

LETTER from our ARCHON:

Melanie Gehan



What an amazing, fun, exciting year this has been for our chapter!

We've seen greater participation at meetings, even more camaraderie among sisters of every age and a renewed focus on activities that make our Phi Sig experience even more meaningful.

Our Alumnae Chapter remains one of the most active and successful nationwide— a legacy we're proud to perpetuate and be part of!

In fact, we've just completed a comprehensive survey of sisters to help us brainstorm even better ways to serve our alumnae in this region. Look for results and details this Fall.

For those of you who've joined us (now nearly 30 women strong), thank you for making this year so very remarkable. This annual newsletter is a "look back" at all we have accomplished and enjoyed doing.

And for those of you who have yet to join — *what's holding you back?* Joining has never been easier! (See details, page 2.) Dues are only \$25 a year, and we plan so many activities and opportunities to reconnect with your Phi Sig sisters that you'll have a hard time choosing from them all!



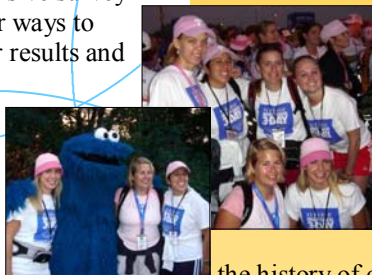
Looking forward to seeing you soon — and to a great 2006-2007! Diokete hupsala!

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

July 2005 — At LTS in New Brunswick, NJ, Philly is honored again as the **Outstanding Alumnae Chapter** and also earns a national **Philanthropy Award**. Other highlights: Heather Kelley wins the **Sisterhood Award** and Melanie Gehan earns the **Active Alumnae Award**.



September 2005 — Eight Phi Sig sisters walk 60 miles in the Philadelphia Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day, **raising nearly \$20,000 for breast cancer research** — the largest philanthropic effort in the history of our chapter!



Founder's Day, Nov. 20, 2005 — Leah Lilienfeld is awarded the **Helen Berkowitz Memorial Award**, a prestigious Phi Sig honor nominated by local alumnae.



Of special note: Funds raised by Founder's Day were donated to the Foundation's General Fund, the Helen Berkowitz Memorial Scholarship and hurricane relief.

Holidays 2005 — The Philly chapter helps make the season even brighter for children in our area! In addition to collecting items and funds for

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Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter
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 '05 - '06

New Officers '06-'07

Archon — Melanie Gehan
 Social Vice Archon — Leah Lilienfeld
 Membership Vice Archon —
 Mary Elizabeth Gantz
 Bursar — Lisa Ballanco
 Public Relations — Lisa Romero

Philanthropy/Fund-raising —
 Brenda Ey
 Health & Wellness — Erika Hess
 Sunshine — Michele Muller
 Webmaster — Patti Davis
 Secretary — Jill Pritchard
 Historian — Heather Kelley
 Special Projects — Cindy Christos

UPCOMING EVENTS

2006 Alumnae Reunion

Aug. 11-14, 2006 — Las Vegas

It's your "lucky" year! The new Las Vegas Alumnae Club's national Phi Sig reunion includes a "meet and greet" event on Friday evening, a Saturday brunch and possible auction, and even a local philanthropy project.



Hotel rates and other details are pending. For updates and information, join the club's mailing list by writing to LasVegas_Alumnae@phisigmasigma.org

Nu & Xi 80th Anniversary Gala

Oct. 28, 2006 — Philadelphia
 Doubletree Hotel, 237 S. Broad St.



Celebrate with two of our single-letter chapters at an evening of dinner and dancing!

Invitations will be mailed to Nu and Xi alumnae this summer, but all interested alumnae are welcome to attend this 80th anniversary bash. For details, contact event organizers:

- Mary Gantz — MaryElizabethGantz@yahoo.com
- Diane Spatz — DSpatz@phisigmasigma.org



Like what you see?

Want to continue your Phi Sig experience with like-minded, fun women who share your deep appreciation for service, philanthropy, social events and more? Contact Mary Gantz for info about our next meeting (MaryElizabethGantz@yahoo.com), or visit our Web site at www.PhilaPhiSig.com!

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our "Adopt-a-Family," which consisted of great-grandparents and great-grandchildren, we also assembled dozens upon dozens of "goody bags" filled with cookies, candy and other treats for children at the **St. Vincent's Home**.



February

2006 — Philly alumnae were well represented at the **first Regional Leadership Conference** in Harrisburg, with Diane Spatz, Heather Kelley, Jayne Laychak, Nicole Westerfer, Megan Quiggle and Lisa Romero attending, among other local sisters.



March 2006 — **Foundation Fund-raiser:**

A wine-tasting event and mini silent auction at Diane Spatz's house raised \$372 for Foundation!

April 2006 —

Sisters learn self defense, thanks to Medina **Kenpo Karate** in Springfield and Erika Hess.



Dine Out for Life at the Aspen Restaurant. Always a good cause — and good food to boot!