

Orange Coast California Council Chatterbox

“A Good Friend is the Best Accessory”

February 2009

Happy New Year, Bosom Buddies and Bustiers!

The January Brunch “Chili Today, Hot Tamale” was the perfect way to start the New Year. A big “Thank you!” to the members of Laureate Eta Beta for the wonderful day! Congratulations to all the chapters receiving recognition for their beautiful Yearbooks. Also, congratulations to all of the members nominated to the 2009-2010 Board. Remember, we DO have a double slate of candidates for the office of Philanthropic Chairman, so we will be voting at the March Brunch. Please review all the candidates’ qualifications in this issue and be prepared to cast your Chapter’s vote there or by absentee ballot.

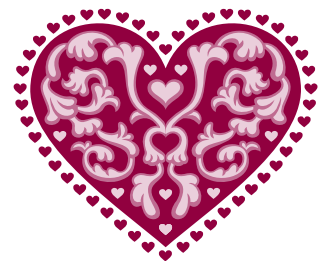
I hope you all attended the All Councils’ Valentine Luncheon on February 7th which honored all our lovely Princesses and saw the coronation of our new Queens. What a lovely day it was, and my congratulations to the Committee for all their hard work in putting it together.

The members of OCCC were busy traveling during the month of January, visiting PCC in beautiful Solvang. It is such a fun visitation because of the great PCC members and of course the extra activities such as shopping, wine tasting, and visiting the interesting Indian establishment (ca-ching!). This was the last visitation for the Board until Convention and I am sorry I won’t be seeing my Counterparts again till then. Being on a Board and traveling and meeting new sisters is certainly some of the most fun in sorority! Thanks to all of the Bustiers who traveled with us this year, too. You really DO boost our spirits when you join us!

Hope to see everyone again on Saturday, March 14th at the Coyote Hills Golf Course to enjoy “Erin Go Bra” presented by Laureate Delta Nu. (such a fun skit!) We will have our election of Officers for 2009-2010, so please come and support your candidates. We will also be honoring our Valentine Queens and Princesses, so will all our Chapter Sweethearts please wear your tiaras.

Chapters, please remember to send Annie Minium your Philanthropic Ballots before the deadline so she can tally the votes and send the results to the State Philanthropic Chairman. Also, remember to send in your Convention Forms so we can all party together at our 2009 California Convention hosted by CRCC in San Jose in May. This year we will all be back to the traditional State Area Cocktail Parties on Friday evening, so be ready to party like a Rock Star! Well, maybe NOT a Rock Star exactly, but we can still party hearty! It really sounds like we are going to have a wonderful time there, so **“Viva California!!!”**

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.
Beta Hugs,
Christine



Orange Coast California Council Brunch Meeting – January 10, 2009

The January 10, 2009 meeting of the Orange Coast California Council was called to order by President Christine Morrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Irvine. The invocation was given by Jackie Harman, and all members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Ritual.

The memorial service was then held in memory of our deceased sisters Boots Morris, Laureate Epsilon Omicron, Wilma Stayner, Preceptor Theta, Bobbie Ballard, Xi Kappa Lambda, and Jane Purcell, Laureate Epsilon Nu. Karen Todd conducted the service, with Jackie Harman and Sandee Rogers assisting.

President, Christine Morrow welcomed everyone to “Chili Today, Hot Tamale” hosted by Laureate Eta Beta of Saddleback Valley Council. Chairman Linda Economon introduced her co-chair Charla Lackey and the committee members.

Vice President, Bobbie Varner introduced the Award of Distinction members and chapter guests. She also thanked Laureate Eta Beta for hosting our brunch.

President, Christine Morrow asked if there were any corrections to the November 8th meeting minutes. They were approved as emailed.

Recording Secretary, Evelyn Lambert reported that the Executive Board of Orange Coast County Council met on December 13th at the home of Donna Wertz. Any business to come before the membership will be presented under the Chairman’s reports. Any recommendations will be discussed under new business.

Corresponding Secretary, Betty Jo Patchen reported correspondence received since the November 8, 2008 Brunch meeting was 33, making a total of 100 received to date. Correspondence sent since the November 8, 2008 Brunch meeting was 116, making a total of 183 sent to date.

Immediate Past President, Jo Ann Spates presented a check for \$2,292.51 which was their profit from the November Brunch. This was donated to our ~~Philanthropic charities~~ the OCCC general fund.

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

Checking Account	
Balance on November 8, 2008	\$13,252.19
Receipts	\$ 3,434.50
Disbursements	\$ 6,859.55
Balance on January 10, 2009	\$ 9,827.14

Savings Account:

Balance on November 8, 2008	\$8,757.28
Interest	\$.0
Balance on January 10, 2009	\$8,757.28

Savings CD on November 8, 2008	\$7,224.76
Interest	\$ 0.00
Balance on January 10, 2009	\$7,224.76

Registrar, Linda Glauberman reported that she emailed 76 copies of the Chatterbox, and mailed 18. She also had hard copies for anyone who wanted one. Today there were 24 chapters represented, with 111 members and 2 guests, and 15 OCCC Board Members. Xi Kappa Lambda had 100% attendance with 2. The chapters with the most in attendance were Alpha Tau Master and Laureate Delta Nu with 13 each.

Vice President, Bobbi Varner introduced our Diamond Members, Golden Circle, Silver Circle and Order of the Rose recipients. She then asked our Director/Sponsors, Advisors and Honorary Members to stand. She thanked all of them for their dedication, loyalty, friendship and leadership in Beta Sigma Phi. She then asked for any members attending their first brunch to stand and be welcomed. We will be introducing the Valentine Queens and Princesses at the March Brunch. Bobbi also thanked everyone who has traveled to the visitations with the Board this year.

Parliamentarian, Charlene Farwell reported that the Nominating Committee met on December 4th at the home of Jackie Harman and prepared a slate of officers for the 2009/2010 Executive Board. The report will be given by Jackie Harman under New Business. The February "Chatterbox" will include a list of the candidates and their qualifications, together with an Absentee Ballot to be used in the event your chapter will not be attending the March Brunch. Any nominations from the floor this morning will also be included. All candidates will introduce themselves after the report by the Nominating Committee. Campaign skits will be limited to 2 minutes.

Charlene will no longer hand out certificates of appreciation in an effort to "go green." She introduced the November Tellers, Carol Smith, WGAC; Rosemary Mumford, NOCC; Andrea Patton, NOCC; Joanne Ratterree, WGAC; and Brenda Howard, NOCC. She then introduced the Nominating Committee: Jackie Harman, Jo Ann Spates, Betty Rolnick, Linda Peterson, and Ann Matney. She thanked them for their work to prepare the slate of officers.

Historian, Jerelyn Sawyer reported that the judging for chapter books will be held on June 6th and June 20th. She asked for any photos taken of the Board members on visitations and also for any chapter pictures.

Yearbook, Donna Wertz reported that the yearbook judging was held on Saturday, November 22nd. Awards are as follows:

Honorable Mention: Preceptor Eta Rho, Newport Harbor Area Council
Delta Beta Nu, Northern Orange County Council

Third Place: Preceptor Mu Omicron, West Grove Area Council

Second Place: Laureate Eta Beta, Saddleback Valley Council

First Place (two winners):

Delta Kappa Chi, West Grove Area Council
Alpha Tau Master, West Grove Area Council

She congratulated all winners and thanked them for entering their yearbooks. A meeting will be held in her home on Wednesday, February 18th for the City/Area Council Yearbook Chairmen to discuss the Judging Guidelines and make any necessary changes to the OCCC Yearbook Judging Sheets.

Directory Chairman, Linda Peterson reported that invitations have been sent to the four area Directory Chairmen for an organizational meeting on January 29, 2009. The meeting will be in her home to discuss the materials. She then read Rule 9, articles A, B, and C of the OCCC By-laws. These are regarding selling of Directory Ads.

Philanthropic Chairman, Annie Minium reported that the November Brunch brought \$1,973.43 in donations. The year to date total for each charity is: Cystic Fibrosis = \$2,378.95, Stanford Kidney = \$1,635.94, Lupus = \$1,135.94, and Scleroderma = \$1,110.95, making total donations to date of \$6,263.53. She will also continue to have a hat and purse silent auction at each brunch. The American Flag afghan raffle has begun and the winner will be announced at the May Brunch. Ballots for the four State Philanthropic Projects are in your folders and the deadline for return is March 6, 2009. She then asked for donations.

Community Service Chairman, Betty Robinson reported:

Beginning balance	\$7,307.07
Interest for December	\$.75
Current balance	\$7,307.82

She then asked for donations.

Protocol Chairman, Helen Murray reported that the Protocol report that was tabled at the November Brunch was as follows:

Pg 15 – Hostess Hints – Registration Fee – change the words does not to need not, to read “The additional \$25 registration fee and/or discount need not apply to the Hostess Area Council members.

Pg 7 – section 10E – Convention seating – changed to read: Seating of area presidents shall be in the order of Convention rotation.

These recommendations were presented to all Intrastate members at the Intrastate meeting in San Jose.

Seven bids were received to hostess the 2010 OCCC Bi-monthly meetings. Based on Standing Rule 16 a, b, and c, c being that Preference shall be given to groups not having hosted meetings recently, these five groups have been selected:

January 2010	Saddle Tramps	SVC (Past Presidents)
March 2010	Xi Theta Psi	NOCC
May 2010	Laureate Theta Kappa	WGAC
July 2010	Preceptor Xi Sigma	NHAC
September 2010	Preceptor Xi Kappa	NOCC

In the event that any of the awardees are unable to host their assigned meeting, West Grove Area Council and Delta Alpha Nu of NOCC will be offered the brunches in this order. An orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 7:30 pm in Helen’s home. We will review the Hostess Procedures at this meeting. She also reminded everyone that the Convention packets would be sent to Chapter Presidents, and that if a cancellation is necessary prior to the cancellation deadline, you will receive a refund less the \$45 non-refundable deposit. Also note that an event fee is refundable minus 10% or \$5.00 whichever is greater. If you have any suggestions for changes to the Convention Hostess Hints and Protocol, they must be to Helen in writing by March 14, 2009 so they can be considered at the Protocol meeting in May.

Immediate Past President, Jo Ann Spates thanked everyone who has traveled to the visitations with the Board. Our final visitation is to PCC in Buellton on January 17th. There are 30 members signed up to travel to this brunch. She thanked Bobbi Varner for doing a great job as hostess at these visitations.

OCCC scholarship has received \$640 at the November Brunch and \$91 since then to bring our year-to-date donations to \$1,816. All applications for Scholarships for this year must be turned in by the end of the March Brunch meeting.

Director/Sponsor, Jackie Harman read the “Thought for the Day” “What Will Matter.”

Unfinished Business:

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following sisters for the 2009/2010 Elected Offices:

President:	Bobbi Varher, Laureate Beta Nu, WGAC
Vice President:	Elaine Williams, Delta Kappa Chi, WGAC
Recording Secretary:	Candy Teubert, Laureate Eta Beta, SVC
Treasurer:	Betty Jo Patchen , Preceptor Theta Kappa, WGAC
Directory Chariman:	Linda Glauberman, Xi Theta Psi, NOCC
Philanthropic Chairman:	Pat Brlansky, Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC Charla Lackey, Laureate Eta Beta, SVC
Community Service:	Evelyn Lambert, Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC

These names have been placed in nomination. There were no nominations from the floor, so the above slate of officers remains accepted.

New Business:

The candidates were introduced at this time. Candidates qualifications will be printed in the next "Chatterbox."

President Christine Morrow thanked everyone for attending our first meeting of 2009. She thanked the members of Laureate Eta Beta again for a wonderful brunch. The next brunch will be on March 14th at the Coyote Hills Golf Course in Fullerton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m., with all members standing for the closing ritual and mizpah.

Evelyn Lambert
Recording Secretary

2010 Brunch Awardees

The following have been awarded the 2010 OCCC Brunch Meetings.
We thank you for your interest and support.

January 9, 2010	Saddle Tramps	SVC (Past Presidents)
March 13, 2010	Xi Theta Psi	NOCC
May 8, 2010	Laureate Theta Kappa	WGAC
July 10, 2010	Preceptor Xi Sigma	NHAC
September 2010	Preceptor Xi Kappa	NOCC
November 13 2010	2008-2009 OCCC Executive Board	

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Helen Murray, OCCC Protocol Chairman

Scholarship Committee would like to remind the membership that all applications for the 2009 Scholarships must be handed in to Jo Ann Spates by the end of the March Brunch. Thank you to all the members donating to the Scholarship Fund this year. We have received \$1878 as of February. Thank you to:

Jerelyn Sawyer	NHAC	Helen Murray
Bonnie Scott	Karen Todd	Charla Lackey
Elly Lewis	Linda Mousseau	Sharon Hayes
Jeannette Simek	Preceptor Eta Rho	Sandee Rogers
Gwen Kennerson	Alpha Tau Master	Peggy Coker

Thank you,
Jo Ann Spates, IPP

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR
2009 – 2010 OCCC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

PRESIDENT – BOBBI VARNER, Alpha Tau Master, WGAC

Bobbi has been an active member for 34 years. She holds the Laureate Degree. She has held all chapter offices except Recording Secretary. She has been President, Vice President and Valentine Ball Chairman for WGAC. She has served OCCC as Vice President, Community Service Chairman and Directory Chairman. Bobbi has received the following honors: Order of the Rose, Silver Circle, Girl of the Year and Valentine Princess.

VICE PRESIDENT – ELAINE WILLIAMS, Delta Kappa Chi, WGAC

Elaine has been an active member for 20 years. She holds the Preceptor Degree. She has held all chapter offices. She has been President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary of WGAC. She has served OCCC as Directory Chairman, Registrar and Community Service Chairman. Elaine has received the following honors: Order of the Rose, Girl of the Year and Valentine Princess.

RECORDING SECRETARY – CANDY TEUBERT, Laureate Eta Beta, SVC

Candy has been an active member for 34 years. She holds the Laureate Degree. She has served as all officers at the Chapter level as well as all offices on SVC. She has served OCCC in nearly all capacities, including Chairman and Co-Chairman of our State Convention. Candy has received the following honors: Award of Distinction, Order of the Rose, Life Member, Silver Circle, Girl of the Year in Chapter and Council and Valentine Princess.

TREASURER – BETTY JO PATCHEN, Laureate Theta Kappa, WGAC

Betty Jo has been an active member for 42 years. She holds the Master Degree. She has served as all officers for her chapter numerous times. She has been President, Treasurer (2x), Directory Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Founder's Day Chairman and Co-Chairman and Valentine Ball Chairman for WGAC. She has served OCCC as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer (2x). Betty Jo has received the following honors: Order of the Rose, Silver Circle, Life Member, Girl of the Year and Valentine Princess.

DIRECTORY CHAIRMAN – LINDA GLAUBERMAN, Xi Theta Psi, NOCC

Linda has been an active member for 6 years. She holds the Exemplar Degree. She has served as Chapter President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Historian, Social Chairman and Beta Bugle chairman. She has been NOCC President, Vice President and Beta Bugle Editor. She served OCCC as Registrar. Linda has received the following honors: Girl of the Year, Outstanding Beta Sigma Phi and Valentine Princess.

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR
2009 – 2010 OCCC EXECUTIVE BOARD - Continued**

PHILANTHROPIC CHAIRMAN – PAT BRLANSKY, Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC

Pat has been an active member for 42 years. She holds the Laureate Degree. She has served as all chapter officers except Recording Secretary. She has served NHAC as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Founder's Day Chairman. She served OCCC as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Community Service Chairman, Director Sponsor, Historian, Yearbook Chairman and IPP. Pat has received the following honors: Order of the Rose, Silver Circle, Life Member, Girl of the Year, Valentine Princess and Valentine Queen.

PHILANTHROPIC CHAIRMAN – CHARLA LACKEY, Laureate Eta Beta, SVC

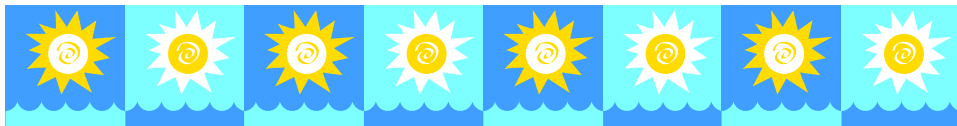
Charla has been an active member for 40 years. She holds the Laureate Degree. She has held all chapter offices. She has served SVC as President (2x), Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and all chairmanships. She served OCCC as President, Vice President, IPP, Parliamentarian (2x), Directory Chairman, Treasurer, Registrar, Recording Secretary and Historian (2 1/2x). Charla has received the following honors: Order of the Rose, Life Member, Silver Circle, Girl of the Year and Valentine Princess.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – EVELYN LAMBERT, Preceptor Xi Sigma, NHAC

Evelyn has been an active member for 6 years. She holds the Exemplar Degree. She has served as Chapter Recording Secretary (2x), Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. She has served as NHAC President and Vice President. She has served OCCC as Recording Secretary (2x) and Corresponding Secretary. Evelyn has received the following honors: Valentine Princess (2x) and Valentine Queen.



Directory Changes: No changes this month.



Yearbook Winners:

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OCCC March Brunch

"Erin Go Bra"

Saturday, March 14th, 2009

Coyote Hills Golf Course

1440 E. Bastanchury Rd. Fullerton, Ca. 92835

10 a.m. Meeting

\$18.00

Hosted by Laureate Delta Nu

Make checks payable to: Laureate Delta Nu

Mail to: Jacque Yunker

879 S. Sapphire Lane

Anaheim Hills, Ca. 92807





*Viva California !
2009 Convention*

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Beta Sigma Phi California State Convention

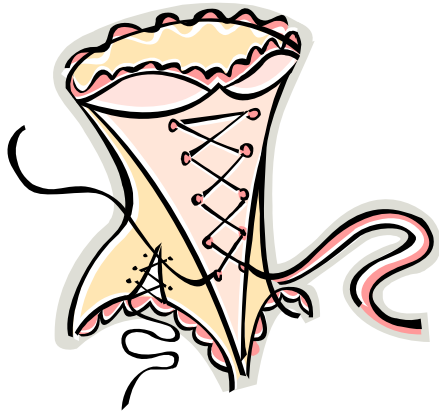
DoubleTree Hotel

On Gateway Place

San Jose

May 14-17, 2009

***We hope to see you all there!!*



In 1994, the Wonderbra, which was only available up until then across the Atlantic, hit the United States to save the American woman from the evil forces of gravity. The bra, which was originally designed in 1964 by Louise Poirier, a designer for a Canadian lingerie company, arrived in New York in an armored truck with a motorcade of limousines and models displaying its lift and results, advertising itself as a cheaper and safer alternative to implants. Manufacturers could not produce them fast enough to meet customer demands. In the first week alone, the New York department store Saks Fifth Avenue sold \$100,000 worth of the bras. The women-driven craze for curves, as evidenced by the immediate success of the Wonderbra, generated a host of questions pertaining to female image and gender-imposed sexism. As one British writer suggested: Wonderbra woman has staged a revolution that throws a completely new light on outdated notions of sexism. The question is this: If so many women want to wear the Wonderbra, how can curvaceous fashion be a sexist anti-woman plot? Why would women actively seek out instruments of their own oppression?

Dolly Parton once said: "When women's lib started, I was the first to burn my bra and it took three days to put out the fire".

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Xi Theta Psi is turning "50" in 2010
We are starting to gather names of former members.
If you were a member or know someone that was in Xi
Theta Psi in the past please let us know...
Email: nanccarpenter@hotmail.com

MS Walk ~ ~ ~ April 25, 2009

Linnea Jonsson belongs to Laureate Delta Nu. She will be participating in the MS Walk, to help her two sisters Olga Kirkpatrick and Ginny Otten who have MS.

Any Contributions will be greatly appreciated. You may go on line at www.MSwalk.com and click on BETASIMAPHI4MS then chick on my name Linnea Jonsson. If you do not wish to go online to donate, you may print a form and mail it in.

I will have forms at the NOCC council meeting and at the OCCC brunch. You may also contact me by email at linneacookie@msn.com or by phone 714-655-0923 for any questions I maybe able to answer.

Thank you,
Linnea Jonsson
Laureate Delta Nu, Beta Sigma Phi

ABSENTEE BALLOT
Election of Officers for 2009-2010
Orange Coast California Council

Please vote for one (1) candidate for each office:

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 Glauberman Xi Theta Psi NOCC

PHILANTHROPIC CHAIRMAN

_____ Pat Brlansky Preceptor Xi Sigma NHAC

_____ Charla Lackey Laureate Eta Beta SVC

COMMUNITY SERVICE

_____ Evelyn Lambert Preceptor Xi Sigma NHAC

NOTE: This ballot may be used as an **ABSENTEE BALLOT** if your chapter will not be attending the March 14, 2009 Brunch meeting. Please follow these directions:

1. Mark your ballot and seal it in a small, unmarked envelope.
2. Place in a larger envelope and in the "Return Address" spaces; put your Chapter name and the address of the President
3. Send to: Charlene Farwell, 5 Goldenfield, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656-1914.
4. **BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 13, 2009. BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE CANNOT BE COUNTED.**

Dear Chapter Presidents:

Please vote and get the ballot back to me as soon as possible. Please call me if you have any questions; my cell phone number is (714) 955-2148 and I can be reached at anytime.

Regarding the emailing of the ballots: my computer will accept either Word or .pdf format. Adobe scans in .pdf and it's a free download. Otherwise, please snail mail the completed form to me by March 6, 2009.

Thank you for taking the time to vote on these projects. Each is special to so many of us for a variety of reasons: we have the disease, a family member has the disease, a sorority sister has the disease, etc. Whatever your reason for voting, it is greatly appreciated by each of us who has one of the diseases.

Your Sister in Beta Sigma Phi,

Annie Minium
2008-2009 OCCC Philanthropic Chairman
660 Morningside Drive #191
Corona, CA 92879



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 16th, 2009 - WGAC Founder's Day - Eagle's Nest Country Club - Cypress

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

More information to come in the following months