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LAKE OSWEGO-DUNTHORPE ALUMNAE CLUB

FALL | 2019

NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our 2019–2020 theme is “**I BELIEVE IN ANGELS (READ > FEED > BELIEVE)**”. Last year we had the highest membership level in the club’s history and the most Angel Dues were given. **I do believe in angels!**

We were able to send Keiley Baldwin and Natalie Pepper to the Pi Phi convention that was held in Washington, D.C. The theme was “Monumental Sisterhood” and it was just that in so many ways.

At convention, a new organizational structure was voted in. We couldn’t be more lucky! Our Region Seven Alumnae Engagement Director is immediate past Grand President **Paula Pace Shepherd**. Processes and requirements have been streamlined so that alumnae clubs can focus on fun and friendship rather than paperwork.

Have you heard that the Foundation raised almost **\$32 million** in their **SHINE THROUGH** campaign? Read all about it in *The Arrow*.

We’ve already had two fun events this year with more to come! Keiley and Natalie are planning a Happy Hour event each month. We had 15 at our first one. Check out our website and Facebook page for up-to-the-minute info on club happenings!

In Pi Phi,
Susan

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**I
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IN
ANGELS!**

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Lisa Critchlow, Marilyn DeBonny, Barb Buttler,
Natalie Pepper and Keiley Baldwin.



New club members **Bridget Weitman** and **Paige Forster** attended our first two events. President **Susan** (on the right) says these two women are ...
“FRIENDS AND LEADERS FOR LIFE!”

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB!

first-time club members

- Amara Fanucci Bell (OR Gamma 2011)
- Bridget Weitman (OR Alpha 2015)
- Kathleen Gregory (AZ Gamma 2015)
- Marisa Strauss Stoll (OR Alpha 2005)
- Marnie Lee (AB Alpha 1997)
- Paige Forster (OR Alpha 2015)

EXECUTIVE BOARD +

OUR HAPPY HOUR TEAM

In the photo to the right: **Natalie** (HH) ...
VP of Finance **Megan** ... President **Susan** ...
Keiley (HH) ... VP of Communications **Maja**



SAVE THESE DATES: 2019–2020 EVENTS

See www.lakeoswegophiphis.org/events.html for more information.

August 11, 2019 ➡ 3–5 p.m.

We met at Andi Mariani's home in West Linn to officially start our year. See the recap.

September 8, 2019 ➡ 3–5 p.m. in Lake Grove

This was one of our most engaging and active events in a long time. For one of our [Read > Lead > Achieve®](#) month projects, we sewed book bags for The Children's Book Bank. See below + our Facebook post for some great photos of the event. A great time was had by all!

October/November 2019 ➡ Date/time TBA

We had planned to go to The Children's Book Bank to clean books for Read > Lead > Achieve® month but had scheduling difficulties. Details will be emailed when known.

December 7, 2019 ➡ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our club is planning this year's [Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction](#) at the beautiful Portland Golf Club. The Silent Auction is our primary fundraiser of the year. Please contact [Kathy Gadler](#) if you have something to donate (wine, dishes, games, new clothing, jewelry, etc.).

Late February/Early March 2020 ➡ Date/time TBA

We are hoping to receive books from Pi Beta Phi's [FDS500](#) program that we can give away to a Title I elementary school for [Fraternity Day of Service](#). Stay tuned for details.

April 25, 2020 ➡ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Portland Alumnae Club is planning this year's [Founders' Day](#) celebration. Details TBA.

We will have several more events in addition to Interest Group events. See [EVENTS on www.lakeoswegophiphis.org for current info.](#)

Happy Hour events are held each month. Invitations are emailed by Keiley (baldwinkeiley@gmail.com) and Natalie (nataliepepp@comcast.net).

Club President Susan Maxwell is our angel!

Susan has served as President or Co-President of our club since 2011.

Under her great leadership we've won five awards at the international level, membership has grown and she has planned really fun events of all types!



For the past five years, when she's not "working" for Pi Beta Phi, Susan is a Strategic Account Manager for EMD Performance Materials, which is headquartered in Germany. She gets to travel to Asia, Europe, Boston and New Jersey plus to other places for customer visits.

When she's in town, Susan and her husband Duane help his aging parents. She is diligent about working out and, being a great cook and baker, Susan is always trying new recipes.

Their two grown sons are currently living in Utah (work) and New Hampshire (college).

Susan has a busy, full life but she always makes time for fun and friendship with her Pi Phi sisters. **Thank you to our angel!**



On September 8, we gathered to sew book bags for The Children's Book Bank. Several of us had never sewn. We were all so proud of our handiwork and teamwork! Thank you to **Andi** for the fabric and to those who took fabric home with them to make additional bags.

[Andi is with Megan and Susan in the photo to the right ➡]



VP of Finance Megan Duerk says: "It's not too late to pay your Pi Phi dues for 2019-2020!"

Megan (on the left above) must remit your Fraternity dues portion to Headquarters by **October 1** so please join **SOON** if you haven't already. Drop her a note if you have questions or can't remember if you've paid your dues. **The link to our new online dues system is on the attached dues form.**

RECAP OF OUR KICK-OFF EVENT



We had a wonderful kick-off meeting on Sunday, August 11 at Gary and **Andi O'Leary Mariani's** lovely home in West Linn. As you can see, Andi and the club officers made sure we were well fed. **YUM!**

President **Susan Maxwell** presented a *Leading with Values*[®] module about how recruitment works (it's no longer "rush") plus we had two experts (**Carolyn Much Reil** who is our region's Recruitment Specialist and **Romy Skaper** from Texas where they write MANY RIFs each summer) chime in.

Five first-time attendees joined us for fun, food and friendship. Twenty-five children's books were brought; we will donate the books to The Children's Book Bank along with our hand-made book bags for one of our Read > Lead > Achieve[®] projects.

Only Pi Phis were in attendance so we did Pi Beta Phi ritual. Thank you to Andi for hosting and to Susan for planning the program. ❤️

NEWS FROM OUR OREGON CHAPTERS

We hope to participate in some collegiate events at our two Oregon chapters this year as we have done in the past. We will let you know about any future plans in our monthly newsletters and on our website.

FROM CLUB MEMBER GILLIAN TOBIN, AAC CHAIRMAN* AT OREGON ALPHA:

Once again, Oregon Alpha had a busy year! The year started off quickly with recruitment and Duck football games and quickly led to initiation in January. Fifty-three new members were initiated into the Wine and Silver Blue in 2019. Spring brought beautiful weather, the annual Pi Social Fundraiser and spending as much time with the seniors before they graduated in June. The chapter raised over \$10,000 at their annual Pi Social Fundraiser held in May and donated the money to the Pi Beta Phi Foundation. Thirty-nine seniors graduated and were celebrated at their last chapter meeting with Pi Phi's Senior Ceremony and a necklace with the GPS coordinates of 1518 Kincaid. The necklaces were generously gifted by the **Lake Oswego-Dunthorpe Alumnae Club**. Thank you!

Chapter President **Emma Jones** and Vice President Fraternity Development **Georgia Weeks** attended convention in Washington, D.C. They enjoyed meeting Pi Phis from other schools and getting to be part of the new officer structure that just passed. Emma and Georgia are eager to take back everything they learned at convention and share it with the chapter. Oregon Alpha members are looking forward to another productive year and being back in Eugene.

Gillian Tobin (a member of our club) is now serving as Operations Specialist on the **Region Seven Team with club members **Lauren Jenkins Smith** and **Carolyn Much Reil** plus immediate past Grand President **Paula Pace Shepherd**. New LO-DUN club member **Marisa Strauss Stoll** was recently named as the new AAC Chairman at Oregon Alpha. Club member **Natalie Pepper** recently joined Oregon Alpha AAC, too! We have so many amazing leaders in our club.*



CHC President **Kelsey Jensen Lewis** and former AAC Chairman **Gillian Tobin** at convention in June

FROM CRISTA COVEN WRAY, AAC CHAIRMAN AT OREGON GAMMA:

Oregon Gamma and Willamette University Fraternity and Sorority Life had a year full of great successes and unexpected challenges. As you may have heard, Delta Gamma's Willamette Chapter was closed last summer, so this year the community has been adjusting to the new world of three Panhellenic chapters once again. The campus is hungry for positive change within the community and we are seeing leaders in every chapter step up to lead equality and inclusion efforts. In Oregon Gamma our current Chapter President **Melissa Scott** (pictured to the right) has started incorporating a Land Acknowledgment in chapter meetings, and the executive team is working on efforts to support literacy in local Native American communities. That effort has led them to reach out to local schools and start spreading their philanthropy dollars to local classrooms as well as the national philanthropic fund.

The chapter won the **Order of Omega award for Health and Wellness** partially due to **Courtney Leonard's** self-care and mental health programming. She sends weekly emails on mental health topics and updates a board in the chapter house with resources, artwork and tips. Members can also anonymously submit requests for "self care kits" to be delivered to their sisters in need. The chapter also won the Outstanding Chapter Programming Award this year. Individual awards were also won at the ceremony this year including **Karmen Chavez-Sam** for outstanding volunteerism.



Oregon Gammas at our Founders' Day luncheon:
Melissa Clark '17 - Carolyn Much Reil '07 - Melissa Scott '17