

Call Margaret or Paula - CARs literacy program.

Southlake Area Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi



# Everything's Coming up Pi Phi

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### Message from Kris McCorvey

Hi—Do you think that you are getting everything that you can out of your Pi Phi experience? If not, why? Better yet, come join the fun and meet your Pi Phi sisters.

If your waiting until you lose weight, or your baby is grown or until the kids go to college, you will never experience alumnae life as the Fraternity wants you to.

The Fraternity is currently working on how to make our alumnae clubs more meaningful to each of you and how to introduce programming that will achieve the life-long commitment that we once promised.

We want our Fraternity to be on the "must do" list like Junior League, or a Women's Club. We are

hoping that if it is the philanthropy that is attracting you to the other clubs that we can meet that need with the new **CAR Program**.

CAR Program was launched this past summer at convention and is a reading program designed for third graders. **Paula Shepherd** is our CAR Chairman and with her guidance our club will place this program in at least one school this year

The Fraternity Foundation developed this program with small clubs in mind. The hard part of developing the program is already done. We have to identify a school for the program, get the materials from Headquarters. The foundation provides the books and we buy the supplies, which include a certificate,

a book plate, a medallion and a book mark. We do a kick-off party for the children and an awards ceremony. The program rewards children for reading to an adult for fifteen minutes a day.

When Paula asks for volunteers, let's give her our support by giving freely of our time. Let's work together to make this club successful by giving back to our community.

If you make yourself available, who knows you might even find that you were just looking for Pi Phi after all.

Phondly,

## RLR—Regional Leadership Retreat

**WHEN:** March 26-28, 2004—Friday, 8:00 p.m.– Sunday, Noon

**WHERE:** Summerfield Suites, Addison, Texas

**WHO:** Every Pi Phi Alumna

**WHAT:** RLRs are relaxed weekends filled with fun, education and sisterhood. You will go home with helpful information, new friends, and a renewed Pi Phi spirit.

From Other Publications:

## OPRAH.com, January "O Magazine", The Oprah Magazine

### January Clutter Challenge: Never Miss an Important Date

By Julie Morgenstern

How we admire people who are extraordinary at remembering birthdays. Every year a card arrives by mail—on time—so we vow to reciprocate. But life gets crazy, the date sneaks up on us...and we miss it again. Julie Morgenstern's system means never having to say "Sorry, I forgot."

**Challenge:** *This month's project is to create a simple, reliable system so you never miss another important date again.*

Relationships thrive on contact. In hectic, distracting times, sending a card or a gift is actually the easiest way of letting people know that you're thinking about them. Create a simple, reliable system to stay connected, no matter how busy you are.

#### Target 25 people

Life isn't predictable, but birthdays and anniversaries are. New Years is a good time to make a list of about 25 people you want to remember. Track down their significant dates and their ages. Note what you will do for each occasion: Send a card? A gift? Plan a dinner or lunch out? Create a master list on your computer or on one sheet of paper in the back of your address book.

#### Establish your reminder system.

Write each person's name from your master list on your wall calendar or daily planner. Count back one week to one month before the event, and mark a day you'll shop for a gift or mail a card. Sites like [aol.com](http://aol.com), [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) and [www.hallmark.com](http://www.hallmark.com) can send you an extra alarm via e-mail or text message reminders.

#### Stockpile and personalize

Don't search for the *perfect* card or gift every time a birthday or

anniversary approaches. Collect generic cards and gifts year round. The magic touch will be the personalized handwritten message you add.

#### Choose one or two favorite shops or sites.

You can find unusual choices and sites like [fairytalebrownies.com](http://fairytalebrownies.com), [sweetsinbloom.com](http://sweetsinbloom.com), and [thehungersite.com](http://thehungersite.com) (which donates food to charity with each purchase). You can order months—or only a few days—in advance.

#### Don't panic!

If you forget to do anything ahead of time, you can redeem yourself with an online card; try [bluemountain.com](http://bluemountain.com) or [americanGreetings.com](http://americanGreetings.com). Or call first thing in the morning—no one will know you didn't plan.

## EMILY TARR, GRAND PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT FOUNDER'S DAY, SATURDAY APRIL 24, 2004

The Omni Mandalay in Las Colinas will be the sight of our Founder's Day this year.

Joining SAAC will be the Denton Alumnae Club, the McKinney Alumnae Club, and

the University of North Texas Collegians. Mark your calendar's now.



Audrey Pennings is our chairman and will be needing assistance from the members to make this a "Grand Affair to Remember", Founder's Day 2004. Please contact Audrey at 817-424-0182.

## Pi Phi's own "ETIQUETTE GAZETTE"

On the Pi Beta Phi web site, we found the "Etiquette Gazette". Each issue of the gazette covers a topic of etiquette concerns, has a recommended Page Turner, and a "Musing on Manners". Of particular interest to us: the author; ever so proper and Southlake Club member, Jane Heiserman. Once you are on the Pi Phi site ([www.pibetaphi.org](http://www.pibetaphi.org)) click on Leading with Values, then on the vertical blue bar click on good citizenship; then on the horizontal red bar click on Civility and Etiquette. This is published monthly with its main focus being our collegians. However, after reading it we found it so informative that certainly our entire club would enjoy reading it. We have reproduced the January issue for you to read at your leisure.

From the September 2003 Issue of the Etiquette Gazette.

### WHY ETIQUETTE ?

From, "How Rude", by Alex J. Packer, Ph.D., published 1997 by Free Spirit Publishing.  
 "Good manners are the one thing money can't buy. All you have to do is look around you to realize that rudeness is an equal opportunity annoyer. Thus manners are a great equalizing force in society."

## Why should I attend the Regional Leadership Retreat?

"Friends and Leader's for Life" is the theme for this years Regional Leadership Retreat. RLRs are held in non-convention years, bringing together alumnae within a geographical region for sisterhood sharing and learning about the Fraternity in a relaxed small group setting. RLRs are particularly beneficial to alumnae club officers, but are open to any alumna.

Information and leadership training

presented at RLRs can enhance alumnae club life as well as provide personal growth for the attendees. Grand Council members, Directors and province officers will attend to bring news of the Fraternity and introduce how we will grow into the future. Input from alumnae attendees will be immensely

valuable to Grand Council as we begin to chart the future of our Alumnae Department. RLRs offer the opportunity for alumnae to express their thoughts, questions, concerns and successes on a personal level with Grand Council and other International Officers.

**"Friends and Leaders for Life" is the theme for this year's RLR.**

## CLUB TO REIMBURSE OFFICERS TO ATTEND RLR

The Executive Board has decided to reimburse \$35.00 of the cost to attend the RLR to any officer slated for the 2004-2006 club years. The local registration fee is \$45.00, making it necessary for the officers to pay only \$10.00 to attend. Our club will also be paying



SAAC to pay \$35.00 for every officer.

for two officers to attend. These two officers can elect to stay at the Summerfield Suites or travel back and forth to their home each night.

The local registration includes lunch and dinner

on Saturday and workshop materials.

A registration form is included with this newsletter and the deadline to turn in the form is February 20, 2004 to Ann Brookshire our Alumnae Province President.