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## Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Savannah

### From Our Co-Presidents

Dear Savannah Pi Phis,

We hope you are enjoying your summer! Our Board met in early June to begin making plans for the coming year. We have been notified by Central Office that the National Dues deadline has been moved up to October 1. We have decided to start our year earlier as well, which will give you the opportunity to pay your dues at our first meeting if you have not yet sent them in to Sue Souls, our Vice President, Finance. As a matter of fact, we have decided to have our kick-off this year on September 24 at a member's home, and Sue offered to host it! So convenient! Thank you, Sue. The form for our dues (\$45-\$35 are National and \$10 local) is included in this newsletter. We currently have 46 paid members and we welcome all Pi Phis to join us.

Allison Smith, Vice President, Social is already working on our programs for the year. She has found some fun events that we are sure to enjoy. The schedule is included in this newsletter. We do want to tell you now that we have decided to have a change in venue for our Christmas Luncheon. We are going to have our celebration on Thursday, December 5, at the Plantation Club in the Landings. We have the Library reserved and there will be more information at a later date.

We continue to have a focus on literacy, and Patty Koch is once again our Chairman. You will see all that we have accomplished when you read her report below. We also have Ellen Atkins as our Vice President, Communications giving us enormous help with mailings, including the beautiful invitations we receive each year. We are grateful to our hardworking Board members!

See you in September!

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### 2019 - 20 Officers

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Co-Presidents

**Allison Smith**  
Vice President, Social

**Ellen Atkins**  
Vice President,  
Communications

**Sue Souls,**  
Vice President,  
Finance



### Fulfilling our Mission



Recap of our 2018-2019 efforts:

We donated nearly \$900 to the Deep Center, which sponsors writing workshops for Savannah's middle school students and celebrates the stories they create, at our Kendra Scott shopping event in November. At our annual holiday luncheon, we donated armloads of children's books for Wesley Community Center's pre-K and West Broad Street YMCA's after school programs.

With a grant from Pi Phi and First Books, we gave over 1,000 books to smiling students in kindergarten through eighth grade at East Broad Street School. In addition, five local Pi Phis helped teach recent refugee women English one February afternoon through the Women's English Club.

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Savannah Pi Phi's Have a Website

[www.PiPhiSavannah.org](http://www.PiPhiSavannah.org)

# 2019-20 Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER

September 24 : *Sips With Your Sisters*

Sue Souls has graciously offered her beautiful home on the marsh as the setting for our Welcome Back cocktail party. Soft drinks, wine and light appetizers will be served from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. We hope to see many of you there and perhaps even a few new faces. Pi Phis only (no spouses), casual attire. Sue's address is 206 Yam Gandy Road in The Landings. RSVP to Allison Smith [allisonsmith@comcast.net](mailto:allisonsmith@comcast.net) or 912-398-8440 by September 18<sup>th</sup>.



## OCTOBER

October 23: *Savannah Bee Garden Tour & Lunch*

This promises to be a great double header! We'll start our morning at 10:30 at Savannah Bee's Wilmington Island location where we will learn all about honeybees, bee-keeping, and the impact bees have on our everyday lives and the environment. We'll even suit up in proper beekeeper protective clothing to get up close and personal with a working beehive. And of course, there will be ample time to sample their wonder-



ful products. Following the tour, we'll be lunching at nearby J. Thomas Kitchen where we will be ordering off the menu. If you haven't been to this popular new eatery, you're missing quite possibly the best food in Savannah. Carpooling will be organized from The Landings. Figure on a 10 a.m. departure and returning by 2 p.m. The tour cost is \$8 and can be paid on the day of the tour. RSVP to Allison by September 26<sup>th</sup>. She will be travelling out of the country until October 19<sup>th</sup> which is why she is requesting reservations well ahead of the tour date.



## DECEMBER

December 5: *Holiday Luncheon*

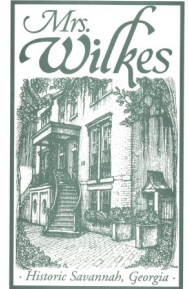
Don your festive holiday garb and join us for our annual luncheon. This year we'll be in the cozy library at The Plantation Club at The Landings at 11:30 a.m. The estimated cost is \$25.00. The complete menu and other details will be forthcoming. Look for your invitation.



## FEBRUARY

February 11: *Wilkes & Walk About*

How many of you have never dined at the incomparable Mrs. Wilkes' Dining Room because of the long lines to get in? Well, now is your chance as we have arranged a "skip the line luncheon" for you. And after dining on delicious fried chicken, meat loaf, mac & cheese, collards, mashed potatoes, candied yams, pickled beets and nearly 20 other dishes, you're going to need some exercise. So, we have arranged a one-hour walking tour with Mike Mack from Noble Jones Tours of the historic and beautiful Jones Street area. We'll be carpooling from The Landings at 11:30 for our noon reservation. Our tour guide will meet us at the restaurant at 1 p.m. and we should be back at The Landings by 2:30. Lunch is \$25 which includes the tax but not the optional gratuity; and can be paid that day. They are holding two tables for our group for a total of 20. The tour is \$18 including tip. Tour checks payable to Allison Smith are due by December 20<sup>th</sup>. Her address is 4 Skimmar Circle, Savannah 31411. Mrs. Wilkes will be closed all of January and into the first week of February which is why Allison needs to confirm our final count in December.



## APRIL

April 25 *Founders Day*

After our delicious lunch in 2019, we're heading back to Vic's on the River. Our special guest will be Roger Smith, Director of The Learning Center. Those of you who have heard Roger speak know how well-informed, interesting and charismatic he is. In keeping with the purpose of our gathering as we honor our Founders, Roger will be talking to us about *The Visionary Women of Savannah*. Look for your invitation in March.



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Looking ahead to 2019-2020:

We will once again be collecting new children's books at our holiday luncheon in December. Your gift books for preschoolers attending Wesley Community Center's pre-K and elementary students at West Broad Street YMCA's after school program will be most appreciated. We are applying for another 500-book grant from Pi Phi and First Books this year. Stay posted to learn if we get this opportunity again and which public school students will benefit this time. Please check our website!

