot alike. Both involve power dynamics, intimidation and making others feel inferior.\* Unfortunately, and often with disastrous results, victims feel that humiliation, emotional harm or physical abuse (including excessive or illegal alcohol consumption) is mandatory or a rite of passage.

If you're not sure what hazing looks like, ask yourself some questions:\*

- Would I be ashamed if my parents were watching me participate in this activity?
- Would I get in trouble if the Dean of Students walked by?
- Am I being asked to keep these activities a secret?
- Am I doing anything illegal?
- Does participation violate my values or those of my organization?
- Is it causing emotional distress or stress of any kind to me or others?

\* 2003, Chapter Communications. [www.HazingPrevention.org](http://www.HazingPrevention.org). 8-10-09.

**If any answer is "yes," please anonymously call the toll-free Hazing Hotline (888-NOT-HAZE or 888.668.4293). Tell a trusted adult who can help. Is someone you know suffering? Report it for her or him. It takes courage to do the right thing. But life is too short not to.**

**[www.HazingPrevention.org](http://www.HazingPrevention.org)**



forms of rite-of-passage practices: penalism and fagging.

**Penalism** dates back to the Middle Ages and was practiced at universities throughout Europe. The basic idea was that a newcomer to a university was an untutored, uncivilized man who must be refined. To teach him socially acceptable behavior, he was subjected to dressing strangely, physical abuse, jokes and extortion. The practice was recognized as dangerous; as the medieval period ended and the modern industrial era began, penalism was abolished in the 1700s.

**Fagging** was strictly an English practice found in aristocratic prep schools in the 1770s. Also a form of shaping newcomers, fagging was justified as a means to humility and proper behavior. Each upperclassman selected a freshman "fag" to run errands and clean living quarters. Freshmen were subjected to physical punishment and verbal abuse, which often led to permanent injuries, deaths and suicides. Fagging reached its high point in the nineteenth century, but later disappeared.



**Hazing** is regarded as an American word and practice that became prominent only after 1850. It stressed horseplay and pranks as opposed to personal service, and it was erratic and occasional, rather than an everyday occurrence. However, hazing could also turn violent, producing injuries and deaths.

By the 1880s a strong anti-hazing reaction took place in the United States. Opposition was two-fold: first, hazing seemed too imitative of European practices; second, it was considered a step backward at a

Let's  
commit to linking  
our members  
together through  
positive,  
encouraging  
and uplifting  
means.

time when moral reform and Progressivism were admired. But despite opposition, hazing spread rapidly without university intervention until the 1940s.

## Today's Culture

Gamma Phi Beta defines hazing as *any action or situation created to intentionally cause embarrassment, harassment or ridicule, or risks emotional or physical harm to a member, regardless of her voluntary participation.*

According to [www.HazingPrevention.org](http://www.HazingPrevention.org), two out of every five college students report they are aware of campus hazing, and more than one in five students report they have witnessed hazing personally. In a published statement, Linda Malony encouraged every member to take a role in hazing prevention: "Hazing can only be eliminated through persistence and dedication toward positive change."

Many chapters report successful efforts to conform to the international policy on hazing.

"Psi Chapter goes above and beyond to make sure none of our women participate in hazing as well as helping inform and educate others within the community about its dangers and ways to prevent it," says Chapter President Jackie Schultz (Oklahoma). "We work very hard to create a fun and exciting new member program and initiation that promotes our four values of sisterhood."

Epsilon Nu Chapter President Shana Makos (Chapman) says, "I've been a Gamma Phi Beta for three years, and never have I felt pressured to do something I didn't want to do or witnessed anything remotely close to hazing. In my opinion, seeing real life examples of hazing is the most effective hazing prevention tool."

*The author acknowledges the work of hazing expert Hank Nuwer in researching this article. For more about hazing, please refer to his books *Wrongs of Passage: Fraternities, Sororities, Hazing, and Binge Drinking* and *Broken Pledges: The Deadly Rite of Hazing*.*





# Sorority 101

By Lindsey Cooper McDaniel (California-Santa Barbara)  
Adapted by Mimi Burch McMann, Editor



**B**eing a sorority woman has frustrated me at times, made me proud and helped me grow into the woman I am today. In my nine years as a Gamma Phi Beta, here are some things I have learned.

## **It's normal to get disappointed.**

If a sister lets you down, it's okay because she is human and no one is perfect. Some experiences will bring you down or challenge you – learn from them and they will make you a stronger person.

## **Membership is not a four-year deal.**

In fact, collegiate years build the foundation for the rest of your sorority experience as you go on to volunteer with Gamma Phi Beta and join an alumnae group. Make it a lifetime commitment.

## **You can have friends outside your chapter.**

In college, my best friends were my chapter sisters. When I got a job traveling around the country for the Sorority, I found friends from other chapters and even friends who (gasp!) belonged to other sororities. Let in everyone you meet; you never know what friendships will develop.

## **Give more and you'll get more.**

How much do you want to get out of your membership? Are you satisfied? Do you want more? What you put in will be given back with time. Guaranteed.

## **You don't need a house to have a home.**

Many times I have heard, "We aren't a real sorority because we don't have a house." A home is made by those who care about you, by memories of special occasions, laughter, love, hugs. Own and be grateful for your experience, because a home truly is what you bring to it.

## **You're receiving training for the real world.**

As a member of your chapter, you have certain responsibilities. Guess what? In the real world, you will also have responsibilities, so use your sorority experience to practice being a grown-up.

## **You pay good money for your best friends.**

When people ask me, "You paid for your friends?" my response is always, "Yep, and I didn't pay nearly enough." You are forever tied to your sisters by memories, tears and laughter. They will always be there for you. Be proud to be part of the sisterhood — you are making a difference in someone's life and in the world.

*Lindsey is a former collegiate leadership consultant who now volunteers for Gamma Phi Beta. This article is based on a speech she gave to Panhellenic sororities at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.*



# FOUNDERS DAY

## RITUAL REVIVAL

By Margaret West Pape (Oklahoma), Sorority Director of Ritual,  
and Mimi Burch McMann, Editor

*"Far too seldom in this work-a-day world are we brought face to face with the **beauty of symbolism**, and fortunate are those who, in their fraternal organizations, have the opportunity to love and cherish these things."*

— Past Grand President Carrie E. Morgan (Wisconsin-Madison), 1927

**T**he beauty of symbolism. Think on that phrase for a moment while you recall the initiation ceremony that welcomed you into our sisterhood.

Like every Greek organization, Gamma Phi Beta has certain traditions and ceremonies that are unique to our membership. The secret knowledge of our ritual (symbols and ways only enjoyed by initiated members) is what sets us apart from other groups and ties us to the same ideals and shared experiences.

What role does ritual play in your life today? Founders Day is a great time to think about your answer.

### Value it

Just as you wouldn't trample on your country's flag or vandalize a gravesite, holding our ritual in high regard shows reverence for what it symbolizes: our values, our Four Founders and members of our past, present and future.

Whether you come from a small chapter or a large one, a thriving Greek community or one that struggled, a chapter with a house or not, sharing our ritual is the one thing that every member has experienced in the same way. Ritual is the common thread that connects our members to one another.

### Appreciate it

Our ritual as we know it today was finalized in 1927 and performed at Convention as a model (*The Crescent*, September 1927). We continue that custom today, initiating women at Convention in a flawless demonstration of our cherished ceremony. In this way, we honor our traditions and acknowledge the history and meaning of our organization.

Passing down ritual traditions is something like playing the "Telephone" game, where players whisper a message from person to person while attempting to



keep the meaning intact. What you do in your ritual will be mimicked by the next group and so on. If you accurately and respectfully perform ritual, you'll teach respect to the next generation.

The opposite is true as well. If you trivialize or ridicule ritual, its importance is diminished generation by generation.

### Enjoy it

The most important part of performing ritual may be in the preparation, so don't wait until the night before to organize, memorize and practice. The new ritual music CD will help you learn the songs; if a sister has musical talent, ask her to help in this area. A beautifully performed musical element will add meaning and significance to your ceremony. Don't overlook it.





Participating in ritual is a privilege of membership. Each member should approach ritual ceremonies respectfully and appropriately dressed. Disrupting the solemnity of the occasion should never be tolerated.

### Participate in it

As alumnae, our responsibility to uphold the significance of ritual continues. Through local collegiate chapters, there are many ways to maintain this connection with our sisterhood.

- Serve as ritual advisor.
- Offer to help collegians practice ritual.
- Say “yes” if asked to join the choir or participate in the ceremonies.
- Assist in making, repairing or pressing ritual attire.
- Donate toward the purchase of any needed supplies.

By being proactively involved with ritual, you are a living example of lifetime commitment. Your loyalty may inspire collegians to perfect their performance, passing on the beauty of symbolism to a brand new generation of members.

## WHAT’S MY JOB?

Your ritual chair is the catalyst to your chapter’s ritual revival. Empower her to:

- Know the ceremonies inside and out.
- Educate your members.
- Keep your supplies in good condition, ordering replacements from International Headquarters when necessary.
- Recruit help if she needs it.
- Inspire others to develop a deep appreciation for tradition.
- Convey the honor of performing ritual and passing on tradition.
- Have a workshop following initiation to explain and review ritual to new members.
- Contact the Sorority director of ritual at [margaret@dapape.com](mailto:margaret@dapape.com) with any questions or needs.



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AND SO TO ALL THAT IS BEST AND TRUEST.  
FOR OUR INITIATION TEACHES US THE BEAUTY OF OUR  
SISTERHOOD AND THE SACREDNESS OF OUR PLEDGE.”

– Carlota Roose (Denver), from *The Crescent*, March 1911



# WHAT GAMMA PHI BETA MEANS

By Christine Boyett Barr  
(Southwest Texas State)

I find myself at a loss for words  
when people say to me,  
“What is it that makes you so fond  
of your sorority?”

It's not the priceless pin of gold  
with pearls I wear with pride,  
It's more the special love I've found  
that I always have inside.

My sisters who are always there,  
whether near or far,  
The thrill I have when I see the moon  
in a sky with brilliant stars.

The bond I have with every girl  
who wears our letters three,  
The knowledge of the tradition great  
that has been passed down to me.

The Creed that has illuminated  
how to live a life of grace,  
The ideals of our founders,  
which transcend time and space.

The deeper meaning shown to me  
of our crest and symbols rare,  
The crescent, the lamp, the book and flowers,  
the brown and mode we wear.

The friendships started in my youth  
which continue to this day,  
The sisters I have yet to meet,  
all who help me on my way.

The knowledge I am a part of something  
which has endured, and will,  
Something to pass down to generations unborn,  
a legacy our hearts will fill.

To those who know the joy divine  
found in our sisterhood,  
No words are needed, none can suffice,  
although I wish they would.

To those who have yet to know  
what a sisterhood can be,  
I wish you love, I wish you all  
that Gamma Phi has meant to me.



## Frances E. Haven Moss: How It All Started

“The first social function I attended in Syracuse was a church oyster supper and there I met . . . two young ladies . . . These young ladies, I learned later, were members of a society called Alpha Phi and an invitation to join the same was soon extended to me. After due deliberation, I thanked them for the honor but declined. I never was so surprised in my life for I found myself entirely out in the cold. Soon I discovered that there were other girls in just the same position. As misery loves company we drifted together and finding each other congenial, the question was broached — ‘Why shall we not found a society of our own!’”

— *The Crescent*, October 1912

## Eunice Adeline Curtis: Founded on a Rock

“Since the rock is the firmest and most enduring substance, able to withstand the ravages of time, and offering the strongest protection, it seemed fitting that Gamma Phi Beta should be thus founded. Protecting, like the rock, those who enter our fold, a sure help in time of need, enduring to the end time — this is the wish for Gamma Phi Beta from one of the founders.”

— *The Crescent*, October 1912



## Mary A. Bingham Willoughby: The ΓΦΒ New Member Pin

“There was no ΓΦΒ sorority to pledge the founders. The honor of wearing the little symbol of loyalty was never theirs, but they possessed something which they would not have exchanged for it — the priceless jewel of sincere friendship and true sisterhood.”

— *The Crescent*, October 1912



## Helen M. Dodge Ferguson: About the Growth of ΓΦΒ

In a letter to Frances: “We each realize the position of the last surviving ‘founder’ will be a trying and difficult one. How little we thought of such things when we organized our beloved sorority. I almost hold my breath as I realize the position which it holds in the world today, but think how we young, unsophisticated girls toiled, and struggled over our marvelous problems. The success of the undertaking is little short of marvelous.”

— as reprinted in *The Crescent*, 1937



Autumn is a time for reflection and giving thanks. As I reflect over the past year, I give thanks for my health and for our Gamma Phi Beta sisterhood!

About a year ago, I listened to my inner self urging me to get a complete physical examination and hold myself accountable for my health. So, I scheduled a physical, including a baseline colonoscopy.

I dreaded the colonoscopy, having heard the horror stories about the cleansing preparations and post-procedure frailty. I had no symptoms but, given a family history of colon disease, knew the procedure was necessary.

As I awakened from the anesthesia, my doctor gave me the good news: no colon cancer. What a huge relief! However, he had found and biopsied

a growth in my small intestine and said surgery to remove the tumor would be necessary.

Biopsy results revealed a carcinoid tumor, a rare growth that can result in serious digestive problems, or worse, if not removed. Further medical tests revealed that a few lymph nodes were also affected and that surgical removal of several inches of my small and large intestines was recommended.

About three weeks later, I underwent a successful surgery and experienced many blessings. The medical professionals involved in my treatment were skilled

and caring, and my recovery was quick. As my one-year post-surgery checkup approaches, I am optimistic about a clean bill of health. I hope that my good fortune, discovering a dangerous medical condition through a routine screening procedure, will inspire others to take action to safeguard their own health.

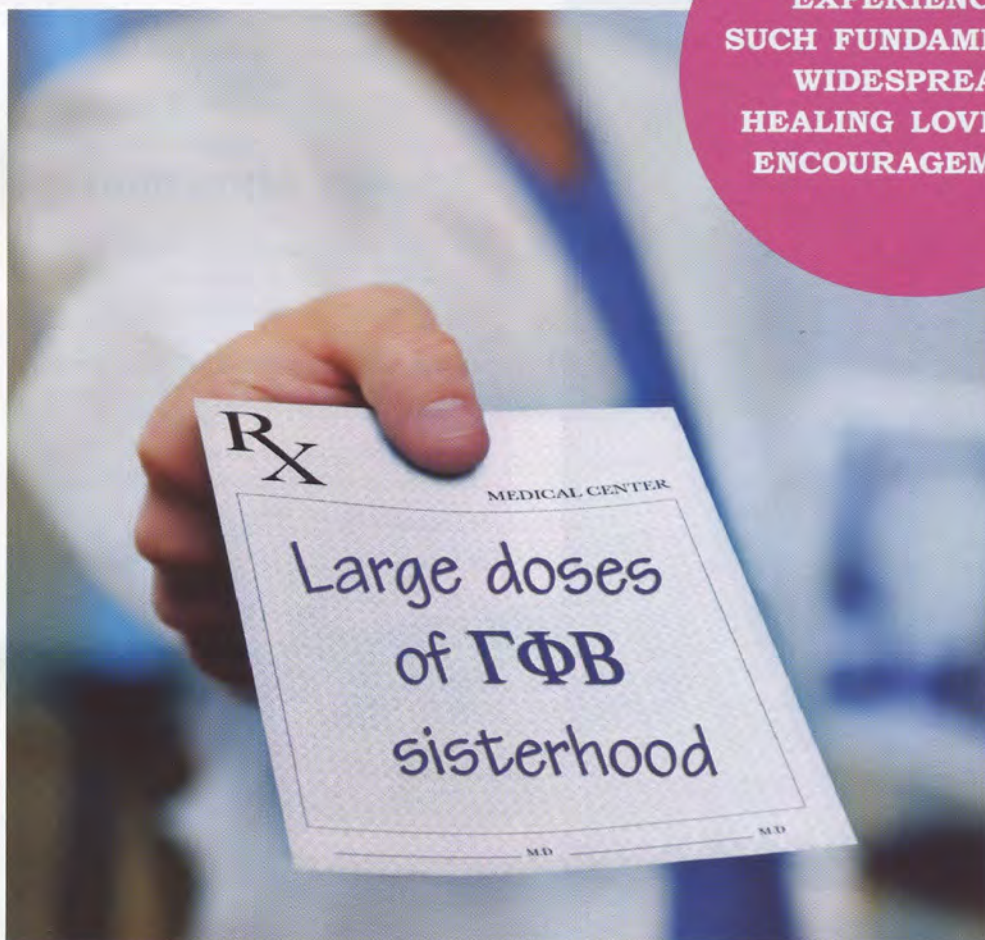
An unexpected blessing during my recovery was the most profound Gamma Phi Beta sisterhood experience of my life. Sorority involvement has enhanced most of my adult life, but I had never before experienced such fundamental, widespread, healing love and encouragement. Sisters from all over North America sent their good wishes. International Headquarters staff members visited daily and brought healthy meals to aid my recovery. Volunteer leaders and area alumnae visited, delivered flowers and gifts and assured me of their prayers. Current and former International Council members, some of whom I have never personally met, sent get-well greetings and gifts.

The sincere care, concern and appreciation expressed by so many Gamma Phi Beta sisters brought me back to a fundamental truth – I owe a debt of gratitude to our Four Founders and to all who have passed along the precious gift of Gamma Phi Beta sisterhood. My recovery was speeded by the love, support and prayers of my sisters. I will never again take for granted the beautiful, supportive strength of our sisterhood.

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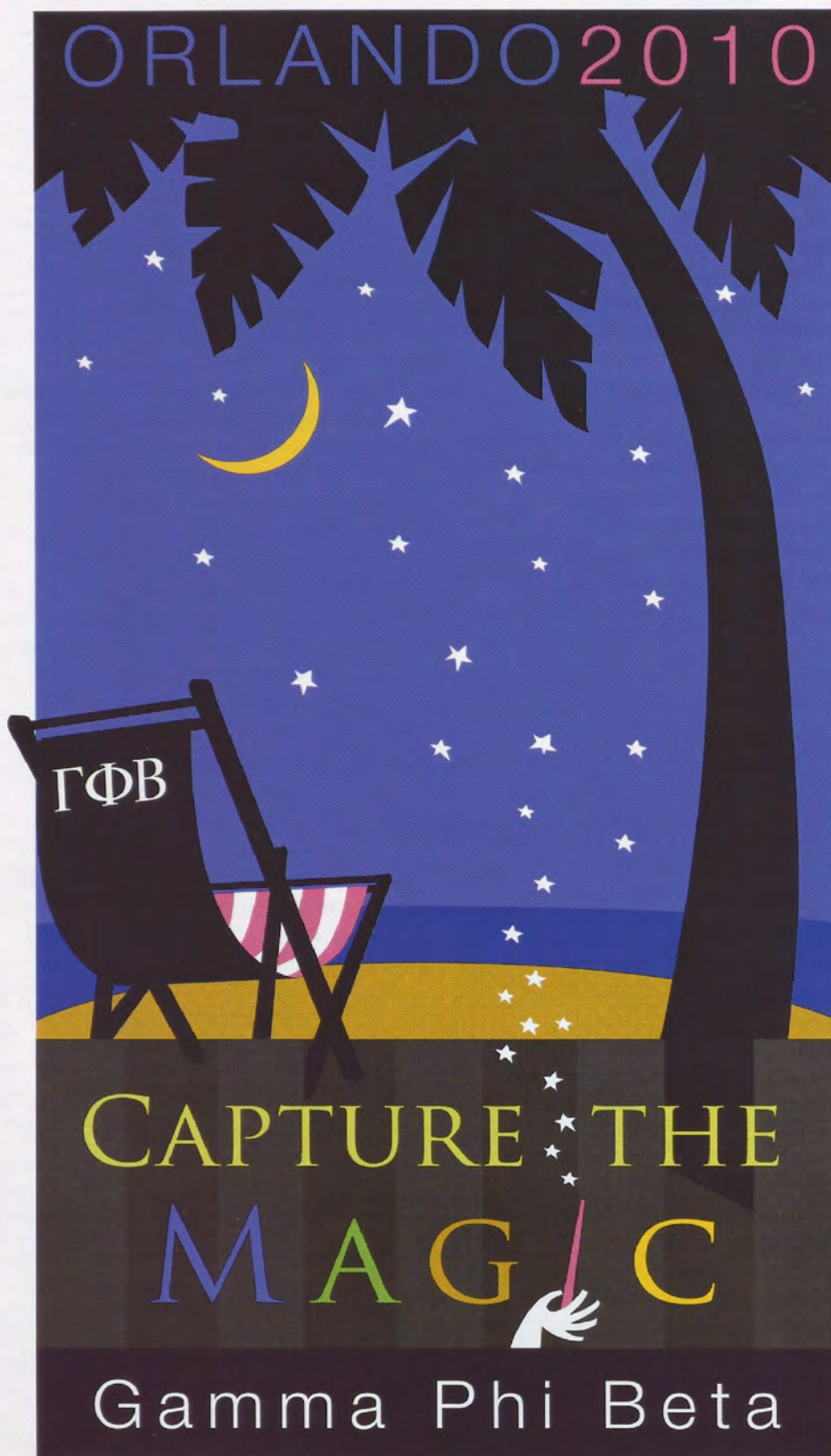
Patricia M. Crowley (Northwestern)  
Executive Director

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# CAPTURE THE MAGIC Convention 2010



**June 23-27, 2010**

Meet up with old friends, make new ones — share the experience of Convention.

Join us in Orlando to *Capture the Magic* of Gamma Phi Beta!

The Hilton, located in the Walt Disney World® Resort



## Orlando Attractions

More than 800 members enjoyed Convention 2008 in Cincinnati. Plan now to be part of Convention 2010!

Orlando is world famous for its attractions — as a Convention attendee, you'll be tempted to extend your trip to take advantage of prominent destinations like the ones listed here!

- ★ Disney's Magic Kingdom®
- ★ Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park
- ★ Disney's Hollywood Studios™
- ★ Disney's Epcot®
- ★ Disney's Typhoon Lagoon® Water Park
- ★ Universal Studios
- ★ Sea World
- ★ Cocoa Beach
- ★ Kennedy Space Center





## Volunteers Needed!

Can you give some time to the local Convention committee? If you are interested in volunteering in Orlando, Jane Todd, volunteer coordinator, would love to put you to work! Send your name, address, e-mail address and phone number to [jane.todd@comcast.net](mailto:jane.todd@comcast.net) and rank your top three assignments:

- ★ Airport Greeter
- ★ Bus Transportation Hostess  
(answering questions about Orlando en route to the hotel)
- ★ Convention Registration Desk Clerk
- ★ Event Staff (setting up and taking down table decorations)
- ★ Hospitality Room Attendant
- ★ Boutique Saleswoman
- ★ Foundation Room Assistant

## Schedule Highlights

### Wednesday, June 23

- ★ Arrival & Registration
- ★ Volunteer Leader Training
- ★ Welcome Dinner
- ★ Business Session

### Thursday, June 24

- ★ Business Session
- ★ Workshops
- ★ Confirmed Conventioneers Dinner
- ★ 2nd Annual Crescent Classic Walk

### Friday, June 25

- ★ Business Sessions
- ★ Awards Luncheon
- ★ Play Day

### Saturday, June 26

- ★ Business Session
- ★ Foundation's 50th Anniversary Luncheon
- ★ Ritual and Memorial Services
- ★ International Council Reception
- ★ Pink Carnation Banquet

### Sunday, June 27

- ★ Departure



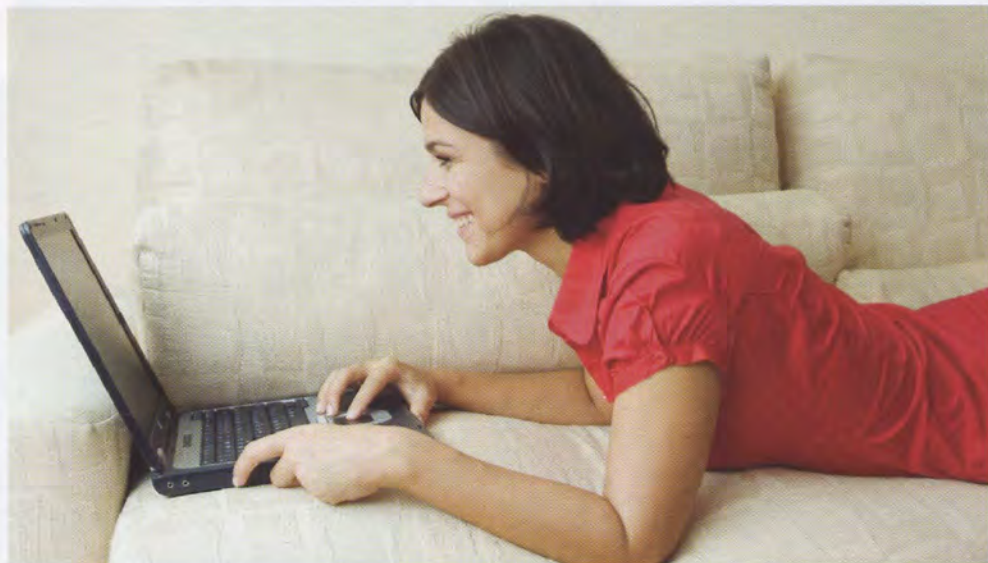


## Sorority Funds e-Training for Volunteers

**INDIANAPOLIS** — A generous gift from Gamma Phi Beta Sorority has funded initial development of the National Panhellenic Conference's new online training curriculum, benefitting hundreds of volunteer leaders who serve NPC's 26 member sororities.

"Today's volunteers are busier than ever, and online training makes sense—not only in making it available to suit anyone's schedule, but also in standardizing content," says Julie Burkhard, NPC chairman.

Gamma Phi Beta's 2007 online training gift honored longtime NPC volunteer Betty Ahlemeyer Quick (Indiana). Development is now underway with The Leadership Institute-Women with Purpose,



Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides educational programming to develop leadership skills in women.

As women's lives have become more demanding, the future of leadership training is online course development. NPC's curriculum will include various learning tools including segmented discussion boards, videos and learning games. Gamma Phi Beta International President Linda Malony believes

NPC will benefit tremendously from this next phase of modernized training.

"The key is to empower volunteers with information, responsibility and accountability," she says.



Joanne Aresty (Emory)

## Scholarships Awarded

Two deserving Panhellenic women were each awarded 2009 Elizabeth Ahlemeyer Quick/Gamma Phi Beta Scholarships: Joanne Aresty (Emory) and Beth Grady, Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority member.

Joanne is a junior majoring in anthropology and human biology with a 3.8 GPA. She has recently served as Panhellenic Affairs vice president for her chapter, Zeta Tau. "I hope that I can uphold the values of Ms. Quick and represent this honor well," Joanne says. "I cannot express enough my gratitude for this award from the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation."

Beth was selected by National Panhellenic Conference Foundation to receive her scholarship. She is a senior at the College of William & Mary and the 2008 Panhellenic vice president of development.

## Winners Accept Panhellenic Honors

The 20th annual Gamma Phi Beta Panhellenic Awards were recently presented to three college Panhellenics that successfully planned and implemented public relations programs to enhance the Greek image. Each received a \$250 grant and award certificate.

- Montana State University (Western Region Greek Association)
- William & Mary University (Southeastern Panhellenic Conference)
- Missouri State University (Mid-American Greek Council Association)



# Trained to Lead

Chapter presidents and advisors refreshed their leadership skills at The Academy, held in July. With workshops designed to help members identify and enhance their leadership strengths, participants were equipped to lead with purpose and integrity. The women returned to their campuses motivated toward all-around chapter success, bringing along new ideas, tools and activities to jump-start the new school year.

Universally, participants felt meeting other members and sharing ideas, challenges and successes was an essential part of The Academy. Here are some of their comments:

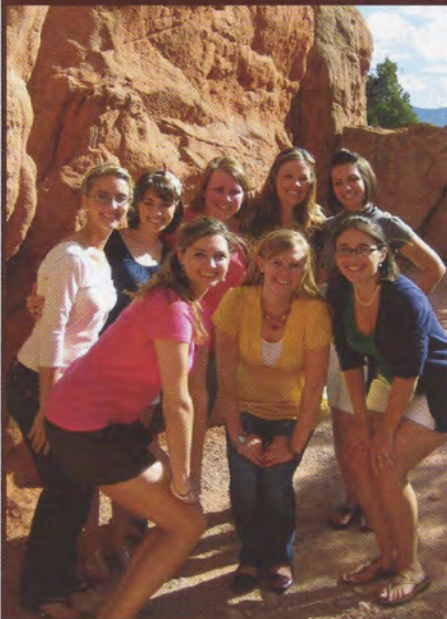
- "I feel empowered, supported and ready to go back and help write a plan."
- "I realized that comparatively my chapter is very strong, also that I'm not alone in what I go through."
- "I loved meeting other presidents, advisors and International Council."
- "The roundtable discussions with other presidents was where I learned the most."



"IT WAS GREAT TO NETWORK AND GET REJUVENATED ABOUT GAMMA PHI BETA AND THE IMPACT I CAN HAVE."



## TRAVEL WITH ΓΦΒ



Each year, Gamma Phi Beta hires 8-12 recent graduates to visit and support our collegiate chapters throughout North America. The search is on for the 2010-2011 team of collegiate leadership consultants; if you're interested, apply now!

### APPLY!

[www.gammaphibeta.org](http://www.gammaphibeta.org)  
Applications must be received by January 5.

### QUESTIONS?

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## Alumnae Out and About



Barb Florey White (Wittenberg) brought her big sis Sara Mumford Coleman (Wittenberg) to see the vintage jacket she donated to the Gamma Phi Beta museum. Barb and Sara have stayed close friends since their sorority days in the 1960s.



# ★ Stars, Stripes and

November 11 is both the special day Gamma Phi Beta celebrates its founding and the day sisters who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces are honored: Veterans Day.

*By Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Cele Hoffman Eifert (Southern California), with Mimi Burch McMann, Editor*

**T**here is more than just a calendar connection between Gamma Phi Beta and Veterans Day. In fact, if it weren't for the famous father of two members, our military sisters would have little to celebrate.

Central to the history of both Veterans Day and women serving in branches of the United States military is President Woodrow Wilson, father of members Margaret and Jessie Wilson (Goucher). It was Wilson who proclaimed November 11 Armistice Day, recognizing the unofficial end of World War I. In later years the day would become a legal holiday known as Veterans Day.

## Suffrage

President Wilson was also a key figure in the passage of the 19th Amendment which secured women the right to vote. Winning that fight, known as the Suffrage Movement, would one day give women the opportunity to enlist in the United States military.

Once opposed to the 19th Amendment, Wilson was impressed by the service of more than 30,000 women who served domestically and abroad during the First World War. Helen Scofield (Wisconsin, 1909) and many others volunteered for "canteen service" overseas with the American Red Cross,

feeding traveling troops. Grace Banker Paddock (Barnard, 1912) was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for her work as chief operator of the American Telephone Service in Germany. Helen Ely Charlton (Michigan, 1913) was a Navy yeoman. And in 1917, 22 seniors from Epsilon Chapter (Northwestern) performed YMCA work in France.

Hundreds of women lost their lives in the course of war work. To honor them, Wilson publicly challenged Americans: "We have made partners of the women in this war. Shall we admit them only to a partnership of suffering and sacrifice and toil and not to a partnership of right?" His stirring speech led to the adoption of the 19th Amendment, and the Suffrage Movement was history.

## Separation

Military service opportunities for women opened, but pioneers in the field didn't have it easy. Those like World War II veteran Navy Lieutenant Rosalyn Smith (Vanderbilt, 1931) were almost never recognized or compensated

**CANADIAN  
SISTERS CELEBRATE  
NOVEMBER 11  
AS REMEMBRANCE  
DAY TO RECOGNIZE  
THE END OF WORLD  
WAR I.**



*During World War II, Ann Dingle Woodward (Minnesota-Twin Cities, 1941) was killed in the line of duty while working with the American Red Cross.*



*In 2006, attorney Cynthia Stine Roelle (Pennsylvania State) and Heidi Prechtel Mon (Denver) worked on a contract matter during deployment with the 30th Medical Brigade (Army). Both were later awarded Bronze Stars for meritorious service in Iraq.*



# Crescent Moons ☆



*"When you hear 'The Star Spangled Banner' played in other countries, you feel so proud to be an American," says retired Army Colonel Mary-Pat Klee (Wisconsin), shown receiving a medal in Germany in 1988.*



*At the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, CA, Katie Baker Knight (California Polytechnic State) and other members of 101st Airborne Division learn new skills.*



**"THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AIR FORCE, NOT JUST FLYING PLANES. I GET PAID TO DO MY PASSION. IT IS TRULY REMARKABLE."**

— Air Force band member Julie Fowler Bradley (Wichita State)



fairly. They also faced overt prejudice by their male superiors who conveyed the attitude, "Women aren't soldiers."

Discrimination also took the form of segregation—separate women's branches of the military: the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), WAC (Women's Army Corps) and WAF (Women in the Air Force), among others. It was not until the mid-1970s that women were fully integrated in the armed forces. Even then, there was resistance.

As a young woman in the 1970s, Colonel Lesa Crow Wagner Juday (Drake) thought it was unfair

that only men had to fight in the Vietnam War. She applied to the Air Force Academy but was denied because of her gender. Instead, she was encouraged to try ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps); at the time, there were only three co-ed pilot programs offered at U.S. universities.

"At Drake University, there were three females in the program, and the male cadets hated us," Lesa remembers.

Lesla had to fight to be on the rifle drill team where she endured physical harassment. Following graduation, she went on to a long career in the Air Force

## Beauty and Bravery



Army Major Jeannie Pantan Deakyne (Arizona) is the subject of a new exhibit at the U.S. Army Women's Museum in Fort Lee, VA. "Kevlar and Crowns" profiles

seven American soldiers who have the unique distinction of holding beauty pageant titles during their military service. Jeannie won the titles of Mrs. Texas International 2005 and Mrs. U.S. Beauties 2008. She is currently an assistant professor of military science at the University of Texas at Arlington and deployed twice to Iraq with the First Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, TX. Jeannie has earned numerous service medals, awards and commendations during her 11 years as a soldier, including the Bronze Star.

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Bridget Nestor (California-Irvine) and Callie Cox (Minnesota-Twin Cities) met during space and aeronautical training at the Houston Space Center. Both women are training as medical doctors through the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program.

serving as an instructor at Air War College and personnel officer. She also completed a tour as a foreign exchange officer in Germany after the fall of the Iron Curtain.

### Service

Gamma Phi Beta's Articles of Incorporation (1958) state: "Gamma Phi Beta Sorority is a corporation organized to develop the highest type

of womanhood through education, social life and service to country and humanity."

Taking that objective to heart, members today serve in all branches of the military in every imaginable role: pilots, navigators, doctors,

nurses, intelligence officers, engineers, transportation, supply officers, lawyers, combat planners and more. Gamma Phi Betas in the service agree that the military provides opportunities to travel, meet people from other cultures and develop leadership and organizational skills.

Retired Navy Lieutenant Commander Jane Krabill Todd, R.N. (Vanderbilt) says, "A military career can give women great experiences. Plus, as a Gamma Phi Beta, there are always sisters to connect with wherever you are stationed."

*Retired Lt. Col. Cele Hoffman Eifert is a third generation military officer who served a 22-year career in Air Force intelligence, most of it in special operations on foreign soil.*

## Celebrating the Colonel

1986 Merit Award Recipient Evie Bane



As a child, Mary Evelyn "Evie" Bane (Illinois) wanted to be a singer. Instead, she became a colonel in the United States Marine Corps.

Her adventure started in the early 1950s with the Marine Corps' Reserves. "It was the only profession where women with the same time and experience were paid the same as men," Evie says.

When former President Lyndon B. Johnson was

elected in 1964, Evie was one of the first two women ever nominated to act as military aides during presidential inaugural events. In 1970, she became one of the first female graduates of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA.

She further made military history in 1974 when the Marine Corps began integrating women into the same units as men. For the first time, a female Marine took command of a co-ed unit. That woman was Col. Mary E. Bane, commander of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Trading a singing career for a military career, Evie retired in 1977 after 26 years in the Marine Corps including two years active duty. She works part-time at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, and stays loyal to Gamma Phi Beta through the Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter.

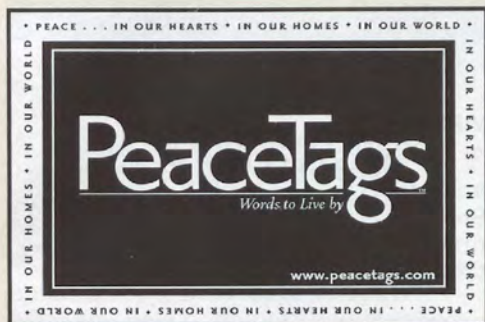
There are many more stories of our military sisters at [www.gammaphibeta.org](http://www.gammaphibeta.org). Read all about them, and fly your flag this Veterans Day in their honor!



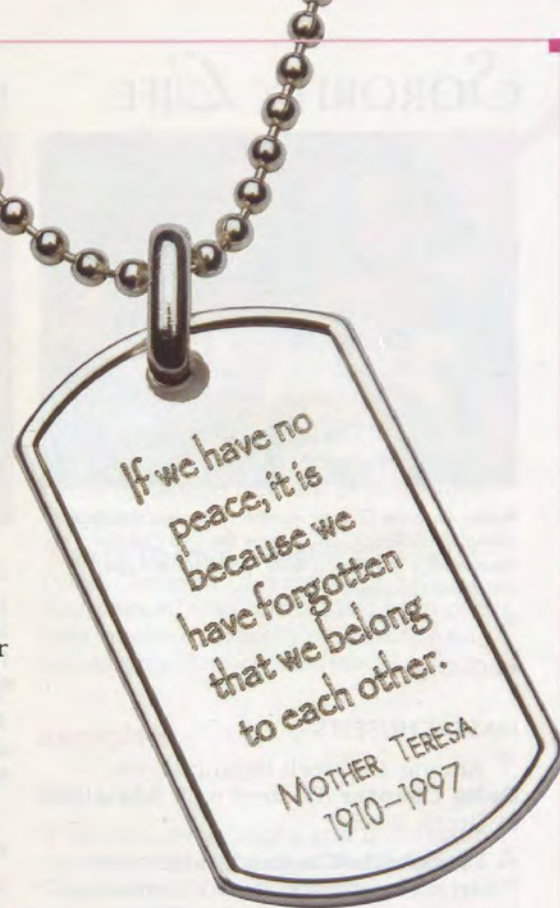
PEACE:

# Wear it, work for it

Inspired by her father's service with the Army in World War II, entrepreneur Fredda Golden (Washington) launched a company to help combat survivors and spread peace to our world.



Her business, PeaceTags®, takes the traditional concept of "dog tags" used to identify deceased soldiers and transforms them into symbols of hope. In an interview with *The Crescent*, Fredda shares her passion to spread messages of peace, one tag at a time.



## What are PeaceTags®?

**Fredda Golden:** Our main product line features beautifully engraved, high-quality sterling silver "dog tags." They feature thoughtful words from the world's greatest peacemakers including Jesus, Albert Einstein, Eleanor Roosevelt, the Dalai Lama and many others.

## What is your company's mission?

**FG:** There are two: help heal the wounds of war (physical, emotional and spiritual) and ignite peace in our hearts, in our homes and in our world. Our goal is to inspire people to think about, talk about and work toward peace in these violent times.

## How are your profits used toward your mission?

**FG:** All net profits are donated to charities that support American veterans, their families and worldwide peace efforts. Last year, we were thrilled to become aligned with the Fisher House Foundation ([www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)). In more than 40 Fisher Houses in the United States, family members stay by the side of their veteran or active duty service person as he or she undergoes lengthy medical treatment and physical therapy.

## Do you have special versions of PeaceTags?

**FG:** Yes! We introduced the "Tri-PeaceTag" with the word "peace" in English, Arabic and Hebrew (Peace, Salaam, Shalom). It is available in stainless steel for only \$29.95.

From time to time we will add limited edition tags featuring quotes by modern day peacemakers and respected celebrities. We have just introduced the PeaceBaby™, a more petite, collectible version of the tags and we have lots of other exciting offerings in the pipeline!

## How can someone order PeaceTags?

**FG:** PeaceTags are primarily sold through our Web site, [www.peacetags.com](http://www.peacetags.com). Every day we hear a new reason why someone gave the gift of peace! Read more about it on our blog, [www.peacetags.blogspot.com](http://www.peacetags.blogspot.com) and join our group on Facebook!

*Editor's Note: I purchased a Peace Tag to honor the memory of a friend and fellow Greek, Army Major Jason George, Sigma Pi Fraternity, who was killed in action in Iraq on May 21, 2009. Rest in peace, JG.*





# SORORITY LIFE



Boston Alumnae Chapter members operated the diaper changing challenge station at the Starlight Children Foundation's Stormazing Race, which raises funds for critically-ill children.

## REGION 1

### MASSACHUSETTS

🏆 Among 19 Greek organizations, **Delta Chapter** (Boston) took first place at Greek Week.

🏆 **Epsilon Eta Chapter** (Bridgewater State) members spent 150 hours in rocking chairs at *Rock-a-Thon* collecting \$1,650 for charity.

🏆 🏆 **Epsilon Phi Chapter** (Bentley) was honored with the Outstanding Chapter Management Award at the school's *Greek Awards Night*. Members also organized several cookie sales to support local Girl Scout troops.

### NEW YORK

🏆 **Delta Tau Chapter's** (Colgate) first *Crescent Classic: Soccer Tournament* scored more than \$2,500 to send underprivileged children to Camp Lookout.

🏆 🏆 Members of **New York City Alumnae Chapter** enjoyed a picnic together in Central Park and volunteered at the *Autism Speaks Walk*.

🏆 **Zeta Mu Chapter** (St. John's) received the Outstanding Sorority Award and won first place during Greek Week competitions.

### ONTARIO

🏆 **Alpha Alpha Chapter** (Toronto) members celebrated the end of the school year with their annual *Carnation Ball*.

🏆 **Greater Toronto Area Crescent Circle** has been organizing festivities for **Alpha Alpha Chapter's** (Toronto) 90th anniversary. Members also welcomed new area alumnae over dessert.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Year-long fundraising efforts enabled **Alpha Upsilon Chapter** (Pennsylvania State) to donate \$125,900 to THON, short for *Pennsylvania State University's IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon*. THON's goal as the world's largest student-run philanthropy is to conquer pediatric cancer. The chapter also sponsored a family whose 11-year-old son Jed suffers from leukemia by providing emotional and financial support throughout the school year.

🏆 **Epsilon Alpha Chapter** (La Salle) participated in the *Red Cross Walk* at Fairmount Park to help fund relief programs across the nation.

🏆 **Philadelphia North Suburban Alumnae Chapter** assembled and delivered study-themed goodie bags for **Epsilon Alpha Chapter** (LaSalle).

## VERMONT

🏆 Members of **Green Mountain Crescent Circle** attended a jewelry making class where they beaded bracelets.

## REGION 2

### SOUTH CAROLINA

🏆 **Myrtle Beach Alumnae Chapter** invited area alumnae to join the chapter's installation celebration.

### NORTH CAROLINA

🏆 Supporting Helpmate, a battered women's shelter, members of **Epsilon Psi Chapter** (North Carolina-Asheville) participated in a *Dorm Storm* to collect food and toiletries.

🏆 After celebrating their first year as a chapter, members of **Asheville Alumnae Chapter** hosted a study break for **Epsilon Psi Chapter** (North Carolina-Asheville).

## TENNESSEE

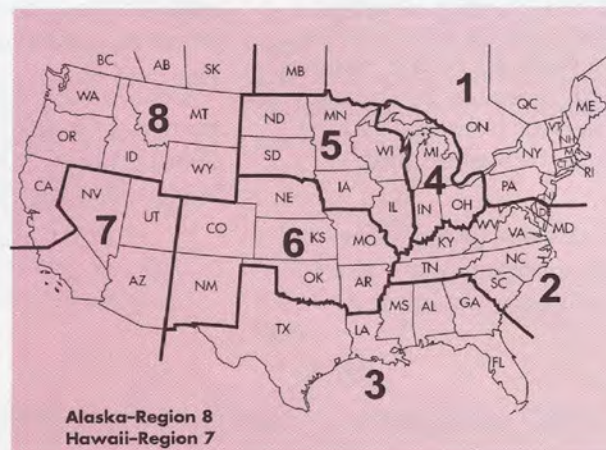
🏆 🏆 **Knoxville Alumnae Chapter** stepped up recruitment efforts to increase its membership and then welcomed its newest members with a cookout and badminton tournament.

## VIRGINIA

🏆 🏆 **Alpha Chi Chapter** (William and Mary) was named Outstanding Sorority of the Year and received numerous awards of excellence at the *Greek Awards Banquet*.



Members of Epsilon Epsilon Chapter (Union) show off their Sorority of the Year Award and other accolades they received from Union College's Greek Awards ceremony.



## Member News is now called Sorority Life!

We've changed the name to better reflect the information included here: sisterhood, philanthropy, leadership, scholarship. Read all about it!

### Symbol Key:

- 🏆 Sisterhood
- 🏆 Philanthropy
- 🏆 Leadership
- 🏆 Scholarship





Toledo Alumnae Chapter members bonded over tea and scones with recent graduates of Beta Gamma Chapter (Bowling Green State) at Clara J's Tea Room.

♥ Members of **Epsilon Pi Chapter** (George Mason) put on their poker faces for *Casino Night*, raising nearly \$3,000 for a children's hospital.

♥ ♣ Combining a social function with philanthropy, **Zeta Beta Chapter** (Virginia) held a *Mother-Daughter Tea* and basket auction, collecting more than \$3,400 for the I Have a Dream Foundation.

## REGION 3

### ALABAMA

♥ Health-conscious members of **Birmingham Alumnae Chapter** held a PACE program led by a representative from the Arthritis Foundation.

♣ **Epsilon Lambda Chapter** (Alabama) hit a homerun for Camp Fletcher with its first *Crescent Classic: Softball Tournament*.

♣ ♡ Raising more than \$10,000, **Gamma Phi Chapter** (Auburn) was honored with the Top Fundraiser Award by Relay for Life.

♥ **Montgomery Alumnae Chapter** members enjoyed a family night at the ballpark, a rooftop pool party and spa day.

### FLORIDA

♣ **Beta Mu Chapter** (Florida State) has been supporting troops overseas by sending letters and small gifts. In appreciation, the troops surprised the chapter with a photo of each sponsored soldier wearing the Gamma Phi Beta heart pins they were given.

♥ 📖 Preserving tradition, members of **Fort Myers Alumnae Chapter** and **Naples Area Alumnae Chapter** met for their annual lunch. Naples Area Alumnae Chapter also awarded its first collegiate scholarship.

♥ Charter members of **Greater Miami Alumnae Chapter** celebrated the chapter's installation.

♥ Indulging in the arts, **Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter** members spent a day at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens.

### GEORGIA

♣ **Delta Upsilon Chapter** (Georgia) broke ground on chapter house renovations. Ticket sales, donations and a raffle helped the chapter raise \$7,500 for Camp Fire USA and UGA Miracle at its *Movie on the Lawn*.

♥ **Zeta Tau Chapter** (Emory) members learned self-defense at a weeklong seminar.

### TEXAS

🏆 **Alpha Xi Chapter** (Southern Methodist) won awards for Panhellenic spirit and community service at the University's *Greek Awards Ceremony*.

♥ **Dallas Alumnae Chapter** held an elegant high tea to recognize outgoing officers and welcome new ones. The chapter also participated in **Alpha Xi Chapter's** (Southern Methodist) *Senior Celebration*.

♥ More than 35 alumnae of **Epsilon Rho Chapter** (Stephen F. Austin State) reunited for a weekend to catch up and reconnect.

♣ 🏆 Members of **Zeta Psi Chapter** (Texas-San Antonio) are Step Show Champions after Greek Week competitions; they also took first place in Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity's Watermelon Bash and raised \$4,000 for Camp Fire USA at their first *Crescent Classic: Moonball Tournament*.

♥ **Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter** members helped initiate three alumnae and new members of **Zeta Chi Chapter** (Texas Christian).

🏆 **Zeta Chi Chapter** (Texas Christian) won first place in Greek Week competitions and launched its official Web site.

🏆 **Gamma Zeta Chapter** (Texas A&M-Commerce) was honored at the *Order of Omega Student Organization Banquet*.

🏆 **Zeta Upsilon Chapter's** (Texas-Tyler) *Crescent Classic: Moonball Tournament* was named Program of the Year at the University's *Student and Leadership Service Awards*.

## REGION 4

### INDIANA

♥ Games, relay races and a costume contest were enjoyed at **Delta Iota Chapter's** (Purdue) sisterhood retreat at Camp Cary.

♥ **Zeta Iota Chapter** (Valparaiso) honored 13 sensational sisters at *Senior Celebration*.

🏆 📖 **Zeta Kappa Chapter** (Southern Indiana) had the highest cumulative GPA among the University's sororities for the entire academic year. The chapter also tied for first in Greek Week competitions.

### OHIO

♥ 🏆 Fifteen members of **Alpha Nu Chapter** (Wittenberg) spent four weeks in Africa, volunteering and learning about the culture of Lesotho.

♥ ♣ With 47 new members, **Beta Epsilon Chapter** (Miami) held its first *Crescent Classic: Cake Decorating Contest*. Members also participated in the University's *Greek Spring Clean* and volunteered at Camp Dayton.

♣ **Dayton Alumnae Chapter** presented a check for \$675 to the local Camp Fire USA council to be used toward camperships at Camp Dayton. Members toured the camp and learned about its services.

🏆 📖 The women of **Lake Erie College Colony** took first place in Greek Week competitions, earned the second highest cumulative GPA on campus and currently hold 60 percent of the positions on the school's Greek Council.



♥ **Beta Gamma Chapter** (Bowling Green State) hosted a reunion for alumnae from the 1990s. The chapter also received university funding for house renovations.

## REGION 5

### ILLINOIS

♥ After forming a book club, **Chicago Alumnae Chapter** invited author Jen Lancaster to discuss her book, *Bitter is the New Black*. The chapter also hosted a networking event for recent graduates of **Epsilon Chapter** (Northwestern).

♥ ♣ **Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter** members gave care packages to collegiate chapters, participated in a local fundraiser and attended a Panhellenic scholarship dinner.

### IOWA

♥ In Seattle, alumnae from **Rho Chapter's** (Iowa) 1968 class celebrated 40 years of sisterhood.

♥ Thirty four alumnae of **Omega Chapter** (Iowa State) reunited in San Antonio to shop, tour the Alamo and visit historic Fredericksburg.

♣ Generating money for Camp Hitaga, members of **Cedar Rapids Alumnae Chapter** grew and sold flowers.

To show their support for a chapter sister with cystic fibrosis, the women of **Omicron Chapter** (Illinois) raised \$1,000 to donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and participated in Great Strides, the national walk event of the Foundation.



*Epsilon Chapter* (Northwestern) members have been actively involved in *GreekBuild*, a collaborative Habitat for Humanity project, by fundraising and providing weekly manual labor.

♣ ♣ More than 300 racers supported **Omega Chapter's** (Iowa State) first *Crescent Classic: Final Stretch 5K*, raising \$2,000 for Camp Fire USA. Of campus Greek organizations, the chapter collected the most money for the University's Dance Marathon.

### WISCONSIN

♥ Members of the newly installed **Appleton Alumnae Chapter** got acquainted with coffee nights, weekend breakfasts and trips to the Farmer's Market.

♣ **Gamma Chapter** (Wisconsin-Madison) placed second in the University's annual musical/variety show, *Humorology*.

♣ **Gamma Rho Chapter** (Wisconsin-Oshkosh) is planning its *Crescent Classic: Softball Tournament and Cookout*.

♥ Members of **Milwaukee Alumnae Chapter** provide support for **Gamma Gamma Chapter** (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) through a mentorship program that pairs an alumna with a new member.

## REGION 6

### COLORADO

♥ **Denver Alumnae Chapter** held its officer transition and executive board retreat at International Headquarters.

♣ **Theta Chapter** (Denver) challenged the Greek community to "capture the crescent" at its *Crescent Classic*, with proceeds benefitting our national philanthropy.

♣ **Tau Chapter's** (Colorado State) *Crescent Classic: Gamma Phiasta* philanthropy event raised \$2,500 for Camp Fire USA.

### KANSAS

♣ **Sigma Chapter** (Kansas) won top awards for performance, female lead and choreography at the campus-wide variety show, *Rock Chalk Revue*.

♣ ♣ **Beta Chi Chapter** (Wichita State) was the champion of intramural softball, soccer and basketball. The chapter also received awards for outstanding academics and Founders Day celebration at the *Greek Awards Banquet*.

♣ **Beta Upsilon Chapter** (Kansas State) was named Panhellenic Sorority of the Year, among other awards, at their *Greek Awards Ceremony*.

### MISSOURI

♣ Hard work paid off for the women of **Alpha Delta Chapter** (Missouri-Columbia) when they improved their semester cumulative chapter GPA by .2.

♣ **St. Louis Alumnae Chapter** raised \$1,100 at Gateway Multiple Sclerosis Society's *Steppin' Out Night Walk*.

♥ **Zeta Delta Chapter** (Southeast Missouri State) members bonded while spending a day at the ballpark.

### NEBRASKA

♣ **Epsilon Delta Chapter** (Creighton) won Greek Chapter of the Year and numerous awards of excellence at the *Greek Awards Ceremony*.

♣ Strike! **Gamma Kappa Chapter** (Nebraska-Kearney) hosted *Crescent Classic: Bowling Classic* to support its local philanthropy, Moxie Angels.

♥ **Omaha Alumnae Chapter** members enjoyed food and drinks at a wine tasting party.



👑 The women of **Pi Chapter** (Nebraska-Lincoln) hosted their annual *Crescent Classic: French Toast Feed* at Beta Theta Pi Fraternity while renovations to their chapter house were being completed, earning \$3,000 for Camp Fire USA.



Kansas City Alumnae Chapter was the sole underwriter of Kids on Ice, an event where children could ice skate and read with Clifford the Big Red Dog.

## OKLAHOMA

👑 Flipping pancakes was a sizzling success for the women of **Beta Psi Chapter** (Oklahoma State), who raised \$8,000 for Camp Fire USA.

👑 **Tulsa Alumnae Chapter** attended *Just Plane Fun-Pullin' for Kids*, a fundraising event for Camp Fire USA where teams competed in a tug-of-war competition against a Boeing 727.

## REGION 7

### ARIZONA

👑 **Beta Omega Chapter** (Northern Arizona) holds the second highest GPA on campus. Members enjoyed sisterhood outings and a milkshake date dash.

### CALIFORNIA

👑 **Beta Alpha Chapter** (Southern California) received numerous accolades at the *Greek Awards Night*, including the President's Award for Overall Excellence; they also won first place in the University's intramural sports competition.

👑 Members of **Beverly-Westwood Alumnae Chapter** had a great time connecting and catching up at a wine tasting event.

👑 **Delta Delta Chapter** (California State-Fullerton) was awarded the Dean's Cup and currently has five members serving on Panhellenic Council. The chapter's *Crescent Classic: Pancake Breakfast* cooked up \$5,000 for Camp Fire USA.

👑 Alumnae of **Delta Phi Chapter** (California-Bakersfield) enjoyed their annual *Golden Girls Party*.

👑 **Delta Theta Chapter** (California Polytechnic State) organized the *Forward for Frances Memorial Walk*, a fundraiser honoring a sister who died and supporting the causes she loved.

👑 **Gamma Eta Chapter** (California State-Long Beach) received an award of appreciation from the local assisted living center for contributing more than 800 volunteer hours to the residents.

👑 **Long Beach Alumnae Chapter** went rock climbing and kayaking at recent sisterhood events and held yard sales to support Gamma Phi Beta scholarship funds and philanthropies.

👑 **Palm Desert Crescent Circle** members toured new features at the Living Desert Zoo.

👑 Members of **Pasadena Alumnae Chapter** threw a surprise baby shower for one sister and enjoyed regular breakfasts, book club meetings and potlucks.

👑 **South Bay Alumnae Chapter** members socialized at a sisterhood get-together and presented their annual donation to a local camp.

👑 **Greater Orange County Alumnae Chapter** held a raffle to benefit Camp Fire USA and took part in the *United Way Walk* at Angel Stadium.

## REGION 8

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

👑 Fundraising efforts enabled **Alpha Lambda Chapter** (British Columbia) to send nine deserving girls to Camp Holiday. The chapter also hosted a brunch for the girls and their families.

### CALIFORNIA

👑 After earning first place in Sigma Chi Fraternity's Derby Days, the women of **Eta Chapter** (California-Berkeley) went on sisterhood outings to Dodgers Stadium and Six Flags Amusement Park.

👑 **Sacramento Valley Alumnae Chapter** recently reactivated and has been on the go with weekend brunches and philanthropic events.

👑 The ladies of **Zeta Gamma Chapter** (Sonoma State) hosted an alumnae brunch and led discussions at a campus-wide event about the repercussions of drinking and driving.

## IDAHO

👑 **Zeta Xi Chapter** (College of Idaho) was named Greek Organization of the Year and took first place in Sigma Chi Fraternity's Derby Days; members also donated profits from their *Old School Nintendo Tournament* to Camp Fire USA.

👑 Among campus sororities, **Xi Chapter** (Idaho) received the most awards at the University's *Greek Awards Banquet*, including honors for scholarship and community service, the Chapter Choice Award and first place in Greek Week.

## OREGON

👑 **Portland Alumnae Chapter** held a garage sale to sponsor their Convention 2010 delegate.

## WASHINGTON

👑 The women of **Lambda Chapter** (Washington) ran a tennis tournament to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, raising \$10,000, and supported the Foundation's walk-a-thon.



Alpha Iota Chapter (California-Los Angeles) members serenade alumnae at the chapter's 85th Tea and Talent Show.



## Members Pedal Cross Country



"This was the day we climbed Trail Ridge in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado," remembers Christina (left). "It is the highest continuous highway in the continental U.S. Emily (right) and I rode together the entire day, and together were able to make it to the top."



"We had a build day in Charlottesville, VA, near the Gamma Phi Beta house, where the wonderful sisters of Zeta Beta Chapter gave us a tour of their house," Christina says (right). "Our build site included working on four houses doing de-construction, installing insulation, hanging drywall, hanging siding and putting up fences."



"This is us at our last stop two miles away from Cannon Beach, Oregon," Christina says (right). "After the miles we put behind us we were all smiles to reach our destination."

Who thinks of summer vacation and decides, "I'm going to bike almost 4,000 miles across the United States to raise money and awareness for affordable housing"? Two Gamma Phi Betas from George Mason University not only thought of the idea, but completed the 10-week trip in July.

Epsilon Pi Chapter member Emily Fink and alumna Christina Fox joined with Bike and Build, a nonprofit organization, to pedal from Virginia to Oregon, stopping along the way to help build houses with

Habitat for Humanity. Each raised \$4,000 to alleviate low-income housing with help from three collegiate chapters: Alpha (Syracuse), Omicron (Illinois) and Epsilon Pi (George Mason).

Christina writes: "This experience has been incredible. Not only were we able to see the U.S. in a unique way by biking 3,865 miles, but we were also able to help seven different affordable housing projects and bring needed awareness to the affordable housing crisis."



## Sorority Leaders Needed for 2010-2012

*The process of electing our international officers begins with you.*



**A**t Convention 2010, delegates will elect international officers for the 2010-2012 biennium, culminating a four-step process that offers the opportunity for every member to have a hand in selecting our leaders. How does this work?

1. Any initiated collegian or alumna may submit Candidate Prospect Form 47e to recommend officers for International Council and the nominating committee. Form 47e is available from International Headquarters or at [www.gammaphibeta.org](http://www.gammaphibeta.org). The deadline is December 15, 2009.
2. Candidates are notified to submit additional information for consideration if interested.
3. When the nominating committee meets in February, members will determine the final slate to be presented at Convention in June. One alumna for each International Council position will be slated and two alumnae from each of six geographical areas will be slated for the next nominating committee.
4. The Convention delegation formally votes to elect Gamma Phi Beta's International Council and the succeeding nominating committee for 2010-2012.

Gamma Phi Beta's success and respected position in the interfraternal world directly relates to the quality of our leadership. Participate in the nominating process and keep our Sorority "on the go" with capable leaders!

### Qualifications for Nominating Committee

The committee is composed of eight members (six alumnae and two collegians). Eligible alumnae candidates are members who:

- Are in good standing;
- Are not currently serving as international officers of the Sorority; and
- Have attended Convention in the past six years.

### It's Up to You

- **Connect** with the Nominating Committee. Submit Candidate Prospect Form 47e by December 15, 2009.
- **Impact** the future of Gamma Phi Beta. Recommend sisters who will make good leaders.
- **Shine.** Exercise your right and responsibility to be part of the leadership selection process.

### DEADLINE

Candidate Prospect Forms are due by **December 15, 2009**, to Phyllis Choat, International Nominating Committee Chair, 2116 South 113 Avenue, Omaha, NE 68144.



THE SECRET IS OUT:

## Live to Be 100

**Four Gamma Phi Beta golden girls know how to live a long, quality life.**

**W**hen it comes to getting old, let's face it, we want to feel good, look good and live a long, healthy life.

The Fountain of Youth may be a myth, but with the nearly daily advances in medicine and health care, reaching the century mark has become an attainable goal. By the year

2050, scientists predict America will be home to more than one million residents age 100 plus (pbs.org).

Keep reading for inspiration from centenarians Joyce Saunders (Oklahoma), Betty Krebs Payne (Oklahoma), Edna Carlson Gord (Iowa State) and Ilene Doop Koehn (Iowa), who share their prescription for long life.

### Stay Active

At 100 years, Joyce recommends her anti-aging strategy: keep fit by always being on the go. This retired assistant principal and Tulsa

Panhellenic's Woman of the Year has visited 48 states and ventured overseas more than 20 times, exploring Western and Eastern Europe, South Africa, Asia and South America.

In 1992, a broken right hip threatened her active lifestyle; however, she gained renewed energy and strength through physical therapy.

"I didn't want to pass the day in a rocking chair," Joyce says. "The exercises didn't take much time, but they were very effective; I felt stronger and healthier after each session." Since age 83, Joyce has included a light workout regimen in her daily routine, proving it's never too late to adopt healthy habits.

Studies support Joyce's theory that exercise is all-around good. It makes your heart stronger by pumping more blood with less effort, increases endorphins, lowers cholesterol and blood pressure, prevents and controls diabetes, strengthens bones and muscles and controls weight. A study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine showed that participants who had moderate exercise routines (15-30 minutes daily) lived up to 4.7 years longer than their inactive counterparts.



As Tulsa Alumnae Chapter's oldest member, Joyce Saunders (Oklahoma) celebrated her 100th birthday with the chapter's newest legacy, baby Lauren, daughter of Shannon Ragsdale Muret (Oklahoma State).



## Be Optimistic

"There is power in a positive attitude," according to Betty, 100. As the unofficial founder of Meals on Wheels in Tulsa, OK, she selflessly delivered home cooked meals to elderly or disabled people in her community for nearly 20 years. "It always kept my spirits up knowing that I was helping others," Betty says.

If you always see the glass as half full, you're on the right track to long life. Mayo Clinic research shows that people with a positive outlook typically live 19 percent longer than pessimists.

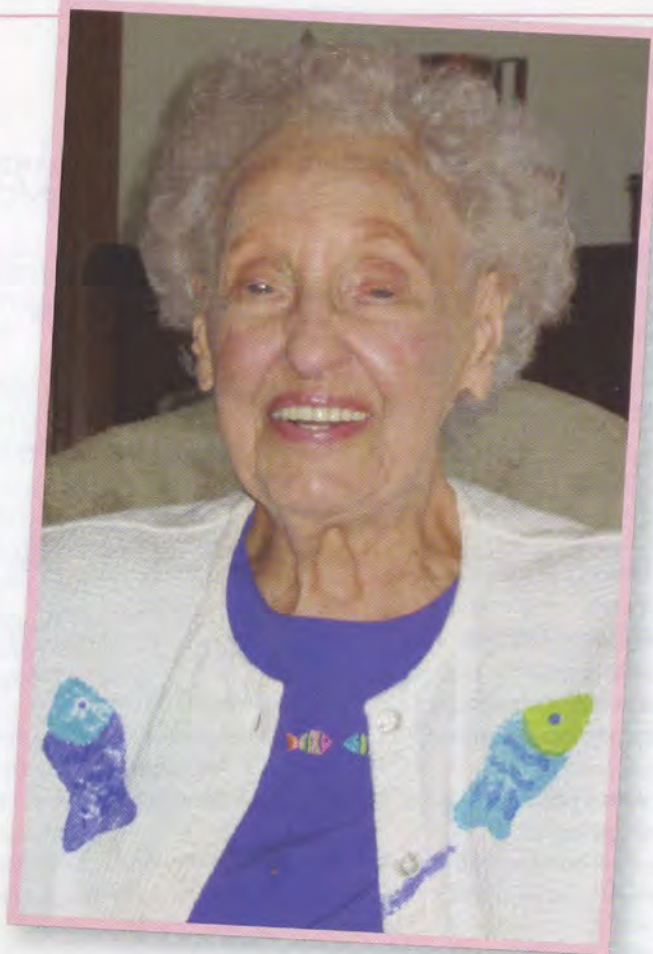
## Adopt a Pet

Before her passing in July, Edna was Gamma Phi Beta Sorority's oldest known living member at 105. The first female president of the Iowa Tuberculosis Association accredited her longevity to her steadfast companion, Queenie, her calico cat. The beloved pet never left the comfort of Edna's lap for longer than five minutes and slept by her side every night.

Edna was onto something, according to health experts. They insist owning a dog or cat works wonders by reducing stress, lowering cholesterol and decreasing blood pressure. Research shows pet owners bounce back better after heart problems compared to pet-less patients (aolhealth.com). Plus, sharing affection and companionship with a pet may simply make you smile.

## Be Genetically-Privileged

"My grandfather lived to 96 and my father to 94," says Ilene, 101, about her long-lived lineage. "It seems to run



*"When I joined Gamma Phi Beta in 1926 at Northwestern University, the Dean of Women 'didn't believe in sororities,' so we received no funding from the university," recalls Ilene Koehn (Iowa). "We were determined to have a chapter house though, so we raised the money ourselves. The house was built a year after I left and is still standing today."*

is a low incidence of diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and heart disease in your family, your chances of living past 100 increase significantly. Scientists have long sought a specific gene that determines lifespan, and research indicates that certain genetic traits combine to help people age more slowly.

in my family." A devout citizen, Ilene has voted in every statewide and national election since 1926.

OK, so you can't choose your genes, but if any of your family members have lived to old age and there

**ONE IN  
50 WOMEN WILL  
REACH 100  
COMPARED TO  
ONLY 1 IN EVERY  
200 MEN.**

Take some tips from four resilient women whose prescription for long life has worked and you, too, may look forward to celebrating your tenth decade someday!

## A Look Back at 1909

### What was our world like a hundred years ago?

- All Four Founders of Gamma Phi Beta were alive.
- The first Lincoln penny was issued.
- United States troops left Cuba for the first time since the Spanish-American War.
- The average weekly wage was \$12.98 for 59 hours.
- More than 20,000 female immigrants launched an 11-week general strike in New York's shirtwaist industry. Dubbed the Uprising of the 20,000, it was the largest strike by women to date in American history.



# IN MEMORY

This list reflects notifications received at International Headquarters from April 15 to July 1, 2009. First, maiden and last names and initiation year are listed for each deceased member.

## Beta | Michigan

Virginia Handeyside Gould, 1936  
Mary James Slater, 1937  
Margaret Walsh Armstrong, 1938  
Mary Anne McCusker Wilson, 1951

## Gamma | Wisconsin-Madison

Dorothy Vogel Matthews, 1926  
Jean Schultz Comstock, 1961  
Anne Bentley Joachim, 1970

## Epsilon | Northwestern

Helen LaBuy Shackelford, 1938  
Ethel Jeanne Moreau Holst, 1942

## Eta | California-Berkeley

Harriet Gadsden Kinney, 1938  
Betty Jones Kroeber, 1943

## Theta | Denver

Ruth Jackson Webb, 1931  
Winifred Wise Page, 1938

## Kappa | Minnesota-Twin Cities

Alice Fitch Pfeiffer, 1927

## Lambda | Washington

Elizabeth Olzendam Chase, 1944

## Rho | Iowa

Barbara Balluff McDonnell, 1931

## Sigma | Kansas

Ruth Learned Dueker, 1935  
Shirley Lytle Capps, 1954

## Phi | Washington

Barbara Stepp, 1957

## Chi | Oregon State

Dorothy Darling Meredith, 1936  
Dorothy Nowotny Boehm, 1940  
Virginia Moe Feibusch, 1940  
Bettie White, 1941  
Deva Chisholm Vaught, 1944

## Psi | Oklahoma

Alice (Mimi) Davis Canon, 1947  
Leah Eastham, 1954

## Omega | Iowa State

Mildred Newcomb Hill, 1935  
Doris Koch Jones, 1944  
Janice Juffer Hammerstrom, 1960

## Alpha Gamma | Nevada-Reno

Lois Bona Clark, 1925

## Alpha Delta | Missouri-Columbia

Felice Moore Thompson, 1937  
Delores Costello Eskridge, 1945

## Alpha Epsilon | Arizona

Margaret Windsor Rogers, 1948

## Alpha Zeta | Texas

Jean Trull Herlin, 1930  
Dorothy Cuthbertson Evans, 1940  
Doris Walker Gayle, 1943

## Alpha Eta | Ohio Wesleyan

Virginia Dohner Moore, 1936

## Alpha Theta | Vanderbilt

Virginia Griffith Lowe, 1935  
Adelaide Hite Hohanness, 1940

## Alpha Iota | California-Los Angeles

Barbara Farrell Jameson, 1929  
Beverly Daugherty Stockert, 1952  
Kimberly Corson, 1984

## Alpha Mu | Rollins

Jean Astrup Blanche, 1935

## Alpha Nu | Wittenberg

Emilie Sollars Lemen, 1929  
Suzanne Bulkley Baker, 1939

## Alpha Omicron | North Dakota State

Irene Gunvaldsen Diederich, 1943

## Alpha Pi | West Virginia

Nancy Kuykendall de Brier, 1959

## Alpha Sigma | Randolph-Macon

Elizabeth Sewell Smith, 1946

## Alpha Upsilon | Pennsylvania State

Helen Denman Lewis, 1935  
Lydia Gerhardt, 1954  
Elizabeth Hoekstra Keeley-Kovacs, 1956

## Alpha Phi | Colorado College

Marguerite Ridge Beckley, 1934  
Bettie Barnes Johnson, 1936  
M. Wanetta White Tesker, 1937

## Alpha Omega | Western Ontario

Shirley Lawton Mett, 1941  
Marion McNeil Parker, 1949

## Beta Beta | Maryland

Joan Jans Kennedy, 1942

## Beta Epsilon | Miami

Margaret Glover Mauter, 1955

## Beta Zeta | Kent State

Adelaine Metcalf Koyle, 1951

## Beta Theta | San Jose State

Joyce Erickson Harper, 1953

## Beta Mu | Florida State

Betty Jean Core Paul, 1963  
Jessica Lee Hazelrigg, 2005

## Beta Xi | Ohio State

Joan Gardner Daugherty, 1951  
Ritchie Baldwin Teach, 1954

## Beta Omicron | Oklahoma City

Yvonne Baird Decker Pruitt, 1997

## Beta Rho | Colorado-Boulder

Donna Hohmann Ewy, 1955  
Carol Peiker Beach, 1958

## Gamma Iota | Midwestern State

Penelope Baldwin, 1963

## Gamma Kappa | Nebraska-Kearney

Rebecca Adams Green, 1990

## Gamma Phi | Auburn

Latane Jordan Graham, 1968

## Delta Gamma | Nebraska-Omaha

Jo Whalley Warren, 1970

## Delta Epsilon | Texas Wesleyan

Elaine Mead Harmon, 1973

*Our sincere apologies to Emily Allen Witham (Kansas), incorrectly listed as deceased in a previous issue.*

*In the event of a member's death, families are encouraged to return her Gamma Phi Beta badge to International Headquarters, 12737 E. Euclid Drive, Centennial, CO 80111. A badge should never be sold through any means, including estate sales and online auctions.*

Remember your sisters with  
a memorial gift to the  
Gamma Phi Beta Foundation.



# Trustees Take the Lead

The Foundation Board of Trustees extends a pink carnation welcome to two new executive committee members and one new Trustee.



Virginia "Ginny" Place Myer

Virginia "Ginny" Place Myer (Vanderbilt) has accepted the position of development committee chair and Mary Vanier (Kansas) is now the public relations and marketing committee chair. Both are three-year terms. Jennifer Huguenin Moeller (Loyola-New Orleans) has been named Trustee.

Ginny took over the position from longtime Foundation volunteer Paula Janis

Dean (Memphis State). Paula continues to serve as a Trustee at large and her dedication and support has been much appreciated.

Most recently, Ginny was the local committee chair for Convention 2008 in Cincinnati. "Giving to the

Foundation is not just for those who can give great gifts, but for every member," Ginny shares. "When someone gives, they feel more connected to the Sorority."

Mary has accepted responsibility for the Public Relations and Marketing Committee from previous chair Magnes Welsh (Memphis State). Magnes has invested hundreds of hours of loyal service with the Foundation and continues to do so as a Trustee at large.

Mary is heavily involved with Beta Upsilon Chapter (Kansas), serving as chapter advisor and a member of the house corporation board — positions which give her insight into the needs of today's collegians.



Mary Vanier

"I hope to increase awareness of the Foundation and work with the PR/Marketing Committee and Trustees to achieve our strategic goals," she says.

Members of the Foundation board of trustees are subject to term limits, and this summer two dedicated Trustees "termed out." Cinda Keating Lucas (San Diego State) and Marjory Mills Shupert (Colorado State) completed the maximum two consecutive three-year commitments as board members at large. Board and staff members thank them for their service, expertise and experience!

## Tau Epsilon Pi Society

Lynne Edler (Wisconsin-Madison) is the newest member of the Tau Epsilon Pi Society, a donor group founded in 1990 and named for the Sorority's open motto, "Founded Upon a Rock." Eligible donors have named the Foundation as a beneficiary of bequests, annuities, trusts and/or life insurance policies to ensure a strong future for the Foundation and Gamma Phi Beta. Thank you, Lynne, and all members of this generous society!

For information, contact the Foundation at 303.799.1874, ext. 340.



## Why I Give

By Cathy Boudreax Griffin (Louisiana State)

The value of my investment in the Foundation is increasing greatly — a tough thing to say these days! As a member of Princeton Area Alumnae Chapter, I help send several girls to Camp Adahi in Pennsylvania. We raise money and apply for supplemental funds from the Foundation. I could never accomplish this task alone; it is the power of the sisterhood.

Giving to the Foundation also made me feel comforted and hopeful when my mother passed away. By using part of my inheritance for a leadership endowment, I keep the loving and generous spirit of my mother alive. It honors my own history as a camper, a leader and a daughter, while offering a unique opportunity to a future leader.



## All in the Family

*Dotted with pearls and pink carnations, the Harkrader family tree thrives on sisterhood.*

It's rather common to find three, four, even five members of one family who call Gamma Phi Beta home. But it's highly uncommon to find a family with 20 Gamma Phi Beta members. Yes, 20!

At her initiation in 1918, Florence Harkrader Hastings (Kansas) probably never imagined spawning four generations of Gamma Phi Betas in a family tradition that defies comparison. When Harkrader descendant Catherine Klotz (Kansas) followed in her ancestor's footsteps on Bid Day, Sorority history was made.

Carol Ann Hastings Graham (Kansas) says the whole family was "sure excited" when Catherine accepted Gamma Phi Beta's bid at the University of Kansas. Carol has the privilege of wearing her mother Florence's badge; perhaps she will pass it on someday to her legacy, a 14-year-old granddaughter.

Catherine says, "I immediately felt at home with Sigma Chapter — it must be in our blood!" There are now 17 family members in Sigma Chapter's history.

With such deep roots, the family gives generously to the Foundation to ensure Gamma Phi Beta membership is available for many more generations. Catherine's grandmother and namesake, Foundation donor Catherine Campbell Dunmire (Kansas), supports the Sigma Chapter campaign and house corporation board. Led by Florence, Harkrader descendants also established the Harkrader Scholarship in 1984, an award given to a Sigma Chapter legacy initiate with the highest grade



With roots in Gamma Phi Beta extending to 1918, this family has 20 reasons to be proud of their heritage. Pictured L-R: Laura Dunmire Klotz, Catherine Campbell Dunmire and Catherine Klotz.

point average. The family hopes all members will one day have a sister, daughter or granddaughter join Gamma Phi Beta and start their own family tradition. "Let's celebrate families together!" says Catherine Dunmire.

With more young women growing up in the family, the Harkrader dynasty may never end. Surely, this family tree flourishes under a crescent moon!

**Are you part of a legacy family? To learn more about establishing a family scholarship or fellowship, contact Bonnie Payne at 303.799.1874 or [bpayne@gammaphibeta.org](mailto:bpayne@gammaphibeta.org).**



Contributing to Gamma Phi Beta, Florence Harkrader Hastings (right) wrote the song, "Gamma Phi, I'll Ne'er Forget Thee," while younger sister Laura Harkrader Campbell (left) was a province alumnae director who also penned Sorority songs. In the 1960s, Caroline Harkrader Paxton (center) was alumnae Panhellenic president in Albany, New York.

### Florence's Legacies

All are members of Sigma Chapter (Kansas) unless indicated:

- Florence Harkrader Hastings, 1918
- Laura Harkrader Campbell, 1919
- Caroline Harkrader Paxton, 1921
- Jane Harkrader Lottridge, 1941
- Helen Harkrader Bixler, 1946
- Carol Ann Hastings Graham, 1947
- Janet Paxton Cummings (Syracuse), 1947
- Catherine Campbell Dunmire, 1953
- Laura Dunmire Klotz, 1980
- Catherine Klotz, 2008

Other related "sisters":

- Doris Moon DeFoe, 1926
- Lois Moon Garver, 1930, Merit Award winner
- Vinita Bradshaw Sturgeon, 1950
- Judy Garver Slawson, 1955
- Sandy Garver Remsberg, 1957
- Diane Dunmire (Northern Arizona), 1971
- Lynn Klotz Tate, 1976
- Susan Klotz Engstrom, 1978
- Jill Remsberg McGee, 1979
- Jennifer Remsberg (Vanderbilt), 1988





We acknowledge the following donors who celebrated a special event or individual with a gift to the Gamma Phi Beta Foundation (as of July 6, 2009).

## IN CELEBRATION OF...

Audrey Weldon Shafer's 90th birthday!

John and Kimiko Marshall  
Sidney Fischer  
Norma Vaughn  
Jim and Cathy Kunce  
Shirley Walker  
Donald and Luella Farmer  
Frances Griffin  
Lewis and Wilmagene Noonan  
Mary Jane Krugh  
Sue Durrett  
Karen Kline  
Ariona Miller  
Joan Marshall  
Janet Hanna  
James Perkins  
Mary Alice Emerson  
Erin Burke  
Colleen Myers

Laurie Rose, the founder and owner of Old Naples Chocolate, who gave us a marvelous presentation on chocolate  
**Naples Alumnae Chapter**

Jennifer Ashley Taylor, a master craftsman of needlearts, who fascinated us with the intricate art of Japanese embroidery  
**Naples Alumnae Chapter**

The 50th wedding anniversary of Daniel and Shirley (Hall) Greener  
**Mary Hall**

The marriage of Patrick and Hallie (Anderson) Dillon on May 23, 2009  
**Julie Eichenberg**  
**Natalie Muir**  
**Julie Samples**

Hallie Anderson — I'm so happy for you as you begin your "happily ever after!" You deserve good things in life.  
**Natalie Muir**

Miranda Jones for being recognized as "Outstanding Greek Advisor of the Year" at Kennesaw State University! What a huge accomplishment! Gamma Phi is so lucky to have you advising one of our newest chapters!  
**Julie Eichenberg**  
**Atlanta Alumnae**

The 90th birthday of my sister-in-law and Omicron sister, Marjorie Miller Wanderer: Glad you've been in my life.  
**Elizabeth Wanderer**

The graduating seniors from Epsilon Zeta Chapter (Jacksonville)  
**Jane Todd**

The wedding of Liz Giustra  
**Jane Todd**

The wedding of Diane Ashburn  
**Jane Todd**

Traci Buchalski, for all her hard work as treasurer when I was a member of Beta Chapter, 1999-2003  
**Kate Conti**

Kate Huff and finding sisters in unexpected places  
**Mitzi Ritzman**

The birth of legacy Josie Olson on January 16, 2009, to Seth and Lori (Otto) Olson, and big brother CJ  
**Mitzi Ritzman**

Mimi McMann for receiving the 2009 "Volunteer of the Year" award from the Fraternity Communications Association  
**Betty Quick**

The birth of Ruby Carolyn Severts on April 28, 2009, to Ryan and Lindsay Severts  
**L'Cena Rice**

The marriage of Danielle Lively to Johnny Neal  
**Region 6 Team**

The birthday of Gloria Swanson Nelson  
**Jeanne Beach**

My mother, Marjorie Anderson Adams  
**Leslie Gardner**

Joyce Saunders' 100th birthday!

**Terri Baker**  
**Cynthia Clark**  
**Claudia King**  
**Louise Johnson**  
**Debra Montgomery**  
**June Pentecost**  
**Joyce Saunders**  
**Jean Shields**  
**Terri Shoup**  
**Sue Ann Tollett**  
**Peggy Tracy**  
**Vesta VanTrease**



## RESTRICTED GIFTS

The individuals listed below contributed **RESTRICTED** gifts and pledges, which are designated by the donor to fund specific scholarships/fellowships, chapter gifts and various other needs (as of July 6, 2009).

### Gifts totaling \$10,000 - \$24,999

Suzanne Kastner Kerwin (Kansas)  
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Ginny Place Myer (Vanderbilt)  
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Shirley Hill (Missouri-Columbia)  
Patricia Arnold Jones (Kansas)  
Lori Amstein LaVezzi (Kansas State)  
Mary Meisinger O'Brien (Kansas)  
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Jan Wanklyn Wissman (Kansas State)



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!



# MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Gamma Phi Beta Foundation acknowledges the following individuals and groups who contributed to the Foundation in memory of a loved one (as of July 6, 2009). Deceased members' first, maiden and last names plus colleges and initiation years are listed.

Elizabeth Hoekstra Keeley  
(Pennsylvania State, 1956)  
Mary Browning

Evelyn Horn Greulich  
(Syracuse, 1957)  
Kirsten Essenmacher

Florence Hayes, mother  
of Marsha Hayes Jaenke  
(Ohio Wesleyan)  
Cleveland West Alumnae  
Chapter

Marguerite Ridge Beckley  
(Colorado College, 1934),  
mother of Nancy Beckley Groh  
(Arizona) and grandmother  
of Emily Groh (Arizona)  
Alpha Epsilon House  
Corporation Board

Peggy Glover Mauter, Ph.D.  
(Miami University, 1955)

L'Cena Rice  
Tucky Hobbs  
Barry and Amy Reed  
Judy Chambers  
Mark English  
Naples Alumnae Chapter  
Charlotte Smollen  
Bryan Pease  
Sandy Burba  
Michele Vandyke  
Nadine Bell  
Kiki Phillips  
Letitia Johnston  
Claire Shalvoy  
Dorothy Swing  
Becky Williams  
Valerie Sullivan  
Bernadette Waldmann  
Marcene Larkin  
Bertha Godward  
Alessandra Higgs  
Bernice Weihs  
Silverio & Hall, P.A.  
Lynne Nordhoff  
Irene Bandy-Hedden

William J. Mitchell, husband  
of Renee Harman Mitchell  
(San Jose State)  
L'Cena Rice  
South Bay Alumnae Chapter

Dorothy Guerriero Dunnett  
(Oklahoma, 1934)  
Oklahoma City Alumnae  
Chapter

Yvonne Baird Pruitt  
(Oklahoma City, 1997)  
Oklahoma City Alumnae  
Chapter

Dorothy Darling Meredith  
(Oregon State, 1936)  
Cornelia Spanier

Patricia McKenna Dye  
(Michigan, 1946)  
Kathryn Macpherson

Robert A. Ramseyer, father  
of Sally Ramseyer Beck  
(Kansas)  
Betty Crooker  
Sigma House Corporation  
Board

Mary Lou Mickley Taylor  
(Southern California, 1955)  
Barbara Reily

Frances Black Green  
(Northwestern, 1935)  
Carol Hacker

Les Weiss, father of Barbara  
Weiss Boenzli (Oregon State)  
and Nancy Weiss Ulman  
(Oregon State)  
Joanne Roman  
Carleen Sullivan  
Sandra Nauman

Jodi Washnock (Denver, 1983)  
Karen Keeler

Connie Wall Claypool  
(Ohio State, 1951)  
Carol Wilson

Joan Gardner Daugherty  
(Ohio State, 1951)  
Carol Wilson

Beverly Daugherty Stockert  
(California-Los Angeles, 1952)  
Audrey Bashaw

Jo Whalley Warren  
(Nebraska-Omaha, 1970)  
Karen Kline

Latane Jordan Graham  
(Auburn, 1968), mother of  
Judy Graham (Oklahoma)  
Karen Kline  
Dana Garel  
Nancy Enright  
Sally Lewis  
Dallas Alumnae Chapter

Anne Yeager Hansen  
(Southern Methodist, 1958)  
Sondra Sigmon

Dorothy Follett Brown  
(Idaho, 1941)  
Helen Swan

Doris Koch Jones  
(Iowa State, 1944)  
Eugene Alumnae Chapter

Alice Davis Canon  
(Oklahoma, 1947)  
Oklahoma City Alumnae  
Chapter

Janice Juffer Hammerstrom  
(Iowa State, 1960)  
Karen Kline

Ritchie Baldwin Teach  
(Ohio State, 1954)  
Judith Creely

Virginia Handeyside Gould  
(Michigan, 1936)  
Nancy Gould Adams

Martha Brigham Beamer  
(Oregon State, 1937)  
Cornelia Spanier

Virginia Pritchett Bivin  
(Vanderbilt, 1940)  
Josephine McNutt

Margaret Windsor Rogers  
(Arizona, 1948)  
Elizabeth Colter

## Member Suffers Violent Loss of Parents

July's shocking news of slain Florida couple Melanie and Byrd (Bud) Billings has broken the heart of our nation. As Gamma Phi Betas, we grieve with our member Ashley Billings Markham (Florida State) in the loss of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Billings were raising nine of their adopted special needs children when they were murdered during a premeditated home robbery. Twenty-seven-year-old Ashley and her husband are now the guardians of her orphaned siblings.

Ashley values your thoughts and prayers. "Our family appreciates everything so much during this time," she says. "I am so proud to have Gamma Phi Beta sisters in my life!"

Donations toward the care of the children can be sent to The Law Firm of Litvak Beasley and Wilson, Attn: Robert Beasley, PO Box 13503, Pensacola, FL 32591.



## LOS ANGELES ALUMNAE CHAPTER

## History Book, 1921

What's on your bookshelf? If you're like a lot of women, you have a self-improvement manual or two, fictional literature, a dictionary and professional publications. Here at International Headquarters, our museum's vintage bookshelf is loaded with some amazing glimpses into our past. Pull up a chair and take a look at one significant manuscript.



Lindsay Barbee was a founding member of Theta Chapter (Denver) and an influential volunteer locally and internationally.

**Signed Copy**

Donated in 2005 from the estate of Frances Lucas Nimkoff (Washington), "History of Gamma Phi Beta" was once in the hands of three Sorority matriarchs whose signatures grace its pages. Inside the front cover are penned the familiar names of our Founders, "Helen D. Ferguson" and "Frances E. Haven Moss Gamma Phi Beta '77."

The third signature, the author's, is located

on the title page. Lindsey Barbee (Denver, 1897) was *The Crescent* editor from 1911 to 1938, years when she also held the offices of Grand President (1919-1924), director of public relations (1924-27) and historian (1924-1930). She also wrote many Sorority songs, including "Faithful and True" and "Consecration."

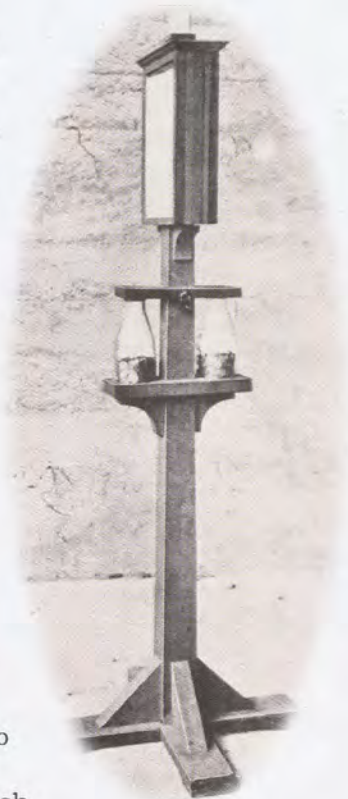
**Every Penny Counts**

Fresh from the experiences of World War I, the book devotes two chapters to the Sorority's efforts at "war work." Members took a specific interest in aiding the

combat casualties of neutral Belgium, invaded by Germany and left with thousands of "helpless little orphaned children." The cause was championed by Charlotte Hoffman Kellogg (California-Berkeley, 1896) whose tireless work on the little nation's behalf was celebrated both domestically and abroad. She was the only woman appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to serve on the Committee for Belgian Relief and was a personal friend to the King and Queen of Belgium.

Gamma Phi Beta's support took the form of a drive to collect coins, spearheaded by Gamma Chapter (Wisconsin-Madison); as a result the Milk Bottle Campaign was launched in 1918. Two quart milk bottles were affixed to a wooden stand "with an appliance which made them thief proof;" these were stationed in "moving picture houses," hotels, banks, department stores and union stations in cities across America with a poster that petitioned passers-by to "help save the children of Belgium." Accounts describe how "into one bottle was dropped an exquisitely jeweled ring which was sold for three hundred dollars."

The campaign lasted only a year, but Gamma Phi Betas collected and sent \$6,727.06 to Belgium for the care of orphans and refugees, the equivalent of almost \$80,000 today.



Milk bottle stands were used to collect coins during World War I as Gamma Phi Betas mobilized to support the war effort, garnering international appreciation from the citizens and government of Belgium.

*Did you learn something new about Gamma Phi Beta's history?  
Let us know at [TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org](mailto:TheCrescent@gammaphibeta.org).*



# CAPTURE A CRESCENT



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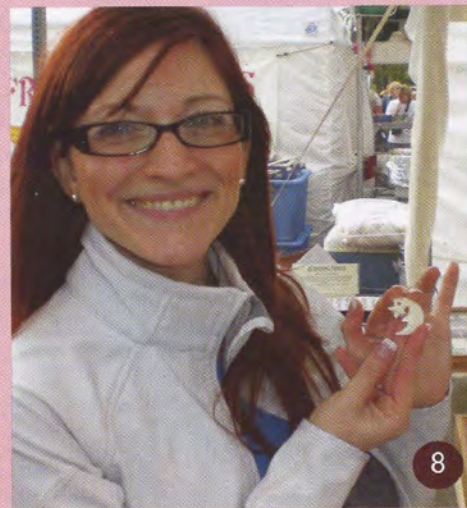
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1. California: Margy Hauseman Ayotte (California-Berkeley) hit the jackpot at Griffith Observatory's celestial jewelry display in Los Angeles.
2. South Carolina: Vacationing friends Judi Wertz Thomas (Bradley), Diane Smith Robertson (Missouri) and Carol Wangner Clikeman (Arizona) found a crescent while shopping in Hilton Head.
3. Greece: Arlene Smith and Sarah Nickel, both alumnae of Puget Sound, traveled to 12 countries, looking for crescents along the way. One destination was an island in the shape of a crescent!
4. Colorado: Sisters Kathleen and Erin McHale, both from Iowa State, caught a crescent on a family vacation in Winter Park.
5. Germany: Army wife Heather Jones Werhan (Florida Institute of Technology) captured a German crescent in her town of Ansbach.
6. Mexico: Shopping in San Jose del Cabo, Pat Norton Chong (San Diego State) captured a painted crescent.
7. New York: Autumn Haber (San Diego) found her crescent in a department store window themed "Autumn." What a cool coincidence!
8. Colorado: Sharp-eyed Talia Davis (Jacksonville) spotted this tiny crescent at a festival in Boulder.