

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

MILE HIGH SIGMA NIGHT

DINNER WITH NATIONAL OFFICERS

Please come to *A Mile High Sigma Night*, Friday, December 5, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at 13300 West 2nd Place, Lakewood, CO, the restaurant on the campus of Warren Tech High School.

This event is a very special one because many Sigma Sigma Sigma National Officers, including the Executive Board and President, Laura Sweet, will be joining us. Along with Laura, Emily Ellis, Beth Deines, Lorin Phillips, Reatha Cox and Allison Swick will share updates and the status of Tri Sigma nationally and regionally.

Please bring your most tasty Christmas casserole, salad, vegetable or dessert and remember, there will be a larger group than usual. We will be serving 20 National Officers, the collegians of Eta Pi and approximately 20 Denver alumnae, possibly 60 women in all.

If you have a Christmastime centerpiece, suitable for decoration on one of the tables, please bring it. We want to create a festive atmosphere and put everyone in the holiday spirit.

There is still a need for shuttle drivers to take the women staying at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center to Warren Tech. If you could be a driver and pick-up three or four women at 5:00, please contact Carolyn: cwallisch@att.net.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and mingle with the women who lead our sorority at the national level. The meeting will be short so that there is time to chat with our distinguished guests. It will be a memorable evening.

Our National Officers are coming to Denver to attend the meeting of the Association of Fraternity Advisors at the Hyatt Regency at the Colorado Convention Center, 650 15th Street at Welton. They will be there December 3 – 6. Kelly Jo Karnes, a Tri Sigma and Greek Advisor at the University of Iowa, is being inducted as president elect of AFA and will be the first

woman from our sorority to serve as president. This is a huge honor for Kelly Jo and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

The cookie exchange will not be held this year. It has been decided that the focus at the December dinner/meeting needs to be on our National Officers who have traveled many miles and made special arrangements to be with us.

NOVEMBER MEETING IN REVIEW

The November 8 brunch and meeting were held at the home of Sheryl Dahm with 22 members present. Joanne Detary was co-hostess. A variety of quiche, muffins, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee was a delicious selection for the morning buffet-style meal.

Jill Nickels, Vice President, conducted the meeting for President, Carolyn Wallisch, who was out of town for a family gathering.

Following the treasurer's report and roll call, the first order of business was discussion of the December 5 dinner/meeting. Pat King told of the decision to meet at the restaurant at Warren Tech due to the large number of National Officers attending. Pat and Louise Jordan volunteered to host the December meeting at one of their homes but when we were told of the National Officers coming to Denver, it was necessary to find a larger venue. Sarah George, teacher in the culinary arts department at Warren Tech, said we could use the facility at no charge. The accommodations are comfortable, roomy, and easily accessible.

Everyone is asked to please bring a casserole, salad, vegetable or dessert - and be mindful of the fact we will have more women in attendance than usual. Sarah will provide beverages. This is our Christmas event so colorful foods are suggested. If you have a Christmas centerpiece, please bring it to help make the atmosphere festive.

Marilyn Kaes asked anyone interested to come to her home on November 18 to fill goodie bags to be given to the collegians of Eta Pi Chapter prior to finals week. Healthy snacks, cookies, pencils etc. will be purchased. Sarah George said she would donate "Smarties." Small cards with messages of encouragement were written during the meeting to be put into the small bags. See update below.

Jill Nickels told of plans to see "Girls Only," the comedy for women and girls, of all ages, now showing at the Garner Galleria. Jill inquired about attending on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to go, please give or send your money to her by December 15. The cost is \$28. when at least 15 are in the group. An additional \$3 will be charged if fewer

than that attend. Dates for the show have been extended due to its popularity. Questions: llijbert@aol.com.

Nancy Olsen gave the audit report for 2007-2008. She said everything balanced and was in excellent order.

School supplies were collected as were clothing items for New Garments Always, both DAP philanthropies. Louise Jordan planned to pick up the donations and take them to the next DAP meeting. The drive for school supplies ends in January when they are distributed to children in a low-income-area school in Denver. The New Garments Always clothing drive continues till March.

Following the business meeting, we decorated tote bags to be given to the visiting National Officers at our Christmas dinner. Lynn Harrington purchased white, canvas bags and wrote "Denver Sigma" in bright purple letters, on each of them. She had cut out hearts and stars from colorful cotton print fabric, ready to be glued on front and back. Felt fringe was cut and glued across the top. The finished totes were delightful and a souvenir all Sigmas would cherish. Thank you, Lynn, for providing the idea and making the project easy to complete.

CHRISTMAS SWAGS

Rebekah Ager, chairman of the Christmas Swags Fundraiser, received confirmation last week stating November 30 as the date for shipment. They are due to arrive December 1. Several alumnae have volunteered to deliver the swags soon after their arrival to Rebekah's home. All 100 swags were sold, giving the chapter a \$530 profit. Thank you to Rebekah and the forever faithful Denver alumnae.

GOODIE BAGS FOR ETA PI

Marilyn Kaes' home was the project headquarters for filling goodie bags for Eta Pi Chapter members. Besides Marilyn, Sheryl Dahm, Marilynn Schroeder, Bobbi Smith and Dani Resetar spent the evening of November 18 stuffing peanuts, rice crackers, bubble gum, pencils and Smarties into cute, purple, cellophane bags. Katie Halfman donated the pencils and Sarah George the "Smarties." How lucky are those college girls! They're sure to pass finals with flying colors!

DUES

Treasurer, Sheryl Dahm, sent National Dues paid by 45 Denver alumnae on November 23 to arrive before the December 1, 2008, deadline.

It's never too late to pay but it is too late for us to be credited for more members this year. Please see Sheryl if you forgot to pay your annual due.

CARDS FOR SANDI

Sandi Chamberlin is back home but spent two short visits to Porter Hospital recently. The antibiotic resistant staph continues to be at the site of her back surgery but she feels well most of the time. She's an expert at hooking up the IV drip she uses every 12 hours. Sandi and "puppy dog" Dylan are very happy to be at home together again.

Sandi has many friends and Sigma sisters who take her to doctors' appointments, buy groceries, call and stop to see her but she loves getting cards in the mail. We know she is reading this and that's just fine. We want you to know, Sandi, how much we think of you and want you to be back attending meetings.

Her closest family is in Nebraska where her twin sisters live with their families. She was visited by one of them and her husband last weekend.

ETA PI NEWSLETTER

Be sure to read the letter from the collegiate chapter at Metro State College. The women are truly excited about the success they have had recruiting this fall. WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Eta Pi Newsletter

November 13, 2008

We had a fabulous turn-out during recruitment week. There were about 36 women interested. We had 19 women go through Arc Degree. We nearly doubled our size in one semester. Each initiated member was able to have a little sister. We are extremely pleased to see 9 lovely ladies go through initiation on November 8, 2008. We have a second initiation date set for December 6, 2008, and hope for another 8-9 to go through. The semester is going so fast for all of us and to think that we only have three more weeks until winter break.

We have a meeting every Wednesday at 7pm and are grateful for the AAB who attend and help us with anything. Our leadership consultant will be visiting us starting on November 8, 2008, and will be here until November 16, 2008. We are excited to meet her and appreciate her visit. We also have officer elections on November 12, 2008. Our senior send on is set for November 19, 2008 and graduation is on December 14, 2008. We definitely had a great semester and can't wait for the next.