

Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter

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Winter 2007



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The latest from Philly's Alumnae Chapter

Melanie Gehan



Hello to all our fabulous Philly sisters! It's that time of year again, when we check in with alumnae members both near and far and ask for annual "donations" of \$25.

Your membership each year makes it possible for us to remain one of the strongest, most active and successful chapters internationally. Thanks for your continuing support!

Please send your donation to Bursar **Lisa Ballanco**. If you need her mailing address, just write us at Philadelphia_Alumnae@phisigma.org.

We've already accomplished so much this year — and there's still lots of time to get involved! We'd love to see you at any of our upcoming events:

- **February 20** - Meeting at Melanie Gehan's house, 7 p.m. (*All are welcome!*)
- **March 11** - Sisterhood Brunch, Abbraccio's, 11 a.m. (*Early count needed for reservation.*)
- **March 20** - Meeting (location TBA), 7 p.m. (*All are welcome!*)
- **April 14** - Philadelphia Area Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon. (*Payments due by March 14.*)
- **April 24** - Meeting plus Seniors Dinner at Diane Spatz's house, 7 p.m. (*All are welcome!*)
- **May 18** - Phillies Game, 7:05 p.m.
- **May 22** - Meeting at Jill Pritchard's house, 7 p.m.



CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

Transplant Games, June 15-18

2006 — Local Phi Sigs trekked south to Louisville, Ky., this summer to help the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation with its first-ever sponsorship of the Transplant Games, hosted by the National Kidney Foundation. Our very own **Heather Kelley** and **Lisa Romero** were on hand to educate the donor-recipient athletes, their families and friends about our Twin Ideals and philanthropic mission. Other Philly-area sisters included **Nancy Hay** ("Nash"), one of our chapter's founders now living in Florida!



Kim Hildred and Heather Kelley



Posing with "Dallas" star Larry "JR" Hagman, transplant recipient.



Heather and "Nash"



Nu & Xi 80th Gala,

Oct. 28-29, 2006 — Phi Sigs stepped out in style to celebrate

80 years strong!

another landmark anniversary for our area's two oldest chapters! Held at the Doubletree Hotel in Philadelphia, the event featured great food, music and opportunities to network. Plus, the next day, Nu sisters hosted a special memorial event to honor the life and work of Phi Sig

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devotee **Jeanine Jacobs Goldberg**, Nu sister, past Grand Archon and founding President of the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation. A touching, memorable event.



Jeanine Jacobs Goldberg



Philadelphia Alumnae!

Founder's Day, Nov. 19, 2006 —

One of our best banquets ever!

- Nearly 300 women attended, representing our Alumnae Chapter and 8 local collegiate chapters.
- Our VIP keynote speaker — **Veachey R. Bloom**, past Grand Archon and author of the Ritual Manual — got a standing ovation after sharing stories of her love for Phi Sig and her impressions of our Fraternity's growing importance

in advance of the 100th anniversary in 2013.

- **Lisa Romero**, our chapter's PR Chair and Editor-in-Chief of *The Sphinx*, won our esteemed Helen Berkowitz Award, honoring outstanding local service.

In all, a great day — and a great way to celebrate our sisterhood!



Veachey Bloom, also with Helen Berkowitz Award recipient Lisa Romero



Holidays 2006 —

In what has become one of our most favorite annual traditions, Philly Phi Sigs gathered at **Gretchen Heacock's** house to ring in the holiday season while doing good works for those in need! In addition to making goodie bags for children at St. Vincent's, we also collected gifts and raised funds for our Adopt-a-Family.



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 Jodi Smith for info about our next meeting (jodis78@hotmail.com).



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