

THE *Archer*

OF PI BETA PHI

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY EVENTS

January 9

General Meeting & Ring Ching Roadshow
11:00 a.m.

Home of Liz Rotan

413 Longwoods Ln. (77024)

To celebrate our sisterhood, Pi Phi is hitting the road to gather stories from coast to coast. Come share your story with CA Eta Daphne Batanga, who is driving "Libbie" the car to Houston for this special event! A light lunch will be served.

January 18

Junior Group - Pamper Yourself!
6:00 p.m.

POLISH Parker and Roe

2313 Edwards St., Ste. 140 (77007)



FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 7

Bible Study Group
12:00 p.m.

Home of Becca Schwinger
3 Pine Grove Circle (77024)

February 8

Golden Arrows - Valentine Party
11:30 a.m.

The Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Ln. (77027)

This annual event for our Golden Arrows features delicious food and a festive atmosphere.

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Countdown to 2017 Convention & 150th Celebration

Happy New Year! As we all know, membership in Pi Beta Phi is something to be treasured. From our collegians to our Diamond Arrows, we carry a special bond that spans 150 years of sisterhood. Our Houston Alumnae Club is especially excited for the opportunity to celebrate 150 years of Pi Beta Phi in 2017. Beginning with our general meeting in January, and culminating with the 71st biennial convention in June, we hope that you are able to join us for a few of the special events planned this year. See below for several ways that you can get involved in the festivities!

JANUARY Join us on January 9, when we welcome the **Ring Ching Roadshow** to Houston. This incredible journey kicked off at the 2015 convention, when CA Eta Daphne Batanga hit the road in "Libbie" the car. To celebrate our sisterhood, Daphne and Libbie are on a two-year road trip, gathering stories from coast to coast.

How does Pi Phi shape our lives? How are our sisters making a difference in their communities? How are they shaping the future? The Roadshow has visited more than 30 states and provinces so far, with more to come as they make their way to St. Louis for the 2017 convention. We are honored that the Ring Ching Roadshow is making a special trip to Houston to join us for our general meeting. This event is not to be missed! Additional information is available at www.ringchingroadshow.org.

MARCH Turn Pi Phi's International Day of Literacy-related service into an entire month of service. Kick off the month with our Houston Alumnae Club **Fraternity Day of Service**, scheduled for March 2 at the Children's Museum of Houston. From there, seek out opportunities to promote literacy in your own community: read to



Ring Ching Roadshow is coming to Houston.

a child, donate books to a local program, or create a care package for your community librarian. Record your local impact on www.pibetaphi.org/readleadachieve. As the month comes to a close, join us at the **Spring Ungala 2017** on March 30 to benefit the Houston Pi Beta Phi Foundation, which operates to support various institutions and programs promoting literacy.

APRIL April is always an important month for our sisterhood, perhaps this year more than ever as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our founding on April 28, 1867. Our 12 founders set the stage for a thriving organization that continues to enrich the lives of many during their collegiate years and beyond. Join us for an extra special **Founders' Day luncheon** on April 26 where we will honor our own Golden and Silver Arrows, and share in one of our most precious Pi Phi traditions.

JUNE This is a monumental year for Pi Beta Phi and the festivities will be in full swing at the **2017 convention**. This special celebratory event will take place in St. Louis June 23-27, at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. In addition to convention traditions like the Wine Carnation Banquet and award presentations, this year's event will include special displays on our history, the launch of new fraternity initiatives, and the biggest Cookie Shine yet! All members are invited to attend convention. Visit www.pibetaphi.org/convention for more information.

BLACK, WHITE & READ ALL OVER
PI BETA PHI UNGALA 2017
HOSTED BY THE HOUSTON PI BETA PHI ALUMNAE CLUB AND THE HOUSTON PI BETA PHI FOUNDATION



Golden Arrow members



Junior Group members

February 9

Junior Group – Cards for Kids
7:00 p.m.

Home of Shelby Edmondson
1917 Banks St. (77098)

Enjoy a glass of wine with your sisters while crafting cards for children.

February 9

Night Group – Winter Dinner
7:00 p.m.

Home of Donna Marcum
2 Pine Briar Circle (77056)

February 21

General Meeting – Recruitment 101
11:00 a.m.

Home of Julie Grandt
12418 Old Oaks Drive (77027)

What is values-based recruitment and how does it impact our Pi Phi chapters? Martha Kirkwood (TX Alpha) will present an informative session on Panhellenic recruitment and how Pi Phi is embracing change and leading the way. A light lunch will be served.

February 22

Angels in Between – Winter Dinner
7:00 p.m.

Home of Lauren Epley
6218 Burgoyne (77057)

Let them eat king cake! In the season of Mardis Gras, come enjoy Ashley Pearce's (TX Alpha) famous jambalaya and a fun evening with friends, old and new.

February 23

Monmouth Duo Luncheon
11:30 a.m.

Home of Stacy Ellington
11020 South Country Square St. (77024)
Join your Pi Phi sisters as we continue this wonderful tradition with the Kappas. Contact event chairs Elizabeth Hogan, Jill Holstead, and Courtney Swanson for more information.

150 Ways to Celebrate 150 Years!

As part of Pi Phi's 150 years, the Fraternity has compiled a list of 150 ways to celebrate. They are broken into groups representing Pi Beta Phi's six core values. See below for some ideas and refer to www.pibetaphi.org for the full list!

SINCERE FRIENDSHIP

- Still have your bid day picture? Share it on social media using #piphi150.
- Send wine carnations to a sister with a sweet note.

INTEGRITY

- Tag a sister living a Pi Beta Phi value over social media with #piphi150.
- Write a note to a sister in an assisted living facility.

LIFELONG COMMITMENT

- Make a donation to Pi Beta Phi Foundation.
- Invite a Pi Phi who doesn't normally attend alumnae club events to attend one with you.

PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE TO OTHERS

- Pledge to do 150 random acts of kindness before Founders' Day 2017.
- Attend the Houston Alumnae Club's Spring Ungala 2017.



HONOR & RESPECT

- Take a picture with Libbie the car. Share photos on social media using #piphi150.
- Tuck your children into bed with Pi Phi songs as lullabies.

PERSONAL & INTELLECTUAL GROWTH

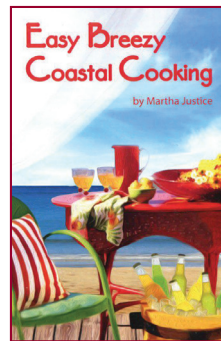
- Call, text, or send a note to someone in Pi Phi who has made an impact in your life.
- In honor of our founders, send notes to 12 women whose leadership skills you admire.

Member Spotlight: Sharing Our Stories

Pi Beta Phi is the tie that binds our Houston Alumnae Club members, but there is also plenty that makes each of us unique! We are delighted to introduce a new Archer feature, "Sharing Our Stories," where we will highlight the experiences and accomplishments of a few of our members each quarter. We are a multi-faceted group of women, with a wide variety of interests, skills, and talents to share. If you have a member spotlight idea for a future issue, please contact Alicia Stephens at aliciamstephens@gmail.com.

IN THE KITCHEN Martha Justice (TX Gamma)

recently published a Galveston cookbook titled *Easy Breezy Coastal Cooking*. The colorful spiral bound book is featured in Galveston's *COAST* magazine with an article about how to prepare and decorate for a fun, outdoor coastal Thanksgiving celebration. Martha is a graduate home economics major with a background in her family's printing business. Combining her love of cooking and publishing, Martha has authored two cookbooks, the first of which is titled *The Grand Cookbook of Sweets and Treats*, an easy-to-read, prop-up book, which is a great gift for grandparents and grandchildren who enjoy cooking together. Her most recent cookbook can be purchased in Galveston at Minuteman Printing or online at www.grandcookbook.com.



IN THE COMMUNITY Meredith

Massey (LA Alpha) serves as the South Texas Field Director for Souper Bowl of Caring. As Houston counts down the days to hosting Super Bowl LI, Meredith and her team are making plans to turn our nation's biggest weekend of football into the largest weekend of giving and serving. Meredith's experience at Tulane University post-Katrina inspired her to pursue a career

in the nonprofit sector, and she is especially passionate about growing philanthropic behavior in young people. Souper Bowl of Caring started as a youth-inspired movement in Columbia, S.C., and has continued to empower youth and unite communities in all 50 states. Since 1990, the organization has generated more than \$125 million in cash and in-kind donations for local charities across the nation, with 100-percent of contributions going directly to local charities selected by participating groups. Texas leads the Souper Bowl of Caring movement, generating \$5.75 million in cash and in-kind donations for more than 350 local charities in 2015. If everyone tuning in to the Big Game gave just \$1 to help their neighbors who are hungry and in need, \$140 million could be generated to tackle hunger and poverty across the nation. With Super Bowl LI in our backyard, Meredith hopes that Houston can show the nation how to truly be Souper Bowl of Caring champions. Visit tacklehunger.org to learn more.

IN WOMEN'S SPORTS Amy Vanderhill (TX Alpha & TX Gamma)

grew up with a love of shooting, inspired by her father, Taylor, who was a doctor in the U.S. Air Force and captain of the pistol team. Her father was very active in all shooting sports, and being the oldest of three girls, Amy followed her father everywhere and embraced his love of the sport. Five years ago, Amy was practicing at American Sporting Centers and met Barbara Garney, who had organized a group called Lady



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Member Spotlight: Sharing Our Stories, cont'd.

Clay Shooters, Inc. Amy has become active with the group in raising funds for charity and engaging more women to become active in the sport. Sporting clays involves shooting a shotgun at clay pigeon targets on a course laid out over natural terrain. She now competes in the National Sporting Clays Association, and she was excited to place ninth in the 2016 Texas State Championship (TX State Resident Lady). During the past three years, she also has qualified for several nationally ranked All-American teams. Amy loves to share this exciting sport with others, especially when she can get more women involved. Proper gun fit is a key component for success, and women usually do not have good mentors to help them. Amy's husband Jim also enjoys the sport, which provides a wonderful way to spend the weekend together outdoors!

IN OUR PI PHI CHAPTERS Alicia Stephens (NC Alpha) has spent more than 15 years working with Pi Phi collegians in gratitude for the support that Pi Phi provided to her as a financially independent collegian working to balance academics with financial security. Alicia benefited from the affordable option of chapter housing as an undergraduate, and she received a scholarship through the Pi Beta Phi Foundation to offset the cost of tuition. She also gained leadership opportunities in the chapter and on NPC, including a role as Rho Chi chairman for



Panhellenic recruitment. In service to Pi Phi, Alicia went on to work with collegians as a member of AAC, first with NC Alpha and later with NC Delta. In both instances, her work focused largely on the new member program and fraternity development. She also served on the executive board of the New York City Alumnae Club, during which time she was heavily involved with the colonization of NY Eta. Today, Alicia serves as a recruitment coach to PA Theta, which is a new chapter support position created in 2015 under the leadership of our GVPM Rae Maier and Director Membership Amy Southerland. Locally, Alicia serves on the Houston Alumnae Club board as the coordinator of the quarterly newsletter.

Houston Alumnae Club by Interest Groups

Our sheer size is one of our greatest gifts as an alumnae club, we truly have something for everyone! That said, we know that interests change over time, and we encourage you to consider the different ways in which you can connect with your Pi Phi sisters through our various interest groups. This helpful guide was developed to inform our newest club members and those who might need a refresher.

Junior Group: Were you initiated into Pi Beta Phi within the last 10 years? Then you are a young alumna, and you are invited to our special Junior Group events.

Angels in Between: Angels in Between was created as way to fill the gap between our Junior Group and Senior Group. This interest group consists of women in their 30's and 40's who need a night out to connect with Pi Phi friends.

Senior Group: Our Senior Group is comprised of all alumnae who were initiated into Pi Phi more than 10 years ago, but programming is particularly oriented toward women who have the flexibility in their schedule to attend daytime events, including our general meetings and luncheons.

Night Group: This Night Group is made up of "older" members who have just retired or are about to retire from working. We have not been attending the Pi Phi daytime meetings due to work schedules. Some of us have received our Golden Arrow pins and some will be receiving theirs pretty soon.

Golden Arrows: Alumnae initiated 50 or more years ago are invited to membership in the "Order of the Golden Arrow." The induction ceremony for Houston Alumnae Golden Arrows takes place each

year at Founders' Day. The Golden Arrows have a fall coffee and a spring tea each year. There is also a special recognition ceremony for Golden and Diamond Arrows at our annual Founders' Day luncheon held in April.

Mothers' Club: You do not need to be a Pi Phi in order to join this group! The Mothers' Club is comprised of mothers of Pi Beta Phi women. The group hosts fall, winter, and spring events.

Angel Wing Support Network: The Angel Wing Support Network reaches out to members during times of crisis and struggle by offering comfort and condolences through phone calls, personal notes, and emails.

Bible Study Group: The Pi Beta Phi Bible Study meets the first Tuesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. beginning in October.

Bridge Group: For more information or to join, please contact Pam Asfahl at 713-253-3323 or Judy Hutchinson at 713-816-8686.

Children's Events: Looking for fun events planned especially for your young children? Join us for our special Santa party and you won't have to go to the mall for a photo. Join us for a fall and spring playdate at a local park. Finally, join us for an Easter egg hunt in the spring.

Day Trips: This interest group will plan a fall and spring day trip each year so we can enjoy a day-long outing together.

MARCH EVENTS

March 2
Fraternity Day of Service
6:00 p.m.
Children's Museum of Houston
1500 Binz St. (77004)

March 7
Bible Study Group
12:00 p.m.
Home of Becca Schwinger
3 Pine Grove Circle (77024)

March 21
Junior Group – Shop 'Til You Drop!
6:30 p.m.
Kendra Scott at Rice Village
2411 Times Blvd. #120 (77005)

March 30
Spring Ungala 2017 – Black, White & Red All Over
7:00 p.m.
Home of Sue Harrie Smith
415 Little John Ln. (77024)

APRIL EVENTS

April 4
Bible Study Group
12:00 p.m.
Home of Becca Schwinger
3 Pine Grove Circle (77024)



Egg hunting at the annual Easter children's event!

April 5
Children's Event – Easter Egg Hunt
4:00 p.m.
Home of Caroline Peters
730 E. Creekside Dr. (77024)



Foundation trustees at the Texas Children's Forum luncheon at River Oaks CC.

April events, continued



Sweet treats make a cookie shine complete.

April 12

Junior Group – Floral Designs
with Pi Phi BUDS
6:30 p.m.
Location TBD

April 19

Night Group – Spring Dinner
7:00 p.m.
Home of Julie Thurmond
6022 Valley Forge Dr. (77057)

April 26

Founders' Day Luncheon
11:00 a.m.
The Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Ln. (77027)

Gather to celebrate our founders and to honor our Diamond, Golden, and Silver Arrows.

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Day Trip to Galveston

Join us on Thursday, May 11, for a "coastal getaway" to the beautiful city of Galveston. Our special day will be spent exploring a few of the best treasures that this city has to offer.

We will begin our day with a private tour of the Bryan Museum, which features the history and art of the American Southwest. Lunch will be served at the exclusive Galveston Artillery Club, followed by a leisurely drive down the seawall to tour several beautiful bay homes.

Trip cost is TBD, but will include group transportation from Houston and a few very special surprises! Contact event chairs Martha Justice, Jolyn Schierman, Margaretta Snell, Suzanne Stiles, and Betsy Striegler for more information.



Antiquing adventures on the fall day trip to Round Top.

Two Decades of Friendship

For nearly 20 years, the Night Group has gathered to celebrate Halloween and friendship at the home of Cynthia Boyd. This group remains as close friends who enjoy the bond that Pi Phi brings them. Some of these Pi Phi sisters love to celebrate with Pi Phi songs, stories, and many memories. Night Group members include Cynthia Boyd (TX Gamma), Marian Bryant (TX Alpha), Jan Burros, Ann Johnson (AL Gamma), Wonnie Kilgore (TX Beta), Donna Marcum (TX Beta), Sally Peddy (AZ Alpha & TX Alpha), Stephanie Prebula (MD Beta), Cathie Richie, and Harriet Westerman (TX Alpha & TX Delta).



Celebrating our CAR Students



Jane Richard (TX Eta) presents a CAR certificate to a Ridgecrest Elementary student.

Mark your calendars to celebrate our Champions are Readers (CAR) students as they finish their monthlong reading program. Please join your Pi Phi sisters at any of our CAR schools. These award ceremonies typically last one hour and are filled with smiling children full of pride in their reading abilities. Volunteers are needed at the following schools:

January 27 (Friday) 8:30 a.m.
Durkee Elementary HISD
7301 Nordling Road [77076] (I-45 at Little York).
Contact Ann Johnson at ejaj@earthlink.net.

February 10 (Friday) 1:00 p.m.
Treasure Forest Elementary SBSB
7635 Amelia Road [77055] (I-10 and Wirt).
Contact Jennifer Stevenson at jennifer.stevenson115@gmail.com.

Spring 2017 at Yellowstone Academy.
Contact Karen Womack at kbw4165@gmail.com.

Panhellenic Community Events

Houston Alumnae
Panhellenic Association (HAPA)
General Meetings
February 2, March 2, April 6
Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m.,
meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.
Chapelwood United Methodist
Church
11140 Greenbay Street (77024)

Recruitment Roundtable
Sorority information sessions for
high-school seniors,
undergraduates, and parents
March 4 at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00
noon
(two sessions offered)
St. John the Divine Episcopal
Church
2450 River Oaks Boulevard (77019)
Visit www.houston-panhellenic.org
for more information.

Houston Alumnae Club by the Numbers

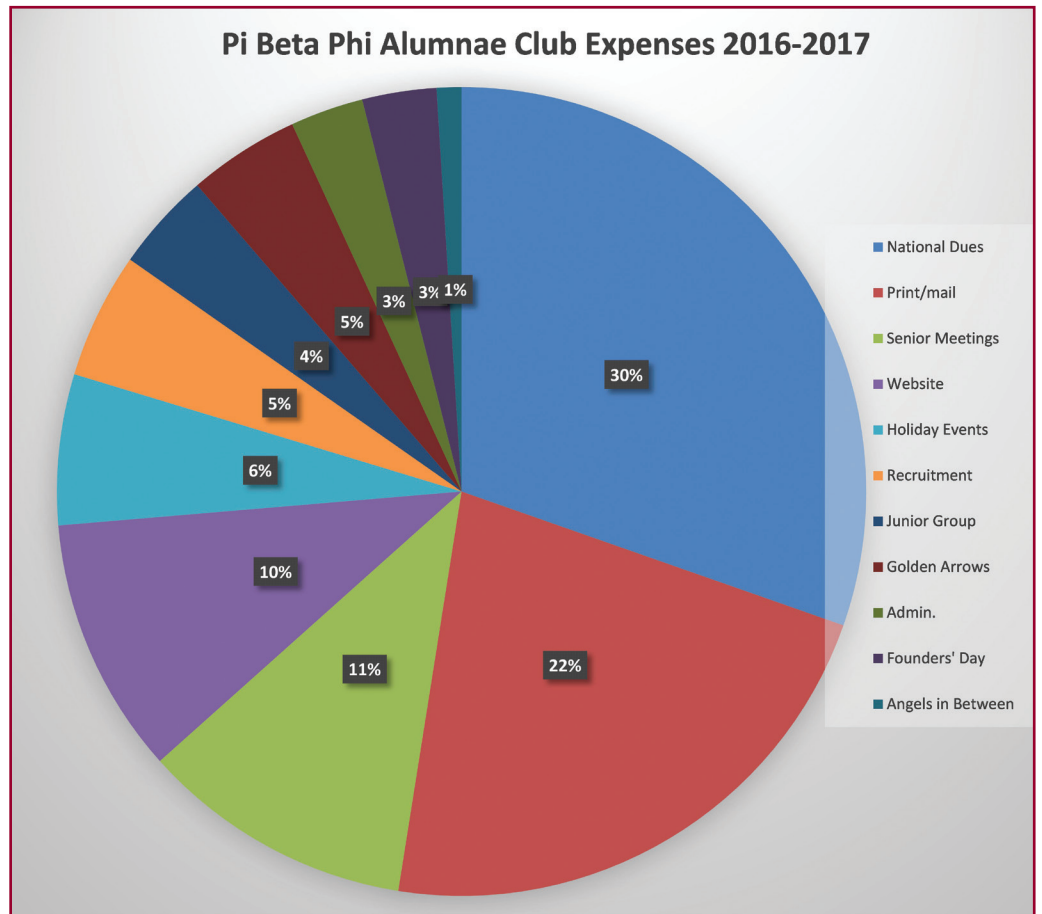
We are so grateful for the ongoing financial support of our dues-paying members. The budget and finance committees work hard to maintain financial transparency, and they have provided a helpful graphic to highlight the key areas and activities that your dues support.

A major portion of our budget (30 percent) goes to pay our international dues. The second-largest expense is our required printing and mailings (22 percent).

Our club is going as paperless as possible with eBlasts and online directories; however, the cost of our two required mailings are still a large portion of our expenses.

Our monthly meeting expenses (11 percent) are paid through our dues and not collected at the door, and website-related expenses (10 percent) also require a segment of our annual budget. Club dues also support our Junior Group, recruitment, and Golden Arrows, as well as a few additional categories.

We appreciate everyone's support and the positive feedback we are receiving for our new website and our attempt to go as paperless as possible. Please let us know if you see an area where we can improve. We all work to make the Houston Alumnae Club as outstanding as possible!



Angel Wing

Our deepest sympathies to the families of the following Pi Phis:



Louise Goldsborough Thomas Cooley (VA Gamma 1943), who passed away on October 21, 2016, at the age of 92. She leaves an amazing legacy as the mother of five Pi Phi daughters: Florence Cooley, Susan Cooley, Mary Craddock, Louise Davis, and Helen Fraser (all members of TX Alpha). Her legacy also includes seven Pi Phi granddaughters among her 16 grandchildren: Caroline Craddock, Gracie Fraser, Laura Fraser, Susie Kaldis, Mary Plumb, Blair Walker, and Sarah Walker. Louise also was a member of the Garden Club of Houston, Town and Country Garden Club, and the Junior League of Houston, where the garden room bears her name. Also named in her honor is the Louise Goldsborough Thomas Cooley Endowed Chair in English at The College of William and Mary. In addition, a group of friends created a scholarship fund in her name at her alma mater, The Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

Bernice Layton Olive (OR Alpha 1946), who passed away on August 21, 2016, at the age of 89. She was the only Pi Phi in her family, but influenced her daughters' and granddaughters' decisions to go Greek. Her daughters are members of Gamma Phi Beta (Vanderbilt University) and Chi Omega (Texas A&M). Her granddaughters are members of Kappa Kappa Gamma (Florida State University) and Alpha Chi Omega (Sam Houston State). Her family had many years of fun rivalry, and her daughter notes that Bernice always talked about her beloved Pi Phi.



Our sincere condolences to the following Pi Phis for the loss in their families:

- **Celia Crittenden Catrett** (TX Alpha), for the loss of her mother.
- **Cynthia Terrill Guest** (TX Alpha & TX Delta), for the loss of her father.
- **Julie Hodges Raley** (MS Beta), for the loss of her husband, Jeff Raley. Jeff and Julie are parents to six children, including Madison Raley and Natalie Raley, both of whom are current members of TX Eta.
- **Katherine Eversole Schrock** (TX Gamma), for the loss of her mother-in-law, Joan Schrock.