



President's Letter

Dear Sisters and friends,

Happy New Year!! I hope that you all enjoyed the Holiday Season! It seems hard to believe that it's already another year.

I would like to extend my thanks to Dorothy Indenbaum for hosting our November meeting. We had a great time learning about women composers as well as brainstorming new ideas for our chapter. A huge welcome to our two newly affiliated sisters! I look forward to affiliating more new members to our wonderful chapter in the Spring.

Thank you also to all those sisters who performed at our Holiday Musicale to help us get into the holiday spirit. A big thank you to Carolyn Geer for offering to host our annual Holiday Musicale at her apartment! The event was a wonderful evening full of holiday cheer.

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone so fast. Looking back at 2010, our chapter has accomplished so much. I am excited to see what lays ahead for 2011 for our wonderful chapter. In the upcoming year, what do you want to do for your fraternity?

Love and roses,

Michelle Ingram

Next Newsletter Deadline... Wednesday, January 26

Send submissions to the editor at stefanie.britton@gmail.com or 646.894.8035

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Thanks for your help!

Submitted by Aimee Steele, Service Chair

The Holiday toy drive this year was a great success! Generous contributions were made in the form of fun games, books and toys for kids. Also the gift cards from iTunes, Borders, Sephora and Gap were tremendous! The Foundling Hospital was so appreciative. When I dropped off the goodies from SAI, the volunteers were busy wrapping for the ensuing gift giving to the kids and were happy to take our over-flowing bag!

Thank you to all who donated and contributed. I hope this is a tradition that we can continue for many years to come!

New SAI Chapter Installation

Submitted by Michelle Ingram

I'm happy to tell you that we now have a new collegiate chapter in Phi B. The sisters of Lambda Phi at the University of Mass. at Amherst were initiated on January 16th. Our National VP Extension and Province Officer, Amber, presided with help from other members of Phi B.

The Initiation/Installation Ritual and the Musicale and Reception were held on Sunday evening Jan 16. On the morning of January 17th, we will hold the Formal Meeting and Officer Training, which all of you are welcome to stay for if you are able.

This indeed was a special event. Look for a recap on the special event in next month's newsletter.

Roses Go To...



NYAC for celebrating it's 79th Anniversary on January 1st.



Kim Dulchinos on her recent wedding on January 15, 2011.

Province Day 2010

Submitted by Rosemary Metcalf

Sisters from Phi A and B gathered for Phi Province Day at Morristown United Methodist Church in Morristown, NJ on Saturday, November 13. The day was hosted by the Central New Jersey Alumnae chapter.

The fun-filled day began with the initiation of Roger Ames as a National Arts Associate, and affiliation for the Central New Jersey Alumnae. Most special to NYAC, however, was the opportunity to finally award the Patroness Sword of Honor to our sister Sue Landis. Congratulations to Sue!

Attendees enjoyed "Music, Words, Opera!", a workshop by Ames and his collaborator (also an SAI Distinguished Member), Clifford Brooks. Ames and Brooks led the group in creating original arias based on story and character concepts from the operas Aida and Madame Butterfly.

A musicale in the church's beautiful sanctuary featured both collegiate and alumnae performers. A highlight of the musicale was a performance by Eta Mu sisters of an original choral work by Sara Lobdell, a member of Eta Mu.

After lunch, the group divided for 2 more workshops, one of which, "20UNDER40", was presented by Sue Landis and her co-author, Jessica Rivkin Larson. Sue and Jessica led the group in an exploration of "Redefining 'Artistic' Administration" - applying skills honed as an artist to excel in other fields. Sue and Jessica's findings are published in the anthology 20UNDER40, which is officially released on December 1.

Another heartwarming part of Province Day was meeting members of the SAI colony at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. This Province Day was the first opportunity for these soon-to-be-sisters to sing the SAI Chorale!

The day was full of music and meaningful sisterhood.

Also, roses go to Kim Dulchinos, who offered her home as an alternative to a hotel for NYAC attendees. Vita Brevis, Ars Longa!

Province Day Pictures



Phi B sisters with our Region 8 Officer



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Rosemary Metcalf and Cara Rolan with Erin Camp from Eta Mu



Some members of Lambda Phi with Amber and Jessica Chichester



Rosemary & her little from Eta Mu

Adventures in Babysitting

Submitted by Shannon Navarro

I babysit two little girls during the week, for three hours each day. Their parents work at home on the first floor, and don't interfere other than to greet the girls when they get off the bus. As their dad says, 'You're the afternoon parent. Those are your girls now.' We three parents have a great working relationship and they support me fully.

Character breakdown:

<i>Rachel*</i>	<i>Lola*</i>
8 years old	6 years old
Redhead - refers to her hair as 'ginger'	Loving
Feisty	Lazy
Intelligent	Affectionate
Funny	Mischievous
Proud	Manageable
Defiant	Sweet
Insecure	Melodramatic
Bully	Bullied

Episode #436: Clinging to Sanity

This one, fun (please take note of the underlying sarcasm) afternoon, started off rather promising as far as behaviour goes; the girls were being pleasant, and lovely. We laughed a lot, they did as asked, and all that wonderful stuff. Snack time went swimmingly, but somehow, as the afternoon progressed, their (and by they I mean, Rachel) ability to listen to me slipped away. Nonetheless, we made it mostly through homework time. The way we do homework, is that whoever behaved the best on the previous day, gets to do homework with me first on the following day. Shockingly, Rachel was having homework time with me first that day.

Rachel and I have a difficult relationship to say the least. She is constantly testing the limits of my patience, fighting against my authority, and is jealous of how well I get on with Lola. As a result of her jealousy over Lola, she generally wastes a lot of time when we are together, effectively trying to steal time

from her sister. She has various methods for doing this, but usually she tries to ask me Harry Potter questions (which she's reading) or pretend to not understand her homework. She also tries to get hugs. This fateful day, she promised to settle down and do her work if only I gave her a hug (more like ten) first. I agreed, and hugged her, and then she proceeded to *pinch* me.

Now, I have put up with a number of indignities because of these children, but I absolutely will not tolerate being pinched. It is simply not to be born.

'Rachel,' I said. 'Pinching is completely unacceptable. It is not okay.'

She laughed. Yes folks, the little monster laughed.

I continued, 'If you think I'm going to stay in this room, and be abused your are very mistaken. It is not okay for you to treat me like this.' I made sure she understood how very upset I was. I could see the guilt on her face, but she couldn't bring herself to relent.

She then told me that she wouldn't let me leave. This child, tell me what to do? As if. I ignored her and went to her sister's room. (One of the tactics I use for dealing with them when they start acting up is to leave the room. As bad as they are sometimes, they always want me around, and if they treat me badly they lose spending one on one time with me.) I sat in Lola's room, and watched her labouringly writing out her letters, giving her encouragement and help when needed. A few minutes passed in this manner, and then (as expected) Rachel came into the room.

'I'm sorry, Shonnen (that's how she pronounces my name).' She hugged me, and then *pinched me again* and *laughed!*

I take her hands in mine and tell her in no uncertain terms that she's in trouble, I'm upset with her, and that's she's lost my trust.

Now, we have had the trust talk before. Every time she apologises for something and then goes back on her word I talk to her about how important it is to be able to be believed (The Boy Who Cried Wolf). When I tell her that her apology is not good enough, not this time, she becomes sincerely contrite.

'Just so you know, Shonnen, I really am sorry.'

'I understand that, but you're going to have to prove to me that you're really sorry by your actions. Words aren't enough anymore. You have to earn my trust back.'

She slumped out of the room, head low. Lola and I continued working, and then the girls' father came in to see how the afternoon has been. I filled Dad in on the shouting, general abuse, and then told him about the pinching, and my total intolerance for it. I told him I was handling the discipline, and he need not get involved. He gave me the thumbs up. While we were talking, a slip of paper was pushed under the door.

An apology from Rachel. I have several letter apologies from her. She slipped into the room and looked at me. I told her that I appreciated her note, but it would take sometime before I stopped being upset. After all, the little wretch (darling though she is) pinched me. I'm not letting that one go anytime soon. Once again she slunk out of the room. Dad and I looked at each other, and laughed. A lot. Sometimes you just have to.

'You don't get paid enough for what you do,' said Dad.

I was inclined to agree.

Moments from November's Meeting...



Date: Saturday, TBD/ Time: TBD
 Hostess: Aimée Steele
 Info: Call Aimée at 917-575-5585 with questions

Service Project: Revlon Run/Walk for Women's Cancers
 Date: Saturday, April 30th / Time: 8:00 a.m.
 Hostess: Aimée Steele
 Info: Call Aimée at 917-575-5585 with questions

June
Founder's Day Pot Luck Picnic/Officer Installation/ SAI Songbook Sing-a-Long
 Date: Sunday, June 5th / Time: 3 p.m.
 Hostess: Amber Womack
 Location: 436 W. 49th Street, #3
 Info: RSVP to Amber by 5/25 at 817.821.3586 or ambersai@mac.com

♥Please be courteous to your sisters! Always RSVP to the designated hostess(es) for NYAC events.

♥Check www.SAINYAC.com & the newsletter for information on our social events & musicale performers!

♥Visit www.HopStop.com to get directions to our venues!

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New York Alumnae Chapter 2010 – 11 Calendar

January

Informal Meeting/Mini-Musicale

Date: Sunday, January 23rd / Time: 3 p.m.
 Hostesses: Aimée Steele
 Location: 601 West End Ave. #9A
 Info: RSVP to Call Aimée by 1/10 at 917-575-5585 or aimeemsteele@gmail.com

February

Social Event/Service Project: Valentine's Day Sing

Performance for NY Foundling Hospital
 Date & Time: TBA
 Location: New York Foundling Hospital
 590 Avenue of the Americas
 Info:

Member Laureate Initiation

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 2nd/Time: 7pm
 Hostess: Sara Bong
 Location: 900 W. 190th St., #14B
 Info: RSVP to Sara by 11/7 at 212.928.8610 or sbong@midamerica-music.com

Formal Meeting/Mini-Musicale

Date: / Time: Sunday, February 20th / Time: 3 p.m.
 Hostess: Dena Holland
 Location: 160 West 66th St (Apt 48E)
 Info: RSVP to Dena by 2/10 at 646-763-0872 or dena_j_holland@yahoo.com

March

American Musicale

Date: Saturday, March 19th / Time: 3pm
 Hostesses: Serena Robbins and Cara Roldan
 Location: Turtle Bay Music School, 244 East 52nd Street
 Info: If you wish to perform please contact Serena Robbins

April

Formal Meeting/Affiliation/Mini-Musicale

Date & Time: Saturday, April 2 / Time: 3:00pm
 Hostesses: Carolyn Geer
 Location: 151 Central Park West @75th Street
 Info: RSVP to Carolyn by 3/19 at 212.724.9986

Service: Eugenie's Birthday Celebration

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January 23rd

Informal Meeting/Mini-Musical

Sunday, January 23, 3:00 p.m.

Hostess: Aimée Steele

601 West End Ave. #9A

RSVP by 1/10: aimeemsteele@gmail.com
or 917-575-5585

January Birthdays

Dena Holland-Duran 1/3
Rev Lucy Hook Porter 1/7
Rachelle Hoffman 1/15



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