

Catch the Latest *Buzz*!

What's the *buzz*?! Stay current with all the latest happenings at **ΓΦΒ** by reading *The Buzz* and passing it on to your sisters.

Does your chapter have exciting *buzz*-worthy news to share? E-mail nnelsestuen@gammaphibeta.org by **Friday, August 23**, to be included in the next edition. Feel free to brag and show everyone how your chapter shines for Gamma Phi Beta!

Meet the Sorority's Newest Volunteer Leaders!



Gamma Phi Beta volunteers are valuable supporters who devote their time, energy, experience and expertise to the Sorority. They make our Sorority shine! Each subsequent issue of *The Buzz* will recognize the latest outstanding group of women to join our volunteer ranks! Welcome, ladies; GPB appreciates your dedication to our organization!

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Update Your Chapter Website for Recruitment!

Potential new members check out chapter websites in preparation for recruitment, so be sure to update and fact check your site to make it **SHINE**!

Is your chapter website listed on our international website? Find out at www.gammaphibeta.org/chapter-locator. If it's not listed or incorrect, please send the updated information to webmaster@gammaphibeta.org.

Logging on to the New Gamma Phi Beta Website

When logging on to www.gammaphibeta.org for the first time, follow these easy steps:

- Click "Login" on the upper right hand corner of the home page.
- You will be directed to a page asking for your login information; click the "First time here?" button and enter your member number or the e-mail address we have on file at International Headquarters.
- Your password will be sent to your e-mail instantly.
- Once you've logged on to the website with the provided password, you can update it on the *Update My Profile* page, located under the *Collegians* and *Alumnae* navigation tabs.

Remember: Any account information previously created on the old website is no longer valid on the new site.

Questions or problems? Contact webmaster@gammaphibeta.org!

GPB is Headed to Grand Valley State!

Gamma Phi Beta is thrilled to join Grand Valley State University's (GVSU) campus and thriving Greek community in Allendale, Michigan, this fall! Check out their website at www.gammaphibetagsu.org to learn about our newest colony and how you can help support it!



Do you know a fabulous young woman attending GVSU who meets the high standards of Gamma Phi Beta and is interested in sorority life? Write her a reference! To retrieve a Reference Form, log on to our website, www.gammaphibeta.org, and go to the *Recommend a New Member* page, found under the *Join ΓΦΒ*, *Alumnae* and *Collegians* tabs. Once completed, send the form to gammaphibetagsu@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see how the new members at GVSU will **connect, impact** and **shine**!

Convention Walk Results!

More than \$21,000 was raised by participants in the Sorority's *Crescent Classic: Walk by the Light of the Crescent Moon*. Funds from this event support camping – Camp Fire USA, Girl Guides of Canada, Foundation camping fund and the Orlando Sunshine Council of Camp Fire USA.

Foundation News

Cash for Camping!

Thank you for your generous support of camping for girls!

Total gifts for 2010 were approximately \$186,000. More than \$126,500 was donated through the Foundation to Camp Fire USA; \$4,148 to Girl Guides of Canada; and \$42,836 to local camps. All of these amount totals included supplemental funds from the Foundation. An additional \$16,478 was sent directly to Camp Fire USA from our chapters. However, because these donations were not sent through the Foundation, no supplemental funds were added.

Thanks again for your dedication to our camping philanthropy. The letters of appreciation we receive from grateful campers speak of the impact your gifts make.

Fun and Fundraising!

Between meetings, meals, leadership education and other events, Conventioneers found time for fun in the Foundation Room, bidding on Silent Auction items and buying tickets for the Opportunity Drawing. Forty-seven lucky winners left Convention with new jewelry, electronics, purses, fun Gamma Phi Beta items, vacation plans, tickets, spa certificates and many other items. The best part is that the **\$45,000 raised in the Foundation Room** supports Gamma Phi Beta leadership education, camping for girls and financial aid. Everyone wins!

Thanks to all who participated in these Convention events!

New Event Coordinator at International Headquarters!

International Headquarters is thrilled to welcome **Lisa Gaskill Johannsen** (Colorado State) as our new events coordinator. Lisa is a former Denver Alumnae Chapter president and joins us with experience in engineering and marketing. Welcome to the team, Lisa!

Alumnae Update

All alumnae chapters will receive electronic lists in August for the following:

- **Area alumnae**
- **50-year members**
- **75-year members**



Accolades

During the 2009-10 academic year, **250 Gamma Phi Beta collegians** were initiated as Order of Omega members! Order of Omega is an honor society for members of Greek organizations and recognizes juniors and seniors who have exemplified high standards in the areas of scholarship, leadership, involvement within their respective organizations in addition to the Greek, campus and local community. Members are selected from the top three percent of Greeks at each institution. GPB is on the GO!

Susan Smith Roads (Indiana State) created a Homework Hotline that provides free math and science homework help to Indiana students in grades 6-12. Students may contact the Homework Hotline toll-free at 1-877-ASK-ROSE or online at www.AskRose.org. Awesome!

The Nebraska Society of Washington D.C. selected **Alexandra Law** (Nebraska-Lincoln) as the 2010 Nebraska Cherry Blossom Princess. Each State Society chooses one Princess to represent that state at the National Cherry Blossom Festival for a week in April. As a Cherry Blossom Princess, Alexandra placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visited museums and embassies, attended a sushi reception at the Japanese Ambassador's residence, packed boxes for our troops at the USO and read books to elementary school children. Alexandra's week ended with a Grand Ball and the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade. We are proud of you, Alexandra!

This month, **Lizzy Wales** (Auburn) will compete in Ireland for the international title of Rose of Tralee. The selection of the Rose of Tralee is an international event that is open to young women of Irish descent from around the world. Good luck in Ireland, Lizzy!

Congratulations to **Beth Stone** (Oklahoma) for her induction into the Women's Oklahoma Golf Hall of Fame. Beth joined the LPGA Tour in 1961 and finished second five times, including twice at the US Women's Open in 1967 and 1974. We are so proud of you, Beth!

Accolades, cont.

During the previous academic year, **Aly Bisanz** (Arizona State) was one of 65 college juniors across the country to receive the nation's highest undergraduate leadership award, the *Truman Scholarship*. She beat out 576 applicants from 245 universities and was chosen because of her outstanding leadership skills and her dedication to helping others through community service. What an amazing achievement!

Sarah Kiou (California-Santa Barbara) received the *Outstanding Panhellenic President Award* at the university's *Greek Awards Banquet*.

Lois Abbott (San Jose State), Delta Psi Chapter Advisor, received a *Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Support and Involvement* at the 2010 University of California-Santa Barbara's *Greek Awards Banquet*. Congratulations, Lois!

For the second consecutive year, **Anna Mahalak** (William and Mary), Panhellenic Affairs Vice President of Alpha Chi Chapter, received a tuition scholarship from **Richmond Alumnae Chapter** for her academic achievements and fraternal contributions.

Chapter Highlights

More than a dozen **Lincoln Alumnae Chapter** members joined the graduating seniors of Pi Chapter (Nebraska-Lincoln) at Spaghetti Works restaurant for an evening of celebration and networking. The women were honored with their alumnae packets as well as a pink carnation to symbolize their transition from collegians to alumnae!



Welcome to life as an alumna, Pi Chapter graduates!

Delta Psi Chapter (California-Santa Barbara) received the *Outstanding New Member Program Award* and the *Outstanding Community Service Award* at the *Greek Awards Banquet*. Way to go, ladies!

Convention Materials and Collegiate Officer Packets

All Convention materials and collegiate officer packets will be available online at www.gammaphibeta.org by the end of August.

Please refer to the Collegiate Resources section of the site regularly as documents in the collegiate officer packets may be updated or added at the beginning of the semester.

Deadlines

Collegians

August 15

Form 15-Monthly Financial Statements due to International Headquarters (IH)

Fall

Form 5-Reaffirmation Pledge due after first formal meeting to regional coordinator

Form 12-Officers List due to IH (if any officers or contact information has changed)

Form 9/13-Collegiate New Member First Installment Membership Fees and International Building Fund Remittance due to IH within seven days of Bid Day

Form 64-Membership Vice President's Recruitment Report due to IH immediately after Bid Day

Form 117-Pledging Ritual Report due to regional coordinator one week after each ritual event, except formal meetings

Recruitment statistics due to IH immediately after Bid Day

September 15

Form 15-Monthly Financial Statements due to IH

House Corporation Board

August 15

Form 34-Quarterly Statement of Receipts and Disbursements due to International Headquarters (IH)

Fall

Form 36-HCB Safety/Security Checklist due to IH two weeks after school starts

Form 45-HCB Officers List due to IH immediately following elections