

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING IN REVIEW

Lynn Harrington welcomed 27 Denver Alumnae to her beautiful home on September 8 at 6:00 p.m. Phyllis Kempkes and Videll Nordmark were hostesses. Dinner of delicious salads, entrees and desserts was followed by "Find a Sigma Who...." that required us to fill in the blanks and help us better know our sisters. The fun and enlightening game preceded the business meeting at 7:30.

Carolyn Wallisch, President, introduced Nicole Haight, a recent graduate of Winona State University in Minnesota. She now lives in Erie, CO and said finding the alumnae chapter was the first thing she did after moving to the Denver area.

Lia Moran told of having breakfast with Laura Bush while at the RNC as an alternate delegate. An article about Lia, published in the Rocky Mountain News during the convention, was past around. The story (and picture) was about Lia's birth in India and adoption by a family in Denver. She feels a strong identity with the adopted daughter of John and Cindy McCain.

Treasurer, Sheryl Dahm, called roll and gave the treasurer's report. It was decided by a unanimous vote to send \$102 to Walton House in memory of Pauline Childers, a member of Denver Area Alumnae Chapter for many years. The By-laws state that \$50 will be given annually so the suggestion was made to "pass the hat" to make up for the extra \$52. A total of \$70 was collected and \$120 will be sent. Pauline passed away in late July at the age of 102.

Sheryl needs to have all dues sent to National Headquarters by December 1, 2008, and would like members to pay her by November 23 or the November meeting. If you have paid lifetime dues, your local amount is \$42.50. If you have not paid lifetime dues, \$77.50 is the amount owed.

Wendy Huft circulated minutes of the last meeting.

Katie Scherping, welcomed by Carolyn, a former treasurer of our chapter, recently became a Foundation Board member. She attended her first board meeting in Kansas City, MO in July. Katie's priority on the board is to have the Lori Dahm Scholarship endowed. She told of the "60 for Sigma" program in which a sister donates a total of \$1000 in annual contributions.

The goal is for at least 60 sisters to participate with donations of \$83.33 monthly to equal \$1000 yearly.

Amy Keith, who lives in Denver and travels for Sigma Sigma Sigma promoting the GOLD Program, told of \$900,000 in donations made since the program started three years ago. Graduates of the last decade pledge any amount they wish over a five-year period. Tri Sigma is on the move!

Carolyn was very pleased to announce the acceptance of our grant request from Sigma Foundation, submitted in September 2007 by Jean Stuck. The amount of \$2070 will be given to Children's Hospital for a PacMac/Galaga computerized game. It will be placed in the waiting room for use by siblings of hospitalized children.

Denver Area Alumnae Chapter is once again on the Honor Roll for excellence. Our participation in Sigma and local philanthropies, varied activities for different age groups and meeting often continue to make us shine.

We will be honored by a visit from two National Officers in December. Retha Cox and Beth Deines will attend our meeting on Friday, December 5, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at Pat King's home. This date has been changed to accommodate Retha and Beth who will attend a conference on Saturday, December 6 and would be unable to attend our meeting at that time. Please make this change on your calendar. *We will meet Friday evening instead of Saturday morning.* We will have a potluck supper instead of brunch and the Christmas cookie exchange is still planned.

Sarah George, hostess for the October 13 meeting at Warren Tech, told of the directions to the school being incomplete in the event schedule.

The Christmas Swag Sale, fundraiser for our local philanthropy, is being held once again. Rebekah Ager, chairman, will collect all orders and checks. Pat King passed out order forms and announced that October 25 is the deadline for ordering them. See details below under CHRISTMAS SWAG SALE.

Membership Recruitment Chairman, Katie Halfman, reported sending 300 mailings to unknown Sigmas in the Denver area. Thirty-one were returned. Nicole Pech, Kathie Osborne and Katie are diligently working to find local Sigma sisters for membership. Relocation and busy lives are reasons for short commitment to attending meetings and taking an involved role. Recruitment is a constant necessity for the future of our chapter.

This year is the last of the triennium and the end of the term for the present officers. Marge Behm and Sharon Rockwell, Nominating Committee

members, will soon be meeting to decide on a new slate to be elected next spring.

Following Nicole Pech's reminder of the Eta Pi and Alumnae Tea September 21, Carolyn adjourned the meeting.

SOCIAL WITH ETA PI FUN TIME

Sunday afternoon, September 21, was a lovely day for the Alumnae and Eta Pi Tea at the Tivoli Center on Metro State College Campus. Thirty - two collegians, alumnae, family and friends enjoyed homemade cookies and cake bars, provided by alumnae, and dainty tea sandwiches made by Nicole Pech and her husband. Nicole, alumnae chairman, and Mackenzie Lintz, collegiate chairman, organized the event that we have come to eagerly anticipate with the start of the school year. Sara Moore, who recently relocated to the Denver area, and her two daughters, seven-year old Haley and two-year old Delaney, was among those welcomed by Carolyn Wallisch. Haley was honored with a bouquet of fall flowers for having the most interesting teacup.

OCTOBER DINNER/MEETING

The October 13, 6:00 p.m. dinner and short meeting will be held at Warren Tech, Jefferson County Alternative High School, in the restaurant/culinary arts department. Sarah George, teacher at the school, Jean Stuck and Rebekah Ager are hostesses. Sarah and several students will guide us through the hands-on experience as we create our delicious meals. The cost is \$10 payable that evening. Reservations need to be made with your caller by Tuesday, October 7.

To get to Warren Tech at 13300 West 2nd Place, Lakewood, CO, go west on 6th Avenue and exit onto southbound Union (Simms). Go south to 4th Avenue and turn right (west). Turn right again at the stop sign. A short distance away, turn left onto the frontage road and continue west to the Red Rocks Community College sign. Turn left (south) at the sign and continue up the hill past the college. Go through the loop to the parking lot and main entrance to the school. The restaurant is inside the main entrance.

SIGN-UP FOR TOUR AND LUNCH

Saturday, October 25, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, in downtown Denver at Speer Boulevard and Arapahoe Street, is the time and place to be for a tour of the arts complex. Following the tour, we will walk to Baur's Ristorante one block away at 1512 Curtis.

We will meet in the lobby of the Helen Bonfils Theatre, near the Temple Buell Theatre and Ellie Caulkins Opera House, for a 90 minute guided tour. The cost is \$6 payable the morning of the tour.

Please R.S.V.P. when your caller makes her monthly contact or e-mail Joanne Detary at jmdetary@comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS SWAG SALE

The extremely successful fundraiser last year, spearheaded by Wendy Huft, prompted the decision to have it once again. Rebekah Ager is chairman and will collect all orders and checks made out to Sigma Sigma Sigma. October 25 is the deadline for the November 18 – 26 (the week before Thanksgiving) delivery.

Please give or send your order to Rebekah Ager:
rebekahager@hotmail.com

The swags are \$16.50 each which allows the chapter a \$5.10 profit. The goal is for every member to purchase two swags.

The beautiful and fragrant boughs are 22 in. by 30 in. and come with a large red velvet bow. They are great for decorating inside or outside and make great holiday gifts. If you wish to send one or many, postage may be added to your order.

Last year's swags stayed fresh for weeks, even in our dry Colorado climate. The October meeting would be a convenient time to place your order.

FINALS TIME TREATS FOR ETA PI

Bobbi Smith asked, at the summer board and committee chairs meeting, what was thought about doing something special for Eta Pi Chapter during finals week December 8-12. Those present gave positive feedback. Bobbi's idea of goodie bags with healthy snacks and functional items such as nuts, home made cookies, highlighter pens and notepads would be something we could easily do. If you would be willing to be on a committee, put bags together or just have ideas, please let Bobbi know at bobbismith39@aol.com.

Some of us remember sending boxes of fun and useful items to collegians when we had chapters in Greeley and Grand Junction. Hays, KS received our gifts also. Eta Pi is local and the girls know us; how great is that?

TIME CHANGE IN FEBRUARY

The Supper Solutions event/fundraiser on February 7, 2009, will be at 2:00 p.m. and not 4:00 p.m.

REBEKAH AGER MOVES UP

Rebekah Ager, Partner Services Executive at The Buzz Inc, is excited about the local marketing firm becoming part of Worldwide Partners Inc, the world's largest marketing communications network. Headquartered in Denver, the deal was finalized in August.

The Buzz Ltd. is sole local representative for Worldwide Partners Inc. Accessing resources and experience of partners in the network are goals of The Buzz Ltd, founded in 2005.

Worldwide Partners Inc, which began in 1938, has more than 15 network-wide international clients including Wal-Mart, Caterpillar, Avon and Hormel.

Congratulations, Rebekah. We're proud of you and your professional expertise. We haven't heard the last of you!