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After a busy summer interning in New York City and Rome, it was wonderful to return to Ithaca for the fall semester of my senior year. It is hard to believe that I have been a Pi Phi for nearly three years now; it seems like just yesterday that I moved into Pi Phi for the first time, unsure of what it would be like to live under the same roof with 40 of my sisters! It is even harder to believe that my term as chapter president has already come and gone.

This past semester was exciting and eventful for NY Delta. The 2008 pledge class has settled into Pi Phi and is enjoying getting to know our new house director, Katie Compton, a Pi Phi from Washington and Lee University and Cornell graduate student. The chapter enjoyed some really wonderful sister-sister events as well as Parent's Weekend.

A new and exciting development during the fall semester was the establishment of the NY Delta Award and the envisioning of the NY Delta Education Fund. At last spring's budget meeting at Sciarabba Walker & Co., we realized that, over the years, Pi Phi had accrued a balance of \$2,500 that was not needed for our annual chapter costs. There was much discussion over what should be done with the money: Should we continue to save it? Should we use it for some philanthropic initiative? Finally, we decided to use this money to set up a NY Delta Award, which could be granted to active members of our chapter with specific financial need.

Throughout the summer, the executive board and the Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) shared ideas regarding what the award application would look like, how we would accept and review applications, what would be the terms of the award, how they would be granted, and, perhaps most importantly, what would be needed to sustain a NY Delta Education Fund for the future.

After months of discussion, the project was realized last semester. In order to ensure that the application process remains confidential and fair to all applicants, we formed a scholarship committee within the AAC to review the applications and grant the awards. I would like to take a moment to thank Barbara Thorp '59 and Ann Dyckman '52 for their valuable help with this process. The committee considered the monetary need of the applicant, the applicant's involvement in the chapter and on campus, and the applicant's academic standing at Cornell. The awards were granted at the end of October and put toward each winner's semester dues.

While I believe that these awards present a wonderful opportunity for our members and—especially with the state of the current economy—help to alleviate the financial requirement of belonging to a Greek organization, I also realize that more work needs to be done to ensure the success and growth of the NY Delta Education Fund. Susan Murphy '73 has been a significant help in working toward this goal. I look forward to dedicating a bit more time to this project during the spring semester!

Finally, I would like to thank Marjorie Smart '57 for all she has done for our chapter as AAC president over the past years; her enthusiasm and dedication to our chapter has been a true inspiration. Marj decided to end her prolonged presidency last November and has successfully passed the torch along to Elizabeth Walkenback '00. The chapter is very much looking forward to working with you, Beth!

On a final note, I would like to end this Delta Doings contribution with an enthusiastic thank you to all of the alumnae who have worked with me and with our chapter during my term. I hope you realize how much your presence and commitment mean to us! In addition to those mentioned above, thank you to: Percy Browning '56; Ginny Hardesty '49; Connie Conlon '55; Betsy Noel '86; and Jen Nitkowski '02.

I hope that this edition of *Delta Doings* finds you well!

reunion 2009

Make plans to join your Pi Phi sisters for Reunion 2009—**June 4-7.**

During reunion weekend, we will be hosting an informal open house at 330 Triphammer Rd. on Saturday, June 6 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All returning Pi Phis, family members, and friends are encouraged to join us.



Sisters work to give back through philanthropy

By Emma Nagle '09
Vice President of Philanthropy

Pi Phi is well known on campus for its philanthropic involvement and contributions, but the truth is many of our efforts go unnoticed as they happen away from campus, in various locations throughout the Ithaca area.

Over the past three years, Pi Phi has worked with many schools, but I think I speak for many of our members when I say that the reading group at Caroline Elementary has been our favorite group to work with.

Last fall, members of the chapter started each Tuesday morning a little earlier to join a third grade class at an elementary school just a couple miles down Rt. 79 as part of our Champions Are Readers (CAR) program. At the beginning of the program, each student in the class was given a booklet to keep track of his or her reading, marking it each night to show when he or she read for 15 minutes or more. Students were also awarded a book of their

own to keep and read throughout the program.

During the first week in November, the theme of our literacy hour was Election Day. The students were all extremely well versed in not only their opinions of the candidates but also what they would do as president to make a better world. Some changes included solar energy, mandatory recycling, and more field trips! To think how young minds have changed in the past couple of years!

During the Election Day event, we read stories about women fighting for the vote, a young girl aspiring to be president one day, and even a duck who hoped to be president. We hope this empowered the children to recognize anyone's ability to create change, which was certainly reinforced that night when America voted for its first African-American president.

Although the students are only 8 or 9, they were given the opportunity to vote in our

homemade voting booth. They each cast a ballot, and as a class, they voted the dog as their favorite animal. They may not have voted for the next president, but they walked out of class that day with an "I voted!" sticker and the chance to share their enthusiasm with their family, friends, and maybe even their dog.

By the end of November, we celebrated the closing ceremonies with our third grade class. We were excited to give them each a medal and reward them on their reading progress. As members of Pi Beta Phi, we are given the unique opportunity to connect with the surrounding community and truly make a difference where it is needed.

When leaving the classroom the last time, a young girl named Hannah approached me and said, "I didn't used to read, but now I do, and I want to go to college someday like you girls." And that's all it takes to know we've made a difference.

Building a strong Greek community

By Hailey Botticello '11

When I joined Pi Phi, I knew I was joining a house and a tradition that would change my experience at Cornell. I knew my pledge class had 40 girls, with three pledge classes above that. What I did not know was that not only had I gained new sisters and letters, but I gained a huge community—the Greek community.

This year, the community has come together to become a tight-knit group. There have been numerous events to bring us closer. One event that I really enjoyed was the Kappa Delta Back-to-School Barbecue.

KD held a barbecue at its house and invited the neighborhood houses—Tri Delta, Delta Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi. Each house contributed food items, such as salad, pasta, and some delicious brownies (thanks to Tri Delta). All in all, it was a great event. KD also asked each girl to decorate a tile for a women's shelter to support their philanthropy. Everyone mingled and had a great time. I met a lot of girls I didn't know and caught up with those that I did.

Another event that was really entertaining



Sisters attend a welcome back barbecue to kick off the new school year.

was Alpha Zeta Delta's Twister Tournament, which is part of its philanthropy effort for First Book. They asked for \$5 from every person who played in the two-round elimination tournament. While Pi Phi's turned out to be lacking in Twister skills, we still had a great time. There were also many opportunities to meet new people at the tournament, which was open to the entire Greek community.

Small or large, these events help to bring the Greek community together. Other events that happened this semester include Phi Tau's Phi Tug, an annual event for their philanthropy, and

a new event, Bowling for Books, which was hosted by one of the MGLC houses.

I love these events because they take into account the busy life we all have at Cornell, usually last between one or two hours, and create a much-needed study break. They are fun and help raise money or gifts for each houses' philanthropy. Most of all, I like these events because they bring the houses together.

We are not just part of Pi Phi; we are part of the Greek Community at Cornell. It makes Cornell feel smaller and more intimate, while providing an opportunity to meet new people.

Pi Phi sisters help lead, cheer on Cornell athletics

By Ariel Fox '10

One of the great things about being part of a Greek house at Cornell is that it doesn't mean giving up other aspects of your college life. Pi Phi's are some of the most involved students on campus, especially when it comes to athletics. Pi Phi is currently represented on 11 varsity sports teams, with sisters participating

in basketball, softball, soccer, swimming, gymnastics, rowing, squash, volleyball, lacrosse, field hockey, and track. For those of us (myself included!) who never quite mastered how to shoot a free throw or do a back flip, attending sporting events to cheer on sisters can be an equally fulfilling pastime.

Fall was been full of exciting moments for Pi Phi's, whether girls were scoring the winning

goal, breaking personal records, or just screaming from the stands. Our sisters demonstrated exceptional athletic talent while keeping up with rigorous course loads and maintaining a strong loyalty to Pi Beta Phi.

Congratulations to all of our fall 2008 athletes and much luck to those competing in the spring.

A look at the founding of NY Delta

By Katie Post '09
Vice President of Fraternity Development

I recently visited our archives, underground in the depths of the Kroch Library at Cornell University. We are lucky to be able keep our precious, aging documents among the rare manuscripts and ancient books at Cornell, many of which have restricted access. In fact, our documents are restricted to current members and alumnae through a list that we submit each year. As a result, we always know that these fragile documents chronicling our history will only be touched by those who truly recognize their importance.

Although all eight of our boxes in Kroch contain fascinating snapshots of various points of time at NY Delta, I arrived most interested in the box containing our very oldest documents, dating back to 1918. This included, among other things, the original applications of our founders to become a chapter of Pi Beta Phi, their letters of recommendation, as well as their letters between our founders and their Pi Beta Phi contact, tracking their approval process.

Reading about the struggles and efforts our NY Delta founders made in order to establish our chapter made me realize how much we take for granted our solid presence and estab-

lishment on campus now, nearly 90 years later. We have a strong chapter with full membership and a reputation that we can be proud of. In March 1918, however, we were simply 13 women in a fraternity with the goal of one day becoming a chapter of Pi Beta Phi at Cornell University.

This fraternity, then called Beta Phi, consisted of: Helen Miriam Sharrett; Margaret Lounsbury Winfield; Josephine Augusta Sniffen; Mary Alexandria Wheeler; Cornelia Elizabeth Lerch; Evelyn Gertrude Richmond; Elizabeth Dorothy Worman; Grace Brown Blauvelt; Eleanor Margaret Edmonds; Mary Irene Frank; and Alice Juliet Street. These women had to submit to the closest investigation of character, activities, scholarship, and personality. The "Petition to Pi Beta Phi from Beta Phi" contained their photographs, activities, and recommendations from several influential people on the Cornell campus. The acting president at the time, Dexter S. Kimball, wrote a letter saying, "I am personally acquainted with a number of the girls of the local chapter concerned, and it gives me pleasure to testify to their good character and good reputation." Dr. E. H. Matske, the adviser of women, also wrote a letter speaking highly of the 13 women of Beta Phi.

Mrs. Rugg, who was investigating the Cornell Beta Phi Fraternity on behalf of Pi Beta Phi,

at first approved of the organization in all areas but scholarship. Of course, nowadays, we tend to have few difficulties in the area of scholarship, but we can imagine the huge efforts these 13 women had to put forth to make these urgent adjustments.

In March 1919, Mrs. Rugg at last approved their final petition. The installation ceremony took place on June 14, 1919. On this day, each of the 13 women signed their name, and at that moment became Pi Phis for life. And thus, the Beta Phi fraternity of Cornell University became a chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

These women left a legacy for which we can all be grateful. Not only did they work incredibly hard to become a chapter, but they worked even harder to create one that would last. They struggled to find a suitable home for NY Delta, starting by renting out space in a bungalow on Eddy Street and then moving to Kevin Place.

Later on, in 1937, Pi Phi moved into 425 Wycoff Ave. and finally, in 1955, bought the plot of land on Triphammer Road, which our current house now stands on. The founders kept detailed records and minutes, even recording which girls came late to meetings.

In one excerpt in reference to recruitment, they stated, "Girls should be rushed who are level-headed and not snobbish." After hearing this statement, I think we can all agree that some things never change!



Living in helps define Pi Phi experience

By Katherine Kies '11

Where else could you get serenaded by 30 of your closest friends at midnight on your 20th birthday? Where else could you go to bed sick and wake up to find cough drops and a text message telling you that your friend will take notes for you today, so rest up? Where else could you caravan to the library with a group of girls and then pull an all-nighter with one or two for a prelim? And where else could you waste an entire Sunday afternoon catching up with your friends? The answer to all of these questions is nowhere else but Pi Phi.

Living in Pi Phi is more fun than I could have ever imagined. I have already created countless memories and there are many more to come. There is always a girl to take a workout class with, grab some food with, go to the library with, or who will listen to your dilemma. The house is a constant source of entertainment, for better or for worse, and it is an experience that will never be forgotten.

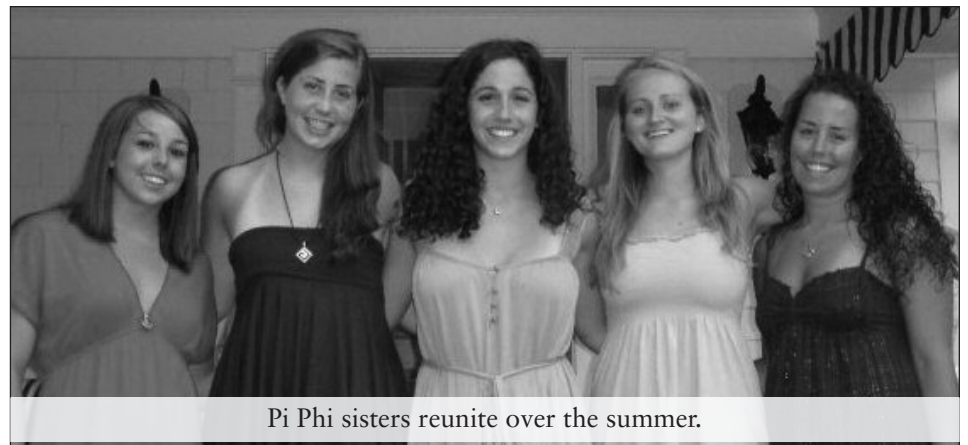
Although having your friends always an arm's length away can be dangerous and possibly detrimental to your studies, at the end of the day it's worth it because the girls will be there for you through that last prelim. I remember one night last fall when a few girls and I decided that watching a movie was a far better use of our time than

studying for a prelim—obviously a rational thought. So we sat and watched the movie for more than two hours till late in the night but then banded together for an intense study session. Now, although this may be an example of lack of good judgment and poor planning skills, it is also an example of embracing the important things in life, like friendship, happiness, and maintaining sanity.

However, living in is more than just the crazy times or the stressful times we share with each other. It's the support system that comes with it. Everyone in the house is watching out for every

one else and genuinely cares about them. It is a supporting, caring, and kind environment in which to live, thrive, fail, and develop. Each morning when I wake up and walk to the bathroom to brush my teeth—whether I can barely face getting out of bed or whether I'm excited about the day—I'm greeted by the smiling face of at least one of my friends.

Pi Phi is a huge family that will be there for each other till the end, and it is living in the house that builds the friendships and bonds that last forever.



Pi Phi sisters reunite over the summer.

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Ellen (Carnell) Seaburg '37 writes, "Moved to Roanoke, Virginia, where my son is located. When my husband, Roy, died in February 2008, my son and his wife invited me to move into their home, which has been an excellent arrangement for a 94 year old." Keep in touch with Nellie at 3537 Greenland Ave., Roanoke, VA 24012.

"We have been living in Waterman Village, a retirement community, for 11 years," writes **Martha (Atwood) Cheney '40**. "Last September, we moved to the assisted living in Bridgewater. My husband has Parkinson's, and I have to use a walker, but we keep busy even though we have our ups and downs." Send Martha greetings at 500 Waterman Ave., #410, Mount Dora, FL 32757.

M. Louise (Walker) Patrick '41 writes, "Sold our Winter Park, Florida, home of 50 years and moved to our old family rock house in 'God's country'—the mountains of Waynesville, North Carolina. I would love to hear from any of our friends soon!" Write to Louise at 1055 Walker Rd., Waynesville, NC 28786.

When she wrote to us in July, **Jean (Zenner) Kaelber '44** reported that 2008 had been "quite a year to date—January 8: fourth pacemaker for Jean; February 11: left knee replacement for George; April 28: open heart surgery for George, aorta and mitral valves replaced, one month in hospital, ambulated to a third hospital June 9 for 'what's wrong?'; now home in our apartment where 'easy does it' rules each day." For an update, write to Jean at 635 S. Park Centre Ave., #1216, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

"Still keep busy painting (watercolor), writing, and quilting for local cancer patients," writes **Priscilla (Young) Waltz '44**. "Our church group has made over 300 'prayer quilts' in the past six years. I belong to local chapter of Long Island alumnae Pi Beta Phi and act as their treasurer. I plan to go to my annual trip to Maine in June for fly fishing and sketching. Since four of the eight grandchildren are already graduated from college, only part of the family will be in Maine. Two years ago was the last time that all 17 of us were together." Keep in touch with "Pitta" at 45 Highland Ave., Sea Cliff, NY 11579.

Helen (Wallace) Miksch '53 writes, "I visited **Anita (Sargent) Leonard '53** in her wonderful high-rise 12th-floor apartment on Daytona Beach in January 2008. She has nine grandchildren, and I have six, so we both keep busy." Send Helen greetings at 121 E. Main St., Lititz, PA 17543.

"Bob and I are enjoying our retirement years, staying active in church activities, United Mar-

riage Encounter, and Fairport Baptist Home's Women's Service Board," writes **Nancy (Kohler) Dean '56** (175 Prospect St., Spencerport, NY 14559; ddeanbn@aol.com). "Our eight grandchildren keep us young! Two of them just became college graduates. Last June, we celebrated our 50th anniversary. We still enjoy camping in our 40-year-old pop-up camper and paddling our canoe. We were saddened by the death of **Nancy (Kerry) Kienzle '56** recently. Greetings to all!"

Joanne (Styles) MacMillan '56 writes, "We are just selling our renovated house near Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. I am a board member on several groups, which I'll miss. How's this one? Mi' kmaq Burial Ground Research and Restoration Association! We actually have tracked down and had memorial stones erected on some otherwise 'lost' to myth or development. Singing in the community choir is my greatest joy—no auditions, but being short I am always in the first row in our concerts." Keep in touch with "Sunny" at 396 Salmon Kyle Rd., Lakeville, CT 06039.

Alice C. Brunner '57 writes, "**Jeanne (Waters) Townsend's ('57)** son got married in August in Berlin, and I was fortunate enough to attend. Bob's bride is from Spain. His twin brother, Bill, lives in Australia and is married to an Australian national. Both boys (as well as their parents) have lived and worked in several foreign countries, so the wedding was an international affair. Jeanne was my roommate on Triphammer Road. We were the first classes to move in the new house. In 2008, I retired from managing clients' money at William Blair in Chicago. Since retiring, I have enjoyed taking (non-credit) classes, travel, and getting involved with volunteer projects." E-mail Alice at alicebrunner@gmail.com. Send her postal mail at 1726 N. St. Michaels Ct., Chicago, IL 60614.

"**Sally McFarland '58** and I have too much fun together," writes **Jeannine (Gustafson) Douglas '58**. "She visits me periodically, coming up from Sacramento. We also attended our 50th Cornell reunion together. Can't believe the house we were the first to inhabit is 50 years old. I'm all for the new plumbing. Bathrooms are important." Write to Jeannine at 8285 SW Brookridge St., Portland, OR 97225.

"I retired as vice principal of a Milwaukee, Wisconsin, public school in 1995 and moved to Lake of the Hills, Florida," writes **Johanna (Fromm) Buscher '58**. "I volunteer in many areas: member of the Ridge Scenic Highway management entity; director of Lake of the Hills Community Club; secretary of Lake of the Hills Garden Club; sing in the Lamb of God Lutheran Church Chorale, etc., etc." To find out more, write to Johanna at 536 S. Lake Starr

Blvd., Lake Wales, FL 33898; jbuscher@tampabay.rr.com.

Virginia (Prytherch) Huntington '64 writes, "I have been retired from the Iowa Department of Education, child nutrition programs, for four good years. Now twin grandchildren in San Diego draw us often to the west. While at home at Iowa, I quilt and am gardening." Write to Ginny at 2362 Ridgetop Rd., Ames, IA 50014.

Jean Chen '65 writes, "Married John Miyamoto, PhD, a professor at University of Washington, Seattle, February 22, 2008. John graduated from Harvard and the University of Michigan, did a Peace Corps stint in Africa. He's a native of Seattle. John's dad was also my prof at UW and head of the sociology department. His mom graduated from Cornish and UW and taught piano, which was her lifetime career." Send Jean congratulations at 408 W. Lee St., Seattle, WA 98119; samchen00@hotmail.com.

"Since leaving Cornell in '65, I have been actively involved in both politics and philanthropy," writes **Natasha (Soroka) Green '65**. "The last 10 years were spent raising money for AIDS in the Pittsburgh/Sewickley area. Most recently, I have built an educational, naturalized park in memory of Mary Roberts Rinehart—arguably the most famous woman author from the early 1920s who owned property here in Sewickley. I'll be off to Hawaii soon, where my doctor son will likely be elected to the state senate in November." For an update, write to Natasha at 1315 Linden St., Sewickley, PA 15143; natashasoroka@aol.com.

"Practicing cardiology in northeast Philadelphia, with a non-invasive specialty," writes **Cheryl (Leddy) Thornton '69**. "Married to James Thornton, 1983. Academic cardiology, 1978-1986. Private practice, 1986-present. Three children: Jim, 23, senior at St. Joseph University, just completed a year at the Beijing Center, Beijing, China; Cyril, 22, junior at James Madison, now in China; Laura Elizabeth, 20, a sophomore St. Joseph rower." Write to Cheryl at 1620 Monk Rd., Gladwyn, PA 19035; cheryl@thunderthornton.com.

Elisabeth (Kaplan) Boas '71 writes, "Things continue apace for me and my family—Katherine working in New York City, Benjamin in Japan for a second year, and Esther in her third college year. Art, too, continues working in D.C., longer hours than ever. In conjunction with a case in the Supreme Court of Guam, we visited Japan this spring, more or less on the way. I continue to do various volunteer jobs, increasingly for Cornell, and enjoy stopping by 330 Triphammer when I'm on campus." E-mail Elisabeth at ekb7@cornell.edu. Send her postal

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mail at 11 Oxford St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Deborah (Lyon) Fister '74 writes, "I had a wonderful, fun-filled weekend with Pi Phi (1972-1976) in Boston. Thanks to **Moira (Hearne) Hintsa '74**, **Leslie J. Hudson '75**, and **Debbie (Rumble) Flanagan '74**. **Mary (Barton) Nees '72** was there. I had not seen her since her wedding in 1972! My editing business is growing, but I could use more work in the summer. It keeps me focused and 'off the street.' The newest addition in my life is being an advocate and education about migraine disease. I have a blog that tracks my experience and recent developments concerning treatment. I love research, so this is right up my alley. When I am not reading the latest article about migraine disease, I am either knitting socks or puttering around my extensive flower garden. I grow and dry flower bouquets and arrangements." Send Debbie greetings at 54 Sherwood Dr., Brockport, NY 14420; dfister@rochester.rr.com.

Moira (Hearne) Hintsa '74 writes, "The Pi Phi of the 1970s continued their three-year-old reunion tradition with a gathering in Boston, April 11-13, 2008. This tradition was started by the class of '75 and has grown to include the class of '74 and this year several members of the class of '72. In attendance were: **Elaine (Johnson) Ayers '75**; **Gwenn (Tannenbaum) Canfield '75**; **Diane (Muka) Duthie '75**; **Debbie (Lyon) Fister '74**; **Debbie (Rumble) Flanagan '74**; **Ann (Van Valkenberg) Hammer '75**; **Moira 'Dolly' (Hearne) Hintsa '74**; **Leslie Hudson '75**; **Fran (Holmes) Kozen '72**; **Marilyn (Hinckley) Mazza '75**; **Joanne Meder '75**; **Nancy (Hargrave) Meislahn '75**; **Jane (Rabino) Miller '75**; **Mary (Barton) Nees '72**; **Ellen Roche '75**; **Peggy Sheridan '74**; and **Jeanne Wickham '75**. **Elizabeth Grover '75** had planned to join us, but her flight from California was canceled during the American Airlines maintenance crisis. It was a wonderful weekend, during which we sampled Boston's wide-ranging cuisine, visited museums, watched Diane Duthie drive the Duck Boat, took an architectural walking tour, and spent countless hours catching up in the hotel's spacious lounge. Our current experiences range from those who are retired (though busy) to those furthering their education, to one with elementary-school-aged twins. We drew participants from California, Tennessee, and Indiana, as well as many from the northeast corridor and Ithaca. We hope that other Pi Phi will join us for future gatherings. We all enjoy being able to pick up where we left off with our Pi Phi sisters, even if we left off 30 years ago!" To find out more, write to Moira at 10 Signal Ln., Westport, CT 06880; mohintsa@aol.com.

Kay (Walker) James '74 writes, "On January 5, 2009, I was sworn in as city manager of the City of Canandaigua, New York. I have worked for the city for 24 years, first as a housing rehabilitation specialist (two years), then as director of planning and development (12 years), then as assistant city manager (10 years). I served as acting city manager for 16 months after the city manager suffered a stroke. He officially retired in November, after which the city council offered me the promotion. I have had the honor of serving a three-year term on the executive board of the International City/County Management Association, my professional association. I am on the three vice presidents representing the Northeast. ICMA has more than 5,000 members. I am also a credentialed manager through the ICMA credentialing program. This is the final year of my term." Keep in touch with Kay at 2530 State Rte. 21, Canandaigua, NY 14424; kaywjames@frontier.net.

Laurie (Clemente) Milnor '75 writes, "I was wishing that I could have been present at the reunion in Boston in early April. Spring had too many other commitments, but I'm eagerly awaiting to hear the next city/place of the next gathering. It is great to see the growing list of our Pi Phi sisters who have gotten 'on board' to assist financially and enthusiastically with the redo of our beloved 330 Triphammer. Please consider if you have not yet had the opportunity, giving a gift toward this important project. Also, if you see some of your close friends who might not yet be on the list, please call them and share your enthusiasm!" Write to Laurie at 57 Pond Way, Alton, IL 62002; lmilnor@aol.com.

"Moved to L.A. in Benedict Hills area outside of Beverly Hills last April," writes **Bonnie**

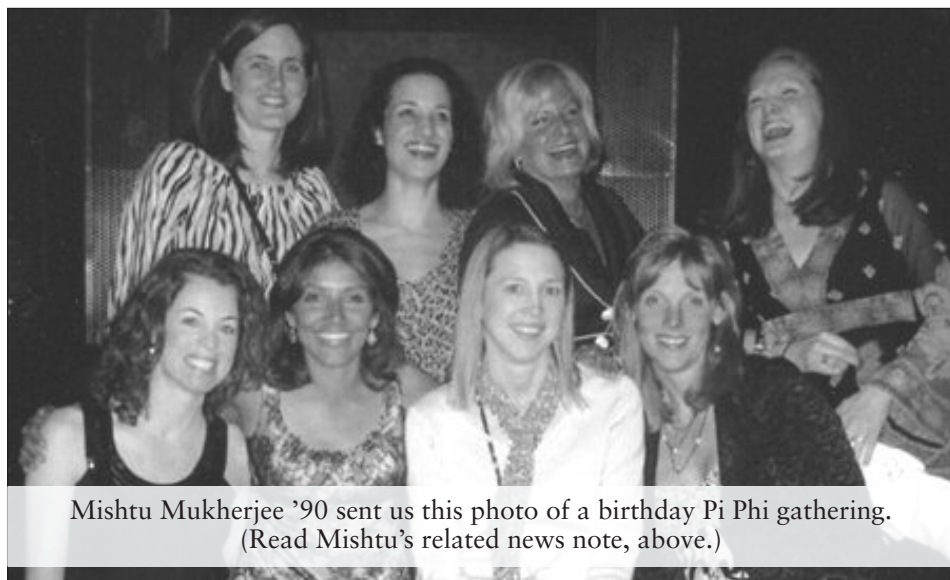
(Reuben) Nissenbaum '85. My husband, now manages the Peninsula Beverly Hills Hotel, a great opportunity for him not to travel as much as his last regional VP position with Onim. I still work full time at my independent practice in PR and marketing communications; still have the Breakers Palm Beach after 14 years, so I am very fortunate to be mobile with a changing home base. Our kids—Ari, Giselle, and Eli (12, 10, and 4)—love life in L.A. Despite the fact that they go to three different schools not remotely near each other, they are happy and settled. Hope to hear from any fellow Pi Phi coming to L.A." Send Bonnie greetings at 9748 Bunley Pl., Beverly Hills, CA 90210; reubencomm@aol.com.

Alexa (Coin) Florence '87 writes, "I was thrilled to learn that my niece, Katherine Coin, pledged Pi Phi at Cornell in January 2008!" Write to Alexa at 2944 E. 18th St., Davenport, IA 52803; alexaf@mchsi.com.

"My husband, Bruce, and I are still living in our fun little cottage by the lake in Groton, Massachusetts," writes **Susan C. Nordberg '89**. "I sell wine for a living and have been really lucky in the last two years, with wine trips to the Rhone Valley in France, Piedmont in Italy, and a wine tour of several regions of Spain. This year, Bruce came with me to Oregon and Washington State to visit a few of the wineries we represent. I'd love to hear from anyone else in my Cornell years; just drop me a line at suenordberg@verizon.net or call 978-790-3213." Send Sue postal mail at 1 Boathouse Rd., Groton, MA 01450.

Mishtu A. Mukherjee '90 writes, "Lordy, Lordy! The class of 1990 is turning 40! Bid night at

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Mishtu Mukherjee '90 sent us this photo of a birthday Pi Phi gathering. (Read Mishtu's related news note, above.)

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Sigma Nu seems not that long ago. To celebrate this new number, several Pi Phis gathered in Boston to sing tunes at a karaoke bar. Who says you really need to act your age? Apparently, at some point during my Pi Phi days, I paraded around in white boots. Watch out: The past can come back to haunt you! Thanks to eBay, we were able to relive those days with some spanking new white boots of our own. In attendance were: **Ruth Silman '90**; **Lyn Schwartz '90**; **Erin (Duffy) Flanagan '90**; **Heather (Meyer) Reynolds '90**; **Kara (Danahey) Maloney '88**; and **Erin Kershaw '91**. For those of you who remember the video, don't forget the final song—*Forever Young*. If you would like a fresh DVD copy of that 'award-winning' Pi Phi production, send me an e-mail with your address. Cheers my friends!" To find out more, write to Mishtu at 950 Mass Ave., PH #1, Cambridge, MA 02139; mmichaels@boston.cbs.com.

"We moved again," writes **Kimberly (Brown) Bixler '91** (3616 The Strand, #C, Manhattan Beach CA 90266; kimbixler@earthlink.net). "This is our fifth move in 15 years. We have relocated to Manhattan Beach for Tim's (law '93) job as general counsel of a semi-conductor company. The kids—Kendall (10) and Robert (9)—love the beach. We love visitors!"

Deborah (Berland) Kaster '92 writes, "My husband, Chris, and I are still living in San Francisco with our daughters, Sydney (4) and Avery (2), and are loving it. I recently started my own consulting practice, focused on strategy and business development for medical device companies and am loving it! We met up in Disneyland with **Jenny Yang '92** and her family—husband Kil and sons Miles (4) and Cole (2)—and had a blast! I also get to see **Karen McCalley '92** on her visits from Boston to the Bay Area to visit her new nephew, which is a treat! We would love to hear from anyone out this way." Keep in touch with Debbie at 144 Alhambra St. San Francisco, CA 94123. E-mail her at dberland@yahoo.com.

"We made a move to Park City, Utah, in August 2007," writes **Sarah (Chambers) Potter '92**. "The whole family is loving the outdoor lifestyle. Cole is now 4, and Anna is 2. If you ever find yourself in Utah for a ski or bike vacation or are just driving through, give us a call." Write to Sarah at 935 Williamstown Ct., Park City, UT 84098; sarahcpotter@msn.com.

Kristin L. Barbato '94 writes, "I've just completed my MBA at Columbia University, and I'm moving into a new position at Con Edison in



Another photo from Mishtu Mukherjee '90.

strategic planning. Recently I've traveled to China and have plans to get to Australia later this year. Feel free to drop me a line—barbatok@coned.com." Send Kristin postal mail at 60 Gramercy Park N., #15G, New York, NY 10010.

"We have just moved to South Miami and are hoping for lots of visitors," writes **Jeanette (Brady) Townsend '96**. "Please get in touch if you are in the area!" Keep in touch with Jeanette at 7290 SW 140th Ter., Palmetto Bay, FL 33158; jmtown2000@yahoo.com.

"We have had a great year in Rhode Island," writes **Heidi (Straub) Henderson '96**. "Our son, Samuel Curtis, was born May 16, 2007. His sisters, Ella (5) and Susanna (2), are in love with him! My husband, Nate, deployed to Iraq with the Marines a year ago. He returned safely in February, to the relief of us all. He was able to see some exciting improvements in Al Anbar Province. This spring we launched our new toy company, JL Woodchuck. We make really cool 'buckle toys' for kids. Check us out at bucklepuzzle.com." Write to Heidi at 32 Rhodes St., Cumberland, RI 02864; hls1@cornell.edu.

"I am currently living in Bensalem, Pennsylvania," writes **Nicole M. Salas '00** (145 Neshaminy Valley Dr., Bensalem, PA 19020; nicolemsalas@yahoo.com). "I am almost finished with my first year of my surgery residency; two more years to go. I recently got engaged to the greatest guy ever. I'd love to

catch up with my Pi Phi friends. I just spoke with **Monica Rivas '01**, who is pregnant and happily married. **Kim Mescher '01** is doing great, traveling all over the U.S. with her boyfriend, Chris."

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We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumnae:

Kathryn Hearle '32
February 10, 2008

Marian (Lasher) Lueder '33
April 22, 2008

Marian (Myers) Kira '38
May 12, 2008

Muriel (Vasbinder) Corbett '41

Nancy (Sprott) Stone '50
April 7, 2007

Amanda G. Farrell '54
January 3, 2007

Nancy (Kerry) Kienzle '56

Lynne (Gabrielson) Reem '58
May 2, 2007