



Orange County Alumnae Of Phi Mu Fraternity Summer 2007 Newsletter

President's Message

Yet another fantastic year that we have had here in Orange County, and it looks like we are going to have another one this year! We have been joined by some amazing sisters this year, and I am so pleased to welcome them into our chapter! At the same time, I am sad to say that one of our members will be leaving us for Texas. So, farewell Lori Montgomery - we will miss you!

We have had a wonderful year, and some great events. We kicked off the 2006-2007 year with an Officer Installation and Recommitment Ceremony. For all of us in attendance, this was a marvelous evening. I know that some of our sisters present had not performed our ritual for more than 20 years, and yet it all came back! It was a very moving and inspiring evening. As always, our Lobster Fest was a fantastic event and a very good time was had by all! The Metro Art Tour was a very unique look at Los Angeles and at public art in the City.



*Co and Sandy
On the Metro Art Tour*

BBQ at Maxine Allen's home in Fullerton - which is always a marvelous event!

This year, we have some amazing events planned and some even more amazing opportunities for Phi Mu here in Orange County! To make this the best year ever, we'll need each and

every one of you to come out and show your support! We will be kicking things off with the all California Phi Mu Retreat in June. Every California Alumnae, ever member of the Eta Zeta Chapter, and every collegian who is from California has been invited to the Eta Delta house at UCLA for a weekend of Phi Mu fun! You can expect to receive details soon. Please come out and join us!

We also have the opportunity to extend Phi Mu to the west coast! Chapman University has opened for extension. Phi Mu will be submitting a packet to Chapman, and we're going to meet with them in June for the first time. So what can you do to help out and increase our chances to be picked by the Chapman Panhellenic? So glad that you asked! You can join the OC Alumnae Chapter! While it is not required for you to be an Alumnae Chapter member to volunteer to help with Chapman, it certainly is a show of force and dedication to have a large local alumnae chapter! You can inform us of your willingness and desire to volunteer any amount of time, money, or other talents you might have - Chapman will want to know what our alumnae are willing to do! You can send your email address to ocphimu@yahoo.com so that you can stay up-to-date on the happenings and Chapman!

My wonderful sisters, I do so enjoy each and every one of you. Every event I attend, every dinner I share, is always a wonderful time. I look forward to continuing that this year, and I am ever hopeful that we will be able to start spreading the Phi Mu sisterhood to new ladies - both alumnae and collegians!

Love in Our Bond,
Kelly

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All California Phi Mu Retreat ~ June 22-24, 2007

The Southern California Council of Phi Mu and all the SoCal Alumnae Chapters are pleased to bring you the first ever All California Phi Mu Retreat! Every alumna in California, every member of the Eta Zeta Chapter, and every collegian from California no matter where she attends school, has been invited for a weekend of California sisterhood at the Eta Delta House at UCLA!

Full details of the event will be on their way soon, but you can expect a alumnae/collegian luncheon on Saturday, a ritual workshop/practice, an informal recruitment workshop/practice, and plenty of Phi Mu songs ~ we are all looking forward to learning songs from Phi Mu chapters across the country and throughout the decades! In addition, the initial visit to Chapman University would have just been completed, so you'll be among the first to get the skinny on our prospects to grow in Orange County!

So plan to set aside some time to join us that weekend ~ it's not required that you stay the entire time ~ come and go as it

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fits your schedule! The majority of the festivities will be held on Saturday.

Be on the lookout for an EVITE coming soon to your email inbox that will have a full schedule of events carpooling information, and a place for you to order a t-shirt we're designing for this event. If you haven't sent us your email address, please do so ~ it will keep you up to date on everything happening with the retreat and with

Phi Mu generally. Due to the ever-present cost restraints, we will only mail information to a limited number. Information will also be posted on the Orange County Alumnae website ~ www.ocphimu.com ~ but keep in mind that we do limit the amount of information published on the website for privacy purposes.

If you have questions about the Retreat, please contact our Collegiate Relations Chair, **Robyn Anderson**, Eta Zeta, at anderson.robbyn@gmail.com. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help with the Retreat, we are always willing to accept a helping hand!

Eta Zeta Chapter Update

The Eta Zeta Chapter at Fresno State just initiated six girls and they are amazing! Eta Zeta's Chapter President believes that each one will be a leader in the house and really make a difference to the Chapter - she says that they each "live, breath and BLEED Phi Mu! Absolutely AMAZING!" They also have two girls holding over until Fall, and the Chapter is still looking for prospects. The Eta Zeta Philanthropy Chair has been doing an amazing job and keeping the girls busy with philanthropic activities and community services. They have really be getting the Phi Mu name out there. In May, about 20 Eta Zetas participated in the Pi Kappa Alpha Relay for Life and Mud Volleyball. The Eta Zetas also participated in Alpha Xi Delta Jell-O Olympics, as well as Babyfest - a annual community event that helps celebrate children and families. Eta Zeta held their first Parent's Day April 28th, and it went very well! Last, but certainly not least, as many of you know, Eta Zeta is in the process of rebuilding and redecorating the house. The Chapter and the Eta Zeta Alumnae have been doing an amazing job raising funds and are making serious progress on the house! We can't wait for an update at the California Retreat this Summer!

Is there a Phi Mu Living in Your Back Yard?



One of the best things about the Phi Mus in Orange County is that we are incredibly diverse. We span all ages and backgrounds, and we came to California from all over the country! Did you know that there are 14 alumnae from the **Delta Epsilon** Chapter at **Purdue University** in Orange County? Two of them are pledge sisters - both initiated on November 13, 1955! It might not surprise you to know that 46 **Eta Delta** from **UCLA** live in Orange County (including pledge sisters from 1933, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1964, 1982, 1985, and 1986), but did you know that there are 8 **Upsilon** sisters from **Ohio State University** living in Orange County? We have 7 Huskers from the **Zeta Gamma** Chapter at the **University of Nebraska**, and we have 6 **Alpha Eta** Tigers from **Louisiana State University**! There are 12 **Eta Epsilon** from the **University of Utah**. Orange County is home to 12 **Eta Mu** from **UC Davis**, and 16 **Eta Zeta** from **Fresno State**. We have 2 sisters who came all the way from the **Pi** Chapter at the **University of Maine at Orono**, and another 4 from the **Delta** Chapter at **Sophie Newcomb College of Tulane University**. We have pledge sisters from the **Rho Beta** Chapter at the **University of Michigan Dearborn** who were initiated on December 3, 1995, and pledge sisters from the **Theta Epsilon** Chapter at **Kennesaw State University** who were initiated on February 4, 1989. Two of our sisters from the **Zeta Alpha** Chapter at **Baker University** were initiated on Valentine's Day in 1948. Phi Mu stays with you wherever life may take you, and sometimes your path will cross with more than once with a sister. You could have had a sister living in your own back yard and you never even knew it!!



Chapman Extension Opportunity

On June 12, 2007, Kelly Trainer and Robyn Anderson will be meeting with representatives of Chapman University's Panhellenic to discuss the possibility of Phi Mu expanding to Chapman University in Orange! Phi Mu

has committed to send an extension packet to Chapman in July, and if we are selected to present, we are expecting that the presentation will happen sometime in November or December.

One of the most important things that Chapman will be looking at is whether we have enough local alumnae support to provide the necessary support to a new chapter. So for those of you who are saying what can I do...you can volunteer to help with the effort to establish a Phi Mu chapter at Chapman University! You can financially contribute to the presentation and colonization efforts...you can volunteer to serve on the Advisory Council...you can volunteer to host events or provide additional support for events once we are established at Chapman!

For those of you who might be interested in serving on the Advisory Council, the following positions would be available: Chapter Advisor, Membership (Rush) Advisor, Panhellenic Advisor,

Chapter Development Advisor, Social Advisor, Finance Advisor, Phi (New Member) Advisor, and (if one is established) House Advisor. With a few exceptions, serving as an advisor does not require that you attend each weekly sorority meeting. There are many Advisory Council members for Phi Mu who are not local to the university area, who attend a meeting monthly (or even less frequently), and who can advise the members via email and telephone. If you have questions about what it takes to be a Chapter Advisor, please contact Kelly at ocphimu@yahoo.com for a little more information!

Also, if you might be interested in serving as a member of the Advisory Council or you might want to assist with the establishment of a chapter at Chapman University, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can identify volunteers to Chapman University - it always helps to be able to identify actual alumnae who will be helping with the chapter than to just say that there will be alumnae support.

Phi Mu has the chance to grow in California, and Chapman offers a fantastic opportunity for us. In order to make this happen for Phi Mu and California, we need a few good women! We know that our Orange County sisters are absolutely amazing, and now you have a chance to prove it!!!

Speaking of Extension...

Phi Mu is recolonizing our Epsilon Lambda chapter at Arkansas Tech University this fall! We will be absorbing a local sorority, Theta Omega Chi, as well as recruiting additional new members. Strong women make strong chapters, and Theta Omega Chi is no exception.

Do You Know a Future Phi Mu?

Collegiate Recruitment is rapidly approaching! Do you have a legacy who is going to starting college in the fall? Do you know an outstanding woman who would you like to introduce to a Phi Mu collegiate chapter, or send a letter of recommendation for? If so, the Summer 2007 Aglaia has invaluable information for you, including forms for introducing a legacy and letters of recommendation formats for young ladies. Also included are the addresses for our 120 collegiate chapters. If you have not received your Aglaia, and you need this information, please contact the OC Alumnae Chapter at ocphimu@yahoo.com, and we will provide it to you. If you know a remarkable woman who will be attending a school with a Phi Mu chapter, please consider sending a recommendation on her behalf, and help Phi Mu continue to grow!



Phi Mu Contributions to Children's Miracle Network

Phi Mus raised \$538,685 for Children's Miracle Network in 2006! This means that we get to maintain our bragging rights as the Greek organization that contributes the most. Other Greek organizations who support CMN are: Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Zeta Beta Tau, and Phi Kappa Theta.

Orange County Alumnae contributed over \$500 to CMN in 2006 through our First Annual Phantom Ball. We are repeating this event this year, as well as holding two philanthropic events to support Children's Hospital



of Orange County (CHOC), which has recently affiliated with CMN. We will be collecting children's books over dinner at the Citrus City Grille on October 15, 2007 for National Philanthropy Day, and we'll be adopting a family from CHOC for Christmas this year.

We encourage all Phi Mus to participate in these events this year. If you will be financially contributing to CMN, we ask that you permit the OC Chapter to submit your donation on your behalf so that our Chapter and Phi Mu gets recognition from CMN for those monies.

Catching Up with Your OC Sisters...

Judith Graves, as peripatetic as always, is leaving for Rio de Janeiro, in several weeks with a nephew to celebrate his college graduation. Also, in the plans...Macchu Picchu in October with wine tasting in Argentina and Chile...**Robyn Anderson** will be celebrating her one year wedding anniversary on June 25th...**Debbie Martin-James** and her husband **Tom** are expecting their first child at the end of July!

Debbie is doing well and adjusting to her ever-growing belly. They are keeping with the trend of only grandsons on both sides of the family...this will be BOY #6. The nursery is decorated and his name is chosen, so after **Debbie** finishes teaching at Santa Ana College the end of May, it's just a waiting game...

Emily Horrworth went through 3D on May 6th so she has officially joined the alumnae ranks! **Emily** will graduate Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Hartford on May 20th! **Emily** also won 6 awards at my last Carnation Ball including: Most Inspiring Sister, Mary, Mary and Martha Award (True definition of what a Phi Mu should be, lives by the Creed etc.), Always Smiling, Best Big/Little, Most Spirited, and Most Likely to Make the

Emily says that she has absolutely loved my experience as a collegiate sister and she is looking forward to continuing that bond with the OC Alums...If anyone would like information on the Paso Robles wine area ask **Terry and Linda McLean**. They are fast becoming wine experts of this region. Linda's mom lives in Pismo. Most visits to her include a trip up to Paso. This year they took some friends up to see Hearst Castle and then tour the Paso area, concentrating on the smaller wineries. There are some very good local wines...

Bob and Co Wilkins are traveling in June to Chicago, then taking the train to Dearborn, Michigan. From there they visit family either north of Detroit or on an island in Lake Erie. Next they head east through Morgantown, West Virginia, and end in Alexandria, Virginia for more visiting

of family and friends. In August **Bob and Co** will be going to Washington state to camp at Twin Harbors State Beach...**Kelly Trainer** just got back from a trip to the Grand Canyon, where she hiked and rafted, and she even took the drive to Grand Canyon West where she stepped out over the Canyon on the brand new sky walk...**Kim MacMullen** was nominated for the Women Making a Difference awards through the LA Business Journal. While she did not win, **Kim** says it was an amazing experience and the LABJ managed to recognize the nominees as if we were all winners...**Sandy Rushing** just returned from the Galapagos Island where she had some wonderful hikes and saw the tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and many more exotic birds and reptiles. **Sandy** says that the water was a magnificent turquoise. On the way there, she spent a day in Panama City, had a private tour of city and canal. **Sandy** also enjoyed a tour of Quito, Ecuador, and the Equator monument and museum...**Margie Starks** has finished another successful year volunteering for the Art Department at Cal State Fullerton. She has been vice-president in charge of Enrichment, which includes lectures and Field Trips to Art related sites for the Art Alliance members. The group has visited the Getty Villa, Malibu, the Eli Broad Foundation, Little Saigon, and others. **Margie** is also quite the handyman - she just finished a plumbing project which involved replacing the faucets in 3 bathrooms! In September **Margie** will be going to South Africa with **Maxine Allen** and her husband **Floyd**. They will go to Johannesburg, Capetown, Kruger National Park (for safari), and also to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. At least the rate of exchange for the Dollar vs. the Rand is favorable...Speaking of **Maxine and Floyd**, they just returned from a wonderful cruise around the Society Islands, including Raietea, Taaha, Bora Bora, Moorea and Tahiti. The island are beautiful, with lush tropical foliage, crystal clear lagoons, abundant tropical fish and soft island breezes. The ship was elegant with only 350 passengers. They had two jazz bands for night time entertainment. **The Allens** have also been to several jazz festivals, including those in Monterey, Three Rivers and Sacramento. **Maxine** invites any Phi Mu who is interested to join us for the Orange County festival in Costa Mesa on the first weekend of August.



A pregnant Debbie Martin-James at Easter



2007-2008 Calendar of Events



DATE	EVENT	RSVP
Thursday June 28, 2007 5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour LOCATION: The Fish House	Linda McLean ocphimu@yahoo.com
Friday June 22- Saturday June 24, 2007	All California Phi Mu Retreat LOCATION: Eta Delta House at UCLA Join us in celebrating California Phi Mu at the Eta Delta House!	Robyn Anderson ocphimu@yahoo.com
Saturday July 28, 2007 6:00 p.m.	2007 Summer BBQ LOCATION: Home of Floyd & Maxine Allen in Fullerton Help us End the 2006-2007 year in style at the year end BBQ! Spouses, Significant Others, Families & Friends are welcome!	Linda McLean ocphimu@yahoo.com
Sunday August 5, 2007 10:30 a.m.	Champagne Brunch and Founders Day Planning Meeting LOCATION: Home of Linda McLean in Anaheim Hills	Linda McLean ocphimu@yahoo.com
Saturday September 15, 2007	Wine Tasting LOCATION: To Be Determined	Linda McLean ocphimu@yahoo.com
Monday October 15, 2007 6:00 p.m.	National Philanthropy Day: BYOB and Dinner Bring your own BOOK to the Citrus City Grille! We will be collecting children's books for donation to CHOC and enjoying dinner at the Grille!	Sheree Simpson ocphimu@yahoo.com
Saturday November 10, 2007 10:30 a.m.	Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano Join us for a tour of the "Birthplace of Orange County" - the 7th of California's 21 missions! We'll be lunching after! Spouses, Significant Others, Families & Friends are welcome!	Linda McLean ocphimu@yahoo.com
December 2007	Phi Mu Adopts a Family for Christmas We will be adopting a family in need from CHOC for Christmas this year.	Sheree Simpson ocphimu@yahoo.com
January/February 2008	Fifth Annual Whole Lotta Lobster Fest It would not be Orange County Phi Mu without the Whole Lotta Lobster Fest!!	Linda McLean ocphimu@yahoo.com
March 1, 2008	166th Phi Mu Founders Day It's going to be in Orange County this year - Come to the Champagne Brunch if you want some input on the location!	
April 2008	Miniature Golf	
April 2008	Third Annual Phantom Ball	
May 2008	Martinis in May	
June 2008	Annual Year End Summer BBQ and Installation of Officers	
July 2008	Phi Mu National Convention in Orlando, Florida	

Phi Mu Directory Information

You are not required to pay dues to update your information with us! While we always want you to join the alumnae chapter, we would very much like to have your updated information ~ especially your email address since we cannot mail information for every event!

Name: _____
(First) (Last) (Maiden)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (ZIP)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

University: _____ Chapter: _____ Initiation Year: _____

Birthday: _____ Profession: _____

What Brought You to the OC: _____

Why Did You Join Phi Mu: _____

Hobbies: _____

Favorite Movie: _____ Favorite Book: _____

Favorite Song: _____ Favorite Sound: _____

Favorite Phi Mu Song: _____

Something Else Interesting About You: _____

2007-2008 Levels of Giving

____ Phi Mu Lady Membership \$50.00 ____ Carnation Club Membership \$45.00

____ Rose and White Membership \$40.00 ____ Friend of Phi Mu Membership \$35.00

*All levels of giving includes \$20.00 National dues. The remainder goes to the OC Alumnae.
Please make all checks payable to "Orange County Phi Mu Alumnae Chapter"*

I would like to coordinate a program or host a meeting for 2007-2008. Indicate if you have a preference for which event/meeting you would like to host: _____

I would like to contribute \$_____ to Children's Miracle Network (tax deductible).
Include a separate check made payable to "Children's Miracle Network" & we will forward it to Phi Mu Foundation.

Please submit dues payment, along with this completed form by **September 30, 2007** to:
ocphimu@yahoo.com (email us if you need a mailing address!)

*Thank you for your membership in the Orange County Alumnae Chapter and for your support of Phi Mu.
We hope your membership will be a fun and rewarding experience. We look forward to seeing you soon!*

SPECIAL WEBSITE UPDATE!



This was taken at June's California Retreat, which was a fantastic success! Alumnae from the OC, LA, Inland Empire, Central Coast, Santa Clara Valley, and Fresno joined collegians from Eta Zeta for a fabulous weekend!

We're planning on making this a bi-annual event, so if you couldn't attend this year, you'll have another shot in 2009! Trust us, you don't want to miss it!!

Orange County Hosts 2008 Founders Day!

Sisters - Orange County has the distinct pleasure of hosting Southern California Phi Mu Founders Day in 2008. Linda McLean and Sheree Simpson have volunteered to co-chair this event. To make it a wonderful event for all, we could use your help! Linda and Sheree will be holding the first Founders Day Planning Meeting on August 5, 2007 at the Champagne Brunch at Linda McLean's home in Anaheim Hills. So bring all of your ideas for locations, entertainment, menus, table décor, and any other interesting tid bits you might have and share them with us over a glass of bubbly!

