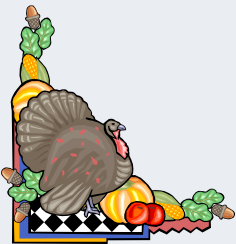


HARBOR LIGHTS

NOVEMBER 2006

Upcoming Events

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**



CCC Visitation Visalia

Saturday/Sunday
December 2 and 3

NHAC Meeting Legacy Fashion Show – You don't want to miss this!

Monday Dec. 4

Saddleback Valley Council

Bunco
Monday, Dec. 11

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you were one of the many who attended the OCCC Brunch last Sunday. As part of Intrastate, we had all of the other seven California Boards represented and OCCC presented our 2007 Convention Skit. If you missed the skit at Sacramento's Convention this past May, I hope you got to see it at the Brunch. I think we did a pretty good job of entertaining, informing, and involving the audience. Of course, since I was on the Skit committee and my husband Jeff is the emcee, I confess I AM just a bit biased in my opinion! And being one of last year's Chefs who hosted the November Brunch, I think we did a pretty good job on that as well and hope you agree.

Last week I and several of the Super Models visited WGAC at their November meeting. We had a great time with our sisters from around OCCC, and were entertained and fed very well! There was a speaker from the Council on Aging – Orange County, and she gave us some good information about services provided and questions answered for seniors regarding Medicare, health and welfare needs, etc. And on Saturday the 4th, a few of us attended WGAC's annual Treasures & Trivia Brunch and sale at the Navy Golf Course. That also was a lot of fun, as is any occasion to eat, drink, and shop with sisters!

At the December NHAC meeting, we plan to have a fashion show put on for us by your daughters and/or granddaughters wearing their favorite Christmas outfits. So far, we have three or four possible 'models' lined up, and if you have a young lady who would like to participate, please let me know, as I want to have a small gift for each of our young guests. The NHAC Executive Board will be hosting that meeting. I hope you and your entire chapter will be able to join us that evening for a fun, fabulous, 'girlie' Christmas meeting.

And speaking of hostessing, it was brought up at the November meeting that we had gone back to alphabetical order for hostessing meetings this year, since Kathy and I had misplaced the sign-up sheet passed around last summer at the NHAC Presidents/Vice-Presidents Meeting. LEO would have been hostessing our final meeting in May, going in Chapter order, but Xi Lambda Gamma had apparently requested that month. With the gracious consent of Donna Tarvis, LEO President, LEO will host our January meeting, with XLG hosting May. Thanks to all of you for your patience and understanding. I would like to suggest that since Xi Phi Chi and Xi Kappa Lambda are both such small chapters, perhaps you two would care to consider combining forces for February's meeting? Preceptor Eta Rho would still be hostessing the April meeting, and I might know of a few gals in another chapter who would be willing to hostess again (I hope!) for the March meeting!

You have no doubt noticed the new format of these "Harbor Lights". Dottie Soteriou from Preceptor Xi Sigma has generously offered to take over the helm as "Harbor Master" this year. I know she will do a fine job, and I want to thank her for her kind offer to produce the newsletter for our City Council.

And don't forget those pennies and pop tops for Ronald McDonald House!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day

is an annual one-day holiday to give thanks traditionally to God at the close of the harvest season.

In the United States, it is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. In Canada, it is celebrated on the second Monday in October.

In the UK, Thanksgiving is another name for a Harvest Festival, held in churches across the country on a relevant Sunday to mark the end of the local harvest. It is not thought of as a major event such as Christmas or Easter as it is in other parts of the world.

This tradition was taken to North America by early settlers, and has become a much more important time of year here.

Vice President's Message

Thank you so much for attending last month's NHAC meeting. It was a lot of fun and I really enjoyed seeing friends again. My hat is off to Dottie Soteriou for taking over as the new "Harbor Master" for the Harbor Lights. I have no doubt that she will do a really good job. I would encourage each chapter to give her a run-down of your month's doings so it can be included in her newsletter. Please remember that the Harbor Lights can also be found on the OCCC website. I would also encourage each one of you to bring the gift of sorority to your friends. You may think that they might not quite fit into your own chapter, but if you bring them to an NHAC meeting, they will be introduced to other chapters and may find a fit there. We have found some really wonderful women in this manner. We have a lovely place to meet now with plenty of well-lit parking. I hope that you will be able to plan to come to the December meeting. Chris has planned a fashion show starting the future of our sorority. I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving. This year I was asked to bring either fruit or vegetables to the Thanksgiving dinner. A fruit is a vegetable with looks and money. Plus, if you let fruit rot, it turns into wine, something Brussels sprouts never do.

IPP Report

I would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket for the donation drawing at the November brunch. We did quite well on the wall hanging and raised almost \$100. If you have any hats that you no longer wear, we are accepting donations to sell at the January brunch. Also if you would like to stop by the table at the January brunch, you will find some first quality hats for sale at a really good price. You may find just the right hat in just the right color for just the right price! The money will all go to the scholarship fund at the end of the year.

Chapter Activities

Xi Beta Alpha

Oct. 11 was the birthday dinner and all had a great time. Oct. 19-22 6 members went to Scottsdale to visit Pat Michels, and a lovely time was had by all that went eating and shopping. The number of their grandchildren keeps growing as the chapter anxiously awaits the birth of twins from one of their members daughters.

Xi Kappa Lambda

Jac reported that their chapter took a bus trip to Barona and had a great time. They were all looking forward to the November Brunch. On another note, Bobbie Ballard's husband had surgery and is doing well.

Xi Lambda Gamma

We had a lovely Dinner meeting at Onotria in Costa Mesa this month. Great food (Italian) and wine. Not great acoustics. We drew names for our Christmas gift exchange. One of our newest members, Julie Ruhlander, has had to leave sorority, due to the increased pressures of her family business. That puts our number at 6. Otherwise, we're doing great.

Preceptor Xi Sigma

The Sisters of Preceptor Xi Sigma had a routine month in October, but some did gather together for a combined meeting/dinner at the Claim Jumper. Diane was blown away by the slice of chocolate cake she was served. Kathy Scharnhorst's husband had surgery, but is now home and resting, but is Kathy, that's the question.

Laureate Epsilon Omicron

We have a new person we are adding to our LEO family. Her name is Donna Higley, she came from upstate New York and now lives in Costa Mesa. We invited her to attend a few meetings and she decided she loves it. This is great news for us since as you can imagine our chapter has become very small with Kay, Sharon and Pat leaving.