

E-Violets
Denver Area Alumnae Chapter
Sigma Sigma Sigma
June and July 2008

JUNE MEETING IN REVIEW

We met at the home of Marge Behm for the end-of-the-year meeting and potluck supper. The beautiful weather and lovely yard/garden was the perfect setting as twenty-two members enjoyed the delicious summer salads and other luscious dishes. Phyllis Kempkes was co-hostess.

President, Carolyn Wallisch, opened the meeting by thanking Marge and Phyllis. Videll Nordmark had planned to be a hostess but Phyllis told of the unfortunate events, which followed Videll's injury in the morning, causing her to be home instead. Several friends, including Videll and Phyllis, were at the swimming pool near Phyllis' home when Videll tripped and fell into the child's pool, severely spraining her ankle. The women had forgotten to get the key to the gate and were locked inside so Phyllis had to stand on a chair and climb over the fence to get out and fetch the key. When she returned, all of them helped Videll to the car. They drove to the hospital emergency room, wearing swimming suits – and cover-ups – waiting while Videll had x-rays confirming no broken bones. The accident was not funny and we empathized with Videll but could not help but chuckle as Phyllis told the story. (Videll is getting along well.)

Carolyn congratulated **Rebekah Ager** who recently received her Masters of Science Degree in International Business from the University of Colorado at Denver. Rebekah continues to work at Global Network, an independent advertising agency, where she has been employed for five years. She loves her work/travel job and did both during the three-year period she was in school. She is presently in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and pleased to no longer carry textbooks as she travels. We're proud of you, Rebekah, and hope to see more of you – when you're in the vicinity.

Rachel Kyle, a National Officer for 53 years, was welcomed by Carolyn. Ray, as she is typically addressed, is a retired art teacher from Deerfield, IL who was the official decorator of Walton House soon after it was purchased. She was Collegiate Vice President, National Alumnae Chairman and more recently, Golden Violet Coordinator. We were honored to have Ray join us and hear, first hand, stories of past events and details of personalities of prominent leaders of our sorority.

Treasurer, Sheryl Dahm, called the roll and told of the thank you note received from Foundation Board Member, Kaki Garard. Kaki praised the

Denver Alumnae Chapter for the amazing gift, in excess of \$4100, contributed on Founders Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We were reminded of the success of the Christmas Swag Sale last fall, spearheaded by Wendy Huft, which funded our local operating budget. Formerly expenses for postage, cookies at the Eta Pi Tea etc. were paid by members. The swag sale will be held again, with Jackie Goreham chairing the fund-raiser beginning in October; distribution of the swags will be the week after Thanksgiving.

Programs for next year were suggested. A lecture on self-defense, jewelry making, tour of DCPA, and a speaker from Historic Denver were the possibilities discussed. **Look for the great programs and activities scheduled by Vice President, Jill Nickels, in the yearly Meeting and Events Calendar that you will get in your mail box in early August.**

Nicole Pech volunteered to organize the Sigma Tea Party held every year with Eta Pi Chapter. She announced it would be Sunday, September 21, 2008, at the Tivoli Student Center from 1:00 – 3:00.

Liz Alme told of the success of the sale of King Soopers Gift Cards. More than \$400, or 4%, of our purchases, has been earned this fiscal year.

Telephone Committee Chairman, Kathie Osborne, said she would need three new callers for the next fiscal year. Katie Halfman, Nicole Pech and Rebekah Ager didn't hesitate to volunteer.

AWARDS PRESENTED

Ray Kyle was asked by Carolyn Wallisch to do the honor of presenting National Awards to Liz Alme, and Jackie Goreham who received the Alumna Recognition Award, and the Alumna of the Region Award, respectively. Congratulations ladies for well deserved recognition of your hard work and loyalty to our sorority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jackie thanked everyone for the cards and words of encouragement following her recent knee replacement surgery. She's doing great!

Debbie Wilcox told of her new position on the Board of Colorado Aeronautics. The seven-member board, with Debbie the only woman, oversees the 74 airports in the State of Colorado. All members are appointed by the governor and approved by the Senate for a three-year term. We never know what you will do next, Debbie. We feel safer in the friendly skies knowing you are watching over them!

SUMMERTIME SURPRISE BIRTHDAY

Kathie Osborne was in shock when she came home from lunch with her mom and daughter to a room full of sorority sisters. The perfectly planned surprise on the afternoon of July 2 went without a hitch. Pin the Tale on the Donkey and Bingo followed by cake and ice cream made for a genuine old-fashioned birthday party. Our gift for a trip to the spa wrapped up the total package. That's What Sisters Do.

RNC DELEGATE

Lia Moran will attend the Republican National Convention as an Alternate Delegate. She was selected at the State Convention following local caucus and county elections. Congratulations, Lia.

MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 8, 2008, Lynn Harrington will host the 6:00 p.m. potluck supper and meeting. Phyllis Kempkes and Videll Nordmark will co-hostess.

ETA PI TEA

Sunday, September 21, 2008, 1:00 –3:00 p.m. we will join Eta Pi for the annual tea for alumnae, and collegians and their mothers, at Metro State College in the Tivoli Center.

UPDATE ON SANDI CHAMBERLIN

Sandi will have surgery again, August 11, to remove a "screw" from her lower back, which was placed there during major surgery last September. Her neurologist thinks it is pressing on a nerve causing her right foot to drag. The surgeon says she should be hospitalized three to five days and Sandi is hopeful this procedure is a "breeze" compared to the first one.

Sandi has difficulty sitting at the computer to answer notes but U.S. mail-box letters and phone calls are greatly appreciated.

LUNCH WITH CATHERINE HOBBS

Catherine Hobbs, devoted Sigma and former Denver alumna, now living in Sun City, AZ is in town visiting her son. A luncheon and chance to visit with Catherine is planned for Friday, August 1, at the Olive Garden at 2390 South Havana (at Iliff). We will meet at 11:30 a.m. Please call Mary Esther Simmons by Thursday if you would like to attend.

FORMER DENVER ALUMNA PASSES AWAY

Pauline Millington Childers passed away Friday, July 25, 2008, at the age of 102 in Sun City, AZ. Born in southwestern Colorado on January 26, 1906, Pauline spent most of her life here.

As a child, her parents sent her to boarding school in Canyon City to avoid the life style in Victor where they lived. A graduate of the Colorado School of Mines, her father was superintendent of several Colorado mines, including the gold mine in Victor.

Pauline went to Western State College in Gunnison and was a member of Atheniens, a group of women that became Sigma Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma, the first sorority on campus. She was initiated, along with nine other young women, by Mable Lee Walton, in February, 1925. She received her degree in Elementary Education and taught fourth, fifth and sixth grade, with emphasis in music, in Denver Public Schools for thirty-five years.

Pauline joined the Denver Alumnae Chapter in 1929, holding many offices including that of President. She was National Convention Chairman for many years including the time Convention was held in Estes Park, CO in 1956.

Pauline married and was widowed young. A second marriage to Jim Childers was long and happy. Jim was Police Chief for the City of Denver before he retired, and in 1974 he and Pauline moved to Sun City, AZ. He passed away in 1978.

An active woman all her life, Pauline loved to entertain, play cards, especially bridge and poker, ballroom dance and go to exercise class three times a week. She was an avid reader, enjoyed a massage several times a month and wrote beautifully handwritten letters. She always wrote thank you notes for birthday cards. She attributed her long life to being an only child who got all the good genes.

A dedicated and loyal Tri Sigma, Pauline received a 2007 Woman of Distinction Award given at the Nashville Convention. Always a gracious lady, she was a role model for many sisters, remembered for her poise, stately presence, sense of humor and eager participation.

During the last five years, Pauline was in declining health but continued to play cards and live at the Heritage Palmeras, a beautiful retirement community in Sun City. Following recuperation from a fall and broken hip in May, she was able to return home to the Heritage but needed hospice care the final days of her life. Her devoted granddaughter, Chris, was with her.