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NY Delta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi at Cornell

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## State of the Chapter: Updates From Yours Truly

**By Meaghan Frank '11**  
Undergraduate President

Greetings! I am proud to introduce myself to you as the NY Delta chapter president. I spent the fall 2009 semester studying abroad in Sweden, which was a fantastic experience for me. I ate my weight in Swedish meatballs, traveled all around Scandinavia, and spent way too much money. I was traveling in Denmark with my friends from Spain when I learned that I was elected president. They were so confused when I started rejoicing, jumping up and down, because they had no way of conceptualizing what a sorority is. When they asked me about it, the only thing I could think to tell them was that my sorority is "my family away from home," to which they replied "you're so lucky." They're right; I am so lucky.

Arriving back in the U.S. in late January meant catapulting myself into the craziness and mania of recruitment. All of a sudden, all of my attention was focused on preparing hot chocolate, cleaning the house, and perfecting my conversational skills. All in all, recruitment was extremely successful this year. We now have 47 new Pi Phi angels in our NY Delta family. I'm so excited for their upcoming opportunity to live in 330 Triphammer and know that they will form even more intimate and special bonds while living with each other next year. It was an amazing experience for me to initiate each new member; it is truly a memory I will always cherish. We were so fortunate to have AAC Chair Beth Walkenbach '00, Marj Smart '57, and House Mom Katie Destiny Compton present during the ceremony.

While many great things have happened this semester, I'm sure many of you know about the

sour media attention NY Delta has received over these past few months with regard to the "dress code" e-mail. Our chapter has learned an incredible amount by going through this and will emerge as a stronger, more prepared, and more devoted group of young women. We are healing from this unfortunate incident by approaching it with the mindset that it can be an important educational opportunity. Our executive board has created and successfully implemented an action plan. This plan included adding a disclaimer to the bottom of all listserv emails, creating a screening system to reduce the risk of inadvertently sending listserv emails, and specific members of the chapter involved in this incident were addressed in a hearing. Visitors such as Pi Phi Campus and Chapter Services Coordinator Chantel Hagner, VP of Student and Academic Services at Cornell (and NY Delta) Susan Murphy '73, as well as Internal Legal Council for Pi Phi Michelle Willbanks have all emphasized the seriousness of this incident while also offering

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Sisterly love: Pi Phis on spring break.

## save the date

**June 10–13, 2010:** During **Reunion Weekend**, we will be hosting an informal open house at 330 Triphammer Rd. on Saturday, June 12 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.

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# Media Assumptions Can't Measure My Sisters

By Catherine Lyman '11

Many of you reading this newsletter have probably heard most of the national talk regarding a certain letter about this past spring's rush recruitment. The media took the issue to a whole new level, bringing our Cornell chapter under the most negative of spotlights. Being such a proud member of Pi Phi, I hated to see that a misinterpreted six-page e-mail was the new face of our sorority. To the outside world, we embodied Hollywood's notorious, quintessential interpretation of sorority girls. The truth is that we couldn't be further from that stereotype. On Cornell's campus, we represent a group of young women who stand out as individuals and who joined a sorority to make meaningful friendships, not for a higher social status or an opportunity to meet boys.

When I rushed during my freshman year, I had no intention of joining a sorority. Contrary to my original feelings about rushing, I was blindsided by my genuine compatibility with the girls I met at Pi Phi. It is hard putting into words the emotions you go through as a rushee. At the time you don't realize it, but your mind is split in two by the end of the week, slowly guiding you through the process. Your friends control one side, each pushing you to make the decision that best suits her; the other half is what you honestly want for yourself. Too many people go through rush and choose to listen to the

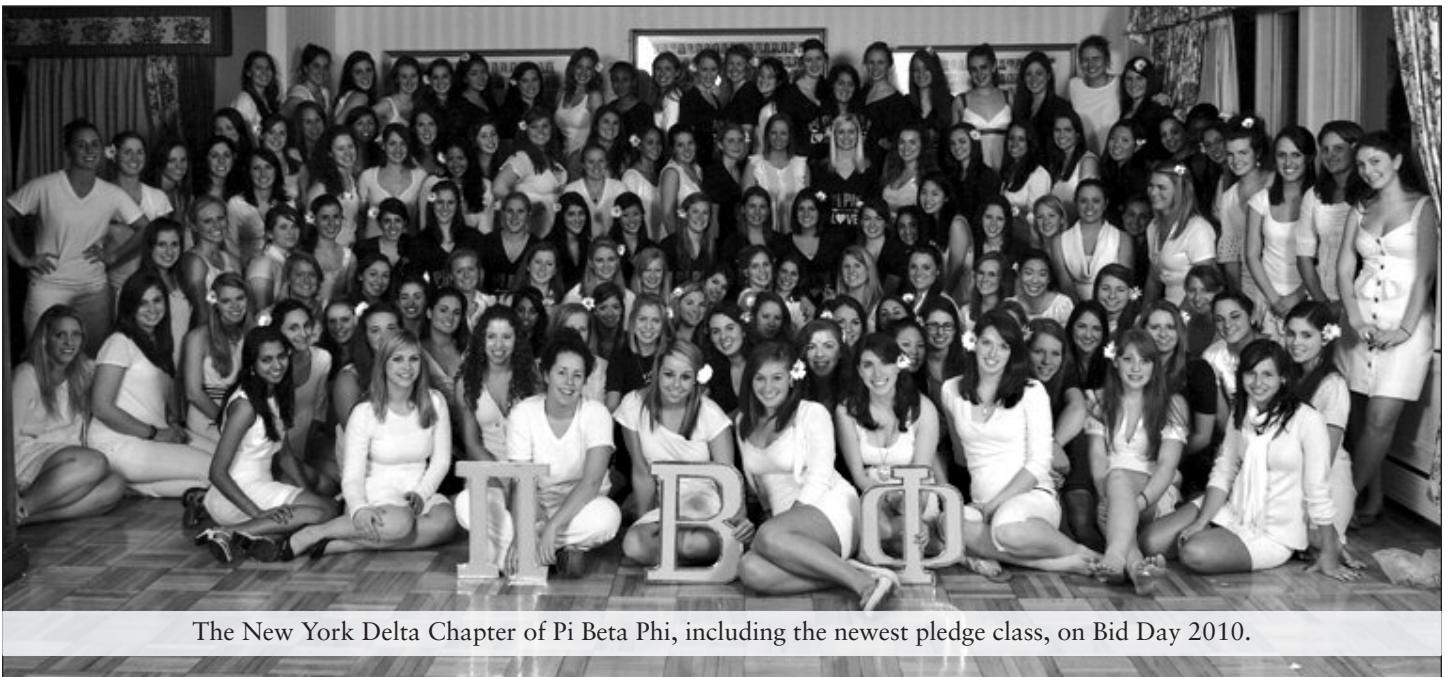
wrong side, costing them more than I think they will ever realize. I took a chance with Pi Phi and ended up with so much more than I ever anticipated. Over the past three years, I have experienced being a part of a group that celebrates all of its members' personalities rather than changing them. The women who started this adventure with me are the same ones who stand beside me as best friends today.

When I think back on all of my hardest challenges in college, I realize that Pi Phi has been my fork in the road. During the fall semester of my junior year, I experienced a hardship that I neither could prepare for nor understand. For the first time in my life, I didn't know how to pick myself back up. I felt so much pressure to perform well in school, sports, and extra-curriculars—but I was at a complete loss when it came to figuring out how to do all of that. While I may not have known the correct direction, my sisters were the ones who showed me the way. Every day, I would come home to the people who knew me inside and out, and gradually they pieced me back together. They enveloped me in support, love, and compassion, making me realize how unbelievably lucky I was that I'd listened to my heart three years ago.

I couldn't be more sincere when I say that being a part of Pi Phi has changed my life. The most important thing we come across in life is people who cherish

you not for what you can do for them, but for who you are as a person. When I think back on all the laughs, tears, and celebrations, I finally understand the sentiment of sisterhood. It is something that lies deeper than a logo printed on a T-shirt or an organization that is nationally known. Sisterhood is not just a dedication to one another when it matters but is an unconditional appreciation for each other's quirks, habits, and flaws. People are always trying to label friendships, always thinking that it has to be a certain way or mean a certain thing. However, the fact of the matter is that friendship is simply comfort that one person can give to another. The friends I have made through Pi Phi give me that comfort, one that mends bad experiences, crappy days, and unlucky circumstances.

Despite our sorority's hardship this past spring, we welcomed an unbelievable pledge class. Our newest members were able to see everything that Pi Phi stands for and allowed themselves the chance to follow in our legacy. While I have only one more year of college left, I have a lifetime ahead to look forward to. I will forever have these friendships that have touched my heart and the people that I can always depend on. Some can make assumptions about what a sorority appears to be, but no one can truly measure the love, friendship, and happiness that I have unless they take that chance and experience it for themselves.



The New York Delta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi, including the newest pledge class, on Bid Day 2010.

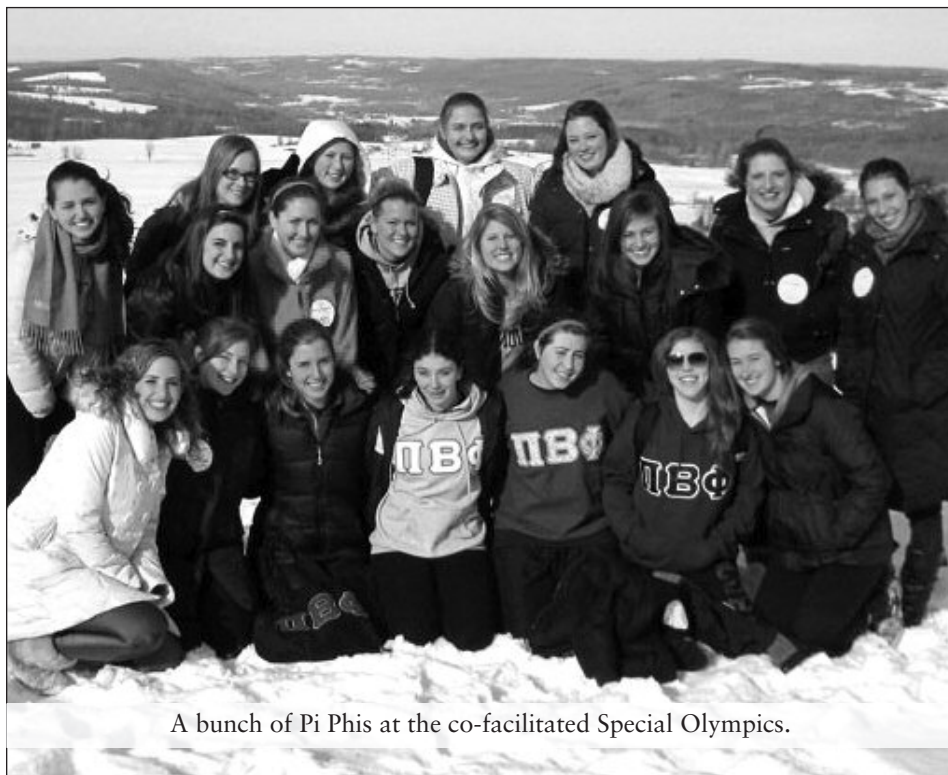
# Bonding and Making an Impact at the Special Olympics

By Melissa Lantzer '13

As a newly initiated member of Pi Phi, I am very excited to get involved with the organization! One of my favorite experiences in Pi Phi so far was our volunteering at the Special Olympics winter games. Twenty of my sisters and I left Pi Phi at 5:30 in the morning to ride out to a ski lodge near Cazenovia, New York! Bright and early in the morning, we were off to set up and help facilitate the competitions all day.

There were snowshoe races and cross-country ski races. We each were assigned different jobs to do for the day, such as

standing along the courses, cheering on the participants as they raced. I was named timekeeper with another sister. Not only was the experience rewarding, but it also provided invaluable bonding time with our sisters! It was freezing, and standing in eight inches of snow was not helping. We held our own races and dance contests trying to keep warm while waiting for the participants to finish! As a new member, I was so thrilled that I got to know some of the sisters so early in my Pi Phi career. That is only one of many amazing experiences I have had so far, and it has only been one semester!



A bunch of Pi Phis at the co-facilitated Special Olympics.

# Touched by Books Through Bars

By Lauryn Berreta '13

One of the most memorable experiences I've had in Pi Phi was when I volunteered for Books Through Bars. Pi Phis trekked to the down to a local bookstore in the Commons; there, we packaged second hand books for prisoners. We read letters prisoners sent to the bookstore with book requests. Touched by their letters, we tried to find the closest possible

matches to send back to the prisoners.

That day, there was a terrific turnout, and together, we made a small difference while still enjoying ourselves. With all the help, we speedy Pi Phis worked very quickly and astounded the store manager by the volume of books we packaged. This productive night is only one of my great experiences I've had with Pi Beta Phi. I can't wait to continue affecting the community around us one event at a time.

# State of the Chapter

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specific suggestions for us to grow. We really appreciate your ongoing support and understanding during these tough times.

In light of the recent deaths on Cornell's campus this spring, I would just like you to know that NY Delta is doing everything in our power to open the lines of communication and support. The Cornell community is heartbroken about the recent suicides that have occurred. Our executive board has organized "couch talk," which is basically a time when anyone can come down to the chapter room and really be listened to about whatever is bothering them. While Cornell offers an amazing array of mental health resources, we thought it would be a good idea to go ahead and add this service, just in case any of our sisters would feel more comfortable talking to someone who knew her. This service has been extremely rewarding, and I'm so glad our executive board was able to help out a few members who were struggling.

The past few months have surely been a whirlwind, but I've already had some of the most rewarding experiences I could have ever imagined since taking over my position. At Cornell's Greek Awards, Pi Phi brought home awards for Outstanding Facility Management, Outstanding Financial Management, and Outstanding New Member Education Program. In addition, Sarah Sprague '11 won the Kaplan Scholarship Award for academic excellence, and Natalie Raps '12 won the Outstanding Greek Woman award.

Although my position can be trying at times, I am blessed to have such an extraordinary group of women to call my sisters and show the Greek community what Pi Phi is about—as reflected by the recent Greek awards. I am also so thankful for all the ambitious women serving on this year's executive council: AAC Chair Beth Walkenbach, who is one of the most inspiring women I've had the chance to meet; a supportive house corporation; and of course, a strong network of NY Delta alumnae.

I hope this edition of *NY Delta Doings* finds you well and, on behalf of the entire chapter, we wish you well!



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# Cookie Shines Still Bringing Pi Phis Together

By **Hanna Drake '13**

As a new member of Pi Phi, my sorority's events have become an important aspect of my life that dominate and triumph over most! Yes, sister-sister bonding and philanthropic events are fantastic and fun, but an event that stands out in a cloud of sisters and new places is the Pi Phi Cookie Shine! Dining halls have become tedious, so when we get that e-mail from our listserv saying, "Dinner at the house tonight," my sisters and I pretty much jump for joy. A couple of weeks ago, singing followed dinner—an automatic disaster for those who have heard me sing. Despite the fact that I am tone-deaf like my mother (a Pi Phi) whose inability to sing shocks people, I joined our house mom, Katie Compton, to belt out some

tunes about why we Pi Phis are the best.

At a cookie shine, my diet was yet again butchered! Handed sugar cookies and every sugary condiment know to man, we decorated them together. My sisters and I ate them quicker than we could finish decorating them. Although the cookies didn't stand a chance, we enjoyed the time together the most. My sisters and I would choose bonding in pajamas (and eating, of course) over going out, seeing boys, or dressing up for a dinner in Collegetown any day. The cookie shine, while giving people new things to mock and judge me for, was fun because it was effortless and a Pi Phi tradition. While my scale would most likely rather not hear of another cookie shine event, I know my sisters and I are counting down the days 'til we sing and decorate cookies again!



Little Hannah Labadie '13 and Big Abby Vonderweidt '12.

## Appreciating My Time in Pi Phi

By **Miasarah Lai '12**  
Alumnae Relations

With this school year rapidly approaching its end, I still didn't have living arrangements for next year. I was banking on being a residential advisor (where I would be compensated with housing), but much to my dismay, I was put in the wait list. Why don't I live at one of the Pi Phi annexes in Collegetown, you ask? I'm not sure if it was like this when you were here, but all the affordable and decent Collegetown housing is leased to students during the first few months of the school year! And Cornell's Campus Life hires students a couple of months after the mass rush of Collegetown lease-signing. After winter break! Afraid I could potentially leave fellow Pi Phis without a roommate, I declined signing for a few of the Pi Phi annexes. (Sad, I know.) I was already bitter enough that I couldn't live in the chapter house for another year. The new pledge doesn't need to move in, right? (No, I would never want to deprive them of that experience.) At that point, I didn't have anywhere to live. Unlike most Greek members, I decided to trade in my rush high heels for some biker-inspired boots to go "mosey" through the living cooperatives.

Living cooperatives are similar to Greek housing in that they create smaller living communities for those with similar social

interests. While visiting the co-ops, I came across one of the more popular co-ops—one that will remain unnamed. However, I will say that they are known for their annual naked party. (Yes, I said it! It's a dance party that people attend naked. It takes a lot of courage to go to a party naked! So I expected to meet some brave and independent thinkers.) It's important to know that for each co-op one visits, a form is filled out to help the in-house members decide who they want to live with them. The co-ops have individualized sets of dense questions (usually six or more), such as: "Who is your favorite author?", "How can you contribute to the house?", and "Please draw yourself as a superhero"—you know, only the important things. I never had a problem filling these out until I came across this particular co-op.

This co-op's form only had three questions, with the first one asking for my gen-



At Bid Night, eating pizza at the Nines: Miasarah Lai '12 and Emily Farella '12.

der. Out of all the qualities that I possess, why would my gender matter? I found this really unsettling, especially since this was the first thing they wanted to know about me. I thought this was an open-minded community that would accept me for the person I am. I was there to be chosen into a house that I fit into based on similarities in interest. What were they going to ask next—my ethnicity? Being my

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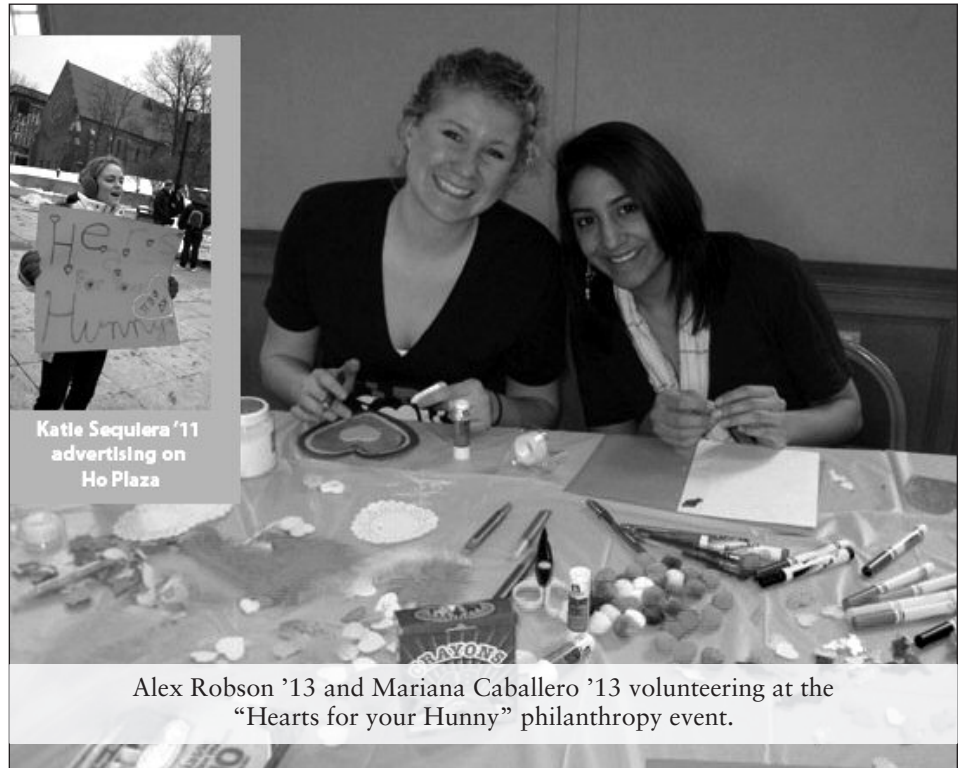
outspoken self, I let one of the male house members know how I felt about this question. And would you believe his response? He said, "We have to ask this question because we wouldn't want this house to turn into a sorority!"

The implications of the form's question and his ignorant comment infuriated me and put me in disbelief. He made this comment to the wrong Pi Phi; I was not going to permit him to make generalizations about my sorority! I was going to set this wise guy straight! But, in this moment, it dawned on me how much Pi Phi meant to me. My sisters would never write anyone off because of an organization to which they had committed themselves. My sisters are caring and open-minded to all kinds of people. He doesn't know the sisterhood and love that I share with my sisters. He thinks sororities are harmful, but he hasn't seen the affection and support that fills the air at Pi Phi. He doesn't know how I am inspired, day in and day out, by the young women around me who strive to save a cause. If he knew all that I knew, he wouldn't have said what he said. In fact, he would envy me for the sorority to which I proudly belong.

Instead, I began to feel bad for him because he would never ever be able to ex-

perience what I experience at Pi Phi. We all are so different from each other, but in our uniqueness, we unite to make a strong group of young woman who support each other through the good, and especially, the bad and the ugly. We hope, dream and as-

pire together. In our differences, we learn and grow together. In that moment, I couldn't have been more proud to be a Pi Phi. I ended up refraining from verbally tearing apart this co-op member, but I now know where I will always belong.



## NY Delta Officers 2009-'10

Chapter President	Meaghan Frank '11	Math and Economics	Rochester, NY
VP of Membership	Kelly Mannix '11	Applied Economics and Management	Rye, NY
VP of Member Development	Sarah Sprague '11	Information Science, Systems, & Tech.	Whalen, MA
VP of Fraternity Heritage	Chelsea Blau '11	Atmospheric Sciences	Whalen, MA
VP of Communications	Claire Shapiro '11	Communication	Andover, MA
VP of Administration	Sylvia Sable '12	Biology and Society	Hammondsport, NY
VP of Event Planning	Rebecca Mitchem '11	Applied Economics and Management	Bud, WV
Co-VP of Philanthropy	Ashley Griffin '12	Architecture	Houston, TX
Co-VP of Philanthropy	Jackie Carlson '11	Operations Research & Info. Engineering	Avon, CT
VP of Finance	Sophia Zigouras '12	Nutritional Sciences	Tenafly, NJ
VP of Housing	Mollie Simon '12	Human Development	New York, NY
Leadership and Nominating Committee Chair	Jessica Ramirez '11	English and Spanish	Massapequa, NY
Co-New Member Coordinator	Hannah Kirsch '10	Nutritional Sciences	Washington, DC
Co-New Member Coordinator	Kathleen Bubrick '10	Psychology	Orlando, FL
Recruitment Chair	Lauren Peterson '10	English and Government	St. Paul, MN
Rituals	Elizabeth Scully '10	Economics	Cleveland, OH
Alumnae Relations	Miasarah Lai '12	Theater Arts and Economics	New York, NY
Policy and Standards Chair	Katherine Kies '11	Hotel Administration	McLean, VA

# our alumnae share their news and notes

**Ann B. (Bode) Jennings '44** sends greetings from 14515 W Granite Valley Dr., #C429, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Reach her via e-mail at [abjenningsaz@cox.net](mailto:abjenningsaz@cox.net).

"I'm hoping to come to Reunion in June," writes **Ann M. (Lynch) Pape '45**. Contact her at 364 Stewart Ave., #A-2, Garden City, NY 11530; [amvpape@aol.com](mailto:amvpape@aol.com).

**Lila (Smith) Lightfoot '48** reports, "the Pi Phi connection has been wonderful here in Madison. My best friends are Pi Phis." Write to her at 3424 Crestwood Dr., Madison, WI 53705; [lilalightfoot@gmail.com](mailto:lilalightfoot@gmail.com).

**Janet (Booth) Anderson '56** comments on the passing of **Beverly (Graham) Powers '57**: "She was a wonderful lady with many interests, including gardening and reading." Catch up with Janet at 28 Countryside Rd., Fairport, NY 14450; [jba1934@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jba1934@rochester.rr.com).

"We sold our home of 20 years in Nova Scotia," reports **Joanne (Styles) MacMillan '56**. "I had engaged deeply with the community there, with the community choir and historical commemorations like the 400th anniversary of Samuel Champlain's 'discovery' of Acadia. He sailed down the U.S. coast in the 1600s to Nantucket! I just rolled in green grass and California flowers at Carmel-by-the-Sea, where I could not afford to buy a doghouse, but it's a nice place to have a good friend! What an ocean! I look at Monterey and dream and hope and wonder." Stay in touch with "Sunny" at 396 Salmon Kill Rd., Lakeville, CT 06039; [sunnyplum@mac.com](mailto:sunnyplum@mac.com).

"I'm sad to report the death of **Beverly**

## alumnae:

If you would like to get involved with the alumnae advisory committee or house corporation, please contact Beth Walkenbach at [bethwalkenbach@hotmail.com](mailto:bethwalkenbach@hotmail.com).



Which of these class of '60 sisters will we see at their 50th reunion in June?

**(Graham) Powers '57**," writes **Eileen (Hoffman) King '57**. "She was my Pi Phi roommate for three years. She was the first house president/manager when we moved into the house on Triphammer Road in 1956. During her illness, she received support from many Pi Phis, including **Janet (Booth) Anderson '56**, **Marj (Nelson) Smart '57**, **Kathy (Brennan Daly) '57**, and some Syracuse University alumnae. I have retired after 14 years with Group Health in Rochester, New York. My husband, Earl, and I have health problems, but travel as much as we can and enjoy our family, especially our six grandchildren, and our second home in Cape Vincent, New York, near the Thousand Islands. I do hear from **Edith (Salisbury) Curkendall '58**, my little sister, who lives in Pasadena, California." Write to Eileen at 20 Colonial Cir., Fairport, NY 14450.

**Carolyn (Carlson) Blake '60** traveled to Egypt and Israel in November 2009. She reports, "it was a Franciscan tour; we started in Cairo and crossed the Sinai Peninsula into Israel. We toured Jerusalem and then went to the Sea of Galilee, then flew home from Tel Aviv. It was an inspiring journey that I will long remember. I am looking forward to returning to Cornell for my 50th reunion this June and hope to see lots of Pi Phi

sisters." Reach her at 111 Midwood Ave., Allendale, NJ 07401; [cblake38@aol.com](mailto:cblake38@aol.com).

**Nancy M. (McConnell) Davidian '62** writes, "after more than 32 years of federal service, I retired in April 2010 to garden, enjoy time with my dogs, visit my grandchildren in North Carolina, and do some of the things in the D.C. area that one only does when company comes." Send postal mail to her at 5614 Roosevelt St., Bethesda, MD 20817.

**Joyce (Banch) Flynn '68** has rented out her New York City apartment and moved with her husband to Quogue, in eastern Long Island. She writes, "I've become active in local political campaigns, recently helping to elect a woman town supervisor for Southhampton, as well as a town councilwoman. I'm tutoring a young Colombian man in English, teaching three Mexican children, and beginning to get involved with immigration issues on the East End. We still manage to fit in our annual trip to France, although this September we'll breaking tradition to spend two weeks in Lago Maggiore, Italy. Can't wait 'til the next Cornell Reunion for the class of '68, to visit our lovely Pi Phi house and meet all those enthusiastic, bright, beautiful, and involved

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Pi Phi sisters!" Send a message to Joyce at P.O. Box 1915, Quogue, NY 11959; jcflynn@optonline.net.

"I got back in touch with **Marilyn 'Lin' Beck '68** after a lapse of 30 or so years," reports **Katharine (Riggs) VanWie '68**. "We got together at our summer house in Upstate New York, and then at her beautiful, historic home in Massachusetts. I also am in contact with **Gail Griffiths '68**, who's now in Bristol, Rhode Island." Say hello to Kathy at 3108 Tangley St., Houston, TX 77005; wiehome@aol.com.

**Catherine Theron '82** has a new e-mail address: ctheron@enter.net. Send "snail mail" to 500 Pequest Rd., Stewartsville, NJ 08886.

"In August 2009, I accepted a new role within PepsiCo as the vice president of business transformation for the Asia, Middle East, Africa division, which meant a relocation from our beloved harborside home in Sydney to a new home on the Palm Jumeirah in Dubai, United Arab Emi-

rates," writes **Vicki (Keenan) Gillespie '84**. "It has been a wonderful adventure moving to a completely different culture and way of living, and the family is thoroughly enjoying it. The role keeps me on the road most weeks, but I am loving the people and projects that I am involved in." Find out more from Vicki at P.O. Box 11330 Emaar Square, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; gillespie.vicki@gmail.com.

**Lauren (Spina) Hampton '84** moved from North Carolina to Connecticut five years ago. She reports, "I'm currently staying very busy working as a nature, wildlife, and conservation photographer. It is a big change from my former lives as a Wall Street lawyer and a psychotherapist! I'm still riding horses and spending lots of time outdoors. I'd love to hear from other Pi Phis in the area." Drop her a line at 891 Lake Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06831; laurenhampton@mac.com.

**Elizabeth (Daniels) Graseck '85** writes, "I've been blessed with a loving husband, Chris; two healthy and happy children, Maggie (6) and Jack (3); two great Nor-

wegian Elkhounds, a challenging and fun job covering bank stocks for Morgan Stanley, and a fantastic beach house on the North Fork for our annual Pi Phi summer bash! Any sisters from the class of '85 who want to join in in 2010, let me know! **Lorah (McNally) Perlee '85, Kari (Pederson) Dooley '85, and Amy Snow '85** will be psyched to have a larger crew to help with the bonfire!" Get in touch with Betsy at 421 Park Ave., Rye, NY 10580; edan@ms.com.

"I'm enjoying life (and the weather) in Los Angeles, and the kids are a prime reason," reports **Bonnie Reuben Nissenbaum '85**. "We've been settled in for two years now, and I'm still enjoying a busy PR/marketing communications practice from a home-based office—now going on 15 years working for The Breakers Palm Beach, and several other smaller clients on the roster. I'm thankful to have the independence to juggle work with three children at three different schools—crossing my fingers that the two of them will have the same school address in September. I'm grateful to my husband, Offer, for earning a great career move to move us out here in the first place. Can't get rid of the New York accent, it's very evident to the many people we meet professionally, personally, and in our community activities. I would love to reconnect with fellow Pi Phis heading to the West Coast, and I miss the gang that I 're-united' with before I moved very much—remember fondly our girls' dinners in the city. Hi and big hugs to you, please stay in touch and visit." Reach Bonnie at 9748 Burnley Pl., Beverly Hills, CA 90210; reubcomm@aol.com.

"I'm still living in Connecticut (outside Hartford), raising two sons, Jake (11) and Bennett (7)," writes **Allison (Passer) Ostern '87**. "My husband is still self-employed in the sports marketing industry. My days are filled with teaching preschool part-time, playing on a tennis team, and driving the boys to their various activities—including baseball, hockey, and golf, among others. I stay in regular



Which of these class of '85 sisters will we see at their 25th reunion in June?

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contact with **Leesa Storfer '86** and **Sue (Davis) Frontero '87**. Leesa had a beautiful wedding last summer in Provincetown, so we had the chance to visit with **Ellen (Nordberg) Williams '86** and **Donna (Thomas) Choromanski '86**—it was just like old times at the Pi Phi house!" Send a message to Allison at 16 Aspenwood, Simsbury, CT 06089; allieo2964@aol.com.

**Lauren (Parker) Dobeck '88** reports, "A lot has happened this past year and a half! I got married in October 2008, had a great honeymoon in Morocco and Spain, and gave birth to Carson Howard Dobeck on November 30, 2009." Send congratulations to Lauren and her family at 200 W. 79th St., Apt. 9P, New York, NY 10024; laurenparker7@gmail.com.

"Still enjoying Southern California," writes **Kim (Brown) Bixler '91**. "My husband, Tim (Cornell Law '93), and I are living on the beach and raising our two kids, Kendall (12) and Robert (10). Drop us a line if you are in the area." Find Kim at 3616 The Strand, #C, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; kimbixler@earthlink.net.

**Tracy Furner Stein '92** reports, "I had a baby girl, Audrey Eileen, born February 18, 2010. She is doing great and Evan seems to be adjusting to life as a big brother. Au-



Pi Phis off to celebrate Cornell Homecoming in NYC (in a train): Mimi Do '07 and Leah Girma '07.



Whitney Hughes '07 got engaged to her Cornell boyfriend, Eric Miller, and Pi Phi sisters came from NYC, Ithaca, D.C., and the Dominican Republic for a makeshift engagement party! From left to right: Leah Girma '07, Jessie Knight '07, Jackie Carter '07, Mimi Do '07, Jess Schindler '07, Ellie Turner '07, Whitney Hughes '07, Margot Dickson '07, Casey Depasquale '07, and Amber Clemente '07.

drey has a built-in group of BFFs already, as **Heather (McHugh) Cowan '92** had a baby boy, Sullivan, on November 10, 2009; **Shelley (Halloran) Holland '92** had a baby girl, Brooke, on November 24, 2009; and **Gina Johnson '92** had a baby boy, Otto, on January 28, 2010. That all happened in the same 12 months when we all turn 40! We will be headed to Salyulita, Mexico, in October for said birthdays, along with **Sarah (Chambers) Potter '92**, **Theresa (Faraci) Berg '92**, **Pam (Murray) Bilfield '92**, **Anne (Fogarty) Kain '92**, **Kelly (Keim) Boniface '92**, and **Jan (Best) Meyer '92**. All of us together...no husbands, no kids, and many margaritas!" Keep in touch with Tracy at 1904 W Cuyler Ave., Chicago, IL 60613; tracy.stein37@yahoo.com.

**Heather (Mulcahy) Breslau '96** writes, "My husband and I welcomed two beautiful daughters into the world on August 31, 2009. We are having a blast raising twins and still enjoying city life in Boston. Please get in touch if you are in the area!" Drop Heather a line at 1 Warren St., Apt. 201, Charlestown, MA 02129; heather.breslau@gmail.com.

"Baby Beatrice was born December 18, 2009," reports **Katie (Montgomery) Branagh '03**. Send congratulations to 6445 Regent St., Oakland, CA 94618 or katiebranagh@gmail.com.

**Nicole Uzel '05** has moved to 2209 NE 17th Ter., Wilton Manors, FL 33305. Keep in touch with her via e-mail at nicoleuzel@gmail.com.

**Lyndsay (Robinson) Knupp '06** married Peter Knupp (Cornell '06) on January 2, 2010. Find out how she's enjoying married life at 1961 S. Humboldt St., Denver, CO 80210; lyndsay.robinson@gmail.com.

## deceased

*We regret to announce the deaths of the following alumnae:*

**Edna (Jones) Berry '42**  
March 24, 2010

**Roxanne (Tanner) Bell '47**  
July 12, 2009

**Frances (Swinton) Jamison '48**  
February 21, 2010

**Mildred (Frey) "Millie" Morse '49**  
March 14, 2010

**Ruth (Dwyer) Brickman '52**  
June 16, 2009

**Beverly (Graham) Powers '57**  
December 21, 2009