

Orange Coast California Council

Chatterbox

"A Good Friend is the Best Accessory"

December 2008

Dear Sisters,

I'd like to thank JoAnn and the Flashers for a terrific and successful November Brunch, "Flashing thru the Snow". Everyone who attended had a great time. We had six State Area Presidents and their Board Members visiting us, and we all enjoyed the Cocktail Party and No-host Dinner the night before. A big "Thank You" and "Job Well Done!" to Bobbi and her helpers. Then the following weekend we traveled to San Jose to visit CRCC and to attend the Intrastate meetings there. And the first weekend in December we went to Bakersfield to visit our CCC sisters and enjoy their Holiday Boutique. Any you wishing to travel with us in January on our last Visitation, please contact JoAnn S We will be going to Solvang to visit PCC on the 17th & 18th of January, although a few of us are going a day or so early to take in the beauty and culture of the area, not to mention the wine-tasting and the shopping. We would love to have you travel along with us. We always have a great time and a lot of fun!

The weekend of November 15-16, when the Board was in San Jose for Intrastate, we were all witness to the dangers of living in a dry, warm, hilly, densely-populated environment here in Southern California. While I have not heard of any OCCC sisters who were victims of these latest wildfires, some of our sisters in SCC were not s fortunate. Two sisters lost their home in the Sayre fire, and a couple of others also suffered major smoke damage to their homes, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. They are all members of San Fernando Valley Council, which is sponsoring a special fundraiser to help these sisters in need. Please consider donating.

In the interest of "Going Green", we are thankful that so many of you have opted to receive this publication via e-mail rather than a hard-copy version. It saves trees and money (and storage space!), and is practicing good citizenship. To further those efforts, your Board wants to reduce the amount of paper we generate and so have decided to reduce the number of 'Certificates of Appreciation' and the like, and encourage you in your Chapters, City Councils, and daily lives, to think a little 'greener' as well. While we will still be recognizing and showing our appreciation to those who serve on committees, act as tellers at the brunches, etc, we would like to do so in a 'paperless', or at least 'less paper', fashion.

This year seems to be flying by and I must say I am having a time representing OCCC as we travel around the state of California. It been such a truly awesome experience! We will be having elections of Officers coming up before you know it, so please consider being on the OCCC Board. You will really have the time of your sorority life!

**Orange Coast California Council
Brunch Meeting – November 8, 2008**

The November 8, 2008 meeting of the Orange Coast California Council was called to order by President Christine Morrow at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel at 10:05 a.m. The invocation was given by Jackie Harman, and all members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Ritual.

President, Christine Morrow welcomed everyone to "Flashing Through The Snow" hosted by the 2007/2008 Executive Board, and that we had the honor of having the OCCC Past Presidents and six of the State Area Councils present.

Vice President, Bobbie Varner introduced the Award of Distinction members and chapter guests. She then introduced the OCCC Past Presidents known as the "Aides," giving their name, year as President and theme.

President, Christine Morrow introduced each State Area Council President who in turn introduced their Board members. Present were: Taunie Victoria, Southern California Council; Anna Gustafson, Far Northern California Council; Pat Fairbanks, Pacific California Council; Joan Baird, Mission California Council; Ruby Brendlin, Northern California Council; and Jennifer Peck, Central California Council.

We deviated from the regular order of business to have the election of the Nominating Committee.

Charlene Farwell read By-Law Article VI, Section 2 regarding rules for nominating members to be on the Committee. She read the members who were not eligible to serve this year and introduced the Tellers. She then proceeded with nominations. The Nominees will be announced under New Business.

Recording Secretary, Evelyn Lambert had no report.

Corresponding Secretary, Betty Jo Patchen reported correspondence received since the September 13, 2008 Brunch meeting was 17, making a total of 43 received to date. Correspondence sent since the September 13, 2008 Brunch meeting was 20, making a total of 67 sent to date.

Treasurer, Denise Kuhns gave the treasurer's report as follows:

<u>Checking Account</u>	
Balance on September 13, 2008	\$7,746.16
Receipts	\$6,698.50
Disbursements	\$1,192.47
Balance on November 8, 2008	\$13,252.19

Savings Account:

Balance on September 13, 2008	\$8,756.79
Interest	\$.49
Balance on November 8, 2008	\$8,757.28

Savings CD on July 12, 2008	\$7,111.49
Interest	\$ 113.27
Balance on September 13, 2008	\$7,224.76

Registrar, Linda Glauberman reported that she emailed 74 copies of the Chatterbox, and mailed 15. She also had hard copies for anyone who wanted one. Today there were 28 chapters represented, with 138 members and 10 guests, 50 out of area Beta Sigma Phi's, 20 OCCC Past Presidents, 15 OCCC Board members for a total in attendance of 233. There were two chapters with 100%

attendance; Preceptor Zeta Tau with 10, and Xi Kappa bda with 2. The chapter with the most in attendance was Alpha Tau Master with 15.

Vice President, Bobbie asked for any members attending their first OCCC brunch to stand. She reminded everyone to give her names of sisters who passed away during 2008 by December 8th so they can be remembered in the Memorial Service in January.

Parliamentarian, Charlene Farwell stated that there were no changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules this year so the committee did not meet. She thanked those who were appointed to that committee and introduced each of them. She had copies of the Officer Recommendation forms for Candidates for the 2009/2010 Executive Board available. She requested they be turned in today or mailed no later than November 25th. The Nominating Committee would be meeting at the end of the Brunch.

Historian, Jerelyn Sawyer had no report.

Yearbook, Donna Wertz reported that the yearbook judging would be held on Saturday, November 22nd at her home. Yearbook Awards will be presented at the January Brunch.

Directory Chairman, Linda Peterson had no report

Philanthropic Chairman, Annie Minium reported that the September Brunch brought \$935.24 in donations. The year to date total for each charity is: Cystic Fibrosis, Stanford Kidney, and Lupus each \$635.03, and Scleroderma is \$585.03, making total donations to date of \$2,490.10. The winner of the quilt was announced. She will be selling tickets for American Flag Afghan starting in January and the winner will be announced at the March 2009 Brunch. She will also continue to have a hat and purse silent auction at each brunch.

Community Service Chairman, Betty Robinson reported:

Beginning balance	\$7,279.35
Interest for September	\$.89
Interest for October	\$.93
Current balance	\$7,281.17

She then asked for donations.

Protocol Chairman, Helen Murray reported that the Protocol Committee would meet next week in San Jose at Intrastate. The outcome of these meetings will be reported in January. She also reminded members that the deadline for Brunch bids is December 1st.

Immediate Past President, Jo Ann Spates thanked everyone who traveled to SCC inxnard and to FNCC in Red Bluff. She reminded members that we will be traveling to visit CCC in Bakersfield on December 5th and 6th. Our last visitation will be to visit PCC in Solvang January 16th and 17th. Donations of \$445 have been made to the Scholarship Fund to date. She mailed four forms to Scholarship applicants. She then asked for donations.

Director/Sponsor, Jackie Harman read the "Thought for the Day" that was hilarious story about Thanksgiving.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Results of the election of members for the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Jackie Harman, Laureate Delta Nu, NOCC; Pat Brlansky, Xi Sigma, NHAC; JoAnn Spates, Laureate Theta Kappa, WGAC; Anne Matney, Laureate Eta SVC; Betty Rolnick, Alpha Tau Master, WGAC; Alternates: Linda Peterson, Beta Omicron Master, Independent; Diana Bush, Preceptor Mu Omicron, WGAC. She congratulated each member for serving on this committee.

President Christine Morrow encouraged everyone to consider serving on the OCCC Executive Board. She thanked JoAnn and the 2007/2008 Executive Board for a wonderful Brunch. She then extended the invitation to come to the January Brunch "Chili Today, Hot Tamale" at the Doubletree Hotel in Irvine hosted by Laureate Eta Beta of Saddleback Valley Council. She thanked the State Area Council Presidents and their Boards for joining us. She then her Closing Thoughts, and wished everyone a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m., with all members standing for the closing ritual and mizpah.

Evelyn Lambert
Recording Secretary

A NOTE FROM SANDEE RODGERS

I would like to thank all who have sent cards, called, prayed and cared these past two months -- I am all done with my radiation and now it is time to HEAL --- Thank you Sandee Rogers

(*We are so glad you are doing well!!)

“A note from the Parliamentarian”

A reminder that **Nominations from the floor** may be made at the January Brunch after the Nominating Committee Report is made. Also, candidates please remember that your skits are limited to two (2) minutes each.

If your chapter or city council needs to get a Tax ID number this information can be found on the OCCC web site under Need a chapter checking account.

Directory Changes:

Xi Theta Psi – April Johnson

pages 52 and 63
e-mail – anassardruid@hotmail.com

Jayne Travis

page 64
Correct address: 9651 Cardinal Ave.

Preceptor Zeta Tau – Rita Prado

pages 10, 52 and 71
Phone number: (H) 714-742-6185

Delta Alpha Nu – Cora Jackson

page 56
New Recording Secretary
Phone: 714-666-8856



All Council Valentine Luncheon and Fashion Show "Panache"

Saturday, February 7th, 2009

Eagle's Nest Country Club

Cypress, Ca.

\$28.50 per person

11:00 – Cocktails

12:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Fashion Show



If you have any Chapter or Council announcements that you would like in the February Chatterbox, please e-mail me by December 31st., 2008. If there are any other directory changes, please let me know.

Your Chatterbox Editor,
Linda Glauberman



OCCC VISITATION SCHEDULE

2008-2009

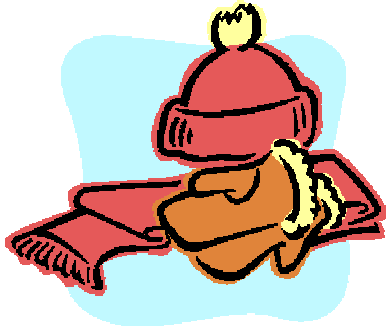
January 17-18

PCC – Solvang

May 15, 16, 17

Convention – CRCC, San Jose

Contact JoAnn Spates, IPP if you would like to join the OCCC Executive Board on any of these visitations. We have been having a great time traveling around the state. We would love to have you join us!!



OCCC January Brunch

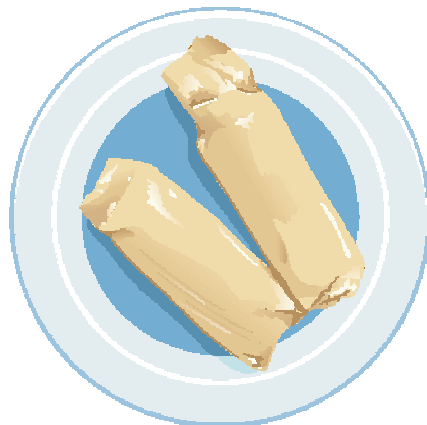
“Chili Today, Hot Tamale”
Saturday, January 10th, 2009

DoubleTree Hotel
90 Pacifica, Irvine, Ca 92618

10 a.m. Meeting
\$23.20

Hosted by Laureate Eta Beta
Make checks payable to: Laureate Eta Beta

Mail to: Linda Economon
22532 Maurice Ct.
Lake Forest Ca. 92630





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2009 Convention*

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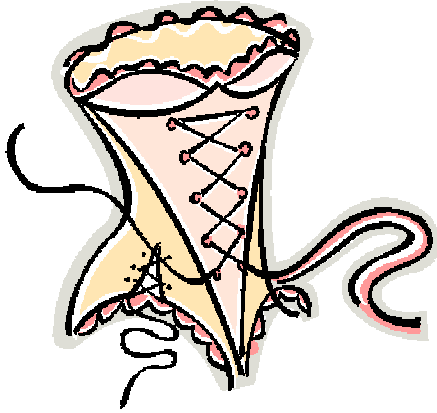
Beta Sigma Phi California State Convention

DoubleTree Hotel

On Gateway Place

San Jose

May 14-17, 2009



Many of we "old folks" (those over 50, WAY over 50, or hovering near 50) are quite confused about how we should present ourselves.

We are unsure about the kind of image we are projecting, and whether or not we are correct, as we try to conform to current fashions.

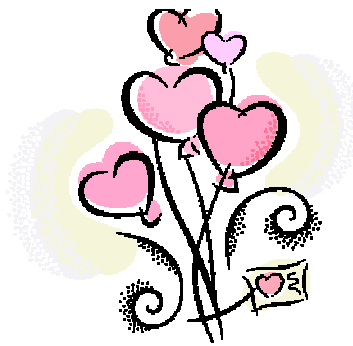
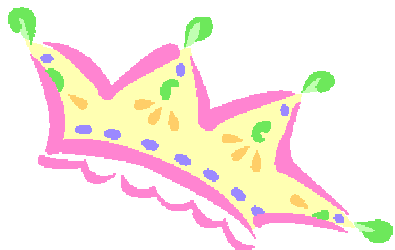
Despite what you may have seen on the streets, the following combinations do not go well together and should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Miniskirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedos and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. Inline skates and a walker

And last, but not least, my personal favorite:

13. Thongs and Depends

Happy Holidays!!



Dear Sisters,

I'd like to take just a minute to comment on our upcoming Valentine Princess Luncheon and Fashion Show:

This year has seen many changes - in the world, in the country, in our sorority, and in our Council. Some have expressed concern that traditions being cast aside. Such is not the case, although some new ideas ARE being tried which I find exciting.

For many years now, it has been the tradition to hold an "All-Council Valentine Ball" to present and honor all our Chapter Valentine Princesses, and to crown each City Council's Valentine Queen. As a recent Chairman (twice in the last five years) of this Ball, I am aware of what is involved in putting on such an event. Couple eting costs and increasing minimums required by the venues along with decreasing ce at our Balls, and it becomes cost-prohibitive for many of our members. With the main reason for these events be the presentation of the Princesses and the coronation of the Queens, it seems that THAT should be the focus, not the particulars of the event While many people DO enjoy the Ball format, with its gala trappings and festive mood, just as many seem to favor the idea of a lower cost, yet still appropriate activity for honoring our Valentine Sweethearts. Many of our sisters are older and don't feel comfortable driving at night, nor do they have husbands or Significant Others to escort them and dance with them. For every OCCC member who has expressed dismay at the change of the event this year, there have been twice that many who have expressed delight at being able to share in the Coronations, which they have not recently been able to at the Balls. And with this year's Committee making the plans, I know the Luncheon will be truly special and elegant.

The members of this committee each year work tireles to bring you an event that is worthy of honoring our Sweethearts, while keeping the costs affordable to you. Please give them your support this year. Thanks, and I hope to see you there!

Christine



It is the next thing in chapter communications!

Please take the time to check out Delta Alpha Phi's chapter website, put together by Karen Carvalho. The best way to keep everyone current on chapter events and happenings, it has everything from photos from gatherings (historian's take note; no more saving chapter photos on your cameras until the end of the year!), a calendar of events including the social and service events, information about our chapter and it's members...it is the perfect website! Not the flat, boring pages that we are used to. You can check it out at deltalalphaphi.webs.com.

Mark your Calendars:

Wed. April 15th 2009 - NHAC/SVC Founder's Day - location TBA

Thurs. April 23rd, 2009 - NOCC Founder's Day - Coyote Hills Golf Course

More information to come in the following months