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Letter From the President: The Promise of Pi Phi

Dear Pi Phi Sisters,

In one year, we have made great strides. We have been ranked as an outstanding chapter by the Cornell Fraternity and Sorority Awards, which have since been renamed in honor of our very own alumna Susan H. Murphy. We have exceeded all expectations of chapter engagement with our chapter leading the Panhellenic community in terms of philanthropic participation. We even hosted Cornell's first annual flag-football tournament to raise money and awareness for literacy.

But more than any awards or metrics, the feel is different. There is a certain something at 330 Trip-hammer Road that makes everything better (even the worst prelim weeks). It is a happiness that comes with being at home but also a comfort with

being happy with where we are and who we are.

Pi Phis are so dedicated and so proud and so unapologetically themselves that it feels different.

We are unequivocally a sisterhood. And through the good and the bad, that is the promise we have given one another and the responsibility we have taken up. I do not know how to thank each of you. This year has been not only extraordinary for our chapter but the most fulfilling and humbling experience as your president.

So, all I ask is to carry it on. Wherever you go, be unapologetically yourself. Love what motivates you. And keep your head up and eyes on the horizon.

With unwavering love,
Caity Wischermann '16



Sophomores goofing around at Homecoming.

Living In: Sisterhood at Its Fullest

Living in the Pi Phi house for the past few months has been an unforgettable experience. When I joined Pi Phi last semester, I knew just from meeting everyone that this sorority was filled with authentic, hilarious, down-to-earth girls. But it wasn't until this semester that I realized how much was missing from my Pi Phi experience.

In two short months, I've gotten so close to the women in my member class, discovering everyone's backgrounds and quirks—from their guilty TV pleasures to their favorite late night snack creations. Sisters in the same majors have bonded over homework sessions in our dining room. I never walk to class alone and always have

someone to work out with.

I was prepared to have less time to myself this semester, but luckily I found I don't need it as much as I thought because when I'm in the house, I know we are never trying to keep up any appearances. There have been times this semester when I've sat down to dinner after a

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The Life and Times of a Student Athlete

I came to Cornell as a recruited varsity athlete with zero intentions of rushing a sorority. However, as my first semester progressed, I learned more about Cornell's Greek community. I also grew close to my teammates, many of whom were Panhellenic women, and quickly became interested in joining a sorority. I loved my teammates—and still do—however, I envied my Greek teammates who had friends outside field hockey. They had what seemed like huge networks of people who cared about them on this campus of over 21,000 students.

Needless to say, I went through formal recruitment and joined Pi Beta Phi. My expectations were spot on: I officially had a circle of friends outside my sport. Then, in the fall of my sophomore year, I moved into the Pi Beta Phi house. Field hockey is a fall sport, so we have games every weekend from the start of the semester until early November. It was hard hearing about all the fun sisterhood events that I had to miss out on because of games or practice.

I was initially jealous that everyone was bonding so early without me, but my sentiment quickly changed. I play goalie in field hockey, and that fall, our starting goalie—also a Pi Phi—suffered a concussion. This meant that I would play in games until she recovered. I remember being so nervous. I respected and loved my team and was terrified of letting them down. The day of my first starting game against Columbia, I

looked up to the stands as the announcers read the starting lineups. About 10 Pi Phis were sitting there holding a massive sign that read "Pi Phi loves Biz and Steph!" They gave me so much confidence going into the game—but more importantly, they calmed my nerves and made me smile.

Being a varsity athlete in Pi Phi is so much more than having a group of friends outside my sport. The other Pi Phis on my team always understand what I am going through, whether it is a hard practice or the frustration of only having an hour to race home and get ready between a game and a formal.

I know that my every endeavor is supported by a group of 150 amazing women. Pi Phis are always there to cheer me on and motivate me to try my hardest in everything I do. My four years on the varsity field hockey team at Cornell have tested me in every way possible. They have been extremely difficult, and on more than one occasion, pushed me past my breaking point. However, the girls in Pi Beta Phi have been integral to my success.

Joining Pi Beta Phi is the best decision I have made at Cornell. As a varsity athlete, I am often pushed to my limits. But, I know that I will always have Pi Phis to help remind me that I love hockey. Being a varsity athlete in Pi Phi is easy for me because I know I'll always have sisters to catch me when I fall.

Elizabeth Schaeffler '16

Living In

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long day and felt so relieved to vent about everything that happened since I'd left that morning.

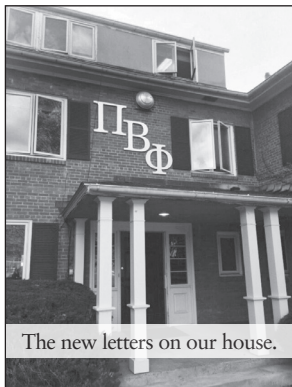
There have been mornings I've been brushing my teeth and had someone wish me luck on a prelim they remembered I had that day.

The best times, however, have been Sunday mornings at 11 when I, along with the rest of the house, will wake up just in time for chef Dicky's delicious brunch. We'll slowly migrate downstairs where we eat together and share stories from our weekend. Some of these times I've been feeling vulnerable and without fail a Pi Phi has been there to help put everything in perspective. Other times, I was the first

person to congratulate a sister on killing an interview or acing her swim meet, knowing she would do the same for me.

Living in the house I've seen firsthand how dependable and reliable every Pi Phi is. If you ever need someone to switch dish duty with you or if you're walking home alone at night and want someone to talk to, a sister has you covered. And the best part is you never feel like a burden. Having sisters who will time and again go the extra mile for you but never ask for anything in return is something so rare it makes me truly lucky to be a Pi Phi. And I think I can speak for the rest of my member class when I say I'm so excited to spend the rest of the year at 330 Trip!

Leeann Emmi '18



The new letters on our house.

A Postcard from Denmark

Hello and greetings from Copenhagen. I've been here just shy of nine weeks, and let me tell you, I feel like a local already. Since arriving here, in the happiest country in the world, it's been nonstop biking, coffee, and fun interactions due to mispronounced vowels. Essentially, it's been a blast.

Copenhagen, or København, as the locals spell it (see how difficult these vowels are!), is a lot like Ithaca. It rains a lot, people walk really quickly regardless of where they're going, and hills really affect travel time when you'd least expect it. Here, just like Ithaca, the sunny days are extra special and usually spent lounging outside and soaking up the (limited) sun. My friends have a pretty intense passion for ultimate Frisbee, so the sunny days are also spent honing hand-eye coordination along with the ability to pronounce the word "sorry" in Danish because my aim isn't quite where it needs to be. (In case you're curious, it's *undskyld*.)

For the most part, fast walkers haven't been an issue because the commute from 330 Triphammer taught me a thing or two about speed-walking or, as the very tall and fit Danes call it, walking. And although I still don't understand conversational Danish, I have progressed to the point where I can usually successfully grocery shop without the aid of Google Translate.

The hills were a more recent discovery, made while biking 26 miles to watch—you guessed it—a Frisbee tournament. (One of my roommates is EXTREMELY passionate about "disc.") Despite the unexpected hills making for a challenging ride, it was a scenic three-hour tour through some suburbs and farm communities on my trusty bike, Regina.

During my time here I have wholeheartedly embraced the Danish standard of "hygge," or coziness in all things. Basically, I've been using cultural immersion as an excuse to splurge on a lot of candles, and to spend a lot of time wrapped in blankets and drinking coffee at cafés. So it's not very different from my experience at Cornell, really.

I'm just past halfway done with the semester, and, like the rest of my college experience, it has flown by. In two days I head to (hopefully) sunny Italy on a study tour. I plan to make Pi Phi proud by exploring the local cuisine to the best of my ability. I miss you all, my sisters, but I am excited to return with new Danish traditions to share with everyone.

Farvel!

Alice Alexandrov '17

Fall Bonding in the Beautiful Finger Lakes

Lauren Ransohoff '18
VP of Membership

Fall is a beautiful time in Ithaca, and we have enjoyed the outdoors during our sisterhood events. Our first bonding event happened Friday, September 4, after our Pie a Pi Phi philanthropy event. We took advantage of our chapter house's beautiful backyard and the warm weather to welcome everyone back to school and spend an afternoon of fun.

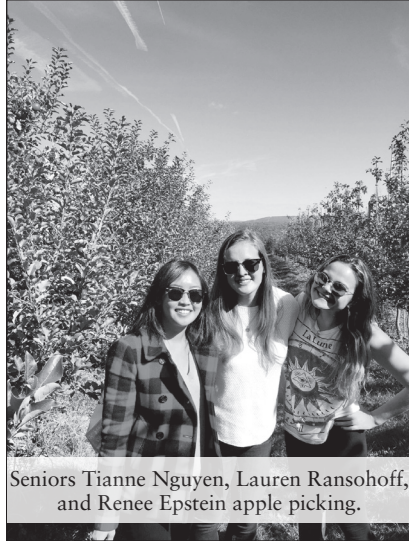
The Collegetown Crepes truck set up in our parking lot and sisters enjoyed fresh crepes, as well as lawn games, in one another's company. We welcomed back women who were abroad last semester and shared stories from our

summers. It was a wonderful way to gather everyone together before the semester's work began.

While the warm weather lasted we made our way to the Ithaca Farmer's Market, which sits on the shore of Cayuga Lake and hosts many local businesses. From breakfast burritos to fresh pesto to flowers and hand-pressed juice, the market has something for everyone. We all enjoyed wandering the booths and sitting on the dock to eat and hang out.

As the leaves began to change, the Apple Harvest Festival came to Ithaca, and we had another sisterhood bonding event. Everyone was encouraged to attend the festival together to enjoy a week-end of local vendors set up throughout Ithaca Commons with apple-themed food

and items. On Sunday, the last day of the festival, we enjoyed a beautiful sunny day apple-picking at the nearby Indian Creek Farm. In addition to apples, sisters picked flowers and peaches. We had so much fun wandering the orchard filling baskets with fresh apples to bring home. For some sisters from the west coast, it was their first time going apple picking!



Seniors Tianne Nguyen, Lauren Ransohoff, and Renee Epstein apple picking.



Juniors Kelsey Sklar, Olivia Matticoli, and Simone Klein enjoying life on the Finger Lakes.

As we approach Halloween, our next sisterhood event is pumpkin picking and carving! We love decorating for Halloween, and pumpkin carving is an all-time favorite for many. This event will be a

great way to get in the Halloween spirit, reconnect with each other mid-semester, and relieve stress from our preliminary exams.

Celebrating A Successful September for Pi Phi Philanthropy

Kelsey Sklar '17
VP Philanthropy

In September, we celebrated a special month dedicated to our philanthropy, Read > Lead > Achieve! We were all kept busy between getting pie'd in the face at Pie a Pi Phi, organizing over 20 teams for our flag football tournament, volunteering at the opening night for the Ithaca YMCA, and raising funds through Buffalo Wild Wings. Additionally, we are proud to announce that we received a FDS500 grant, and were able to donate 500 books to our local South Hill Elementary School! It turns out that the school librarian is also a Pi Phi, so she was extra touched when we made the donation.

It was a whirlwind of a semester, especially with the kick-off of our first ever Pi Phi Arrowbowl Flag Football tournament. The event would not have been as successful as it was without the co-planning of our Arrowbowl chairs, sophomores Zoe Lee-McDermott and Sarah

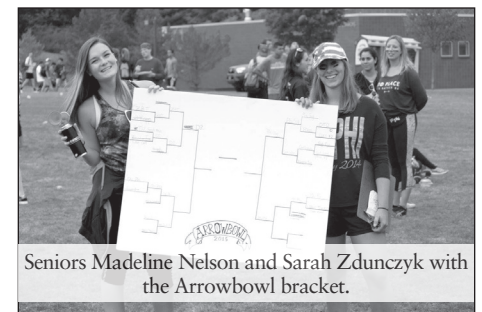


Members of MC '15 show their spirit at Arrowbowl.

Demouly, who dedicated countless hours, starting last spring. We had a total of 20 teams participating in the heated competition, and there were more than 250 people present at the event! While we had three football games happening concurrently, we reserved part of the fields for fun lawn games such as Kan Jam, a ladder toss, and badminton. Perhaps the best part of the event, if not the groovy music uniting everyone across Appel Fields, was the appearance of the local crêpe truck. They donated a dollar for each crêpe served—delicious and philanthropic!

By the end of September we had raised a whopping \$2,350 for the Pi Beta Phi

Foundation. Not only did we surpass our fundraising goal for the semester, but we almost doubled the amount that we raised in the spring semester. We concluded our philanthropic events this semester with a philanthropy/health and wellness-sponsored fitness class taught by our very own sister, senior Kelly Matheisen. She taught



Seniors Madeline Nelson and Sarah Zdunczyk with the Arrowbowl bracket.

an aerobic dance class attended by not just Pi Phi sisters but many other panhellenic women as well. We also had an online fundraising raffle to give away some awesome Pi Beta "Phitness"-related prizes before the event.

It was a landmark semester for philanthropy and we hope that some of you can join us next year for Arrowbowl!

our alumnae share their news

Fall Alumnae Events: Coming Together

Olivia Matticoli '17
Alumnae Relations Chair

This fall semester has been full of exciting New York Delta alumnae events. In September, we welcomed back recent graduates for a weekend of Homecoming festivities. It was so nice to be able to reconnect with these young alumnae and hear about their recent endeavors in the professional world, from New York City and Washington, D.C., to California and abroad.

The cold held off and gave us some beautiful Ithaca weather to enjoy all weekend, from the football game to our very own Homecoming Weekend reunion brunch in the 330 Triphammer backyard.

In October, we welcomed the Rochester Alumnae Club, who spent the morning talking to our seniors—soon to be our youngest alumnae class—about transitioning from an active member to a Pi Beta Phi alumna. After a brunch filled with guidance and wisdom, the entire New York Delta

Chapter came together for a cookie shine. The women of the Rochester club shared some of their fondest Pi Phi memories, and there was definitely no shortage of cookies and sweets. It was not only a honor to have these women in our home, but also an ex-

traordinary example of how Pi Phi sisters are

you do beyond your time together at Cornell. As many of you know, we also had our annual alumnae brunch during Reunion Weekend in June. It was an incredible success, and so special to see so many Pi Phi sisters reconnect after many years. Sisters from '10, '05, '00, and all the way to '55 enjoyed snacks and beverages at the house while they reminisced over photos and scrapbooks. Marielle Ravosa, VP of Fraternity Development, and I would like to thank all of the women who came. It was truly a pleasure to meet and chat with all of you. We look forward to meeting more of you at our next alumnae brunch this June!

We also recently launched a New York Delta alumnae Facebook group—NY Delta Pi Beta Phi Alumnae—so please find us on Facebook and add all your sisters. On the page you can learn about upcoming alumnae events hosted by the New York Delta Chapter and catch up with fellow Pi Phis.



Class of '95 Pi Phis return for their 20th reunion: L-R Christine (Wood) Echols, Jennifer (Wendling) Helgesen, Alison (Ford) Balan, Amy (Taylor) Sevigny, Drey (Beukenkamp) Ward, Claudia Richter, Tiffany (Bangs) Rowe, Kristin (Guttenberger) Grossman (John & Mary Grossman, in utero).

Catching Up With Bev (Robertson) and Wally Plachta Pi Phi House Parents 1978-'82



Bev and Wally Plachta Receiving Fodor's Award in NYC.

In September 2014 we had the opportunity to go to New York City on behalf of the Meridian Club on Pine Cay, Turks & Caicos Islands, which won an award from Fodor's for being one of the top 100 hotels in the world.

We had told the club's owner that when Bev reached 60, that was it, and after 15 years it was time. So, as of March we are no longer the club's managers—we're on sabbatical (sounds better than retirement!).

We went on a two-week river cruise in Russia last year. The members of Pine Cay gave us a parting gift—a 17-day land/river cruise to Vietnam and Cambodia, which we embark on Dec. 29—a great way to end 2015 and ring in 2016. For the

time being, we are residing at our home in Nanticoke, Maryland. Wally's mother, age 94, and our four island kitties are happy to have us home.

Bev had knee replacement surgery in May, and a manipulation in June, so she is recuperating from those procedures. We are also taking time to participate in community events and visit with friends and family. So, if you find yourself on the eastern shore of Maryland, come and visit. We live in the boonies and a restaurant even bears that name.

We've sent along some photos from 1982. Enjoy!

Catch up with Bev and Wally at 20590 Nanticoke Road, Nanticoke, MD 21840, or tyaskin@hotmail.com.



Pi Beta Phi Pledge Formal April 30, 1982.

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"I am still knitting prayer shawls, now at 474," writes **Margaret (Belknap) Smith '42**, who welcomed her 19th great-grandchild in March. "I enjoy watching sports on TV, as I do not travel anymore." Drop her a line at 10513 Gorman Road, Laurel, MD 20723, or monga2042@verizon.net.

Jean (Zenner) Kaelber '44 is "just being busy 'getting older!'" adding that she was delighted to hear from **Dotty Mae Golden '46**. Keep in touch with her at 635 S Park Centre Ave., #1216, Green Valley, AZ 85614, or geojean.k@gmail.com.

Beatrice (Watson) O'Connell '48 celebrated her 90th birthday in January with family and friends. "My activities include playing lots of bridge, and doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles," she writes. "I am especially happy to have good health, although I am probably a bit slow at times!" Send her a letter at 1581 3rd St. NW, New Brighton, MN 55112.

"I'm watching the snow blow around. We've had more than our share of cold and snowy weather," wrote **Roslyn (Miserentino) Kerr '53** in March. Her spare time is spent participating in senior activities at the local college. "I'm a board member and have enjoyed the wonderful activities and classes offered." Drop her a line at 179 Waugh Road, Farmington, ME 04938.

Nancy (Egan) Webster '53 celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary with a "joyous family reunion of the clan. Blessings abound: four children, seven grandchildren, four 'and a half' great-grandchildren." She is looking forward to continuing a happy marriage, and toward their 61st anniversary! Congratulate her at 1710 Hoyt St., Madison, WI 53726, or nwebster7@gmail.com.

Betsy (Collins) Verbsky '56 writes that she has been a widow for 10 years, and has been with her boyfriend Jerry for five. "He asked me to marry him after we had been dating two months, but I had to say no because I did not work enough quarters to get my own social security, so I have my late husband's social security and his DuPont pension and I would lose both if I married again." She writes that Jerry "puts up with my animals—five cats, two dogs, and a horse at a boarding stable 11 miles from my house—and I put up with his stamp collecting and stamp shows!" Her three

children and six grandchildren gave her a huge 80th birthday party last November at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake with nearly 100 attendees. "They had a band and a wonderful dinner. I told them it was the BEST party of my life!" Catch up with her at 103 Whispering Oaks Drive, Taylor Lake Village, TX 77586.

"I have been putting on a master's in social work degree at our sister university in Leon, Nicaragua, for 22 graduate students," writes **Ann (Gaffey) Coyne '58**, who teaches social work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. "They will defend their theses in November." Then she will be back to taking students to Nicaragua once a year instead of the six times a year she's traveled there since 2013. Drop her a line at 1130 N 79th St., Lincoln, NE 68505, or acoyne@unomaha.edu.

"Any ΠΦ nearby?" asks **Mary (Petermann) Merrill '59**, who writes that she has a new home in Asheville, North Carolina, where she works as a hobby artist. Visit her blog at merrillmimi.blogspot.com, or write to her at 24 Highbridge Crossing, Apt. 1413, Asheville, NC 28803, or mpmerrill@aol.com.

"Thanks to the officers, house corporation board, and members for keeping the house going and for making ΠΦ a meaningful and supportive group of friends," writes **Ginny (Prytherch) Huntington '64**. "Wishing you all a great fall semester and year ahead." Drop her a line at 2632 Ridgetop Road, Ames, IA 50014.

Patricia McElwee '65 is one of three generations living in a large duplex near downtown Dover, Delaware. "I love waking to a 7½-year-old grandson!" she writes. She has been spending a lot of time with a group of single seniors, and planned to travel with several of them on a cruise to Bermuda at the end of September. Two knee replacements and AFib limit her mobility somewhat, but she's still out and about and loves living in Dover, "just minutes from Route 1 going through Delaware with an open door for company." Send her a note at 308 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, or pmcelwee@aol.com.

"This May, Dave and I moved from our house in Paoli, where we've lived for 35 years, to an 'active adult' community in West Chester, Pennsylvania," writes **Susan**

(Darsie) Arnold '69, adding that her son Doug and his family moved into their Paoli house. "Now we have the best of both worlds. Dave's retired, so we're starting a whole new life. It's kind of like going off to college!" Catch up with her at 1321 Robynwood Lane, West Chester, PA 19380, or sarnold468@verizon.net.

Marilyn (Porter) Woolfolk '71 retired in 2013 from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry after 38 years. She is currently emerita professor of dentistry and assistant dean emerita for student services. "I still consult nationally and locally in my specialty of dental public health and matters of educational access to health careers in dentistry and medicine," she writes. Retirement affords her more time to pursue her interests in music, tennis, biking, spectator sports, travel, and volunteering at her church. "I love the freedom and flexibility to do 'whatever' and 'whenever' the opportunity presents." She still has fond memories of October "Happy Pappy" weekends and Pi Phi. "If anyone visits Ann Arbor, Michigan, give me a shout!" Contact her at 2780 Holyoke Lane, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, or winder@umich.edu.

Susan H. Murphy '73 writes, "Thank you New York Delta for the fun cookie shine in honor of my retirement as vice president for student and academic services. It was VERY special!" Catch up with her at 49 Eastlake Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, or susan.h.murphy@gmail.com.

Debbie L. (Lyon) Fister '74 visited Ithaca and Cornell in September. "We first went to Taughannok Falls and took our Adirondack guide boat across the lake. Beautiful day, sunny and warm!" After heading to Collegetown for lunch, she took a quick trip through the bookstore and Willard Straight Hall and was pleasantly surprised that the Straight had not changed much in 40 years. A trip to ΠΦ was on the list, but will have to wait until the next trip to Ithaca. She is still editing papers at precisionwritingsvc.com, raising alpacas, and felting, dyeing, and spinning at bereanhillsalpacas.com. Contact her at 54 Sherwood Drive, Brockport, NY 14420, or yarngirl1952@gmail.com.

"With a background in social work and an empty nest at home, I recently took on a

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deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Barbara C. (Crafts) Clements '44

April 7, 2015

Ann B. (Bode) Jennings '44

February 3, 2015

Zoe Crichton '46

February 21, 2015

Janice Meyer '49

March 1, 2015

Anne (Warren) Smith '60

March 13, 2015

Justine G. (George) Fowler '61

May 6, 2006

Carol Marie (Beim) Nulsen '77

July 5, 2015

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new health venture as a certified independent health coach with Take Shape for Life," writes **Jennifer (Read) Campbell '81**. After maintaining a 25 pound weight loss over the last year she decided to take the leap and get certified through the Center for Obesity Prevention and Education program at the College of Nursing at Villanova. Her youngest child, Ben, just graduated from U.Va. and is applying to med schools; her daughter Olivia is an R.N. at Vanderbilt in Nashville. She enjoys bicycling with Ron, her husband of 30 years. They also enjoy get-togethers with the children of her late sister, **Emily Read Wood '77**. "Her daughter Alli (Pi Phi Cornell '14) is following in her mom's footsteps and is in a combined registered dietician master's program at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, her son David is in Boston with MFS Investment Management, and daughter Jessica is an attorney in New York City." She's looking forward to connecting with other Pi Phis at her upcoming 35th in 2016, and can be reached at 14824 Hunting Path Place, Centreville, VA 20120, ronjencam@aol.com, www.JenniferCampbell.TSFL.com, and also on Facebook.

Joyce (Fries) Sidopoulos '85 writes, "So excited to report that my daughter Kassie was invited to join the ΠΦ Alabama Beta Chapter at the University of Alabama!" She adds that she enjoyed a great reunion and outing with **Ellen L. Nordberg '86** and **Leesa Ara Storfer '86** at Billy Joel's Fenway concert. Keep in touch with her at 37 Powder Hill Road, Bolton, MA 01740.

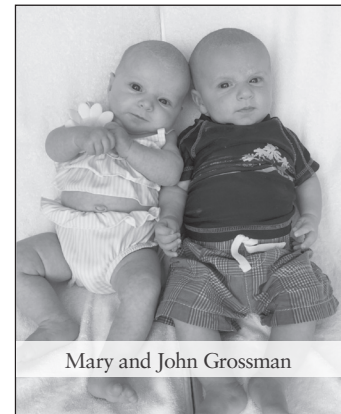
Allison Dunryea (Passer) Ostern '87 has been living in Connecticut for the past 16 years, outside Hartford in Simsbury. Her son Jake is 16 and very involved with tennis, umpiring baseball, and sports broadcasting and announcing. Her younger son Bennett is 13 and plays baseball, golf, and hockey, and is a goalie for the South Shore Kings '02 hockey team. "We're hoping he can play for Coach Schafer at Lynah Rink!" Her husband Fred still works in sports marketing, and she stays busy teaching pre-K part-time and competing on a USTA tennis team. "I miss all my Pi Phi sisters!" Write to her at 16 Aspenwood, Simsbury, CT 06089, or allieo2964@aol.com.

"Greetings from the left coast," writes **Kim (Brown) Bixler '91**. "I recently eased up on my public speaking engagements about growing up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House to focus on family and volunteerism close to home." Her children are going to be a senior and a junior in high school this year. She was elected president of the Cornell Club of Los Angeles after four years as the programming chair, and still serves on the board of Cornell's Adult University and the Manhattan Country Club. "I'm planning on working on programming for my Cornell 25-year reunion in June 2016. I'm a sucker who can't say no!" Get in touch with her at 3616 The Strand, #C, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, kimbixler@earthlink.net, or www.kimbixler.com.

Tricia T. (Tafe) Williams '93 is excited to report that her husband, Evan, Cornell class of '93 and Cornell law '96, has won the republican and democratic primary nominations for judge of Bradford County. "He will be the only name on the ballot in the November general election. I never could have imagined this when we met at a Chi Psi-Pi Phi mixer 25 years ago! Many thanks to all the Cornelians who supported us in his campaign." They live in Troy, Pennsylvania, with their three children, Sophie, 14, Owen,

12, and Natalie, 9. Congratulate them at 366 Windy Owl Lane, Troy, PA 16947, or tafewill@yahoo.com.

Christine E. (Crompton) Gorman '96 is moving to Almaty, Kazakhstan, for three years. "It is the study abroad adventure I didn't do in college, but now with three children!" she writes. Contact her if you'll be passing through the region at KAZ-2 Atyrau Pouch, 6001 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA 94583.



Mary and John Grossman

Kristin E. (Gutenberger) Grossman '95 and her husband Peter welcomed twins Mary and John on July 6. Send her a note to 2 Whispering Pines Drive, Ithaca NY 14850, or k_gutenberger@yahoo.com.

Jeannette M. (Brady) Townsend '96 recently moved to northern Virginia, outside D.C., with her husband Jon and three children, ages 13, eight and seven. "If you are in the area, please get in touch!" at 1724 Fox Ranch, Vienna, VA 22182, or jmtown2000@gmail.com.

Mollie (Klurfeld) Williams '03 had a baby boy—Wesley Burke Williams—on July 18. "We're all doing great in New York City!" Send her a note at 150 E 93rd St., Apt. 3B, New York, NY 10128, or mollieklurfeld@gmail.com.

"I hope everyone is doing well!" writes **Monica N. Pham '04**. "I'm a senior advisor at the U.S. Senate for Senator Jack Need." Prior to that, she worked as a senior policy advisor for Congresswoman Barbara Lee from California. If any Pi Phis are in Washington, D.C., stop by and say hello! Write to her at 1391 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Unit 235, Washington, D.C. 20003, or monica.pham@gmail.com.