

E-Violets
Denver Area Alumnae Chapter
Sigma Sigma Sigma
December 2008

MILE HIGH SIGMA NIGHT

The dinner and meeting with National Officers on December 5, 2008, was an exciting and delicious event. The restaurant at Warren Tech High School was the ideal venue for the large group of nearly 50 women. Louise Jordan and Pat King, hostesses for the evening, did a fantastic job of warming the casseroles – in the beautiful kitchen – and rolling them on the food cart to the dining room and strategically placing them on the huge serving table. The scrumptious array of holiday dishes was a sight to behold. Christmas centerpieces, brought by Pat and Louise, were at every table making the atmosphere quite festive.

The meeting, conducted by Carolyn Wallisch, was highlighted by National President, Laura Sweet presenting three awards: Chapter of the Year, Member Recruitment and Excellence in Overall Programming. Accepting were Carolyn Wallisch, Katie Halfman and Jill Nickels, respectively. Laura was not shy about telling us how consistently we are the chapter to emulate; our involvement in philanthropy, both nationally and locally, variety of activities to interest all ages of our membership and the growth of our chapter were specific areas she addressed.

Beth Deines, Membership Development Vice President; Emily Ellis, Collegiate Vice President; Lorin Phillips, Director of Chapter Services; Reatha Cox, National Panhellenic Conference Delegate and Allison Swick-Duttine, Publications Vice President spoke briefly of their enjoyment of their time with Denver Alumnae. Also in attendance were Greek Advisors, Beth Fisher, Cara Luyster, Kay Schendel, Ellen Schertzer and Michelle Janisz. All our guests commented on the wonderful evening, and the delicious food that was the best they'd had since they arrived in Denver. They loved the tote bags Lynn Harrington designed and we had decorated last month - with Denver Sigma written on the front. Fresh flowers in each made lovely souvenirs for the visitors.

Enthusiasm for the event was exhibited by all Denver Alumnae, whether picking-up the guests at the Hyatt, engaging them in conversation, snapping pictures, or cooking a favorite Christmas dish. The evening with our National Officers will be fondly remembered.

CHRISTMAS SWAGS SALE SUCCESSFUL

Thank you to Rebekah Ager, chairman of the swags fundraiser sale, Nicole Pech who accepted delivery of them to her home and the members throughout the Denver area who distributed them. All 100 were sold and delivered well before Christmas. The \$530 profit goes to the chapter for operating expenses.

JANUARY MEETING

Saturday, January 10, 2009, Nicole Pech and Cindy Persichette will hostess the 9:30 a.m. brunch, meeting, Circle Degree and white elephant game at Nicole's home. Note – there are typos in the directions to her home found in the fall schedule.

Be sure you take your favorite brunch dish - and a white elephant for the white elephant gift exchange game.

Following meeting, Circle Degree will be held.

FEBRUARY PHILANTHROPY FUNDRAISER

Due to the popularity of the Supper Solutions make-your-meals-ahead fundraiser last year, Katie Halfman is planning it again. Please put Saturday, February 7, 2009, 2:00 p.m. on your calendar.

LOST RED BOILED WOOL JACKET

If you have a red wool jacket that may have been left at a meeting, please contact Deb Wilcox at: dwilcox@steelonline.com.

SIGMA IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Who graduated from Oglethorpe University, was the Alumnae Relations Chair (among several positions held) of Epsilon Theta Chapter, and likes to eat oatmeal-raisin cookies more than anything else? This Denver alumnae member loves photography, travel, biking and hiking and collects coins. Her great grandmother is the person she would most like to meet. If you're thinking of Rebekah Ager, you guessed this month's Sigma in the Spotlight.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!