

The Phi Rho Report Newsletter

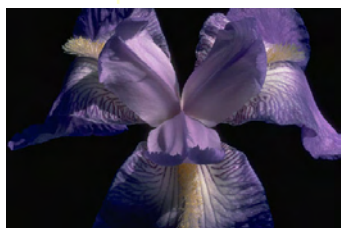
Special points of interest:

- Updates from many Alumna's
- June's Amazing Travels to El Salvador
- The Iota Class
- How you can contribute to the newsletter.

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Sorority Website has a new
look!**

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A beautiful orchid

What the newsletter can do for YOU!

Want to know more about how your sisters are doing? Have something exciting going on in your life? Have you got engaged, planning a wedding, having a baby, buying a home, building a home, switching jobs, going abroad, changing careers? Tell your sisters about it!

I know personally that I am curious often what is going on with my sister's and what are they up to lately.

Please, drop me an email. I would love to include what is going on in your life in the newsletter to keep everyone in the Iota Chapter connected.

As we continue to grow on

campus, and the active chapter becomes an entirely new group of ladies, it is important that we share between ourselves what is going on in one another's lives.

Pictures are also a great way for all of us to stay connected. So, if all you would like to do is submit a photo with a short blurb about it, please do so! You will see how Jeni, Karen, and June and Amy provided photos for this Issues newsletter, and they really do add to the overall product!

Do you have a suggestion for a column? Want to regularly write some sort of article? Let me know, I would LOVE to include you and your ideas.

I hope to have the next newsletter, out in mid-June. So please, drop me a line at littleladybugcarrie@yahoo.com !

Also, networking, as you can see on page 4 is a great resource for both actives and alumnae. Are you looking for a new job, or looking to relocate ? Submit your current business card, and I will happily keep this section updated.

I am so excited about the ability to share with my sisters by simply organizing a newsletter! Hope you enjoy it too.

*Phi Rho Love,
Carrie*

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National Convention 2005

In July of 2005 several actives and alumnae attended the National Convention, near Chicago. This was held in conjunction with Triangle's Convention. Pictured right are Karen Salisbury, Jen Jordan, Melissa Moneysmith, and Elizabeth Young. The Chapter received the 2003-2004 Abby McDonald Spirit Award and the National Service Award. Elizabeth Young and Karen Salisbury received the 2004-2005 National Alumnae Officer Award.

Credit to Elizabeth Young who originally shared the award information in the December '05 Iota Active



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News from Minna Krejci

I'm a senior Materials Science and Engineering major right now with a Music minor, getting ready to graduate in May. I've been applying to grad schools in my field; we'll see where I end up next year. It could be anywhere from Boston to California :o)

At Case I've been active in the whole Greek community – I just finished my term as VP of Administration of the Pan-Hellenic Council, which was second in command to President. I'm a member of the Order of Omega, as well

as Gamma Sigma Alpha (two Greek honoraries). I'm also currently the music director of Solstice Women's A Cappella, and I am a supplemental instructor for one of the freshman engineering classes.

Phi Rho has absolutely blossomed since I got here – when I transferred it was a group of approximately ten girls who had an idea. The following spring, I was given the opportunity to step up from VP to fill the Presidential vacancy due to our cur-

rent president (Melissa Misko) going on co-op in Chicago. Through the leadership of the next two Presidents, Katie Scherrer and Lindsay Gelorme, and now newly elected Hillary Emer, the group has matured way beyond my expectation. We received the most improved chapter award at the Greek Awards Ceremony last spring.

Now it is one of the 6 official sororities on campus and is growing strong. This past semester, three of our ap-

proximately 25 members were Executive Board officers on Pan-Hel. Since there are only 8 officers, this meant we had the strongest representation of any sorority on campus. We fully participate in Greek Week and all other Greek events on campus. We are now reaching the time when the Alpha class will graduate and the original vision has been passed on through the membership. We had 6 new members this fall and hope to gain at least that many from spring rush.

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An Update from Beta Class Member, Jeni (Muskus) Watters

Adam and I got married on August 20, 2005. Besides it being a very hot and humid day, the ceremony was beautiful and went smoothly! We left the next day for our honeymoon in the Pocono's, where we stayed for 4 nights before slowly making our way back home in Columbus.

In November, we signed a contract to begin building our first home together. It is a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath home in Lewis Center (just North of Columbus) and we are scheduled to close in May 2006.

I continue to work at American Electric Power as a Pro-

ject Engineer on major capital environmental projects. My current project is near Wheeling, West Virginia where we are retrofitting new equipment into an existing plant.

The new Mr. and Mrs.
Adam Watters,
August 20, 2005

An Update from Beta Class Member, Carrie Streit

In July of 2005 I moved from North Royalton to Pataskala, which is just east of Reynoldsburg. I moved because Regency (the construction management company I have work with since I graduated in 2004), asked me to be the Assistant Project Engineer at the Cardington-Lincoln construction project. This school district, through the as-

sistance of the Ohio School Facilities Commission, has built a new Intermediate building, which houses grades 4-6. They have also nearly completed the renovation and new addition of two classroom wings and gymnasium to their existing high school housing grades 7-12. As well as continuing a complete renovation and small two-story

addition to their existing elementary building, housing grades Kindergarten-3. Just this past weekend, on January 29, the school district held their district wide building dedication. I am so proud to be part of a team of people able to make the learning facilities of students more modern and technologically up to date.



June's Amazing Travels to El Salvador



"This experience will be forever engraved in my heart."

I can't believe that God allowed me to return to El Salvador so soon (twice in one year)! This trip was like the first trip, in the sense that I saw similar places, we shopped at the same tourist market and we were even going to see the Mayan ruins which I saw previously (but they were closed). But, at the same time it was a completely different experience.

This trip was "real life". We didn't stay in a hotel with air conditioning and big pool, but we stayed on site, at the orphanage (Though the orphanage did have

a pool that other church members put in for the kids!!). We had the experience of cold showers every morning. I must say was not as horrible as one might think, though I did prepare my heart before the trip when we found out this news. We also were told before heading to El Salvador that the orphanage had no power and it was likely we may experience the same thing...no power, no water! But the power was restored a few days before our arrival. We did experience a power outage for about half of a day, but one would hardly notice the power

was out. Life is hardly disrupted when they experience no power it's just adjusted...boy could we learn a few things from them!!!

Well, the reason we traveled to El Salvador was to put on a few Christmas parties for the children and workers. So, first we prepared an "American" style Christmas dinner...turkey, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, corn, Jell-O and pumpkin pie! The dinner party for the workers was a hit! We also had presents and a few games for them to play, which laughing was heard throughout the or-

June's Travels...Continued

phanage. The children were camped out with a few of us watching a movie and it even made them wonder what was going on.

The next party was the over-nighter with the local teens. We had about 40 teens come. We prepared a few games, pizza and snacks, crafts, tie-dyed shirts (they made) with the scripture verse of Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." on them,

and we also had the Christmas movie Elf for the teens to watch. We had been told that they will stay up until 5:00AM - and that they did! I was so proud of myself too; I stayed up along with them and didn't get to bed until 6:00AM! I did get to see the sun rise, can't say I've ever stayed up that late before!

I got to talk with a lot of the teens. A few of them were fluent in English, while others knew about as much as I do in Spanish. So those conversations

were quite funny and had a lot of laughing involved. I wish I got it on tape. I don't really know how to explain what a conversation is like with two people who know only a handful of things to say in each others language. It definitely is a funny home videos moment!

The last parties we threw were for the Sunday School kids, which includes the children at the orphanage and the children who live in the neighborhood as well as later that same day

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June pictured with a comrade in El Salvador on her second trip there.



June's Travels...Continued

heading out to a community which Rachel and Mauricio (husband and wife who started the orphanage) go out and minister to once a week. They go every Sunday and bring food for the people as well as hold a church service for them. We had crafts, games, piñatas, and a little message for the children at both parties.

This experience will be forever engraved in my heart. If you ever get a chance to do anything

like this, I highly recommend it! It will change you forever and it's the best change that's happened in my life.

Besides traveling to El Salvador again, I also took the PE exam in October.

That's not a great experience and not highly recommended to do for enjoyment. Anyways, I received my results but unfortunately did not pass.

But I was taking it before my

fours years experience so I'm not really off schedule. So I hope to retake it in October this year. Good luck to any of those taking it this April!

Hope all of you are doing well and I hope to see all of you very soon! Miss You!!!



The girls in the picture from left to right: Sara McDonald, Mindy Moser, Amy Friedlein, Sharon Snyder, Denise Lindsey, and Anna Santino

Our growing sisterhoodthe Iota Chapter's Iota Class!

As you can see the actives did a great job recruiting and added to our dynamics six new sister!

The Iota Class:

Sara McDonald

From: Cincinnati, Ohio

Major: Civil Engineering

Class: Freshman

Family: Royal Blue

Mindy Moser

From: Cincinnati, Ohio

Major: Civil Engineering

Class: Freshman

Family: Sky Blue

Amy Friedlein

From: Lansing, Michigan

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Class: Freshman

Family: Sky Blue

Sharon Snyder

From: Lancaster, Ohio

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Class: Freshman

Family: Orange

Denise Lindsey

Major: Electrical Engineering

Class: Freshman

Family: Emerald Green

Anna Santino

From: Cincinnati, Ohio

Major: Civil Engineering

Class: Freshman

Family: Sky Blue

Networking

Send us your card.

We would love to have business cards from all of our alumnae to be used as networking tools for both the actives looking for co-op and full-time positions, and alumnae wishing to extend their professional network.

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"No matter how crazy an idea, or how difficult a task, the only bounds put on our abilities are those set by ourselves. It doesn't take an extraordinary person to found a sorority or succeed in any endeavor. It just takes confidence in yourself and a never dying need to strive for better. I would like to be able to look at Phi Sigma Rho and see a group of women who know no bounds. Women who are bound of their accomplishments and are proud the people they have become. And I would like to believe that Phi Sigma Rho had some part in this achievement." ~*Rashmi*

Khanna Drummond,

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Alumnae Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to the following sisters!

January:

09 Tricia (Schroeder) Egan
26 Elizabeth Young

February:

26 Carrie Streit

March:

28 Kristin Sasha
29 Jen Jordan

April:

06 Erica (Shadle) Fouss
11 Rachel Kurschat
13 Amanda (Kowalski) Kitzberger
21 Starli Klobetanz
23 Jeni (Muskus) Watters

