

Orange County Alumnae of Phi Mu Fraternity Summer 2008 Newsletter



President's Convention Report...

Hello to all of my Phi Mu Sisters!

I hope everyone is having a great summer. As all of you know, I have just returned from representing our Orange County Alumnae Phi Mu Chapter at the 50th Phi Mu Convention in Orlando, Florida. All I can say is that I am so proud to be a Phi Mu, and especially proud to have had the opportunity to represent our Chapter.

We were named **Alumnae Chapter of the Year!** I hope all of you are as excited as I am. Over all I had the honor of accepting six awards on behalf of our Chapter. In addition to the Alumnae Chapter of the Year award, we were honored with awards for our beautiful newsletters, our sisterhood, ritual, philanthropy, and a special award for all of our help and support with the extension opportunities at Chapman University.



Robyn Russell Anderson & Shani Burley-Moore, VP Alumnae, after receiving the Alumnae Chapter of the Year Award.

I want to thank all of you for all of your support, we were given these awards because of our members' overall love and commitment to Phi Mu. I also want to thank all of you again for giving me the opportunity to represent our Chapter at Convention and everyday as your Alumnae Chapter President. On the last day of Convention, (after we had won all of the awards), they announced that the next Convention, in 2010, will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Road trip anyone?

Thank you again for giving me the honor of representing all of you. I hope all of you are as proud as I am to be part of the Alumnae Chapter of the Year!

Love in Our Bond,
Robyn Russell Anderson

Important Change in Phi Mu's Legacy Policy...

A small, but important, change has been made to the language regarding legacies in Phi Mu's Standing Rules & Procedures. It is now required that the Phi Mu family member must be in good standing with the Fraternity in order for her legacy to receive the benefit of legacy status during recruitment.

"Everyone is encouraged to contact Phi Mu Headquarters and check on the status of her membership. Often, if a member is in bad standing, it's from a small fee she didn't know was owed. It's so simple to clear up," said Lana Bulger, AO, Vice-President Collegiate Membership. "Maintaining good standing with the Fraternity allows



alumnae access to all the benefits of membership in Phi Mu and that's a great thing!"

The new legacy policy reads as follows:

"A Phi Mu legacy is the sister, half-sister, step-sister, daughter, step-daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter of a Phi Mu in good standing with the Fraternity. It is the responsibility of each Phi Mu to know her membership status. Each collegiate chapter is responsible for verifying their legacies with the Headquarters." Article VIII, Section 2. C.2.a. of Standing Rules & Procedures.

To verify membership status, contact Phi Mu National Headquarters at 770-632-2090.

2008 Phi Mu Founders Day...



What a hit Founders Day was in 2008! The OC Alumnae Chapter had the honor of hostessing Southern California Council's

156th Founders' Day Celebration on March 1, 2008. Over sixty alumnae representing twenty-seven collegiate chapters, from the Fresno, Glendale, Inland Empire, Los Angeles, Orange County, Pasadena, San Diego, and South Bay Alumnae Chapters were in attendance. The theme for Founders Day was *Not Just a Pretty Face*, and we celebrated the fact that, as members of Phi Mu, we are all more than just pretty faces. We were also joined by volunteers for the Miss America Scholarship Program, as well as the current Miss Los Angeles County, who spoke about the goals and benefits of the Miss America Scholarship Program, many of which parallel the goals

and benefits of membership in our Fraternity. In addition to celebrating the Founders Day Ritual Service, six sisters were presented with their Golden Anniversary Badges: Patricia Cooper Adams (HΔ), Verna Griffin (HΔ), Andrea Raichle Marshall (HΔ), Linda Kingdon McKamy (HΔ), Sherry Crook Smith (AΔ), and Jeanette Valentino Villalobos (HΔ). In addition, the Southern California Council installed its 2008 Officers: President Lisa Greenberg (HZ), Vice-President Michele Murphy (ΔM), Secretary Diana Doubleday Park (HZ), and Treasurer Martha Dennis Vranich (ΔΔ). The Council also honored three sisters for their service to Phi Mu and Southern California: Kelly Trainer (AII) for service in the current year; Gray Carpenter Church (HB) for twenty-five years of service, and Mary Ellen Pinney Harrington (Λ) for fifty years of service. We hope you will all be able to join us for Founders Day 2009, which will be hosted by our San Diego Sisters!

Phi Mu Bloom...Where Friendship and Fraternity Grow...

There are many great things we do together in Phi Mu. The bonds that form through these accomplishments become friendships that last a lifetime. Our friendships are the lifeblood of our Fraternity. It is important for us to encourage these relationships throughout the lives of our sisters. Phi Mu created a place online where sisters can come together to share stories and pictures, make new friends, and find Phi Mu information. We would like to introduce Bloom, the official online network of Phi Mu. The Bloom profile page lets you chose many content-rich features like news, messaging, photos, and a blog to fill your Phi Mu home page. Bloom works like other social networks you may already be familiar with, such as Facebook or MySpace. But in Bloom, you have the assurance of knowing you are among Phi Mu sisters. In addition, Phi Mu will be able to share news and information with you. Keep in touch with sisters and make new friends. When you become a member of Phi Mu you make local connections immediately. Now Bloom will give you national reach. You can befriend and learn from Phi Mu members in other regions. You have the benefit of networking with collegians and alumnae and building connections that can benefit you long after college. Through Bloom, you can subscribe to updates and information feeds to be sent directly to your e-mail account. This includes news from your friends and Phi Mu national news like extension, achievements and new programs. Go to bloom.phimu.org to set up your profile today!





Recommended Summer Reading...

Are you looking for a good book to read this summer? Here are some of your Orange County officers' favorite books to get you started.

Recommended Book

Angels & Demons by Dan Brown

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

The *Outlander* Series by Diana Gabaldon

The Cat Who Came for Christmas by Cleveland Amory

Bergdorf Blondes by Plum Sykes

The *Kay Scarpetta* Series by Patricia Cornwell

Recommended By

Lisa Greenberg, Eta Zeta

Kelly Trainer, Alpha Pi

Linda McLean, Eta Zeta

Janae Rubinate, Delta Epsilon

Robyn Russell Anderson, Eta Zeta

Co Wilkins-Fey, Delta Nu

Orange County Sisters Give Back...

This past year our Orange County sisters were generous with both their time and money. We held three successful events to support Children's Miracle Network nationally and locally through Children's Hospital of Orange County. We collected over 135 books for CHOC at our BYOB event in the fall. We adopted a family of four from CHOC, which included a young child with an



immune disease, for Christmas. Last, but certainly not last, our Third Annual Phantom Ball raised over \$650 for Children's Miracle Network. Thank you to all the sisters who participated in these events. We will have many philanthropic opportunities in 2008-2009 so that we can continue to give to our community and our national philanthropy.

Eta Zeta Update...

Phi Mu's Eta Zeta Chapter at California State, Fresno had a wonderful year. The Eta Zetas raised over \$5,000 for Children's Miracle Network in the 2007-2008 school year. They also participated in Light the Night, Race for the Cure, and various philanthropies to support Fresno State Greek fraternity and sorority charities.

The Eta Zetas also welcomed thirteen new members into their sisterhood on Bid Day Fall of 2007. Through COBs, a couple more joined and our total was fifteen for the Fall 2007 semester. In Spring 2008, they had a Phi class of five.

We are also proud that the Eta Zetas are proving they are more than pretty faces ~ Phi Mu had the highest overall GPA on sorority mall for the Fall 2007 semester! In the fall and spring semesters, over half of the house received a 3.0 or better.

Congratulations to Maryanne Duttarer, who received the honor of Best Chapter Advisor at the Panhellenic Conference and Intra Fraternity Council annual Greek Awards at California State University, Fresno this spring.

Finally, we welcome the following Eta Zeta graduates into the third dimension of Phi Mu: alumna status!

Shanna Aldridge
Britnee Barrett
Candice Crawford
Celeste Din
Elena Livanis
Dosayra Meza
Megan Nicholson
Patricia Reyes
Alexandra Vasquez
Heather Vietor

Congratulations on your graduation, ladies! And, as we like to say here in the OC ~ College Was Just the Beginning!!



2008-2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Date	Event	RSVP
Saturday August 23, 2008	<p>Phi Mu Family BBO Bring your friends and family to kick off our new year at a Summer BBO! LOCATION: Home of Janae Rubinate 27825 Ben Nevis Way, Yorba Linda</p>	Linda McLean 714.921.2739 ocphimu@yahoo.com
Tuesday October 14, 2008	<p>National Philanthropy Day: BYOB and Dinner Bring your own BOOK for donation to CHOC and stay for dinner with your sisters. LOCATION: Citrus City Grille 122 North Glassell St, Orange</p>	Kelly Trainer 714.834.9548 ocphimu@yahoo.com
Sunday December 7, 2008	<p>Cookie Exchange & Adopt a Family Drop Off We will be collecting items for the Adopt a Family and Exchanging Holiday Cookies! LOCATION: To be determined</p>	Kelly Trainer 714.834.9548 ocphimu@yahoo.com
Saturday January 31, 2009	<p>6th Annual Whole Lotta Lobster Fest Lobster Fest is back again! You don't want to miss it! LOCATION: To be determined</p>	Linda McLean 714.921.2739 ocphimu@yahoo.com
Saturday March 7, 2009	<p>167th Phi Mu Founders Day San Diego Alumnae Chapter is hosting</p>	
April 2009	<p>Fourth Annual Phantom Ball Your chance to dress down & stay home for a good cause!</p>	
Tuesday May 12, 2009	<p>Martinis in May It was a BIG hit last year, so we are bringing it back again! LOCATION: To be determined</p>	Linda McLean 714.921.2739 ocphimu@yahoo.com
June 19-21, 2009	<p>California Phi Mu Retreat It's our Second Biannual Retreat...join collegians and alumnae from around California for a weekend of fun and sisterhood! LOCATION: Eta Delta House at UCLA</p>	Robyn Anderson 209.968.2437 ocphimu@yahoo.com

**PLANNING
MEETING
DATES**

All are invited to attend our planning meetings ~ casual dinner meetings held at the home of a sister to plan upcoming events and handle other business.

- Tuesday, September 9, 2008
- Tuesday, November 11, 2008
- Tuesday, January 12, 2009
- Tuesday, March 9, 2009
- Tuesday, April 27, 2009

LOCATIONS: To be determined

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Chapter in
Phi Mu!!**

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Vice-President	Linda McLean	Eta Zeta
Treasurer	Co Wilkins-Fey	Delta Nu
Secretary	Janae Rubinate	Delta Epsilon
Membership Chair	Lisa Greenberg	Eta Zeta
Philanthropy Chair	Kelly Trainer	Alpha Pi
Collegiate Relations Chair	Robyn Russell Anderson	Eta Zeta
Panhellenic Delegate	Kelly Trainer	Alpha Pi
Files/Reference Chair	Denise Glissman	Zeta Gamma
So Cal Council Representative	Lisa Greenberg	Eta Zeta

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