



## Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Savannah

### September 2015

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*Here is to  
Another Great Year  
for  
Pi Beta Phi Alumnae  
in Savannah!*

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*President*

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*Vice President*

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*Secretaries*

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*Treasurer*

### From Our President

Dear Savannah Pi Phi's,

I hope you have had a great summer. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of Pi Phi activities during our 2015-2016 year.

Thanks to our Vice President, Frances Mills, for planning another great slate of activities.

I look forward to seeing you at our first event on Tuesday, Oct 20. We will visit beautiful Daufuskie Island with Nancy Ludtke, (my Pi Phi college friend) as our tour guide. We will visit Silver Dew pottery, the Daufuskie Museum, an African-American church, and Pat Conroy's original schoolhouse - now a learning center. We visited Daufuskie in 2006 and are going back by popular demand!

We had 53 paid members last year and hope to add

more this year. We are blessed to have a fraternity that continues to grow. In February, we will add our second Georgia chapter at Emory University. There will be a colonizing event on Valentine's Day and their Installation in April. I hope that many of us can attend.

By paying your dues of \$45, (Nat'l \$35, local \$10) you will also continue to receive a hard copy of The Arrow. Please send your dues to Becky Lowell, 39 Peregrine Crossing, Savannah, 31411. We also have an "Angel" option if you feel like you can send a little extra to your check to supplement our local treasury.

Our National Pi Phi philanthropy is the "Read, Lead, Achieve" initiative. Locally, we are doing a great job of supporting this project by our gift of 150 books last year to the Early Learning Center of Savannah, as well as reading in the schools

and our generous donation of books from our Christmas luncheon to area centers.

Please let me know if you have news or concerns about any of our members that should be shared. I would love you to send pictures for the website too! Our group is here for each other. We will add a Sunshine page on our website where we can mention celebrations, health concerns or areas of need.

We want you all to be a part of a special year in Pi Beta Phi Savannah Alumnae Club. We WELCOME YOU BACK and look forward to sharing Pi Phi times ahead.

Pi Phi love and God bless,

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### Savannah Pi Phi's Have a Website [PiPhiSavannah.org](http://PiPhiSavannah.org)

Pi Beta Phi Alumnae in Savannah have our own website now! Please make a note of the address [www.PiPhiSavannah.org](http://www.PiPhiSavannah.org)

We plan to use this site to post our calendar and get more timely information to members as information changes! You can still count on invitations to major events, but

when you just can't find your copy of the newsletter, bookmark the site and check us out online!

We hope to include pictures, recipes and Sunshine information as it becomes available. We encourage your participation! Please send information and news to Sandy.



## 2015-16 Calendar of Events



"The mission of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women is to promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, cultivate leadership potential and enrich lives through community service."



### OCTOBER

**October 20th** Daufuskie Island Tour. We will depart at 8:00 AM to drive to Hilton Head for the Haig Point ferry to the island. Our guide Nancy Ludtke will meet us with golf carts for our tour. We will have coffee and Danish in the Light-house upon arrival. We will tour many historic areas, including the Pat Conroy Schoolhouse, Silver Dew Pottery, a restored African-American church, the historic Daufuskie Museum, the new Rum factory and other highlights. We will have lunch at the mansion before we return home on the 2:00 ferry, arriving home by 4:00. The cost of the trip, including, boat, lunch, tour and gratuities is **\$45**. Checks should be sent to Becky Lowell. We will need a count by October 15.

### DECEMBER

**December 10th** The annual Christmas luncheon at the Landings will be hosted by Kathryn Stout (46 Tidewater Way). It will again be catered by our own JoAnn Morrison. We will have a meeting and a short pro-


gram. Please *save the date* and plan to bring children's books to be distributed to children in need in Savannah. Reservations needed by Dec. 7. This is always a wonderful way to start the holiday season.

### FEBRUARY

**February 14, 2016** This is the date of the Colonization of the Emory chapter, Georgia Beta. It will be held Sunday at 12:00 in the Ballroom of Emory University. We are exploring the option of members travelling together to this event! More information will follow.

**February 25, 2016** We are excited to have a local author, Vicki Lynn Brunskill, tell us about her new book, Waving Backwards. This story is centered in Savannah and is about the Waving Girl Statue that stands on River Street. Our venue for lunch and the presentation will be announced later. As usual, I urge you to get a copy and read her book. It always makes for a great discussion. Thanks to Janet Murphy who heard Vicki Lynn speak and invited her to speak to us.

### MARCH

**March 1** will be the official date for Dr. Seuss Day, celebrated annually in the Savannah schools. Please plan to read in any of our local schools. Most of us read at either Isle of Hope Elementary or Hesse Elementary. Both those schools will have  new campuses this year. What fun to see a new school for our local children! More information to follow.

March also is the month for the Landings Panhellenic Luncheon. Date TBA. This honors all the sororities and is always a popular event.

### APRIL

**April 14, 2016, Thursday**, Founder's Day

Our annual Pi Beta Phi Founder's Day will be at The Savannah Golf Club at 11:30. We will honor our Founder's, our  Golden Arrow Pi Phis, and hold an election of officers. Our luncheon will be \$30.00. Invitation to follow.

### DUES REMINDER

We have enclosed a Dues Form with this newsletter. If you have misplaced it, you may get a copy from our website. All club checks should be payable to *Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club* and mailed to

**Becky Lowell**  
39 Peregrine Crossing Savannah GA 31411  
by November 1<sup>st</sup>

To be included in our DAUFUSKIE tour event, please mail your check for \$45 **before October 15<sup>th</sup>** to Becky as well. To avoid confusion, please mark the tour check with DAUFUSKIE.



EMORY  
UNIVERSITY

*Installation of Georgia Beta at Emory will be held either **April 15-17** or **April 29-May 1**. More information to follow. We hope to have members who want to travel to this event.*

**You can download a PDF copy of this newsletter or any forms at our website: Check us out online at [www.PiPhiSavannah.org](http://www.PiPhiSavannah.org)**