

Orange Coast California Council

Chatterbox

Lighting the Path of Friendship

Dear Sisters in OCCC,

We really had a busy but very exciting month of May culminating a great year of fun and travel by the Friendship Stars and the Stitches promoting our 2007 Convention. Congratulations to all of our members for the wonderful Convention, "America the Beautiful". Thank you to Linda Israel and Candy Teubert for their great leadership in making our convention so successful. What a tremendous way for our year to end and new one to start. Our Philanthropic donation of \$21,574.00, due to the great efforts of Jackie Brandon, was outstanding. We are so lucky to have all these terrific memories to enjoy.

Thank you to Preceptor Zeta Tau for the wonderful May Brunch, "Light the Path of Friendship". I would also like to thank Sharon Draper for the beautiful Installation. A special thank you to Joanne Racki, Eula Anderson, Maryanne Davis and all of the Orange Aids for assisting Sharon in making the 2007 Installation so memorable for me. Our theme this year will be "Lighting the Path of Friendship". Your board will be known as the "Flashers" and our traveling companions will be the "Lighthouse Keepers".

Our first visitation this year will be to Northern California Council on August 4th and 5th to Pleasanton. Anyone interested in joining us please contact Charlene Farwell for information. The more, the merrier so please join us in traveling and visiting our Sisters throughout California.

Our next Brunch will be on July 14th at the Holiday Inn in Laguna Hills. The theme is "Desperate House Wines" hosted by Laureate Eta Beta. Sounds like a lot of fun so don't miss it.

Thank you to everyone for your support in the coming year. I hope we will be "Lighting the Path of Friendship" throughout the year.

Love to all,
Jo Ann



*Orange Coast California Council
Brunch Meeting May 12, 2007*

The May 12, 2007 meeting of Orange Coast California Council was called to order by *President Charlene Farwell* at the Embassy Suites in Anaheim at 10:00 a.m. The candles were lit by *Vice President JoAnn Spates*. Pat Brlansky gave the invocation and all members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Ritual.

President Charlene Farwell welcomed the membership to the brunch "Light Our Path to Friendship" hosted by Preceptor Zeta Tau of Northern Orange County Council. The chairman, Teri Lacher, introduced her committee.

Vice President, Jo Ann Spates introduced the International Award of Distinction recipients, including Linda Israel, our newest recipient, and the chapter guests. JoAnn will introduce her family when they arrive. They'll be the noisy ones she said.

President Charlene Farwell asked for any corrections to the Mar. 10, 2007 minutes provided in the April Chatterbox. The minutes were approved as sent.

Recording Secretary, Jerelyn Sawyer, reported that the Executive Board of Orange Coast California Council met on April 14, 2007 in the home of Francine Pittman. Any business to come before the membership would be presented under the Chairman's report. Any recommendations will be discussed under New Business. She thanked Charlene for a busy year.

Corresponding Secretary, Evelyn Lambert, reported that a total of 812 pieces of correspondence has been sent on behalf of the council to date and board members have received a total of 222 pieces. All correspondence sent on behalf of Orange Coast California Council is on file for the membership's inspection. She met a new friend today and introduced us to Diane Devine from Preceptor Zeta Tau. Members were reminded to check the mailbox.

Treasurer, Carol Hannon, reported \$5,013.00 in receipts since the Mar. Brunch meeting, total disbursements of \$3,576.05 and a balance in the checking account as of today of \$2,569.26. The balance in savings was reported as \$5,984.20. This report is placed on file, subject to audit.

Registrar, Charla Lackey, reported there were 22 chapters represented, with a total attendance of 137. Two chapters had 100% attendance: Laureate Eta Beta, SVC, and Preceptor Zeta Tau, NOCC. The chapter with the most in attendance is Laureate Beta Nu of WGAC. You can visit the website at www.betasigmaphi-OCCC.org to get the Chatterbox. Charla's e-mail is mbrfrst@cox.net. Twenty-six hard copies of the April Chatterbox were mailed and seventy copies were e-mailed for a total of 96. The deadline for the next issue is June 9th. The items go to Jan Reichert. She thanked Charlene for a great year and looks forward to our convention next weekend.

Vice President, Jo Ann Spates asked for members attending their first OCCC brunch to stand and be recognized. She applauded Laureate Eta for their article in the April Torch. Mothers and Grandmothers were asked to stand and be honored. Then the Legacy Daughters in attendance were recognized. She introduced all the members getting their Golden Circle ritual at the recent Founder's Days and congratulated them all. She reminded the OCCC membership attending the Convention to stop in at the cocktail party on Fri., May 18th at the Irvine Marriott in Suite 1718.

Parliamentarian, Ann Matney, thanked the March Tellers with certificates. The Audit Committee will meet on Wed., May 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Francine Pittman to audit all the financial records for the Council for 2006-2007. The auditors and Board members involved have been mailed invitations and directions. The 2007-2008 counterparts have also been invited and are encouraged to attend as a learning experience. No suggestions were submitted in March.

She thanked Charlene for the honor of being her Parliamentarian this year.

Historian, Sharon Hayes, reported that the deadline for scrapbooks is June 8th and judging is June 9th in her home. If your chapter picture is not in Charlene's book, there will be a blank place instead.

Yearbook Chairman, Linda Mousseau, reported that copies of the judging sheets are in each chapter's mailbox to follow this summer in making your yearbooks. She met a new friend and introduced us to Tami Kennerson who has been in Delta Alpha Phi for one year. She thanked Charlene for letting her be a virgin on her board.

Directory Chairman, Coletta Contaoi, reported that NOW she gets to do her job. She will accept ads and orders until May 24th. Proofreading for the directory will be on Thurs., May 24th at 11:00 a.m. in her home. At present she has 8 volunteers. A light lunch will be served. Ads total \$424 so far and orders total \$195.

Philanthropic Chairman, Jackie Brandon, reported that we took in \$10,189.44 in March. She will be so pleased to hand out the checks at convention. The current total is \$20,644.03 in the four council projects. Thank you notes were sent to those making donations and acknowledgements were sent to families that were made in memory/honor of a loved one. She asked for donations from the membership.

Community Service Chairman, Francine Pittman, reported a current balance of \$8,171.35 in the fund. She reported that a sister in need who had received a \$500 grant earlier in the year has donated back \$250 to Community Service, as she has gotten past her difficult time. She wanted us to know that it was truly appreciated. She asked for donations from the membership.

Protocol Chairman, Helen Murray, reported on Convention standards for dress at the functions and since we are hostessing, we want our guests to feel our friendship and caring. She thanked Charlene for an exciting year and wished the new board another grand year for OCCC.

Immediate Past President Karen Todd reported that our year-to-date donations to the Scholarship Fund are \$3,784.45. There are two vacancies on the Scholarship Committee and interested members should see her for an application. They are due back to Grace by May 31st. The five recipients of our \$1000 scholarships were announced and will be honored at the July Brunch. The first visitation for 2007-2008 is to NCC in Pleasanton and anyone wanting to go should contact Charlene, the new travel agent for OCCC. She asked for any donations from the membership.

Convention Chairman, Linda Israel, reported that it is four days to kickoff for our convention. It has been five years in the planning and is certain that it will be wonderful with the great job always done by her OCCC sisters. She introduced a rushee of Delta Kappa Chi who is even attending convention. She especially thanked Sandee and Jackie for their many hours this last month to get everyone a seat and a hotel room. All committee members were thanked for giving so much of themselves. Members were told to pack their red, white and blue and come enjoy our "America the Beautiful" convention starting on Thursday.

Convention Co-Chairman, Candy Teubert, asked the chairmen of each event to keep close track of the hours people volunteer and she reminded all to enjoy convention.

Director/Sponsor Pat Brlansky read her Mother's Day Thought for the Day, entitled "Walking with Grandma."

After the lunch break, the Travel Fund tickets were sold by the board members. The centerpiece was provided by Carol Hannon, with \$25 cash included.

The members of Laureate Eta Beta were excused to prepare for the skit for the July brunch.

Director/Sponsor Pat Brlansky read the chapter announcements.

The July Brunch skit was presented by Laureate Eta Beta, inviting everyone to "Desperate House Wines" on July 14th at Holiday Inn, Laguna Hills.

Unfinished Business : None

New Business: The installation of the 2007-2008 OCCC Executive Board was conducted by Sharon Draper and Joanne Racki, both traveling here from Washington state. They were assisted by Orange Aids Pat Brlansky and Maryanne Davis. The following officers were installed:

President JoAnn Spates
Vice-President Christine Morrow
Recording Secretary Linda Economon
Corresponding Secretary Betty Phillips
Treasurer Betty Jo Patchen
Registrar Jan Reichert
Parliamentarian Helen Murray
Protocol Jackie Harman
Directory Chairman Dottie Soteriou
Philanthropic Boots Morris
Community Service Bobbi Varner
Director/Sponsor Donna Wertz
Yearbook Jerelyn Sawyer
Historian Betty Rolnick
Immediate Past President Charlene Farwell
Honorary Member Sandee Rogers

A skit was given by the outgoing board to honor Charlene Farwell, the retiring President. The gavel guard was presented to JoAnn Spates as the incoming President.

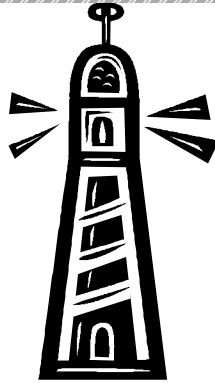
Charlene gave her outgoing President's message. Her gavel guard was turned and the Orange Aids presented her with a silver goblet and toasted her as a welcome and becoming the new "Orange Blossom."

President JoAnn presided over the rest of the meeting. She gave her message and hopes for the upcoming year. She is using the lighthouse as a symbol and her Flashers will be "Lighting the Path of Friendship" for OCCC all over the state in the coming year. The chapter drawings were held, as well as the donation drawing. She thanked everyone for being here today, and Preceptor Zeta Tau for a great brunch. We look forward to the July brunch at the Holiday Inn in Laguna Hills for "Desperate House Wines." A final reminder was given to the chapters to check the mailbox for pertinent information.

There being no further business to come before the assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. with all members standing for the Closing Ritual and Mizpah.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerelyn Sawyer
Recording Secretary



VISITATION SCHEDULE

August 4-5, 2007	Pleasanton	NCC
September 8-9	South San Francisco	CRCC
October 5-7	Intrastate – Fresno	CCC
October 12-13	Red Bluff	FNCC
November 17 & 18	To be announced	SCC
January 18-19, 2008	Solvang	PCC
January 26 & 27	Riverside, Mission Inn	MCC
May 16-18	Convention – Fresno	CCC

Contact Charlene Farwell, IPP if you would like to join the OCCC Executive Board on any of these visitations.

PHILANTHROPIC 2007 CONVENTION DONATION REPORT

I am happy to report that we did very well with our donations at Convention. We had the highest amount per chapter as we usually do. We donated the following amounts to our four Philanthropic projects:

Lupus Foundation of Northern California	\$ 5,066.00
BSP Kidney Research at Stanford	5,041.00
Scleroderma Foundation	5,201.00
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	<u>6,266.00</u>
Total Donations	\$21,574.00

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and for your generous support throughout the year.

Jackie Brandon
2006-2007 OCCC Philanthropic Chairman



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July Brunch

“Desperate House Wines”

Saturday, July 14, 2007

Holiday Inn, Laguna Hills (Beta Sigma Phi South)

10 A.M.

\$21.60

Reservation & Cancellation deadlines are July 7, 2007

Make check payable to Laureate Eta Beta

Mail to Candy Teubert, 2150 Almeria Street #105, Corona 91719

Convention Thank You

A BIG thank you goes to the following people who showed sisterly love and understanding by giving their rooms at the Irvine Marriott Hotel to handicapped sisters who would have been housed at the Crown Plaza Hotel:

**Debbie Donston
Linda Glauberman
Debbie McCarthy, CRCC**

**Jerelyn Sawyer
Joyce Lewis**

Thank you Sisters! You are the best and very appreciated!

Jackie Harman, Housing Chairman



**There will be a Historian's meeting for chapter historians in September.
Invitations will be in the mailboxes at the July OCCC Brunch.
Betty Rolnick, OCCC Historian**

Be sure to send any items for the July Chatterbox to me on or before August 11. Below is a list of the groups that receive a copy of the Chatterbox. Let me know if you did not receive the Chatterbox and you are supposed to receive one. Any member of Beta Sigma Phi, OCCC, may receive the Chatterbox via email upon request to me at no charge. Mailed subscriptions of the Chatterbox are \$4 per year.

Please let me hear your constructive comments about the Chatterbox, likes and dislikes. Is there anything special that you would like to see in the Chatterbox? Use the Chatterbox to send a personal message to a sister or to the membership. If your council or chapter would like to inform the OCCC membership of any upcoming events or fundraisers, please contact me at the e-mail address or phone number listed below.

I look forward to your comments and/or suggestions!

Your Chatterbox Editor, Jan Reichert
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Groups that receive copy of the Chatterbox: OCCC Executive Board, Orange Aids, State Area Presidents, City/Local Area Presidents, OCCC Chapter Presidents, paid subscribers, others designated by the President.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OCCC requests your assistance to serve on the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, to serve on the Audit Committee in May and to assist as Tellers at either the November or March Brunch. Please sign up and return this form at the July Brunch or return by mail to me by July 32, 2007.

Chapter: _____ Council _____

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

Audit Committee

Teller – November Brunch

Teller – March Brunch

You will be notified of your appointment following the August Executive Board meeting.
Thank you for your support!

Helen Murray
OCCC Parliamentarian
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An aid for navigation and pilotage at sea, a **lighthouse** is a tower building or framework sending out light from a system of lamps and lenses or, in older times, from a fire. Lighthouses also provide coordinate location for small aircraft traveling at night. More primitive navigational aids were once used such as a fire on top of a hill or cliff.

Because of modern navigational aids, the number of operational lighthouses has declined to less than 1,500 worldwide. Lighthouses are used to mark dangerous coastlines, hazardous shoals away from the coast, and safe entries to harbors.

Perhaps the most famous lighthouse in history is the Lighthouse of Alexandria.

The Lighthouse of Alexandria (above) was constructed between 285 and 247 B.C. The entire structure was about 400 feet tall including the base. The Lighthouse had three parts. The lowest was rectangular and about 180 ft tall. The second stage was shaped like a cylinder with a ramp going to the top. It was about 90 ft high. The third section was shaped like a cylinder and housed the flame. It was destroyed in an earthquake in the 1300's. The light on the top could be seen for 35 miles out at sea. Fuel was taken to the top by horse drawn carriages on ramps. There was a mirror on the top of the Lighthouse that was probably made of bronze that reflected the light.

The Lighthouse was built under the reign of Ptolemy Soter but was finished under his son Ptolemy the second. Out of all the seven wonders it was the only one that was used daily and it was the only one that had a practical use. It was the tallest of the seven wonders. It was also the tallest most magnificent Lighthouse of all time.

A legend says that the mirror in the Lighthouse could be used to burn enemy ships in the harbor.