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LAKE OSWEGO-DUNTHORPE ALUMNAE CLUB

FALL | 2021

## NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This newsletter seems like a bit of déjà vu from last year.

Our theme this year is “Cooking up Fun in 2021 and Beyond” and we hope that you will be participating by sending in your favorite recipes so that we can put together an end-of-year cookbook.

We had planned to have our first meeting in person, but the pandemic has not allowed that. **Our kick-off will be a fun-filled Zoom call:** getting to know your sisters, an update on Region Seven recruitment and a quiz on Pi Phi. We will also talk about the plans for the year ahead.

We hope that you can join us on **Wednesday, September 15 at 7 p.m.** For our kick-off, the Zoom link to be emailed to those RSVPing that they will attend.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

Pi Phi love and ours,  
*Susan plus Megan, Maja, Peggy, Cynthia and Julia*



look for important info marked with a heart

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officer installation at The Thirsty Lion

## WELCOME TO OUR CLUB!

first-time club members

Amy Stager Bullard (OR Gamma 1976)

Kristie Clark Mooney (OR Beta 1978)

Lisa Rede Roman (NM Eta 1990)

Welcome back to Beverly Close, Lauren Jenkins Smith and Traci Long Such. Traci created this year's birthday card art.

## SAVE THESE DATES: 2021–2022 EVENTS

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Delta variant, our events may be primarily virtual this year unless things turn around.

All of our dues-paying members will receive Punchbowl invitations a few weeks prior to each event.

If you're not a member but you want to check us out, see [www.lakeoswegopiphis.org/events.html](http://www.lakeoswegopiphis.org/events.html) for more information.

So far this year we've planned:



**Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. - virtual kick-off meeting via Zoom**

**Oct. 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - The Children's Book Bank**  
[subject to cancellation based on COVID regulations]

**Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. - Holiday Luncheon**  
[subject to cancellation based on COVID regulations]

**VP of Finance Megan Duerk says:  
Thank you to the 83 members  
for joining in 2021–2022.**

**Headquarters is asking  
that all dues be sent  
to them by October 1  
so I need all dues by  
mid-September.**

**If you haven't joined yet,  
please continue to support  
Pi Beta Phi and our club.**

<https://lo-dun-pi-phi-dues-for-2021-2022.cheddarup.com>

### MEET A MEMBER: Marie Baldazo Andreasen



**Marie Baldazo Andreasen** is a California Eta (from UC Irvine) and currently serves the Fraternity as the **Region 8 Collegiate Regional Director**. As the CRD, Marie provides direction and leadership for the Region 8 collegiate chapters in California, Arizona and New Mexico.

Before her time in Region 8, Marie served as the AAC Chair

for Oregon Alpha at the University of Oregon. (Go Ducks!)

After 30 years of being a Pi Phi member, Marie still loves being involved with the Fraternity and working with women leaders to promote the values and standards of Pi Beta Phi.

Marie lives in Eugene, Oregon, with her husband Mike who serves as Vice President for University Advancement at UO. They have two children - Caleb (21) who lives in Portland and attends Portland State, and Jordan (15) who still lives at home and is a sophomore in high school.

Marie volunteers at her daughter's high school and also serves on the Sacred Heart Medical Foundation Board.



Marie when she was Oregon Alpha's AAC Chair. In the middle is **Bridget Weitman Sitton** (Oregon Alpha) who currently serves on California Kappa's AAC. On the right is **Carolyn Much Reil** (Oregon Gamma) who is Recruitment Specialist for the Region 7 Team.

The photo of Marie below was posted on Facebook on Dec. 31, 2019. It was our most-viewed Facebook post of all time.



# OREGON GAMMA NEWS

**OREGON GAMMA CAROLYN MUCH REIL WROTE:** It is with a heavy heart that we share on April 18, 2021, the Oregon Gamma chapter members voted to relinquish their charter and place the chapter's assets in trust with the Fraternity. Although we are saddened to share this update with you, we are comforted to know chapter members took great care when making this very difficult decision.

Last summer, Oregon Gamma experienced a significant decline in membership after many members of the chapter resigned from Pi Beta Phi as a result of anti-Greek sentiment on campus, fueling ongoing concerns about the Fraternity's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. The reduction of members led to the difficult decision to close the chapter facility at the end of the fall term. During the 2020-2021 academic year, a core group of members strived to stabilize chapter operations and grow the membership with the support of their **Chapter Support Officer Amara Fanucci Bell**. Although the chapter effectively transitioned their experience after the facility closed, maintaining a chapter experience with fewer members and operating on a scaled leadership model this past spring was difficult. Members did not believe they could meet basic operational obligations and maintain a positive member experience at the same time, and campus interest in Greek life trending downwards indicated that in the near term that would not change.

In the final days of the spring 2021 semester, the Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe Alumnae Club coordinated with **Chapter President Maddy Kaplan** to provide the remaining members with a chapter dinner following the initiation of three new members. This was one of the last opportunities the women had to gather as active collegiate members, and sharing the meal sponsored by the Club was a true demonstration of lifelong commitment and sincere friendship. The photo below is from their socially-distanced meal.

A chapter farewell event that was planned for Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the chapter facility had to be postponed, due to ongoing COVID restrictions, to summer of 2022.



Leaders are drawn to one another and lifelong friendships are made ...

At the convention in St. Louis in 2017, Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe Alumnae Club President **Susan Maxwell** (left) met **Oregon Gamma Kellee Casebeer** (center) at a dinner. Pictured on the right is **Romy Skaper** who is in Kellee's Southlake Area Alumnae Club in Texas. Romy is also a member of our club, Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe!

Susan and Kellee won the top Pi Beta Phi alumnae awards which were announced at convention. Congratulations to both of them!



**Kellee Casebeer** [wrote this on a recent Facebook post]  
Thank you everyone! Even though our beloved chapter has closed, Pi Phi is for life. If you are not currently engaged in an alumnae club, I challenge you to find one and attend a meeting. My Pi Phi world is full of amazing sisters from various chapters. Were it not for Pi Phi, I would not know these women. PPL!!



Four of our club members became Golden Arrows in 2020-2021. Susan presented a certificate and 50-year pin to **Leslie Dardano Hasson, Kathy Graham Gadler, Nancy Piazza Cobb and Andi Anderson Mariani**.



On June 25, 2021, five of our six club officers met to watch Pi Beta Phi's first-ever virtual convention. Susan, who served as our Club Delegate, spent approximately 20 hours participating in the legislative session and the official business meeting which included installation of officers. It must have been a long two days for her.



Jessica Manning Hooper (Washington Beta) has served on WA Beta's AAC for many years and has been an LO-DUN member for 12 years.

At our final event of 2020-2021 on June 30, 2021, 20 of us gathered for a very fun Happy Hour celebration at The Thirsty Lion.

Susan presented **Cynthia Knox Guenther** with the club's **Arrow Award** for Club Leadership and for her work as our club's Panhellenic Delegate.



See the photos at:  
<https://www.lakeoswegopiphis.org/photos.html>

## LAST YEAR WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR AND WE'RE PLANNING THIS YEAR'S PHILANTHROPIES!

In addition to **Alumnae Club President Susan Jonnatti Maxwell** winning the coveted **Emma Harper Turner Leadership Award** from the Fraternity, our club once again was named **"Premier Club Second Runner Up - Small Club."** As our prize, Pi Phi Headquarters mailed a children's book and a check for \$250 to Susan. [Susan's EHT prize has not been sent to her yet.]

We will present \$125 to **The Children's Book Bank** when we go to their site for our book cleaning event in late October.

The other \$125 will be donated to **Community Transitional School** in Portland. **ANOTHER GIVING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MEMBERS!** Member **Debbi Amato Monahan** is heading up a collection for items on the school's Wish List. <https://www.transitionschool.org/donate> If you have something to donate and you'd like Debbi to pick it up from you, contact her at [dmonahan97@gmail.com](mailto:dmonahan97@gmail.com).

