

E- Violets  
Denver Area Alumnae Chapter  
Sigma Sigma Sigma  
March 2009

**Founders Day**

If you haven't sent in your reservation/check for the Founders Day Luncheon, 11:00 A.M. Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Marriott Denver West, please do so soon. Your choice of salad, and check to Denver Sigma Sigma Sigma in the amount of \$24.50, need to be received by Terri Dimond by April 8, 2009. Terri's address is 980 Saint Andrews Lane, Louisville, CO, 80027. The salad choices are Denver West Chicken Cobb, Parmesan Encrusted Salmon or Vegetarian Cesar.

Thank you Founders Day committee members, Jackie Goreham, for working with the Marriott, Terri Dimond, for accepting the checks and reservations, and Carol Jordan for making the centerpieces. Videll Nordmark and Marge Behm arranged for the presentation of awards and flowers for recipients. Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter is having programs printed and Collegians from Eta Pi will participate in the ceremonial and help with last minute table arrangement.

Planning for Founders Day involves many of us, and lots of time and effort is put forth to make this day a very special one. It's a day that many Sigmas set aside if other things interfere with attending events regularly throughout the year. We look forward to seeing all of you.

**March Meeting in Review**

The March 9, 2009, array of hors d'oeuvres (actually a finger-food supper), prepared by Deb Wilcox, Bobbi Smith and Clarissa Crozier was a wonderful way to begin the evening. Meeting at Deb's home with 23 alumnae attending, Vice President, Jill Nickels, presided in President, Carolyn Wallisch's absence; Carolyn was on vacation.

**Supper Solutions Update**

Katie Halfman reported on the Supper Solutions benefit that added about \$156 to our Children's Hospital fund, not including the donations still being collected. She said fewer members participated this year, possibly due to the present economic situation.

**King Soopers Gift Cards**

Carol Andersen accepted money for the King Soopers Gift Cards in Liz Alme's absence. The cards in \$100 denominations are available at every event. Liz needs a helper for next year - and to finish out this year. If you would like to fill this need, please call or e-mail her.

### **Slate of Officers for Next Triennium**

Marge Behm, Co-chairman of the Nominating Committee with Sharon Rockwell, read the slate of officers for the next triennium:

President, Jill Nickels  
Vice President, Katie Halfman  
Secretary, Lia Moran  
Treasurer, Sheryl Dahm  
Parliamentarian, Deb Wilcox  
DAP Delegate, Clarissa Crozier  
DAP Alternate Delegate, Judith Burkholder

The members voted unanimously to accept this outstanding, very capable group of women to lead us through the next three years.

### **Philanthropy**

Jean Stuck reported on the afternoon of March 6 when nine alumnae and ten collegians made crafts with outpatients at Children's Hospital. Following lunch in the beautiful cafeteria and orientation by the coordinator of volunteers, we were escorted to four areas of the hospital where children waited for appointments. It was a fun experience encouraging the youngsters to decorate a visor, door hanger or book cover with lots of colorful stickers and then watching them become involved in the project. Jean arranged all the details and provided the craft materials for this worthwhile and therapeutic activity.

### **Celestial Seasonings Tour**

Jill Nickels reminded us to contact Amy Keith if planning to go on the Celestial Seasonings tour Saturday, April 4, 2009. Amy needs to have your R.S.V.P. by Monday, March 30. We will meet for the tour at 10:15 a.m. and have lunch at the café afterwards. If you've never been to Celestial Seasonings, you're in for a treat. The aromas of teas from all over the world are enough to entice you to come back as many of us are doing.

Directions: Celestial Seasonings: 4600 Sleepytime Drive, Boulder, CO  
Phone 303-530-5300

When taking I-25 north, exit onto US-36 going west toward Boulder. When you approach Boulder, merge onto Foothills Parkway - CO 157 north toward the CU Stadium. Foothills Parkway skirts the east edge of Boulder and then merges onto CO-119 going towards Longmont. Follow the CO-119 northbound about one mile to Jay Road (major traffic light). Turn right onto Jay Road. Follow Jay about 9/10 of a mile to Spine Road (traffic light / left-turn lane). Turn left onto Spine Road and Follow Spine about 4/10 of a mile through a residential area to Sleepytime Drive. Turn left onto Sleepytime Drive (you'll see the Celestial Seasonings sign).

## **Organizational Changes at National Level**

Organizational Restructuring of our sorority was discussed by Bobbi Smith and Sheryl Dahm. As Advisor on the Alumnae Advisory Board for Eta Pi, Bobbi said there are two main areas of change within the Collegiate Department; the number of AAB members on every campus is increasing to eight. Bobbi asked for volunteers to fill the new slots at Metro State and hopes alumnae won't be shy about doing this. Please contact her if you would like a chance to be involved with college age women. Eta Pi has 41 members and hopes to increase that number to 50 this spring.

The second area she talked about was the process of recruitment. Rush, as many of us remember calling it, is no longer considered an appropriate way to find new members. Continual open recruitment replaces formal parties traditionally held in the fall. A lively discussion followed regarding the seemingly difficult task of getting to know women and the decision of when to initiate. Younger members responded that Face Book is a successful way to connect, another electronic advantage (?) in the modern world. (Nationally, fraternity membership has increased and this new technological method has been given the credit.)

As the system is working now, two or three dates are set up throughout the year and all potential new members would be initiated one of those times. Many details were not discussed but there was very little concern from younger members. They were definitely excited about the new format.

The Webinar, an electronic presentation of Organizational Restructuring via computer/internet, was attended by three members at the home of Carolyn Wallisch. Sheryl Dahm reported on some of the Alumnae Department changes. She said alumnae positions at the national level (National Officers) have increased to 1,075 from the present 378 in an effort to get older members involved by 2013. Only 4% pay annual dues so the Billhighway is a way to make it easier by paying electronically.

## **Denver Area Panhellenic Awards Luncheon**

Louise Jordan, Delegate to DAP, asked for contributions for scholarships that will be given to five high school seniors, \$1,000 each, at the luncheon Saturday, April 25, 2009. She passed an envelope and many sisters gave, increasing the percentage of members donating, important to DAP standards.

The Awards Luncheon is at Glenmoore Country Club, 110 Glenmoor Drive, Cherry Hills Village, entrance on the north side of Belleview Avenue, between Holly and University. The menu is roasted chicken or Atlantic salmon, spinach salad and strawberry mousse. The cost is \$35, payable to Denver Sigma Sigma Sigma, which must be received by Sheryl Dahm by April 8, 2009. Please indicate your choice of chicken or salmon on your check.

Clarissa Crozier asked for members to submit stories suitable for the newsletter that all those in attendance will receive at the luncheon. If you have an interesting sorority-related experience to share, please contact Clarissa.

Award nominees from our chapter are Louise Jordan, Woman of the Year and Joanne Detary, Alumnae Achievement Award. Louise and I are extremely honored to be nominees for these prestigious awards. The competition is stiff and winners have community and sorority experience beyond compare. Denver Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma is the focus of our time and energy of which we are very proud. Thank you for the loving recognition.

### **Program on History of Denver**

As a volunteer with the Colorado Historical Society, Jean Stuck is quite knowledgeable about the history of our city. She talked about prominent personalities and events from the Gold Rush period through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. We were enlightened by many unknown facts that many of us could relate to because of our Colorado heritage and as Denver natives. Thank you, Jean, for rounding out the evening with an enjoyable and informative history lesson.

### **Computer Lab Needed for Instruction**

Does anyone have access to a computer lab, possibly in a school that may have as many as 20 computer stations? Katie Halfman would like to help members with their skills. She's talking about us older women who can send e-mail and otherwise turning the computer on and off is the extent of our technical ability. Please contact Katie if you know of such a place.

### **Historian/Photographer Needed**

Nominating Committee Co-chairs, Marge Behm and Sharon Rockwell have all officers and committee heads filled for next year except one, historian/photographer, now held by Marilyn Kaes. If you have a knack for scrapbooking and like to take pictures, this is the perfect job for you. Please contact Marge or Sharon.

### **May Meeting**

The May meeting will be held at Terri Dimond's home in Louisville, not at Jackie Gorham's. Look for details and directions to Terri's home in the April E-Violets.