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## Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Savannah

### From Our New Co-Presidents

Dear Savannah Pi Phis,

We hope you are having a good summer! Beth Holmquist and I will be your Co-Presidents this year. Beth attended our Pi Phi National Convention in St. Louis this June, where we celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> year. You can read about Beth's news and observations below.

This week we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting of the summer and we have begun to plan for a great slate of activities. Allison Smith, our VP-Social, is in charge of planning our events. Check out the Calendar for the results!

Please note that our first event of the year will be earlier than usual. On **Thursday, September 21** we will be going to the Mighty Eighth Museum near Pooler. (This was the trip planned for last year when Hurricane Matthew forced us to cancel.) Please read our Calendar for information on registration and payments for our busy year ahead! We need reservations SOON!

We had 62 paid members last year — we hope to continue to grow. Our dues are \$45 (\$35 National and \$10 local). Many of you are generous and include a little extra to help pay for additional expenses. Please send your dues and your check for the September event to Sue Souls. The deadline for submitting dues this year is **October 15** in order to get our National dues in on time. The form with Sue's address accompanies this newsletter.

Our National Pi Phi philanthropy is the "Read, Lead and Achieve" initiative. We will continue to donate books at our Christmas luncheon as we have for many years. Some of our members volunteer to read at local schools in early March for the celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Patty Koch will be our Literacy chairman this year and more ideas will be forthcoming.

Please let us know if you have news or concerns about any of our members that should be shared. We have a "Sunshine" page on our website where our thoughts can be exchanged. And please, when you have a chance visit our website for news and updates. Many thanks to Andrea Felkins, who is continuing to maintain the website, this newsletter and our Directory.

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### CONVENTION UPDATE SUMMER 2017

I had such a rewarding experience as your delegate at Convention in St. Louis this summer. I met many impressive collegians and dedicated alums, relived an initiation, participated in a cookie shine for 1300, brought back some new ideas for our club, celebrated Pi Phi's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and helped distribute 40,000 books to local teachers and organizations. There were few legislative changes but the titles Treasurer and Secretary were changed to VP of Finance and VP of Communications. The Savannah Club received two awards, one for Club of Outstanding Performance and the other was the Spirit Award given for supporting Fraternity initiatives, improvement in membership and/or programming and demonstrating Pi Phi spirit, unity, and an overall positive attitude. We should be very proud. I look forward to helping implement some of the great ideas I learned at Convention.

*Beth Holmquist*

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

## 2017-18 Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

**September 21:** Tour and lunch at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force.



This marvelous Savannah gem features over 90,000 square feet of exhibits, interactive displays and historical artifacts commemorating the Eighth Air Force which was activated in Savannah in 1942. After our two-hour guided tour, we'll enjoy a buffet luncheon at Miss Sophie's Marketplace, located on site. Landings residents: we will be carpooling from the Methodist Church at 9:10 to make our 10:00 tour. We will be dining at noon with an anticipated return to The Landings by 2:00 latest. If you would like to join us, please mail or tube a check payable to ΠΒΦ Alumnae Savannah for \$22 to Sue Souls, 206 Yam Gandy Road, by September 12. (with your dues!)

### OCTOBER

**October 29:** Kitchens & Cuisine Tour in Beaufort

Local chefs will be creating regional specialties in private kitchens in lovely homes located on Cat Island and in the waterfront community of Habersham. Five chefs, five homes to tour...a fun and delicious combination! Tickets do sell out for this popular annual event so you are urged to purchase yours as soon as possible. You may call (843) 379-3331 to order tickets or go on line to [historicbeaufort.org](http://historicbeaufort.org). Click Shop; then Fall Festival of Houses & Gardens; followed by 2017 Kitchens & Cuisine. Select the second time slot which is 12:30-3:30. Tickets are \$50.00 and feel free to bring a guest. Husbands enjoy this tour also! Once you have purchased your ticket, please email Allison at [allisonrsmith@comcast.net](mailto:allisonrsmith@comcast.net) or call her at (912) 398-8440 to let her know if you are interested in carpooling. We expect to leave the island at 10:30 for this driving tour, returning at 4:30.



### DECEMBER

**December 7:** 11:30 Our Annual Christmas Luncheon. Sandy Ramstad will host at her home at 7 Lakewood Retreat with co-hostess Becky Lowell. Reservations, info and details



will follow in an invitation in November (and online)!

### JANUARY

**January 31:** Gullah Heritage Trail Tour and Lunch

This highly informative tour is led by a Gullah and explores those places of importance to the Gullahs on Hilton Head Island. Depending on our numbers, the cost for the tour will be between \$21.00 and \$32.00. We are looking at a 10:00 departure with lunch on Hilton Head, followed by the tour and a visit to the Coastal Discovery Museum, returning about 5:00. Please save the date if you are interested in joining us. More information will follow in November. Watch the website for additional details!



### FEBRUARY

**February 18:** Sunday Savannah Book Festival Author Closing Presentation and Brunch

This is one of the highlights of the Festival every year when a notable author is invited to give the closing address. That author will be announced sometime this fall and a follow-up email will be sent to everyone at that time with the author information and how to purchase tickets in January when they go on sale. Guests are cordially invited and carpooling will be arranged. Tentative 12:30 departure for brunch together followed by the lecture in the Trustees Theater at 3:00.

### MARCH

During this month we will participate in a literacy event as part of Pi Phi's Fraternity Day of Service. Patty Koch will chair and details will follow.



### APRIL

**April 28:** Founders Day

It's **Paninis and Pi Phis** as we gather to enjoy a lovely brunch and celebrate our founders *Italian Style* at **Pacci**, located in the Brice Hotel downtown. We'll be in their private dining room, Sassafrass, beginning at 11:30. Cost pp inclusive of tax & gratuity is \$35.00. Look for your invitation in the Spring and watch for details online!



*PRESIDENT'S LETTER continued* We both send thanks to all our officers: Sue Souls, VP-Finance, who is keeping our finances in tip-top shape while collecting all our many checks; Ellen Atkins, VP-Communications, who will continue to record minutes, make and send our lovely luncheon invitations and handle mailings, and Allison Smith, VP-Social, whose programs will keep us busy all year! We are looking forward to seeing you all in the coming months as we share our Sisterhood in Pi Beta Phi! The Savannah Alumnae Club is ever evolving as a special organization.

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