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Chatterbox

‘A Good Friend is the Best Accessory’

April 2009

Dear Bosom Buddies and Bustiers!

Whew! Did you feel that rush of air? This year has just flown by! On Saturday, March 14th at the Coyote Hills Golf Course, we enjoyed “Erin Go Bra” presented by Laureate Delta Nu. (Such a great theme!) We had our election of Officers for 2009-2010, and we honored our Valentine Queens and Princesses. Next is the May Brunch where we will be installing Bobbi and the new OCCC Executive Board members. You don’t want to miss it, so please join us as Saddleback Valley Council hosts “A Geisha’s Garden” at the El Niguel Country Club in Laguna Niguel. I am sure with Denise Kuhns and Candy Teubert as Chairmen, it will be a fun meeting!

Since this is my last Chatterbox message as President, I would like to take this opportunity and thank you all for your tremendous “support” this year. It has truly been an “up-lifting” experience for me. I hope you enjoyed the theme this year: while a little tongue-in-cheek perhaps, it was meant to convey a sense of light-heartedness and fun in an era of upheavals and serious conditions that perhaps we need to laugh about in order to face and withstand. And don’t we all need a little extra support from our sisters now and then?

I hope you plan on attending our 2009 Convention so we can all party together in San Jose in May. It promises to be a great time of fun, fellowship, some surprises, and of course witness the presentations of all our Philanthropic donations. It really sounds like we are going to have a wonderful time there, so **“Viva California!!!”**. Please look at the Message Board when you arrive at the Convention site for the room number of the Orange Grove (a.k.a. “The Boudoir”). All OCCC members are invited to stop by the room and have a snack, a beverage, and hopefully a good time, whenever there is not an official Convention event going on. We are there to serve and represent YOU!

Please give your support to Bobbi and the new OCCC Board. Attend the Brunches and fundraising activities throughout the year. Getting to meet more of your sisters is one of the best benefits of being a Beta Sigma Phi. And travel with us on our visitations - If you have never been a “tagalong”, you have missed out on a lot of fun!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon, and thank you all again for a wonderful year.

Beta Hugs,
Christine

**Orange Coast California Council
Brunch Meeting – March 14, 2009**

The March 14, 2009 meeting of the Orange Coast California Council was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Christine Morrow at the Coyote Hills Golf Club. The invocation was given, and all members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Ritual. She then introduced the Brunch Chairman, Pat Elliott-Pugh and Co-Chairman Jacque Yunker. Pat introduced their committee.

Vice President, Bobbi Varner welcomed everyone and introduced our Award of Distinction recipients, Eula Anderson, Rachel Stone, Grace Reilly, Jackie Harman and Linda Israel. She also introduced chapter guests.

Recording Secretary, Evelyn Lambert had two corrections to the January minutes as follows: the check from the November Brunch was presented to the OCCC Executive Board, not to OCCC Philanthropic. Helen Murray assisted in the Memorial Service, not Jackie Harman. She then read her report that the OCCC Executive Board met at the home of Linda Glauberman, with co-host Jerelyn Sawyer on February 14th. A recommendation was made at that time which will be presented under New Business.

Corresponding Secretary, Betty Jo Patchen reported that correspondence sent since January 10, 2009 was 26; correspondence received was 13. Total received to date = 126; total sent to date = 196.

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

Checking Account:

Balance January 10, 2009	\$9,827.14
Receipts	\$ 313.00
Disbursements	\$1,441.83
Balance on March 14, 2009	\$8,698.31

Savings Account:

Balance on December 13, 2008	\$8,757.28
Interest	\$ 1.10
Balance on March 14, 2009	\$8,758.38

CD Balance on January 10, 2008	\$7,224.76
Interest	\$ 0.00
Balance on March 14, 2009	\$7,224.76

Convention CD on January 10, 2009	\$5,071.08
No Interest	\$ 0.00
Balance on March 14, 2009	\$5,071.08

Registrar, Linda Glauberman reported that she emailed 78 copies of the "Chatterbox" and mailed 16. There were 23 chapters represented today with 125 members, 7 guests and 15 OCCC Board Members, making a total of 132. There were no chapters with 100%, but the chapter with the most in attendance was Laureate Delta Nu with 15.

Vice President, Bobbi Varner asked for any members attending their first brunch. She then introduced the Queens and Princesses from each City/Area Council.

Newport Harbor Area Council: Queen: Christine Morrow, Preceptor Xi Sigma, Princess: Evelyn Lambert, Preceptor Xi Sigma; **Northern Orange County Council**: Queen: Norma Gibson, Laureate Delta Nu, Princesses: Julie Keller, Delta Alpha Nu, Heather Cioffi, Delta Beta Nu, Linda Pabich, Xi Theta Psi, Sylvia Kusenda, Preceptor Xi Kappa, Rita Prado, Preceptor Zeta Tau, Barbie Kuljis,

Laureate Eta, and Elaine Euscher, Chi Master; **Saddleback Valley Council:** Queen: Bette Mueting, Laureate Eta Beta, Princesses: Karen Carfalho, Delta Alpha Phi, Lois Armenta, Preceptor Omicron Alpha, and Shayneh Schott, Laureate Kappa Mu; **West Grove Area Council:** Queen: Mary-Ellen Cianciabella, Laureate Theta Kappa, Princesses: Joy n, Delta Kappa Chi, Bonnie Barr, Laureate Beta Nu, Sandy Carter, Preceptor Mu Omicron and Renie Hanna, Alpha Tau Master.

Parliamentarian, Charlene Farwell reminded everyone to pick up their ballots at the registration table. Everyone received a second ballot in the event of a tie. Tellers today are Dottie Soteriou, Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC, Deb Donston, Xi Theta Psi, NOCC, Coletta taoi, Preceptor Mu Omicron, WGAC, Peggy Coker, Alpha Tau Master, WGAC, and Bonnie Scott, Alpha Tau Master, WGAC.

The Audit Committee will meet Wednesday, May 27th or Thursday, May 28th to audit the Council financial records for 2008/2009. Now that our Webmaster is back in the area, a committee met to discuss the OCCC website. Flyers were passed around with the web information to encourage everyone to look at it and let her know if there are any suggestions.

At the January Brunch there was one suggestion made by Linda Economon, Laureate Eta Beta. It was as follows: That the OCCC VP notify the January Brunch Chairman of the sisters who will be remembered in the Memorial Service so members of the sister's chapter can be seated close to the Memorial table.

Historian, Jerelyn Sawyer reported that the judging will be in June. A definite date has not been set. She will be taking pictures at the Founder's Day Celebrations.

Yearbook, Donna Wertz reported that the Yearbook awards have been given out and a meeting to discuss combining the City/Area Council and OCCC judging. Reviewing of the Yearbook Judging Guidelines was held on Wednesday, February 18th.

Directory Chairman, Linda Peterson reported that the Directory packets have been delivered to the area Directory Chairmen and Independent Chapters of OCCC. The deadline for all materials to be turned in is April 30th. Orders for Directory ads must include the check, copy of the ad, and any "photo ready" artwork. Linda met with Joe Morris at Franklin Press on February 18th to sign the contract and was presented a "memorial booklet" in honor of Boots Morris. This was given to her LEO chapter.

Philanthropic Chairman, Annie Minium reported the following donation totals:

Year-to-date totals:

Cystic Fibrosis	\$2,737.25
Stanford Kidney	\$1,969.24
Lupus	\$1,469.24
Scleroderma	\$1,734.25

Year-to-Date income is as follows:

Brunch donation bags and other cash	\$ 507.33
Hat Auction	\$ 517.00
Quilt Raffle	\$ 335.00
Donations	\$6,545.40
Interest	<u>\$ 5.25</u>

Total year-to-date **\$7,909.98**

A check was presented for proceeds from the Valentine Luncheon for \$2,504.37.

The last hat/purse auction was held today. All leftover items can be reclaimed by the owners or will be donated to the Salvation Army. The American Flag afghan raffle winner will be announced at the May Brunch. Annie thanked everyone for their support and reminded everyone that the absolute deadline for donations to be presented at the May Convention is April 26th.

The evening at Steinmart will not take place this year, but she will pass the information on to the incoming Philanthropic Chairman.

Results of the State Philanthropic Ballot are as follows:

Cystic Fibrosis	Yes	99.42%	No	.58%
Stanford Kidney	Yes	98.84%	No	1.16%
Lupus	Yes	97.09%	No	2.91%
Scleroderma	Yes	98.84%	No	1.16%

Community Service Chairman, Betty Robinson reported the following account information:

Balance on February 14, 2009	\$7,307.82
January 50/50 Raffle	\$ 121.00
Donations	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Total	\$7728.82
Grant to a Member	<u>(\$ 500.00)</u>
Balance as of March 14, 2009	\$7,228.82

Protocol Chairman, Helen Murray reported that the annual OCCC Protocol meeting was held in her home on February 18th for those chapters or council groups who will hostess a brunch next year. All groups were represented. There were no new suggestions presented for the existing guidelines. She reminded everyone to get final information for location and theme to her as soon as possible for inclusion in the 2009/2010 Directory. If anyone has suggestions for the May Interstate meeting, please get them to Helen by April 15th.

IPP, Jo Ann Spates thanked members for traveling to the visitations with the OCCC Board this year. All applications for scholarships must be turned in by the end of the meeting today. \$250 donations were received in January and February bringing the total to \$1,426. Scholarships will be given at the July Brunch meeting and recipients and their parents will receive an invitation.

Director/Sponsor, Jackie Harman read the "Thought for the Day": "The Truth About the Bra."

Unfinished Business:

The results of the election are as follows:

President:	Bobbi Varner, Alpha Tau Master, WGAC
Vice President:	Elaine Williams, Delta Kappa Chi, WGAC
Recording Secretary:	Candy Teubert, Laureate Eta Beta, SVC
Treasurer:	Betty Jo Patchen, Laureate Theta Kappa, WGAC
Directory Chairman:	Linda Glauberger, Xi Theta Psi, NOCC
Philanthropic Chairman:	Pat Brlansky, Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC
Community Service Chairman:	Evelyn Lambert, Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC

New Business:

- A recommendation was made by the Executive Board to suspend chapter dues for the 2009/2010 year. A motion was made to accept this recommendation. All members voted in favor.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm. All members stood for the closing ritual.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Lambert
Recording Secretary

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 OCCC Board

President	Bobbi Varner, WGAC
Vice President	Elaine Williams, WGAC
Recording Secretary	Candy Teubert, SVC
Corresponding Secretary	Betty Jo Patchen, WGAC
Treasurer	Shayne Schott, SVC
Directory Chairman	Linda Glauberman, NOCC
Registrar	Nancy Carpenter, NOCC
Philanthropic	Pat Brlansky, SVC
Community Service	Evelyn Lambert, SVC
Historian	Jacque Yunker, NOCC
Parliamentarian	Linda Economon, SVC
Director/Sponsor	Helen Murray, WGAC
Protocol	Linda Israel, WGAC
Yearbook	Joanne Ratterree, WGAC
IPP	Christine Morrow, SVC
Honorary Member	Elly Lewis, WGAC

Theme: Friends Gather in the Garden"

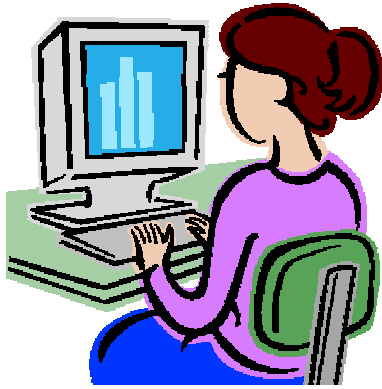


Mark your Calendars: Founder's Day 2009

Thurs. April 16th, 2009 - WGAC Founder's Day - Eagle's Nest
Country Club - Cypress "Friends Bring Smiles"
Cocktails - 6:30 p.m. Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. April 23rd, 2009 - NOCC Founder's Day - Coyote Hills
Golf Course - Fullerton "Celebrating a Vintage Year"
Cocktails - 6:30 p.m. Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

****CONGRATULATIONS TO EULA ANDERSON FOR 75
YEARS IN BETA SIGMA PHI ****



Directory Changes:

Sharon Herman – PCC Vice President

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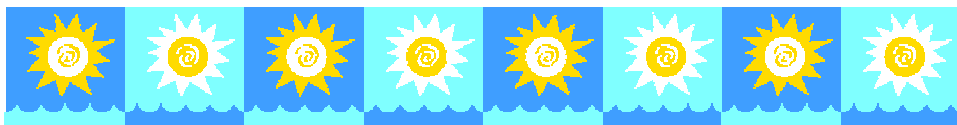
On the International Page of the Directory:

It should state: Website: www.betasigmaphi.org

OCCC Website: www.betasigmaphi-occc.org

Contact Person (For OCCC Website)- Charlene Farwell

CharleneFarwell@yahoo.com





OCCC May Brunch
"A Geisha's Garden"

Saturday, May 9th, 2009

10:00 a.m. Meeting

\$20.00

El Niguel Country Club
23700 Clubhouse Drive
Laguna Niguel, Ca 92677
949-496-5767

Make checks payable to: Saddleback Valley Council

Mail to: Denise Kuhns

29696 Novacella

Laguna Niguel, Ca. 92677

Deadline: May 1st, 2009

Attention: Chapter Presidents

If you missed turning in your Philanthropic donation at the March Brunch, you can still get it in.

Send me a check, payable to: OCCC Philanthropic

Mail to: Annie Minium 660 Morningside Dr. #191, Corona, Ca 92879

Or call me and I can pick it up or meet you at your Founder's Day celebration. We can get pictures there!

We are close to \$20,000.00 and I would love to see us hit that mark!

I do want to thank everyone for their hard work. With so many out of jobs it has been a lean year for all donations. I am amazed that we have collected as much as we have. It just shows how generous Beta Sigma Phi's are!

I love you all,

Annie Minium

2008-2009 Philanthropic Chairman



Viva California !
2009 Convention

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Beta Sigma Phi California State Convention

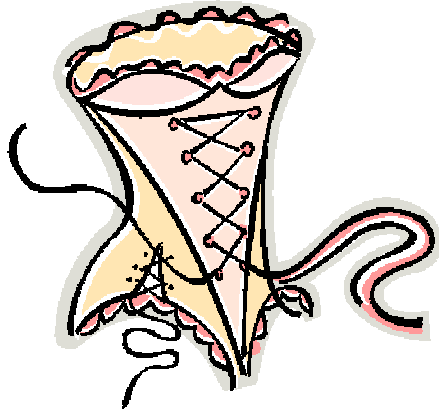
DoubleTree Hotel

On Gateway Place

San Jose

May 14-17, 2009

**We hope to see you all there!!



“You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best that you have to give”

-Eleanor Roosevelt, 1953

Dress the body you are in now.

Don't demand that it be the body you were in five years ago, ten years ago, the one you see in a picture in a magazine. Your body is begging to be adorned beautifully right now. Nothing is wrong with it. You aren't waiting for anything. You're expressing yourself fully now. Don't delay the pleasure of looking and feeling great in clothes because you're not the size you've decided you must be before you indulge your senses in garments that love your body exactly as it is.

“Know, first, who you are: and then adorn yourself accordingly”

- Epictetus, Discourses

