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NY Delta's campaign still needs your support

As you are aware, Pi Beta Phi has embarked on a major fundraising effort dedicated to raising adequate funds to make the necessary repairs and renovations to 330 Triphammer Rd. and foster interaction among New York Delta alumnae and undergraduates.

While over its 50-plus years the chapter house has been well maintained, we now have the opportunity—and the responsibility—to preserve this special place where lifelong friendships were created and sustained. It is now our turn to help ensure Pi Phi's roll as a leading sorority at Cornell University.

To date, 166 alumnae have contributed almost \$276,000 toward our goal of \$550,000. Plans include making renovations to the second- and third-floor bathrooms, updating the sisters' rooms, creating a new look for our entry into the house, and expanding the parking lot.

Thanks to the generosity of Pi Phi sisters and the tireless efforts of Percy (Edwards) Browning '56, there is a flurry of construction activity going on at the 330 Triphammer.

New carpeting has been installed in the stairwells and hallways, there's a new coat of paint freshening the walls of the living room, and a handicap-accessible bathroom has been installed on the first floor. Renovation work on the upstairs bathrooms is scheduled for this summer!

Meeting the fundraising objectives could not be accomplished without the strong support of our

campaign committee and class workers. These women have been diligently making personal contacts with alumnae sisters on a class-by-class basis. Their efforts have made a great impact on this campaign, and their activities on behalf of Pi Phi are greatly appreciated.

We're approaching the home stretch, but still have some hard work ahead if we are to reach our goal. Your support toward this initiative will make a significant difference in the lives of the young women who are living in the chapter house today and will be for years to come. Let's all do what we can to make that possible future a reality.

Please make your gift to the campaign today. It's easy to make your contribution online at our website, www.pibetaphi-cornell.org! Visit the site today, reconnect with sisters, reminisce about your time at Pi Phi and make your gift to the campaign.

Your gift or pledge is vitally important to our fundraising effort. Please feel free to contact the campaign committee if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss your options in supporting our efforts.

New York Delta was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The New York Delta Chapter has a proud and storied history at Cornell and continues to attract the highest quality women who exemplify the characteristics of our founding members. Please honor it today with your generous gift.



Sisters pose for a photo while preparing for the final round of recruitment.

Undergraduate president reports on chapter's progress

By Emily Dally '09
Chapter President
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My name is Emily Dally, and I am happy to introduce myself as the new president of Pi Phi! After spending last semester studying, interning, and traveling abroad in Senegal, it was both a shock and a blessing to return to Cornell as the president of our chapter.

During the past few months, I have truly enjoyed settling into my new position of leadership. Learning and experiencing the inner workings of Pi Phi, getting to know the members of our AAC, and becoming closer with the women of NY Delta has been incredibly fulfilling. This semester has been an extremely busy, yet rewarding period of transition.

As our past president, Sarah Dalton '08—along with Pi Phi's wonderful senior class—prepare for their impending graduation, this transition is coming to an end. The seniors have been true friends to the younger classes and in the past semester have shown themselves to be valuable mentors to our new members.

Our house's outstanding participation in Cornell's Relay for Life event—for which our new pledge class raised \$3,500 and the upper-classmen sponsored a bake-sale—was a won-

derful display of each classes' support of the other.

On this note, I am happy to say that we experienced yet another successful recruitment this year and truly enjoyed welcoming each of the 40 new members to our chapter. Initiation was held on March 8, 2008, and I was proud to be their initiator.

Since recruitment, the women of Pi Phi have been busy with sports teams, a cappella groups, student clubs and organizations, and—of course—our busy class schedules. This semester has also been full of Pi Phi philanthropy events; such activities have included a book drive to benefit the local Books Thru Bars organization and a celebration of Read Across America Day. Next on our agenda is a benefit concert called "Lyrics for Literacy," which will benefit First Book, Pi Phi's new national philanthropy.

This past February, our vice president of finance, Caitlin Rohe, and I attended the Pi Beta Phi Leadership Academy held in Saint Louis. We met many wonderful Pi Phis from across regions 1 through 6 and many enthusiastic alumnae—one of whom graciously invited us to her home when a snowstorm stranded us in Cincinnati for nearly 24 hours!

This semester has also seen many wonderful initiatives by the Tri-Council, which is com-

posed of the Panhellenic Council, the Intrafraternity Council and the Multicultural Greek Letter Council, along with more small-scale initiatives by the Panhellenic Council alone. The Tri-Council has recently implemented the Greeks Go Green initiative, which plans to create opportunities for the Greek community to help work toward goals of the larger Cornell community, including President Skorton's commitment for carbon neutrality and overall sustainability.

The Panhellenic Council has increased sister-sister programming to promote interaction between sorority houses; such events have included movie and game nights, and, most recently, an event to discuss courses during the time of pre-enrollment.

As of this writing, in our final month of classes, we couldn't be busier with upcoming Pi Phi events. In the coming weeks we will be hosting a regional visitor, an alumnae tea and luncheon, various philanthropy events, our spring formal, and, finally, our Founder's Day brunch.

I am looking forward to the remainder of this semester and to continuing to serve our chapter in the fall of my senior year. On behalf of each of our 141 undergraduate members, I hope this edition of *Delta Doings* finds you well!

NY Delta Chapter remains philanthropically strong

By Emma Nagle '09
Vice President of Philanthropy

This semester Pi Phi's philanthropic involvement has exploded! We kick-started the semester with a book drive to benefit the local Books thru Bars organization. So far, we have collected over 200 books from donations made by Pi Phis as well as other Greek organizations and friends.

There is no doubt that philanthropy is thriving here at 330 Triphammer. We enjoy supporting our fellow Greeks and have participated in "Bowling for Ballgowns" and are looking forward to Derby Days and a powder-puff tournament. Last month, we celebrated Read Across America Day at Tompkins County Library. We enjoyed story time with children ages 4-6 and then helped them with a craft. It was very refreshing to be with young children and have fun instead of worrying about prelims!

We also used this event to decorate bookplates as part of Pi Beta Phi's day of service this year. The bookplates will be placed in books donated to children through the organization First Book.

And our entire house took part in Cornell's Relay for Life event. Each pledge class made a separate team for the event, raising \$5,300.



Sisters participate in Into the Streets, a Cornell community service project.

The new pledge class did an astounding job, netting \$3,500. We celebrated throughout the night, selling baked goods for donations, and watching the various Cornell and Ithaca performances.

Next on our agenda is a benefit concert we are hosting with Sigma Chi, who also locally supports First Book-Cornell. The event, Lyrics for Literacy, will take place at the Nine's restaurant and will showcase Nick Principe, a soloist from the a cappella group, Cayuga's Waiters. We have been publicizing the event through campus and have t-shirts and tickets ready to go.

Aside from philanthropy events, we are also

very proud of our involvement in the Ithaca community. We continue tutor students, this semester moving from elementary school to middle school. Girls work on a rotating schedule in order to assist multiple students each afternoon. We are also continuing our CAR (Champions Are Readers) program, which monitors and encourages third grade students' reading, at Caroline Elementary School.

Philanthropy truly is a part of every Pi Phi, and we are looking forward to our continued involvement in the Cornell Greek and local Ithaca communities.

Sisters help students through one-on-one tutoring

By Meagan Hajjar '09

The New York Delta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi has been heavily invested in literacy promotion in recent semesters. The amount of commitment to this cause from the members of the New York Delta Chapter has been overwhelming. One of our newest philanthropic ventures, however, goes past the promotion of literacy by honing skills such as reading comprehension.

Sophomore Mollie Miller asked Delta members to volunteer an hour of time each week to tutor the students of Boynton Middle School. The response was great; ten Pi Phi girls now visit Boynton Middle each week. What's even better is that two Pi Phis are at the school every weekday. This continual presence is sure to inspire students to achieve and become more involved in their community.

I volunteered to tutor the first day the opportunity was offered. I walked into a middle school for the first time in seven years on a Monday afternoon. Within a few minutes, the hallways were swarming with children pushing into the cafeteria and trying to avoid eyes of the teachers policing the halls. Secretaries were issuing announcements that blared over the loudspeakers and summoned children to the front office. Soon, a young girl walked up to the front desk of the main office and looked down at the floor. "Nicole, can you tell me what homework you have to do today," a secretary asked.

"I got nothin'," Nicole said. The secretary challenged Nicole. "So if I call all your teachers, they will say you have not even a scrap of late work or tests to study for?"

Nicole just dropped her bag on the floor and looked at the secretary as if to say, "Just tell me what to do already; I don't care. It's not like I have any choice in this." After Nicole consented to staying after school, she and I were introduced.

On our walk to the cafeteria, Nicole kicked the floor as she walked down the hallway and sat down at the nearest table. All of her peers were walking through the cafeteria, and there she was, sitting down with some older kid ready to do homework.

Her assignment was to read an article about the Holocaust and answer questions about the article. I knew simply reading the passage and writing down answers wouldn't help her out in the long run. So instead of working by the answer sheet, I decided to teach her how to read an article. Claiming that she had always just looked for answers by looking for dates or key words in the text, she was resistant to changing strategies.

Rather than try to convince her otherwise, I asked her to just try my way for one day, and if she didn't like it, we could stop after one hour. I gave her tips on how to highlight, take notes, star answers from her question sheet, and filter information. By the end of the article, instead of me underlining the text, she was doing it herself. I re-

quested she summarize each paragraph in a sentence or two.

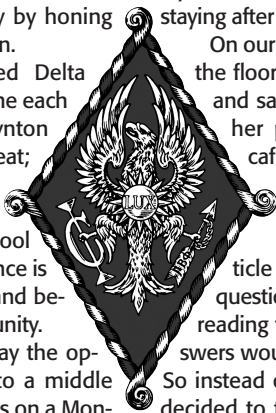
Soon, she began asking questions. Before the 45 minutes were over, Nicole had finished reading an eight-page article and answered more than 15. This was an incredible accomplishment for an eighth grader who, an hour before, was denying even having a homework assignment.

As we went outside to wait for her bus, she walked with her shoulders back and was much more relaxed. It seemed an hour of directed guidance with someone who displayed confidence in her without knowing her was the little boost she needed that day. "What's your name again?" she asked as she was about to step into her bus.

That was the first time she looked me in the eyes that day. "Meagan," I answered.

"Well Meagan, I just wanted to say thanks for coming today. I had a really nice time meeting you. And thank you for waiting for my bus to come. I really hope I see you again soon."

The amount of good one hour of one-on-one instruction can do for a student has impressed me incredibly. Tutoring has taught me that it is not easy to ask someone to change the way they use their skills—or even to use them in the first place. However, the transformation in Nicole after one session was worth all the effort. It makes me proud to know that Pi Phi sisters are dedicated to changing the lives of these students in such a positive way.



New member reflects on her rush experience

By Kit Lyman '11

My first semester of college wasn't anything I expected. Having to take a medical leave a month into college due to mono and other complications wasn't my idea of a great first semester.

Since I didn't meet as many people as I would have liked, I decided to use the sorority rush week as a way to branch out. Coming into the experience, I had no intention of joining a sorority. In the beginning, I saw being a part of a sorority as a hassle and an obligation to talk about the latest hair products and which girl is prettiest.

As I waited outside my first house, I had a hard time deciding whether my feet or face hurt more due to the terrible cold. Right before my fingers started to experience the paralysis my feet were feeling, screaming erupted from inside the house. Looking around at the other girls, I realized I wasn't the only girl who was hesitant to step inside.

Instead of being greeted by a pack of animals as I originally thought, I was met with smiling faces and upbeat hellos. I found it bizarre but humorous when the girls were kneeling at my feet, rattling off questions about my first semester and personal interests. The noise from the other conversations around the room was overwhelming, but some-

how it made everything all the more exciting.

Much to my surprise, I was genuinely smiling as I said goodbye to the girl who now knew I have a lazy eye when I smile and that I secretly aspire to be in a choir. As I walked to the next house, I started to think that rushing wouldn't be that bad, and I decided that hot chocolate and people fawning over me wasn't that hard of a life.

As the first two days' activities came to a close, I must admit that my excitement turned into physical as well as social exhaustion. The excessive hot chocolate gave me an overactive bladder, and the constant fawning made my face ache from a permanent smile. However, after seeing all the houses, I was allowed the opportunity to see different groups and their own unique qualities. I began imagining myself at each of the sororities, and I picked the houses that best fit my personality. Contrary to my original close-minded opinion of the rushing experience, I found myself hoping that the sororities I liked would ask me to come back.

As the week progressed, I was able to see and experience the unique qualities of each house. The final two rounds were the most influential and informative for me. The skit round allowed me to get a better feeling of the atmosphere in the each sorority. The final round allowed me to see first-

hand the type of experience the sorority could offer. Listening to the seniors speak about their past memories and the lifelong friendships they made throughout their sorority experience, I was sold. All through high school I had a close group of friends, and I relied on them a great deal. After having such a rough first semester, I realized then that I needed the same in college.

I found that what a sorority embodies is what was missing from my "college image." By going through the seemingly endless process of picking a sorority, I was able to honestly feel where I fit in.

From the conversations I had to the different stories I heard, I knew where I would be happiest. By the final round, I felt a connection with my last three houses.

When the time came to pick between the final three, the answer was clear. My final pick turned out to be the very first house I visited. The excitement I felt from the beginning only grew throughout the week. Pi Phi stood out above the rest because I felt the most at home there. The sisters became my actual friends, instead of just people who took care of our jackets.

Rush week is not only a way to meet new people, but it is also a way to find a place where you belong.

Life after 'living in'

By Mariye Wick '08

One of my biggest concerns about transitioning from sophomore year to junior year was losing touch with the girls in my pledge class. Nothing can compare to the experience of living in a house full of girls who—through the good and the bad—become some of your very best friends.

It's unlikely that at any other time in our lives we will again share a home with 40 other young women. Never again will we live with 40 study buddies, have 40 closets to turn to for the perfect outfit, or 40 friends to sit down to

dinner with.

But that doesn't mean we have to lose touch. Living in an annex with nine other girls from my pledge class has allowed me to continue sharing the joys of living in with my sisters while actually living out of Pi Phi. And other girls from our pledge class share other annexes—a group of eight live just a few blocks up the hill, another group just a minute or two down the road. We're not totally on our own.

We've shared progressive dinners together, we go to football games together, dress up for Halloween together—and what keeps us together is our sisterhood. I've learned that

whether these girls are down the hall or up the street, the time we spend with each other is time to be cherished.

Being a senior now, I realize that life after graduation means, for many of us, finding a new place to call home—a new life of our own with new tasks to be completed and jobs to be carried out. The uncertainty can certainly be scary. But there's one thing I know I can count on, even when life takes an unexpected turn: These old friends, these sisters of mine, will forever bring comfort and joy to whatever life after college turns out to be.

our alumnae share their news and notes

Emily (Ockenfels) Thomas '35 writes, "At this late date, most of my close friends in Pi Phi are gone. Volunteer work keeps me busy and happy." Keep in touch with Emily at 506 Moss Creek Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401. E-mail her at emily506@aol.com.

"Moved in 1978 upon retiring to Roanoke, Virginia, at son's suggestion to live near him," writes **Ellen (Carnell) Seaburg '37**. Send Ellen greetings at 4709 Belford St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24018.

"Same as always," writes **Ruth (Hyde) Cole '42**. "Enjoying senior living at a wonderful retirement residence, having both apartments and cottages. I have the latter—a full-scale cottage with means, amenities, social programs, and services available as well. I am really enjoying life. I'm very close to my children and their families as well. Still active in church and Girl Scout programs. Pi Beta Phi and Cornell

were special years, for sure!" Write to "Heidi" at 6 Kenwood Cir., Queensbury, NY 12804.

Ann (Lynch) Pape '45 writes, "My left hand has learned to write a lot better. However, I concentrate on each letter and that makes it difficult to compose. No trips since last summer. Same Pi Phi news—**Pitta (Young) Waltz '44** and keep in good touch and go to our meetings. I enjoy reading about your activities. Best to all." Write to Ann at 364 Stewart Ave., #2, Garden City, NY 11530; amvpape@aol.com.

Dorothea (Crozier) Warren '52 sent us a photo of her, **Elizabeth (Waltz) Grimm '52**, and **Terrill (Duke) Walters '52** at their 55th reunion in 2007. Dori reports that they were joined in Barton Hall by **Nancy (Ladd) Leet '52** and **Mary (Shear) Brennan '52**. "Some were able to enjoy the open house at Pi Phi. This group and **Mary (Caughlan) Kelley '52** have mini-reunited around the country for a number

of years." Dori also reports that she is a member of the Catalina Mountain Pocket Club in Tucson, Arizona, which was treated to lunch at the University of Arizona chapter house in the spring."

"It's wonderful to have the Pi Beta Phi site to use," writes **Mary (Peck) Wolf '55** (304 White-water Cir., Willston, VT 05495; e-mail: mwolf@uvm.edu). "My classmates and I are going to find a way to have a 'round robin' within the site—or at least find sisters we have not been able to locate so far. Thanks for this wonderful tool!"

Jean (Willman) Scott '56 writes, "Best wishes in raising the funds you need for renovating the chapter house! My classmates and I know how much it means to have a beautiful new house. Our class of 1956 was the first class to live at 330 Triphammer. We moved in for the spring semester of our senior year upon completion of the house. It was the culmination of many years of hard work by all those who supported the need for more space and updated facilities for Pi Phi at Cornell. My husband, Bill (ME '55) and I have been married since 1956 and have two adult sons. Bill and I have lived in Venice, Florida, since 1990. It's a lovely town directly on the Gulf of Mexico." To find out more, write to Jean at 1460 Colony Pl., Venice, FL 34292. E-mail her at lovingheart929@verizon.net.

"These past two years have been difficult for my husband and me," writes **Dorinda (Larkin) McNamara '58**. "He suffered a bad heart attack in 2005 from which he has not fully recovered. My job today is caretaker, doctor-in-training, and druggist-in-training. However, we still enjoy going out to dinner and to special events with friends. We enjoy visits from our grand-



Betty (Waltz) Grimm '52, Terry (Duke) Walters '52, and Dori (Crozier) Warren '52 at their 55th reunion in June 2007.

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children and anyone who is visiting the area. Please call us if you are in Pinehurst: 910-295-3694." Send Dorinda postal mail at 3 Scott Ln., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

"I'm enjoying retirement, which is busier than I had anticipated," writes **Elizabeth (Hooven) Morsman '60**. "We travel a lot, and I didn't know that I would fall in love with being a grandma. My three sons have supplied me with three grandsons and two granddaughters." Write to Beth at 4011 E. Valley Rd., Deephaven, MN 55391; bethmorsman@msn.com.

Margaret (Ritchie) Axtell '66 writes, "A lasting legacy of Pi Beta Phi friendships: When I was a sophomore, we had an Indian graduate student, Roshan Ramchandani, living in the house. She had tried back them to fix up my roommate with Russ Stevenson, who, some years later, became my husband. Russ and I recently got together with Roshan and her husband in Mumbai, India. We had a wonderful time together and felt as if those intervening years had just evaporated." Write to Margaret at 733 Dividing Rd., Severna Park, MD 21146; mraxtell@aol.com.

"Really enjoy using the website," writes **Bonnie (Kupchak) Winckler '67**. "I now live in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Moved here three years ago to be close to my oldest son, Gunnar, and his family. I am the caregiver for my husband, Peter ('66), and had no back up plan when I lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Peter has been bedridden and needs total care for the past five years. Certainly didn't expect retirement to take this form. I do love living near family, though. **Patty (Geer) Kupchak '67**, my sister-in-law, and my brother Ken still live in Hawaii, and I really enjoy visiting them in paradise. Love hearing from other Pi Phis. E-mail me at bwinckler@sbcglobal.net." Write to Bonnie at 1730 Chesterfield Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

Ann G. Martin '67 writes, "After 25 years on the lakefront, I've said 'uncle' and left my vintage walk-up for a more compact elevator building a few blocks west of the Magnificent Mile! A page has been turned. Hi to all Pi Phis—especially we first-line Boomers." Write to Ann at 150 W. Maple St., #710, Chicago, IL 60610; agm_consulting@msn.com.

"I've been living in Washington, D.C., for eight years, married to classmate Art Spitzer," writes **Elisabeth (Kaplan) Boas '71**. "My kids are now out of the house. Katherine (Brown '02, Stanford MBA '07) moved to Manhattan. Benjamin

has a Fulbright Fellowship for 2007-'08 in Kyoto. His special interest is Japanese mah jongg. This summer, he came in third—the highest ranking American player—at a regional mah jongg tournament in Denmark. This earns him a berth on the U.S. team for the international finals in China this fall. (I'm not making this up!) Esther is a sophomore at Roger Williams College in Bristol, Rhode Island. I continue with various volunteer roles." Send Elisabeth greetings at 11 Oxford St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; ekb7@cornell.edu.

Susan H. Murphy '73 writes, "For the 27th time, Pi Phis of the 1970s gathered with our families for a week of fun and sun." Susan reports that she, **Sherri (Koening) Stuewer '73**, **Gerry Serotte '74**, **Mary (Antenen) McIlroy '72**, and their families went to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. "As we have done since we lost her in 2002, we raised a glass of Corona beer in memory of and tribute to our dear friend **Linda (Kay) Krause '73**. Also this summer, **Carolyn McMaster '79**, DVM and owner of Briar Patch Veterinary Hospital, gave me an incredible gift by coming to my home to help me say goodbye to my beloved Labrador Retriever, Cory, who was suffering from inoperable cancer. In addition to her professional talent and care, she helped me remember a wonderful trip many of us Pi Phis had in 1970 to New York City to see *Hair*, which just happened to be on stage in Ithaca at the Hangar Theatre the night we put Cory to sleep. The show was fabulous and a great trip down memory lane." Write to Susan at 49 Eastlake Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; gst@cornell.edu.

Gwenn (Tannenbaum) Canfield '75 and **Joanne Meder '75** send us this report on a New York City-based reunion they co-chaired. "Spring 2007 seems so far away, but we have wonderful memories of a Cornell Pi Phi reunion weekend held in New York City that will carry us until we're all so lucky to get together again. The weekend began on a Friday afternoon, as many of us gathered at our home base, the Cornell Club of New York. We then moved on to Jane Jablons' ('75) Riverside Drive digs for a Vietnamese dinner from the Saigon Grill. Saturday morning started with a leisurely brunch at the Cornell Club, followed by a subway trip to the Smithsonian's Cooper Hewitt Design Museum. We strolled back down Fifth Avenue, enjoying the surprisingly warm New York weather and the continued opportunity to chat with old friends and get acquainted with new ones. Dinner was in the Theatre District at a wonder restaurant notably called the District.

Then we were off to an evening performance of *The Pirate Queen*. The weekend officially concluded with another relaxing breakfast at the Cornell Club, and then most of us scattered to different parts of the country, basking in the delight of having reunited away from the Cornell campus. This was a follow up to a Washington, D.C., reunion in 2006. And one can only guess where the next reunion will find us and who will be fortunate to participate. In attendance at the April 2007 reunion were: **Elaine (Johnson) Ayres '75**; **Gwenn (Tannenbaum) Canfield '75**; **Peggy Cangilos-Ruiz '75** and her daughter, **Rebecca Ruiz '08**; **Diane (Muka) Duthie '75**; **Anne (Goodrich) Edgerton '75**; **Debbie (Rumble) Flanagan '75**; **Betsy Grover '75**; **Maira 'Dolly' (Hearne) Hintsa '74**; **Diane (Wright) Hirsch '74**; **Leslie Hudson '75**; **Jane Jablons '75**; **Joanne Meder '75**; **Nancy (Hargrave) Meislahn '75**; **Laurie (Clemente) Milnor '75**; **Marcia (Langwell) Morris '74**; **Leslie (Canfield) Perlman '75**; **Ellen Roche '75**; **Cheryl (Crandell) Tangen '75**; and **Helga (Valdmanis) Toriello '74**, with her daughter, Allison. If you missed out on these 'off-campus' reunions and would like to join in the fun next time, please send your e-mail address to Joanne at jpm29@cornell.edu or Gwenn at gwenntc@aol.com."

"Just a brief note from **Bev and Wally Plachta**, Pi Phi mom and dad from 1978-1981. We keep in touch with a lot of 'our girls.' Sorry we have not been able to make any reunions. We have a home in Nanticoke, Maryland, that we really see because we live and work in the Turks and Caicos Islands at a private resort called the Meridian Club on Pine Cay. Have a stressful job; need to unwind? This is the place." Keep in touch with Bev and Wally by e-mailing them at manager@meridianclub.com.

"I have been at Bank of America in Boston for two years," writes **Robyn S. Tice '88**. "I am the head of communications for the company's \$500 billion investment management division, Columbia Management. I am also teaching graduate communications courses at Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts. I see Pi Phi in the Boston area very often, and we are really good at keeping in touch. I am looking forward to seeing my Pi Phi classmates from the class of 1988 at our 20th reunion." Write to Robyn at 103 Bright Rd., Belmont, MA 02478; rtice3022@comcast.net.

Rebecca (King) Wiles '89 writes, "Two years ago, my husband I started Wiles Wealth Management and have enjoyed being small busi-

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ness owners. Our children, Kevin (9) and Kelly (7), continue to keep us busy while we are not working. This summer we added to the chaos by moving but are now closer to our office in Cary. You can reach us at 107 Turquoise Dr., Cary, NC 27513; 919-650-1534. Love to hear from anyone in the area or otherwise."

Nicholas S. Page '90 writes, "I was a development executive and legal counsel on a documentary called *A Walk to Beautiful* that was released theatrically in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco and will be broadcast on PBS on May 13, 2008. To learn about the file, visit www.walktobeautiful.com." Write to Nicole at 205 Third Ave., #3U, New York, NY 10003; npage@rpl-law.com.

"All is well in sunny California," writes **Kimberly (Brown) Bixler '91**. "We mobbed to the Bay Area two years ago from western Massachusetts. The kids are growing like weeds—our daughter, Kendall, is 9, and Robert is 8. Tim is still with GE as an in-house attorney. If you're in the neighborhood, call us at 925-600-1961; thebixlers@earthlink.net."

"Call if you visit Maui," writes **Elizabeth (Hibbett) Bell '93** (808-281-0026; 320 Kaino St., Lahaina, HI 96761; kamakibell@msn.com).

"We had our third baby on March 31," writes **Rachel (Raabe) Destito '92**. "Rosie is a great baby. She's very cheerful and laughs a lot. I'm convinced it was all of the chocolate chip cookies that she got in utero. Emma will be 5 in September, and Max will be 3 in October. They are enjoying Rosie a lot. We moved into a new house in a neighborhood in February. It's nice to be in a place where there are a ton of kids our kids' ages. We figure we'll move back to the country when our children are teenagers and we want to isolate them! I graduated from UVM in May with a family nurse practitioner degree. I'm so glad to finally be out of school! I am currently studying for the national boards and job hunting!" Write to Rachel at 192 Boulder Hill Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482; cd81@gmail.com.

Stephanie (Preuss) Terry '99 writes, "I just finished my residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, New York, and now have made the move cross country to San Francisco, where I will be working at Kaiser Permanente. I owe



Pi Phi celebrate a sister's birthday.

the success of my move to Pi Phi support from already locals **Kathryn (Omeg) Menge '00**, **Kristen (Hardy) Gall '99**, and **Kathryn (Scifres) Woods '99**. I know the Cornell Pi Phi contingency in San Francisco is strong, so I would love to reunite with all of you. E-mail me at stephterry07@yahoo.com." Send her postal mail at 10 Clayton St., San Francisco, CA 94117.

"After spending a year doing emergency work at a local clinic, I was recently offered a residency in veterinary dermatology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison," writes **Alison B. Diesel '01**. "I am very excited to start this August. Bring on the itchy animals!" Write to Ali at 13 Goldenrod Ln., Madison, WI 53719; ali_diesel@hotmail.com.

Kimberly A. Mescher '01 writes, "I just returned from a four-month trip to Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia with my boyfriend, Chris. It was a dream fulfilled." To find out more, write to Kim at P.O. Box 882214, Steamboat Springs, CO 80488; kamescher@yahoo.com.

Laura (Olney) Wiessinger '03 writes, "My husband, Scott, and I moved to Bozeman, Montana, last year for graduate school. I am working on a master's in nutrition." Write to Laura at 107 S. Yellowstone Ave., Apt. A, Bozeman, MT 59718; leo5@cornell.edu.

"Hello to everyone," writes **Monica N. Pham '04**. "I am working in the Princeton area and just wanted to wish everyone well." Keep in touch with Monica at 10 Clinton Ct., Plainsboro, NJ 08536; monica.pham@gmail.com.

Caitlin (Stansell) Struble '04 writes, "I am very busy working at an architectural firm in Shelton, Connecticut. Last September I got married in my hometown of Cohasset, Massachusetts. Tom, my husband, and I actually owe our meeting to my big sister, **Alicia (Doolittle) Kostka '02**, who set us up on a blind date the day I was initiated into Pi Phi. She was in attendance at our wedding and did a reading at the ceremony. Alicia also recently married her college boyfriend, Ben, this past March. Tom and I are living in Middletown, Connecticut, but will be moving to Seattle in the early fall. We would love to meet up with anyone who might be there." Keep in touch with Caitlin by e-mail at caitlin.stansell@gmail.com.

Amy Dressel '06 writes, "I am living in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago along with **Kat Conrad '05**, **Emily Mauro '05**, and **Jackie Carter '07**. We get together very often and even found ourselves singing old Pi Phi songs while out to dinner. (Yes, after several mojitos!) Visitors are always welcome." Write to Amy at 2420 N. Greenview, Apt. 2F, Chicago, IL 60614; amy.dressel@gmail.com.

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We regret to announce the deaths of:

Barbara (VanWagner) Neumark '45
June 22, 2007

Joyce (Guthrie) VonSchmid '54
August 17, 2007