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Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Savannah

From Our President

Dear Savannah Pi Phis,

Hope you have had a great summer. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of Pi Phi activities. We are excited that our club was given National recognition at Convention in June when we were awarded the "Clubs of Traditional Performance Award" for 2015-16. We are the 2nd largest club in our province after Atlanta. Thanks to all of you for your dues, participation in our events and loyalty to our Club. It is an honor to be recognized in this way.

We will start off our year with a tour and lunch at the Mighty Eighth Museum in Pooler on Oct. 20. Please check the calendar for details and payment info.

We have another event the following week, the Panhellenic Luncheon, on October 27 in the Plantation Ballroom at The Landings. It is at 11:30 and includes a speaker from the Armstrong archaeological dept, chairing Digging Savannah. We usually have 2 tables of Pi Phi's for this event. Please send your check of \$30.00 to Becky Lowell, 39 Peregrine Crossing, Savannah, Ga. 31411 for this event.

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. Our dues are \$45.00 (\$35.00 National and \$10.00 local). Many of you are generous and include a little extra to help pay for additional expenses. Thank you. Please send your dues and your check for our museum event to Becky Lowell, 39 Peregrine Crossing, Sav. Ga. 31411 as soon as possible. We send all dues to National by Dec. 1.

Our National Pi Beta Phi philanthropy is the "Read, Lead, Achieve" initiative. Thanks to Ellen Atkins, our chairman, we were chosen to receive 500 new books

to be given to a worthy elementary school in our area. In addition to reading for Dr. Seuss's birthday locally, we were able to give the books out to 500 students at Shuman Elementary in March of 2016. We collected 75 books at our Christmas luncheon which were given Pre-K students at Wesley Community and Lady Bamford Centers and to children at Family Promise.

Please let me know if you have news or concerns about any of our members that should be shared. We have a Sunshine page on our website. I would love to have you send pictures and news for the website. Thanks to Andrea Felkins for maintaining it @ www.PiPhiSavannah.org and for printing our newsletter. This newsletter can be found there.

Many thanks to our outstanding officers: Frances Mills for organizing these wonderful programs; Ellen Atkins for her work on our Literacy projects, our lovely invitations during the year, and for mailing the newsletters; Andrea Felkins typing and printing the newsletter and for producing our directory ; and Becky Lowell for being our treasurer and collecting checks and sending in our payments !

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 seeing you!

Pi Phi Love and God bless!

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Savannah Pi Phi's Have a Website www.PiPhiSavannah.org

2016-17 Calendar of Events

OCTOBER



October 20th, Thursday. The Mighty Eighth Airforce Museum Our tour will start at 10AM, followed by lunch at the famous Miss Sophie's cafe at the museum. There will be two carpools. Meet at the Methodist Church at the Landings

at 9:00 AM or at Frances Mills, 309 E.64th St.. Choose whichever is closest. Please send a check for \$20.00 to Becky Lowell , 39 Peregrine Crossing, Savannah, Ga., 31411.

October 27, 2016. The annual Panhellenic Luncheon at The Landings. It is at 11:30 in the Plantation Ballroom. Lunch is butternut squash soup, chicken and shrimp salad and brownies and cookies desert. The cost is \$25. and can be mailed to Becky Lowell.



DECEMBER

December 8, Thursday, is the annual Christmas luncheon in The Landings at the home of Kathryn McLearn, 39 Seawatch, at 11:30. It will be catered by our own Jo Ann Morrison. Please bring

a new children's book or more to be given to children in need in Savannah. This is always a wonderful way to start the Christmas season. Please let me know if you can help with this luncheon.

JANUARY 2017

January 26, Thursday. This is a new event, a lecture by Roger Smith at the Sr. Learning Center, 3025 Bull St. at Washington. We will meet at 11:30 for his "Understanding Savannah Squares" presentation. It will be followed by a box lunch (\$6.00 including beverage.) Car pool at 11:00 from Methodist Church on Skidaway. There is good parking there.



MARCH

Dr. Seuss Birthday, March 1, is our annual reading in the schools. We have focused on Isle of Hope Elementary and Hesse School, and Chatham Academy, but any school would be happy to have us. Kathryn Stout will organize this event and will take sign-ups at the Christmas Luncheon.



March 9, 2017 will be our annual Author Luncheon. We will be featuring our new member, Sara Hacala. Sara has written a book, "Saving Civility". It is available at Amazon. Her message: "Each of us has the power to make the planet a more hospitable pleasant, caring, and safe place to live..." Sara lectures nationwide and works with students in high schools to help "present civility as a mind-set that encompasses values and attitudes that help you embrace your connections to others and repair society." Join us at the Savannah Golf Club at 11:30 for lunch and her presentation. Lunch will be \$25.

APRIL -THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF PI BETA PHI

April 29, 2017, Saturday, 11:30 in Beaufort

The big celebration will be at Founders Day at the Dataw Club in Beaufort. We will be joining the Beaufort and Hilton Head Pi Phi Alum clubs for this event. It will be a special day as we celebrate the 150th birthday of our fraternity and honor our Founder's. Carpools will leave at 10 AM on Sat. morning. The cost is \$30.00. Frances Mills will be our local contact and will collect the checks. Info to follow.



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 10th to be listed in our local Pi Phi Directory (to be distributed to members at our Holiday meeting.) Please feel free to include your \$20 check for our opening event at the Mighty Eighth and the \$25 for the PanHel luncheon with your dues check.

You can download a PDF copy of this newsletter or any forms at our website:

Check us out online at www.PiPhiSavannah.org