

*Peoria, Illinois, Alumnae Club*

On March 10, the Peoria, Illinois, Alumnae Club invited members of Illinois Theta at Bradley University to participate in a new program. "Practically Perfect Pi Phi" featured a speaker from Class Act Etiquette who covered five valuable and relevant topics of modern etiquette. Illinois Zeta **THERESA HUTCHISON DENTON** and Illinois Theta **GAYLE ERWIN MCDOWELL** arranged the fun and informative evening at the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center.

**KANSAS***Greater Kansas City, Kansas Alumnae Club*

The Greater Kansas City, Kansas Alumnae Club is a longtime supporter of Reach Out and Read Kansas City (ROR-KC). Through the Local Impact Grants program, the club has nominated ROR-KC to receive more than \$15,000 in grants from Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Club members collect children's books for Reach out and Read at most events, and on Valentine's Day, past Chairman of the ROR-KC Advisory Board **CATHY CRAWFORD MCCADDON**, Texas Beta, and her husband were honorary hosts for ROR-KC's annual For the Love of Books Breakfast. Nebraska Beta **TANYA RODECKER WENDT** is the new chair of the ROR-KC Advisory Board, and Kansas Alpha **SALLIE PAGE-GOERTZ** is the medical director.

**MARYLAND***Chesapeake, Maryland, Alumnae Club*

In the spring, members of the Chesapeake, Maryland, Alumnae Club held their Fraternity Day of Service event at the Homework Haven at Woodside Garden Apartments in Annapolis, Maryland. Thanks to an FDS500 grant from Pi Beta Phi, the club received 500 books to distribute to children at the event.

**MISSOURI***Columbia, Missouri, Alumnae Club*

Trapped in a 1986 Escape Room with VCRs, cassette tapes, Sony Walkmen and a magic eight-ball, Columbia, Missouri, Alumnae Club members deciphered clues to help them open the safe that contained their return ticket to the present. Missouri Alpha **PAM SMITH MCALLISTER** and her husband set up the escape room in Pam's den. Club members experienced fun and frustration as they worked against the clock to secure their way back to the present. Would they do it again? Yes! They totally liked it and thought it was bodacious!

*St. Louis, Missouri, Alumnae Club*

The St. Louis Alumnae, Missouri, Alumnae Club celebrated Founders' Day at the Algonquin Golf Club on April 27, where club members honored centenarian Missouri Beta **SALLY ALEXANDER HIGGINBOTHAM**. Sally shared her memories of being a collegian right before World War II. The club also collected children's items for Kingdom House, which offers a free summer camp program to low-income students in St. Louis.

**NEVADA***Las Vegas, Nevada, Alumnae Club*

In February, members of the Las Vegas, Nevada, Alumnae Club partnered with a local high school to host a pottery painting night. Spouses and children were invited, and members painted jewelry boxes and mugs using fabulous colors and artistic touches.

**NEW MEXICO***Albuquerque, New Mexico, Alumnae Club*

The women of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Alumnae Club and the New Mexico Alpha Chapter hosted a Literacy Night at a local elementary school for Fraternity Day of Service. The day began with an FDS500 book distribution at the school and ended with a night of Dr. Seuss-related games and activities for students and their families. The families and students were grateful for the impact Pi Phi has had upon the school, and the Literacy Night was a wonderful celebration of all that has been accomplished throughout the year.

Albuquerque-area Pi Phis worked with the school on various literacy initiatives during the year, including conducting a book drive to support a shelter for domestic violence victims and their children. They also donated over 600 books to support a library at the shelter. In addition, each month, members visited Horizon Academy West to share their love of reading with the students through a Reading Buddies program and the Pi Phi Champions Are Readers® program. The students love their Pi Phi buddies and often request extra visits with them!

**OREGON***Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club*

At the Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe, Oregon, Alumnae Club Founders' Day luncheon, Club President **SUSAN JONNATTI MAXWELL**, Pennsylvania Zeta, presented Oregon Beta **CAROLYN MELROSE DONNE** with her Golden Arrow pin and a certificate commemorating the special occasion. Carolyn and her mother, Diamond Arrow **PATTY BATCHELDER MELROSE**, Washington Alpha, have attended many of the club's luncheons over the years.