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NY Delta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi at Cornell

Winter 2014-'15 newsletter

Pi Phi Loses a Legend

The Cornell Pi Beta Phi alumnae community lost one of its most loyal members with the death of Virginia (Hallett) Hardesty '49 on October 5, 2014. A longtime resident of Ithaca, "Ginna" served on the house corporation for many years and was truly a backbone of the organization. We are planning to publish a tribute to Ginna in the spring 2015 *NY Delta Doings*. In the meantime, you can visit www.pibetaphi-cornell.org/ to read the obituaries that were published in the *Ithaca Journal* and on the funeral home's website.

Incoming Chapter Officers

- President**
Caitlin Wischermann '16
- VP Member Development**
Allie Mack '16
- VP Administration**
Katie Murphy '17
- VP Membership**
Lauren Ransohoff '16
- VP Fraternity Development**
Marielle Ravosa '17
- VP Housing**
Stasia Skalbania '17
- VP Finance**
Natasha Khodvkina '17
- VP Philanthropy**
Kelsey Sklar '17
- VP Event Planning**
Leanne Youstra '17
- VP Communications**
Simone Klein '17

A Reflection on My Term as President

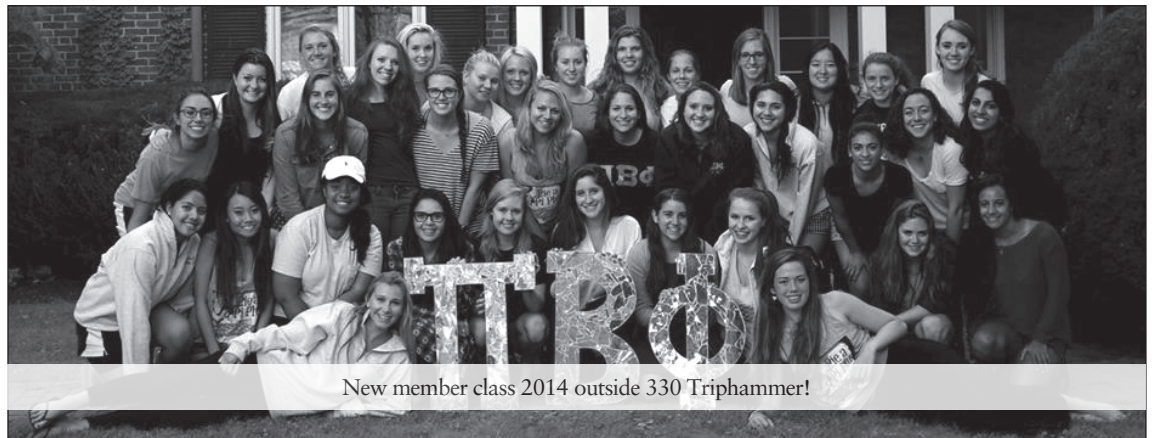
By Alaina Skalski '15
Outgoing President

It's hard to believe that my term as chapter president is coming to a close. It has been such a rewarding experience that has taught me invaluable life lessons. I have worked very hard, but have loved every second of getting to serve our chapter. I am grateful for the opportunity and for all of the people who have helped along the way. Our Alumnae Advisory Council has been very supportive and helpful, and I thank them for their commitment. My executive board and all of our officers have put in a lot of effort to make our chapter the best it can be, and I am grateful for their dedication. I'm very proud of the things my executive board was able to accomplish this year.

Lauren Ransohoff '16, VP of Administration, and Julie Apuzzo '15, VP of Philanthropy, have worked hard to increase members' involvement in chapter activities, as well as philanthropy. Lauren also worked hard with Policy and Standards Board Chair Madeline Nelson '16 to update our chapter bylaws and maintain morale. Julie has tremendously increased NY Delta's appreciation for and love of philanthropy. We continued our philanthropy events of Pi Burger Phry and trips to a local preschool. We also introduced a new signature event, Pie a Pi Phi with much success. Nicole Jibrine '15, VP of Membership Development, has improved our scholarship program. She implemented an innovative new academic mentor program and planned a very successful development program through Leading With Values. Allie Mack '16, VP of Fraternity Development, has helped to increase

awareness of our traditions and ritual. She also spearheaded the chapter history work with Historian Leanne Youstra '17. Allie, along with Alumni Relations Chair Sarah Zdunczyk '16 has connected us with the Rochester Pi Phi Alumnae Club. Monica Cai '16, VP of Finance, has explained the finances of our chapter and worked well with individual members. Katie Kennelly '16, VP of Membership, helped lead our successful recruitment this past year, and also help plan for our upcoming recruitment this January. Kelly Mathiesen '16, VP of Housing, has started some exciting changes and improvements in our chapter house, as well as set up a study room. Lindsay Wershaw '16, VP of Communications, has done a stellar job of maintaining our social media platforms, as well as designing an amazing new website for our chapter. I would also like to congratulate Lindsay on being elected as the next VP of Communications for the Panhellenic Executive Board; I know she will be an amazing leader of our community. Caitly Wischermann '16, VP of Event Planning, has organized some awesome events for our chapter, culminating in our recent masquerade formal.

This year has been one of the best of years of my life, and I am honored to have served a chapter as wonderful as NY Delta. I know that Caitly Wischermann, our next chapter president, and her entire executive board will go above and beyond to make our chapter even better. They are all excellent people and leaders who have the drive and vision to achieve anything they set their minds to. I am so excited to see all that they will accomplish, and for the future of NY Delta.



New member class 2014 outside 330 Triphammer!

A Letter From Our Incoming President

By Caitlin Wischermann '16
Chapter President

I am the new chapter president of the New York Delta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi. I was born in Oberhausen, Germany, but grew up mostly in Ithaca and Rochester, New York. I am a junior majoring in economics, German, and comparative literature in the College of Arts and Sciences, and I'm also fulfilling a university-wide business minor. Outside of classes and Pi Phi, I am a project manager in the Cornell Consulting Group and the president of Consent Ed, a peer-to-peer education program regarding sexual assault and social responsibility. I enjoy being involved in the Cornell community at large and look forward to leading the chapter this year!

Before holding the position of president, I served as VP of Event Planning. Our events last semester were out of the box for a reason.

Somewhere along the way we began doing the same old song and dance, so I aimed to make our events as different and exciting as possible. I hope you have seen some of the photos from Pi Phi Masquerade! The intended effect was that we would increase not only chapter attendance, but also chapter morale and enthusiasm.

It is encouraging to see many of our members getting excited about Pi Phi events and going above and beyond to make them as successful as possible. Our VP of Philanthropy last year planned 42 events that each member of the house had some part in supporting. The hype and excitement surrounding philanthropy last year was unprecedented, and we have established campus recognition for our efforts.

Next year will encompass even more growth in that area. I hope to implement sisterhood programming for each pledge

class and initiate a committee system that will not only get sisters involved but will empower them to be leaders as well. Part of this will be introducing Pi Phi's flag football tournament, Arrow Bowl, as a new philanthropy event! Feel free to reach out to me if you would like to know more or want to support our new initiatives.

Our chapter is going through a tremendous period of growth and establishment. It may seem a little cheesy to say, but I firmly believe we have come into reach of truly understanding who we are as a chapter. We take our core values of integrity, lifelong commitment, honor and respect, personal and intellectual growth, philanthropic service to others, and sincere friendship very seriously and are excited to lead a values-based formal recruitment this spring. I look forward to my term as president and cannot wait to get started.

Pi Phi Sisters Expand Their Philanthropic Efforts!

By Julie Apuzzo '15

As fall semester comes to a close, I'm so proud to reflect on all of the philanthropic activities that our chapter has become involved in during this past year. In total, our members donated more than 1,000 hours of our time to these causes over the past year alone, in addition to all of the philanthropic activities that we are involved in outside of Pi Phi. We also raised more than \$3,000 to support reading initiatives for children in need. Our sisters were kept busy with a variety of fun volunteer trips, new fundraisers, and meaningful awareness campaigns.

A Pi Phi knows that one of the most valuable things she can give is her time, so we have participated in many volunteer trips this year. Continuing the relationship started with East Ithaca Preschool last year, sisters have enjoyed the many trips to the preschool that we make each month to do arts and crafts, and read with the preschoolers. We also

implemented Pi Phi's Champions Are Readers (CAR) Program last March at Belle Sherman Elementary by visiting weekly during reading time to help foster a love of reading with our adopted first-grade class. In addition to the trips we plan ourselves, Pi Phi was also the organization with the most volunteers during Into the Streets, Cornell's largest day of service. With five teams and 60 participants, sisters helped everywhere from the farmer's market to the local library to a children's book fair. Aligning with Panhellenic's goal to become more involved in the local community, Pi Phis also volunteered at the YMCA, cleaned Collegetown streets, and participated in the Day of Demeter with women from other Panhellenic chapters.

Our chapter has also expanded the number of fundraisers that we are involved in that support First Book and the Pi Beta Phi Foundation, which seek to fight illiteracy among children. Expanding from our classic favorite biannual event Pi Burger Phry (where we sell late-night

food in Collegetown), we also held our first-annual Pie a Pi Phi. To celebrate the end of the first week of classes in August, we had a pie-ing station set up in the heart of campus to playfully pie sisters in the face while raising money for First Book. We also held my personal favorite fundraiser with Chipotle, where 50 percent of all sales were donated to First Book, which resulted in a line that quite literally went down the block!

Pi Phi also recognizes the need to spread awareness about important issues, so in October we held our first literacy awareness campaign called Lollipops for Literacy. By attaching facts about illiteracy in America to free lollipops in Mann Library, we were able to start a dialogue on campus about the problems we face when fighting illiteracy. This complemented the *Hooked on Phonics* Spelling Bee that we co-hosted with the multi-cultural sorority Sigma Lambda Upsilon in March; we collected books and educated the campus on our literacy initiatives. Additionally, although a bit far off from our literacy focus, we also hosted a blood drive with Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity in September to show Cornell the importance of donating blood to those who need it.

With the end of the semester here, we were able to combine our philanthropic and holiday spirits by adopting a family for Christmas. Pi Phis bought all of the items on four young girls' Christmas wish lists and delivered them, along with a dinner for the family, during finals week. After a great and hectic year of philanthropy, I'm sad to leave my position as VP Philanthropy, but I know our chapter's philanthropic efforts will continue to grow under the leadership of Kelsey Sklar next year!



Our sisters volunteering at a reading festival for Into the Streets.



Ithaca is now a little cleaner thanks to some of our sisters who participated in Collegetown Clean Up!

Recruitment 2015 Is Just Around the Corner!

By **Ellen Kaminski '15**
and **Natalie Hayes '15**

This semester has gone by so quickly, and we cannot believe that recruitment 2015 is almost here. While we are having trouble believing that we're actually seniors, we know that there is no better way to end our time here than with Pi Phi sisters by our sides. While recruitment can sometimes be stressful and a bit chaotic with nearly 900 women entering our home, it also gives us the opportunity to reflect on why we chose Pi Phi, and what it means to be a part of this sisterhood.

Given that we are a sisterhood of more than 150 women, the week of recruitment provides valuable time for us to bond with sisters whom we might not know as well and make memories that will last a lifetime. Because we both spent the spring semester of 2014 studying abroad in Prague, we missed the chance to get to know the members of our newest pledge class. However, we know that recruitment will be the perfect opportunity to bond with the sophomore class. We have held several recruitment workshops for our chapter throughout the semester and have been extremely pleased with how excited the sophomores are about recruitment. New member class '14 has already brainstormed several creative ideas to improve our recruitment process and are consistently eager to learn more about the ins and outs of the week. We love this positive attitude and are optimistic that these changes will help us have

the most successful recruitment possible.

Throughout the fall semester we have attended several Panhellenic meetings with the recruitment chairs of all 13 sororities here on campus. These meetings have opened our eyes to the strength of the Panhellenic network and how each chapter brings a different personality to the Greek system here at Cornell. Our fellow recruitment chairs have been extremely helpful and open to sharing ideas and fostering a collaborative environment. These meetings have also been critical to our planning of recruitment because of the changes that are being made to the formal recruitment schedule with the addition of a new chapter to campus. As the size of each pledge class has been increasing each year alongside the increasing number of women who sign up for recruitment, the process has become extremely competitive. In order to alleviate the growing size of the pledge class and the number of women who ultimately do not end up joining a house, we believe the decision to add Phi Mu to campus will definitely benefit the Greek organization as a whole. We have greatly enjoyed meeting the members of Phi Mu throughout the semester and are eager for them to be fully integrated on campus.

Overall, we are beyond excited for recruitment to finally begin. It's crazy to think that in several weeks, we will be welcoming an entire new pledge class on Bid Day ... a new group of women who will continue to keep the Pi Phi tradition alive at Cornell. We cannot wait to meet them!

Strengthening Our Chapter's Alumnae Relations

By **Allie Mack '16**

The NY Delta Chapter was happy to have the Rochester Alumnae Club visit for a day this fall. The day's activities included a brunch with the class of 2015 Pi Phis, tours of the chapter house, and the semester's first Cookie Shine.

Actives were excited to meet the club and hear about the continued role that Pi Phi plays in their lives. Sisters got to listen to stories about what two NY Delta alumnae club members did at school, and to hear stories and learn about traditions of other chapters from club members who attended other schools. We are excited to incorporate some of their traditions in our own chapter, enriching our sisterhood.

The day culminated with the club members sharing their favorite Pi Phi memories with us during the Cookie Shine. The one theme that ran through all of their stories was that Pi Phi is for life. Many club members discussed how they thought that Pi Phi's role in their lives would diminish after they graduated, but wherever they found themselves in life, there was always a Pi Phi sister nearby to welcome and assist them.

The Rochester Club visit reminded us all of what it means to be a Pi Phi and how lucky we are to have such a strong sisterhood. We are looking forward to strengthening our bond with the club in the coming years, and we are so happy that they were able to share their memories and time with us.



Our sisters excited for Pi Phi winter formal! Find more pictures at www.cornellpiphi.org



Incoming President Caitlin Wishcerman '16, Recruitment Chair Natalie Hayes '15, outgoing President Alaina Skalski '15, and Recruitment Chair Ellen Kaminski '15 representing Pi Beta Phi for Recruitment Goes Live!

Memories That Will Last a Lifetime

By **Nabiha Keshwani '17**

From Dicky's banana bread to watching *Mindy Project* in the living room, I can't think of a better way to experience sophomore year. Living in the house has been such a great way to bond with everyone; everyday I remind myself how lucky I am and how I should have as much fun as I can while it lasts.

I think one of my favorite parts about living in the house is being able to walk in any part of the house, see anyone in Pi Phi, and have a great conversation with her. With such a big pledge class, it's sometimes difficult to get to know everyone well, but living in the house facilitates such interaction flawlessly.

One of my favorite memories from living in was on my birthday. A bunch of my friends surprised me at midnight with cupcakes and cookies shaped in my name, a piñata filled with pumpkin spice Hershey kisses (yes, those exist) and lots of love and embarrassing singing. Throughout the day, people came up to me to say happy birthday, and we all shared a cake downstairs in

the dining hall. It's amazing to be able to live with 40 of your friends, and it is likely that this is the only time in our lives that we will be able to do so.

And, of course, a huge part of living in the house is Dicky. She is literally the best person you can ever meet. Seeing her every morning always puts a smile on my face, and her food is unbeatable. I definitely don't know how I will survive next year without her creative ways to make healthy food. She's basically a mother figure for 330 Trip. She always notices if someone is sick, and she will—without complaints or questions—whip up a batch of chicken noodle soup for us.

I can't point to one specific thing that makes living in Pi Phi so great, but it's really a combination of so many factors. It's great to be able to walk out of my room and see so many friendly faces. I love being able to procrastinate by eating nachos (definitely a house staple) downstairs or by raiding our amazing snack drawer. But best of all, it's great to be a Pi Phi—in a place where I can walk downstairs in my robe and no one (at least outwardly) is judging me.



Sister Spotlight

Natalie Rosseau '16 speaking at the Cornell University Sesquicentennial Grove Dedication.

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Margaret (Belknap) Smith '42 belongs to the Prayer Shawl Ministry at her church. To date she has been 457 shawls, one of which went to a tribal chief in Africa. She enjoys watching sports on TV and goes to an occasional Orioles game in Baltimore. Margaret's 15th great-grandchild was born in August 2014. Write to her at 10513 Gorman Rd., Laurel, MD 20723.

"I don't see too many listings of those Pi Phis from my days in our newsletter these days," writes **Jean R. (Zenner) Kaelber '44**. "I travel to see our daughters and the young'nes are about kaput now as wheel chairs and walkers are cumbersome companions. However, one daughter, husband, and son and his brood all jumped into their campers and drove here for three days of sheer bedlam and joy! This La Posada where I live has not been the same since." Contact Jean via postal mail at 635 S. Park Centre Ave., #1216, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

"My husband and I are still living in the same house where we raised our four children," reports **Betty (Meng) Howell '51**. "I am very interested in gardening especially growing native shrubs and perennials to maintain biodiversity and beneficial wild life." (289 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150)

Jean M. Hoegger '56 is in mid-stage Alzheimer's and unable to communicate about most things. She still lives in her own condo, with help, and enjoys simple contacts and outings. Virginia Montella is her best friend and neighbor, and she does her best to help her with what and when she can. Virginia knows that Cornell and Jean's years there meant a great deal to her, especially her sorority sisters. Please keep Jean in your good thoughts. Send postal mail for Jean to Virginia at 148 Main St. A408, N. Andover, MA 01845.

"I was widowed in November 2005 and am now with a widower named Jerry Stoler," writes **Betsy (Collins) Verbsky '56**. "We have

much in common: he was raised in Long Island, and I was raised on Manhattan Island. He was an Episcopalian growing up, and I attended the Episcopal Church the last two years of high school and occasionally at Cornell. Our respective spouses died not like The Episcopal Church—so we all were Methodist! Now Jerry and I are members of the Nassau Bay Episcopal Church. Jerry has two daughters and five grandchildren, and I have two sons (both pilots) and one daughter and neither of us have any great-grandchildren (yet!). Jerry puts up with my animals (five cats, three dogs, and a horse), and I put up with his stamp collecting and stamp shows." Contact Betsy at 103 Whispering Oaks Dr., Taylor Lake Village, TX 77586; kimbet60@yahoo.com.

Marj (Nelson) Smart '57 writes, "The magnetic pull of my four children and six grandchildren brought me back to Ithaca 15 years ago. Being able to attend Cornell sports events, concerts, and lectures is like

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being a student again without the pressure of exams and term papers. I was widowed 10 years ago, but now share a very happy life with Bob Camp (civil engineering '58). Write to Marj at 54 Autumn Ridge Circle, Ithaca, NY 14850; mnsmart@aol.com.

Ann (Gaffey) Coyne '58 is still teaching full time at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is involved in providing a master's in social work program in Leon, Nicaragua, because there is no place in Nicaragua to get an MSW. Her grandchildren are starting to go off to college. Patrick is a freshman at Boston College. Catch up with Ann at 1130 N. 79th St., Lincoln, ME 68505; acoyne@unomaha.edu.

Dale (Reis) Johnson '58 had a grand time at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Reis Tennis Center at Cornell with fellow Pi Phis. Dale, her husband, children, and grandchildren have been traveling a great deal. Write to her at 5358 Rolling Ridge Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

"Last fall I was in China on a 25-day tour that even allowed us to be in Tibet," reports **Carolyn (Carlson) Blake '60**. "Traveling with freshman corridor mate **Alys Chew Yeh** made it even better! What a difference in a year when this fall I was tied down for three-plus weeks with a minicus surgery that became infected

causing much pain and loss of mobility. Thank God, I am on the mend after four weeks of IV antibiotics and ready to resume singing in our church choir and attend our Pi Phi Alumnae Club Christmas party. I have 12 grandchildren from 10 to 26 who keep me current with the college scene as well as Harry Potter." Reconnect with Carolyn by writing to 111 Midwood Ave., Allendale, NJ 07401.

Elizabeth "Beth" Morsman '60 shared some sad news: her youngest son, Tim, died last November, the same day her sister died. She then turned 75 in January and discovered she had breast cancer. She's doing OK, working out daily. She wrote, "I'm not circling the drain." Write to Beth at 4011 E. Valley Rd., Deephaven, MN 55391; or send email to bethmorsman@msn.com.

"Sadly I lost my husband in September 2013," writes **Diane (Baillet) Meakem '61**. "Jack Meakem (Cornell '58, MBA '61) was a loyal Cornellian, successful business man, husband, father to five children, and grandfather to 14! He is greatly missed. I am continuing to live in Florida seven months a year and Connecticut five months. My family and friends have been a tremendous help to me in my new widowhood. We all need the three 'F's' (faith, family, and friends)." Send postal mail to 3348 Barrow Island Rd., Jupiter, FL 33477; or send email to dbmeakem@aol.com.

Jean Chen '65 installed her art exhibit at University of Washington's School of Social Work art gallery in Seattle, Washington. Their were more than 70 works on view, including watercolor, sumi-e, collage (bought by UW SSW for \$450), pottery, photography. This was during the fall quarter of 2013. Jean is writing for Seattle's *Vietnamese Weekly*, as their arts reviewer. She wrote recently about the Seattle International Film Festival, the largest festival in the U.S. Send congrats to 311 Ward St., Seattle, WA 98109.

Marjorie (Alain) Peter '70 is loving life post-retirement. They are splitting their time between Sarasota, Florida, in the winter and Driggs, Idaho (near the Teton Mountains) in the summer. She is still trying to get **Gail (Campbell) Peterson '70** down for a visit. All are welcome. (3350 Old Oak Dr., Sarasota, FL 34239)

Elisabeth (Kaplan) Boas '71 reported, "This may be of interest: This spring en route to a CAU naturalist course in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, I prevailed on a (non-Pi Phi) friend to detour through Gatlinburg, Tennessee, known to Pi Phis of my era for our Arrowmont Craft School. Although no longer our fraternity's philanthropy, Pi Phis can be proud of our 100 year commitment to the American craft tradition. Our school was an important part of the settlement house movement and helped put American handmade traditional craft techniques on a firm footing. The school continues, teaching resident artists who work on display. I enjoyed 'finally' seeing the place I'd heard of for decades and decades. There is a historic marker and bronze sculpture alongside the public sidewalk crediting Pi Phi's important historic work." (11 Pxford St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815; ekb7@cornell.edu)

Susan Murphy '73 had the good fortune of attending the 20th anniversary celebration of the Reis Tennis Center last April. In attendance to celebrate with **Dale Reis Johnson '58** were **Marjorie (Nelson) Smart '57**, **Percy (Edwards) Browning '56**, and **Betsy (Mead) Noel '86**. See photo at left of the five Pi Phis! (49 Eastlake Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; susan.h.murphy@gmail.com)

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winter, I am eager for my husband to retire and move south (North Carolina)," writes **Deborah (Lyon) Fister '74**. "Our son, Stephen, lives in Raleigh. I visit every February while volunteering at the Carolina Alpaca Celebration. We are busy with our alpacas: Livvie, Spotless, Hope, and Knox. We had no babies this year, but next year we may have two. We had them sheared in May and I have been busy skirting, dyeing, spinning. I also make soap. You can visit our website www.bereanhillspacac.com or on Facebook. We give 20 percent of our sales to Emanuel Children's Day Home in Siguatepeque, Honduras." Get in touch with Deborah by writing to 54 Sherwood Dr., Brockport, NY 14420; or by sending email to yarngirl1952@gmail.com.

"I was on campus for Homecoming this year visiting my daughter, Bridget (Hotel School 2015)," writes **Maureen (Metz) Charhut '79**. "I was also lucky to spend time with Pi Phi sister, **Carol (Zimmerman) Buckhout '79**. I attended Trustee Council meetings with Carol and heard former Cornell President Frank Rhodes speak (he was president when we graduated!). With Bridget graduating in May, I will miss annual visits to Cornell ... but will still try to come when I can! Miss my Pi Phi sisters!" Get in touch with Maureen at 23282 Palawan Circle, Dana Point, CA 92629.

Naomi (Gelzer) Kettler '81 is still living in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and working back in affordable housing field with Bank of America Merrill Lynch—underwriting FHA loans for tax credit apartment projects all over the U.S. Her office is half a block from the White House. Their daughter, Charlotte, graduated from UVA last May and is working in the strategy group at JP Morgan Chase in New York City. Their son, Philip, is a junior at Vanderbilt University and is studying abroad in Amsterdam this semester. Their third child, Nick, is a junior in high school and starting to look at colleges. Naomi and her husband, Jim, went to Switzerland this past summer for a Gelzer family reunion in Basel. They reconnected with about 60 family members and had a wonderful time. Naomi would love to connect with NY Deltas in the D.C. area! (2 Alden Ln., Chevy Chase, MD 20815)

"My husband, Marty, and I are now settled in rural central Pennsylvania planning our retirement," reports **Catherine Theron '82**. "Our oldest, Nicole, is working on her doctorate in Boston and our youngest, Trevor, is nearing

graduation from William & Mary. Life is good!" Catch up with Catherine by writing to 145 Club Ter., Lebanon, PA 17042; or by sending email to cctcat1@gmail.com.

Terry (Schillings) McLaughlin '84 had a great time at the reunion this past summer and visited the house. It looks great and she enjoyed seeing all the current sisters and fellow alumnae. Terry is retiring from IBM after 26-and-a-half years of employment. She's excited about this next phase in her life! Send congratulations to 319 Lantern Ridge Ln., Cary, NC 27519.

"After a stint living in North Carolina, I'm back in Greenwich, Connecticut," writes **Lauren (Spina) Hampton '84**. "My lawyering days are long over, but I am still involved in psychotherapy, art, and conservation work. I'm currently the chairman of the board of Audubon Greenwich, and I'm on the board of the Greenwich Riding and Trails Association. I'm surrounded by dogs and horses, and we troop down to Wellington, Florida, in the winters. Would love to hear from Pi Phis close to Greenwich or Palm Beach." (891 Lake Ave., Greenwich, CT 06831)

Lisa (Miller) Turben '88 moved to a new home and has been busy decorating and settling in. Her oldest son is graduating college, her middle son is taking a four-year leave after two years of college to fulfill a special services contract with the Army, and her youngest son is graduating high school. She is looking forward to her next adventure as an empty nester next fall! Reach out to Lisa at her new address 15550 Priorway Dr., Novelty, OH 44072.

Kim (Brown) Bixler '91 finished up a whirlwind year of touring the country talking about what it's like to grow up in a house designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. She spoke at conferences, FLW buildings, libraries, and schools. She loved the elementary school kids, (they actually do say the darndest things!) Visit her website at www.kimbixler.com or send email to kimbixler@earthlink.net.

"I'm finally done having babies—we added Hadley in 2011 and Tillie in 2013," writes **Heidi (Straub) Henderson '96**. "All five are great and as parents, Nate and I are getting back to normal—skiing, surfing, and even some Ultimate Frisbee again! I'll start consulting with an awesome educational company called Thinking Maps this summer—so excited!" Send congrats to the Henderson's at 32 Rhodes St., Cumberland, RI 02864.

deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Jeannette (Hughes) Joiner '34
May 15, 2014

Mary Elizabeth (Strong) Irish '39
March 24, 2014

Helen (Heald) Rader '39
June 25, 2014

Marie (Warren) Dickey '45
February 14, 1997

Anne H. (Huttar) MacDonald '45
March 20, 2014

Maj-Britt (Karlsson) Gabel '46
October 1, 2014

Laura (Eastman) Carpentier '49
July 30, 2014

Virginia (Hallett) Hardesty '49
October 5, 2014

Jean May (Thomas) Herrington '50
August 15, 2014

Martha (Gotthoffer) Pogue '51
November 19, 2013

Martha (Kelsey) Davenport '53
November 25, 2012

Jean (Jensen) Remington '54
July 25, 2014

Barbara (Buck/DeCamp) Bozeman '62
September 27, 2014

Jerryanne (Taber) Bier '67
June 27, 2013

Jeannette Ostertag '83
February 21, 2011

Dorota (Krajewski) Whitmer '02 and her husband welcomed their first child, Henry Daniel, in September 2014! Send congratulations to dorotak79@yahoo.com.

Mollie (Klurfeld) Williams '03 got married in Newport, Rhode Island, on June 21, 2014. Pi Phi sisters **Amy (Montgomery) Olts '03** and **Casey (Morse) Klurfeld '00** were there to celebrate. Send congratulations to the Williams at 150 E. 93rd St., Apt. 3B, New York, NY 10128.

Natalie Raps '12 spent a weekend with her best girlfriends—all Pi Phis—**Nikki Thompson, Jane Appert, Liz Johnson, and Jen Schmidt**. The ladies she met in Pi Phi have changed her life. She is so grateful for their friendship. (11917 Harmony Ln., Potomac, MD 20884)