

Chapter Chatter May 2002

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2002-03

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL DINNER

PLACE: PINE VIEW GOLF COURSE

WHEN: THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2002

TIME: BAR OPENS AROUND 6P.M.

Entertainment: an Elvis Impersonator

PREFERENTIAL TEA

PLACE: BRITANNIA UNITED CHURCH

WHEN: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2002

TIME: 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

The annual fall tea to honour new members – and to hold Pledge Ritual

May the Lord Watch
Between Me and Thee,

While we are absent,
one from the other.

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GOLDEN CIRCLE RECIPIENTS

Shirley Armstrong	Beta Eta Master
Margaret Holland	Alpha Theta Master
Jean Munro	Alpha Theta Master
Noryne Merrill	Beta Master
Margarite Walsh	Beta Master

SILVER CIRCLE RECIPIENTS

Joanne Bushell	Laureate Alpha Omicron
Bev Connell	Laureate Lambda
Flo Dumas	Laureate Lambda
Cherolyn Landry	Preceptor Sigma
Carroll Larose	Laureate Lambda
Lyn Leonard	Laureate Lambda
Nancy Nunnikhoven	Preceptor Gamma
Cheryl Smiley	Preceptor Gamma
Elsie Stadler	Laureate Alpha Omicron
Gail Stewart	Laureate Lambda
Sheri Pendlebury	Laureate Lambda
Earla Hynes	Preceptor Richmond

ORDER OF THE ROSE RECIPIENTS

Marilyn Ashton	Xi Chi
Barbara Cook	Preceptor Alpha Eta
Lois Feinholz	Preceptor Alpha Eta
Pat Levie	Preceptor Gamma Iota
Carol McFee	Preceptor Sigma
Doreen McConnell	Alpha Upsilon Master
Patricia Nielson	Laureate Gamma Sigma
Carole Russell	Preceptor Epsilon Eta
Maria Sowden	Laureate Phi
Claire Wessan	Preceptor Epsilon Theta
Agnes Westran	Preceptor Alpha Theta
Janet Wainwright	Preceptor Sigma

ORDER OF THE ROSE COLOUR PARTY

Black	Evelyn Stocki	Sigma
Red	Gail Campbell	Preceptor Gamma Iota
Yellow	Audrey McAllum	Alpha Upsilon Master
Blue	Chris McGoun	Alpha Upsilon Master
Orange	Helen Stewart	Laureate Phi
Green	Elizabeth Gardiner	Laureate Beta
Violet	Gail CookLaureate	Beta
White	Amberlee Oconnor	Zeta
Officiants	Jane Knight	President City Council
	Diane Dean	Laureate Phi
	Michelle Simourd	Sigma



Response on Behalf of the Order of the Rose Recipients

Submitted by **Barbara Cook**

Sisters, honoured guests – it really is a privilege to have been asked to give the response on behalf of those of us who have received the Order of the Rose this evening.

We stand before you – the newest entrants to the Order of the Rose - 12 of us – on this the 71st anniversary of the founding of Beta Sigma Phi – and in the 65th year of sorority in Ottawa —

When I was asked to give this response – the one question that I kept asking myself was "What does this mean – this reaching the Order of the Rose stage in sorority life – It means that we have been in sorority for at least fifteen years – and at eighteen meetings per year we have all had the opportunity to attend 270 Chapter meetings at a minimum and an additional 120 City Council meetings – that's pretty impressive.

But that is not nearly as impressive as having had fifteen years of enjoying the friendship and fellowship of our sisters – working together to make our communities a better place through our many service projects. We have had fifteen years of meeting some of the nicest people imaginable – and of being exposed to so many role models – role models par excellence – We've also had the challenge of learning why Chapters and City Council and International do things the way they do.

For those of us who have grown up in sorority in Ottawa – it means

that we have witnessed the 50th and 60th anniversary's of Beta Sigma Phi; that we have seen two sorority sisters receive International Scholarships – Debbie Cottingham in 1994 and this year Ella Forbes Chillibeck; that we have seen many sisters receive Founder's Day awards and Shirley Armstrong receive the Award of Distinction (and my apologies to Joyce Shearer for not including her in this list on Founder's Day) ; that we've had two conventions hosted by Ottawa sisters take place during these years – in 1987 – A Capital Idea – and in 1999 – Destination the New Millennium; that we participated in the planning, organizing and running of the 1991 Special Olympics held in Ottawa – if memory serves me correctly we had about 200 volunteers; that we had the 1994 Gala Evening to raise funds for Breast Cancer Action; that we've had four golf tournaments to raise funds for breast cancer; that we have seen the Establishment of the Endowment Fund for Women's Health; that we have seen International introduce New Beginnings; that we have seen the rebirth of Zeta Chapter – Ottawa's very first Chapter; and that we have seen the first Golden Circle Ritual in Ottawa and we have seen the creation of the Master Degree in 1988.

And as I remembered all of these things (with a little help from our History Book) and now this evening after receiving the Order of the Rose, it occurred / occurs to me that the colours of our flame are alive and well in Ottawa - for without them – would all of this have taken place

We remember -- The **Red** flame of courage – for without the collective courage of our members I doubt that we would we have done as much; - The **Yellow** flame of Vision – the vision to see what needed to be done and how we could make it happen; - The **Blue** flame of humility – that sense of honour which makes us seek nothing for ourselves; - The **Orange** flame of loyalty – loyalty to the aims and ideals of our sister hood; - The **Green** flame of fellowship – for where would we be in times of sorrow and happiness without the friendship of our sisters – And we remember – the **Violet** flame of service – for while we are not a service organization – we certainly are dedicated to making a difference where we can

And all of these total – as it says in the Ritual of Jewels says – "The sum is beauty" - beauty being a way of seeing, a way of thinking and a way of feeling.

And so with these memories and the colours of our flame in our minds – we have to say thank you to all those who have gone before us - Receiving the Order of the Rose, the Silver Circle and the Golden Circle – who have set the example and are our role models.

We thank you Beta Sigma Phi for the life, learning and friendship that we have had the privilege of experiencing over these years that have led us here today.

Laureate Beta

**Submitted by Kathleen O'Shea
Co-Recording Secretary**

Our Beginning Day was held at the Drysdale's cottage on the Big Rideau River in early September, and a few hardy members took a leisurely dip in the slightly cool by invigorating water.

We followed this happy occasion by travelling to Almonte and sampled the "calorie free" home made desserts in the Waterford Tea Room.

Members enjoyed the Preferential Tea and the fashion show last November. Kudos to the planning chapter.

The events of September 11th horrified us all and we remembered those Canadians who died in the twin towers by making a donation to the Canadian Red Cross in their memory.

One of the fun mixed socials we held was attending a Dessert and Theatre Night in October to see the musical comedy "New Wrinkles". It was a fun evening with lots of laughs and much talent shown by those in the cast.

Our Christmas chapter dinner was held at Algonquin College again this year and our mixed Christmas social was enjoyed at the home of the Gardiners.

Our programs have ranged from food, gardening, travel, food, movies, food, window dressings and collectibles.

Laureate Beta Chapter has had a busy year despite the "snowbirds" who keep flying south every winter but we keep their seats warm for them.

Laureate Psi

Submitted by Carol Dunn

Laureate Psi started the sorority year with only four members. Sheila Currie-Alder, Aileen Dolan, Carol Dunn and Donna Oldridge. Sheila brought a friend, Gail Blackburn, who was pledged. We also entertained two transferees. Both joined us. Greta Cameron at the Preferential Tea and there we met Kathleen Zinck. She joined us before Christmas. As we now had a quorum, Aileen transferred to a daytime chapter in January.

We raised money through Regal sales, supported the street women, Nelson House and two homes for unwed mothers. We celebrated Christmas at a restaurant returning to Carol's home to have desert and exchange secret sister gifts. Our programs have been diverse and fun. One included tossing a ball of wool to one another, it formed a web, while telling how we met different friends; a show and tell of talents, including writing, cooking and painting; Christmas stories, poetry, a movie, silver artifacts from the early nineteen hundreds and learning more about one another all made for entertaining and fun programs.

We entertained Laureate Gamma Sigma at Carol's home in January. We tried to find the Nursery Rhymes characters on Carol's tree. There was food and prizes. It was an enjoyable time.

Our children and grandchildren, including Sheila's new granddaughter, are all an important part of our lives. We are small in numbers but huge in sisterly companionship and enjoyment.



What Sorority Means To Me

Betty Navaux Pledge

Preceptor Delta Epsilon XP 3041

In this world of instant and I want it yesterday and the fast pace associated with it, we live day-to-day at mid to top speed which leaves little time for stop and smell the roses. It is specially fitting that **the** rose of Beta Sigma Phi is a yellow rose (for remembrance). It belongs to a quieter, slower-paced time. The words of the ritual tell you when the group was formed, but it held true then and now... a time to stop, meet with women of your own ilk, converse and enjoy female company in a time when women were either meant to run a house with servants, go to teas and do charitable work or if they were not well-off, to work like a man outside, run the house, bring up the kids a kind of "Jack of all Trades" sounds familiar? And now we are expected to either drive a tractor or drive the kids, decorate with skill, cook a la Cordon Bleu, be well-versed on world events, be receptive and a companion to our mate, Dr. Seus to our kids and a great hostess to all. This leaves very little time, if any for intellectual pursuits which is why this club was formed. To read good books and discuss them, to soak up a little culture and whatever else might come up-and all without men, who thought until recently that we were too emotional and unstable to have the right to vote... even now, women are still undervalued and that glass ceiling though a bit higher perhaps is still here. Women, especially now, when families are not only across the country but around the globe need each other to vent safely, to support in a non-negative manner... in a warm and welcoming, non-judgmental ambience. In such a climate we are not afraid, since we are all fallible, for most of us "have been there, done that" or we have had to "suffer through this" which means, hopefully that we can help each other remain "sane" in body and mind.

I wish I had had an opportunity to join such a club 10 years ago, when I first came to Ottawa... though perhaps it was meant to be in this time frame. Now that I am a member, I intend to do all I can to further the cause and be a better person, a good friend and perhaps of help to my fellow sister, if not here, then anywhere I can.

And that is what being a sorority sister means to me, taking the best from the past and our 'wise women' and becoming wise ourselves, being the best I can be now and doing my utmost to make the path for me and my sorority sisters as pleasant and pain-free as possible in the future, with each of us supporting the other where ever we are and even when we are 'away from me and thee'.



The Beta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund - Women's Health- Ottawa Hospital

*Established in 2000 with surplus funds from the
1999 Convention*

The Endowment Fund at the Ottawa Hospital was established, by a per member vote, in 1999 with \$10,000. This amount came about as a result of surplus funds from the 1999 Convention. It is known as the Beta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund for Women's Health.

The balance in the fund is now approximately \$13,500. Donations from Chapters, special events and from surplus City Council funds have increased the fund since its inception. Our establishing this endowment fund was the first of its kind at the amalgamated hospitals of Ottawa.

The Endowment Fund provides a never ending source of income to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation as the principal remains untouched while the income generated from the fund is directed to women's health.

It is a lasting memorial to those who have gone before us and a tribute to all Beta Sigma Phi members in Ottawa. It is also a gift from Beta Sigma Phi to our daughters, granddaughters and even great-granddaughters and all women in the community who share the same health needs and concerns.

*Should chapters wish to contribute to the
endowment fund, cheques can be sent to*

The Ottawa Hospital Foundation

Beta Sigma Phi Endowment Fund

1053 Carling Avenue

Ottawa Ontario K1Y 4E9

Sisters of the Year

Amberlee O'Connor	Zeta
Paula Bailey	Sigma
Shelagh Ralston	Xi Chi
Kathleen Kerr	Xi Epsilon Delta Pi – Richmond
Barbara Rider	Preceptor Gamma Psi - Richmond
Bambina Lemme	Preceptor Delta Epsilon
Claire Wesson	Preceptor Epsilon Theta
Norma O'Toole	Preceptor Alpha Phi
Lorraine Langill	Preceptor Alpha Lambda
Jan Wainwright	Preceptor Alpha Theta
Cheryl Smiley	Preceptor Gamma
Karen Knowles	Preceptor Gamma
Barbara Cook	Preceptor Alpha Eta
Helen Stewart	Laureate Phi
Elaine Phillips	Laureate Lambda
Caroll Dunn	Laureate Psi
Margaret Van Dusen	Laureate Alpha Upsilon
Lenore Law	Beta Master
Joan Cameron	Beta Eta Master
Alice Burns	Theta Master
Helen Revealy	Theta Master



REGAL REGAL REGAL

Just a reminder that the number to be used to get the 50% discount on Regal orders is **91 56 918** and it is in the name of Helen Barnard, Laureate Lambda.

And if you are ordering something that is personalized, please let Helen know as it will be delivered to her – she will want to make sure that it gets to the rightful owner.

A PLEA

In setting chapter budgets for the 2002-03 it would be nice if all Chapters considered making a contribution to the two major initiatives in which we as Beta Sigma Phi's can take pride: the Carleton University Bursary and the Endowment Fund for Women's Health.

I believe it is important to keep these funds in a good financial position - safe from the effects of inflation and increasing demand.

We are 28 chapter affiliated with Ottawa City Council. If each chapter committed \$10 to each of these initiatives, it would see an increase of \$280. Similarly \$15 would mean \$420 and \$25 would mean \$700. This would definitely help to counter the effects of inflation and increasing need.

If Chapters are interested in this, perhaps we could have a discussion in the fall with Chapter cheques made out to City Council in December so that one cheque could be presented to each of these projects.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A Most Interesting Program

Submitted by Barbara Cook

Member Advisor to Zeta

On April 10th I had the pleasure of taking Joyce Shearer to a meeting of Zeta Chapter. If there is anyone who is not aware – Joyce is one of the founding members of Sorority in Ottawa – she was one of the original members of Zeta in 1937.

The program for the evening was "Early Days in Zeta". After many years of lying dormant, Zeta came alive again in the mid-nineties. But this meant that the new members did not have scrapbooks and stories of early days. So – Joyce was invited to Zeta – and thoroughly charmed the members with her recollections. In 1937, 35 members came together to form Zeta – they answered ads placed by International in local papers "seeking intelligent young girls".

Zeta members were "presented" at the Opening of Parliament in 1938 – know much about suitably attired in long gowns, white gloves and a veil – and well versed in the protocol of meeting the Governor General of the day – Lord Tweedsmuir and his wife.

Joyce recalled a Founder's Day, where a four-piece orchestra would be hired for \$18.00 – and long dresses and white gloves were again acceptable attire.

Past issues of the Torch were circulated, providing much amusement at some of the sorority items listed for sale, including in 1965, a Beta Sigma Phi head scarf and "pretty red frock to brighten your kitchen."

Joyce was treated to seeing Zeta's Affirmation Ritual – a ritual to be conducted one year after joining sorority.

It was a breath of fresh air. Joyce offered some insight into Zeta that was welcomed by today's members. In the words of one member

"It is great to meet and talk with a founding member of our group and hear about all of the changes Ottawa BSP has gone through over the years. For some of us, whose mother's have been in sorority for years, we understand the life-long commitment that BSP is and the importance of being a dedicated sister. I think this was reinforced for us (and perhaps introduced to others who really don't sorority) by hearing Joyce speak. Joyce's commitment/dedication of 65 years is outstanding!! This is our 65th anniversary this year, and I'm hoping to have Joyce back in the fall for Zeta's anniversary celebration."

The Beta Sigma Phi Bursary - Carleton University

Recipients 2002

Crystal Graber - third year of the Arts Law/Human Rights program.

Kerry Wells - third year of the Arts Psychology program.

Safia Djalal - second year of the Electrical Engineering program.

Did you know that our bursary is rapidly approaching middle age? The first Carleton University Bursary was awarded in 1964-65 and was to be for a three-year period only. It was not until 1971-72 that we advised the University that it would be an annual award.

The idea of a bursary originated in 1947 when Zeta established a \$25 award to a girl at Lisgar Collegiate Institute, who ranked first in English Literature in her graduating class.

In 1949-50, Zeta's commitment was taken over by City Council and the award was extended to Glebe Collegiate, the High School of Commerce, Fisher Park High School and Nepean High School.

In 1986, Beta Sigma Phi transferred the management of this bursary to Carleton University. At the annual City Council meeting in May of 1985, Joyce Shearer reported that she gave a \$12,875.01 cheque to Carole Fleck, Awards Officer at the University. In addition, a direct transfer was to be arranged for Canadian Pacific shares (I believe with a value of approximately \$2,000) plus an additional \$2,000 was to be given after the 1987 convention.

When the books for the 1999 convention were being finalized, it was clear that there would be substantial surplus funds. With a per member vote, we agreed that \$10,000 would be used to establish the Endowment Fund for Women's Health and the balance of approximately \$4,000 would be given to Carleton to augment the bursary. The value of the fund is now \$20,520.39

Should your chapter wish, contributions can be made to the bursary fund by sending a cheque to

Carleton University Awards Office - Re Beta Sigma Phi Bursary
202 Robertson Hall
1125 Colonel By Drive
Ottawa Ontario K1S 5B6

The following is a thank you letter that was sent by Crystal Graber, one of the bursary recipients, earlier this year.

Dear Ms. Barbara Cook,

I would like to thank you for the bursary I received. It has been an immense help, more so than expected as my father also retired early this year. The money of course went strait to tuition. As a result, I was able to buy the books for my classes this year without having to spend my rent money.
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Thank you so much for your help!
Sincerely,
Crystal Graber

Alpha Upsilon Master

This article was received in late November - too late for inclusion in the December 2001 Chapter Chatter

Submitted by Louise Ide

November 10 2001, 11 members of Alpha Upsilon Master flew off to Miami to join the Beta Sigma Phi cruise on Carnival Victory to the western Caribbean.

Flying anywhere these days is not fun - lineups after lineups, meaning long hours on your feet going nowhere. But we got there and had perfect weather, though very hot, and calm seas for the next week.

We explored Cozumel Island, Mexico, Grand Cayman Island and Jamaica and of course shopped, shopped, shopped all the way! Most of us even climbed the 600 foot Dunns' Falls in Jamaica from the ocean level to the top. We may be aging but our spirits are still up to the challenge.

We met sisters from California, Maryland and Minnesota. There were 65 BSPs in all - not many among 3000 plus passengers on that huge floating city. Our chapter made ourselves known (the noisiest) and were the only ones to put banners on our stateroom doors - we needed them to find our way home sometimes!

A great time was had by all. We have hundreds of pictures and the memories to go with them. The trip home was fraught with difficulties for all, but in time those memories will only add to our stories.

Now it's onward to Christmas and the two great parties we have planned. We'll even find time to wrap gifts for the Boys and Girls Club also. We're a very busy group.

Theta Master

Submitted by Mildred Ross

Theta Master Chapter has thirteen members, which includes two new members who joined us this year and one Honorary member. We meet on the second and fourth Monday (afternoon) of each month, except January and February, when we meet once each month.

Our closing luncheon was held at the International Restaurant in Algonquin College.

Beginning Day luncheon was held at the home of Mildred Ross, and Christmas Dinner was at the Redwoods Retirement Home.

We attended the Fall and Founder's Day Dinners. During the year the chapter made donations to the Union Mission, Shepherds of Good Hope, Salvation Army, and the Ottawa Food Bank. We also supported the M.S. Christmas Party. Profits from the sale of Regal products help to fund these charitable projects.

We have several members who regularly volunteer at local institutions. Some of our members belong to "Food for Thought" luncheon club, (a club for retirees) and also regularly attend performances at Ottawa Little Theatre, National Arts Centre, Centrepointe Theatre and Opera Lyra Ottawa. Many of our members travel extensively.

We enjoyed a wide variety of interesting programs this year.

The close friendship of the chapter members is of great value to all of us.

Alpha Master

Submitted by Diane Wheeler

Since the last issue of Chapter Chatter, ALPHA MASTER has been very active. My, my how time does fly! And we're still social butterflies!

SOCIAL:

December 17, 2001. We held our annual Christmas Pot Luck at the home of our resident Snowbird, Phyllis Beveridge. We were delighted to have Ruth Barber and Rita Leishman join us. Our President, Audrey Couzens, conferred the 60 YEAR RITUAL on these two gracious ladies and presented them with the Founder's Award. CONGRATULATIONS! - March 2, 2002. We attended a Mixed Brunch at Noah's Restaurant.

We have been hard at work preparing for Founder's Day. We held work parties to finalize plans for meals, decorations, etc. By the time you read this, Founder's Day will have come and gone. We do hope you enjoyed yourselves. We wish to acknowledge FLOYD BJERKE, husband of Bonnie, for his contributions to ALPHA MASTER. He's our "ticket man" and always come up with a professional product. THANK YOU FLOYD.

May 4. A chance to get together with Marjorie and Peter Steeves at the home of Bonnie and Floyd Bjerke. They will be moving to Cornwall. - May 6. We will be entertaining Laureate Alpha Upsilon and our special guest will be Mary Cook. It's always a delight to have Mary join us. - We are looking forward to our Wind-Up on the 29th; the culmination of a very active and rewarding Sorority year.

PROGRAM:

We continue with our book reviews. We're very well read, you know!

WAYS & MEANS

The winner of our Christmas Reindeer Raffle was Shelagh Rolston. We continue to sell Regal and "Gift From the Heart" book.

COMING AND GOINGS

Bonnie and Floyd Bjerke welcomed Grandchild number 8.

Marjorie McDonald Steeves and husband Peter will be moving to Cornwall in June, to a new condo apartment. -

Betty and Alistair Carr have sold their home and are now living in a high-rise condo in the West end. - I guess you could say that Marjorie and Betty are "moving up in the world". - We are always pleased to have Deanna Herbert drop in for a meeting. She's now living in Ingleside.

Following our March 27th Elections, our slate of Officers for 2002/03 consists of:

President	Joyce Shearer
Vice President	Grace Sutherland
Treasurer	Dency Sharkey
Recording Secretary	Jackie Brewe
Corresponding Secretary	Dianne Wheeler
City Council Rep.	Audrey Couzens
City Council Alt.	Grace Sutherland

We are so pleased to have the two "original" members of ALPHA MASTER back at the helm!

Finally, we would like to thank you, our Sisters, for your support and friendship over the past year and we wish you all a wonderful summer. See you in September.

Preceptor Gamma Iota

Submitted by Anne Langlois, President

This year's theme "Weave a Web of Friendship" certainly pertains to our Chapter. Our Chapter is comprised of 10 members living in the Kanata and Barhaven area. The majority of this group have been together for at least ten years (progressing to various levels along the way). During our years together we have become "special" friends, sharing the joys and sorrows and offering our support to each. Our Chapter helped celebrate the marriage of Bonnie Karalekas' daughter Athena, holding a kitchen shower for her and having the privilege of attending the wedding ceremony and reception. Also, Anne Langlois' daughter Laura purchased a new home and the Chapter sent her a lovely card and a Beta Sigma Phi cookbook..

This past year has been a very busy one for Preceptor Gamma Iota. We have season's tickets for the Kanata Little Theatre (for the past 2 years) and always meet for a nice dinner before hand. In May we are going as a group on a theatre tour to Toronto for two days and seeing Mama Mia and the Lion King. We have enjoyed going to Merrickville on a number of occasions to shop and also to go to theatre dinners at Dickens' Gads Hill Place Restaurant. We attended a dinner theatre presentation of Shirley Valentine in November at Gads Hill and a number of members and their spouses and friends stayed in Merrickville for New Years Eve for a lovely evening dinner and entertainment at Gads Hill Restaurant.

Again this year our group sold daffodils for the Canadian Cancer Society on the 6th and 7th of April. We also purchase crocuses as a group for The Canadian Institute for the Blind.

Cindy Parenteau and Norma Brooks started new jobs this year and Nancy Big Canoe received a promotion in the government to a PM4 level position.

We had our lovely traditional Christmas Dinner at Ingrid Rowland's home. Ingrid had her house decorated beautifully for the occasion and we all enjoyed a lovely turkey dinner and opening our secret sister gifts afterwards. At Christmas we donated \$100 to Nelson House (a women's shelter) and our group has also committed a \$100 donation to the Women's Health at the Ottawa Hospital at the end of each year.

For our Ways and Means we have a draw each meeting (\$2.00) for a gift supplied by the winner of the previous draw (the President usually brings in the first gift). Our largest money-maker is our "travel auction" which is held either the 2nd or 3rd meeting of the new year. Each member brings something she has picked up on her travels during the summer and we auction it off. We have had a black velvet wall hanging of Jamaica, which was donated at least 7 years ago by a sorority member, and each year it is "secretly" entered into the auction and someone usually spends quite a bit to have the privilege of keeping it for a year. We also have a "lending library" where the girls borrow books for a cost of \$0.50. These two activities have allowed us to keep a healthy balance in our bank account and be able to donate to at least two charities throughout the year.

We look forward to Founder's Day Dinner as Patricia Levy will be receiving her (Order of the Rose) 15-year pin and we have a new pledge, Patricia Javed. Our Vice-President Gail Campbell will be a member of the colour party for the Rituals at Founders Day Dinner.

Our "Girls Goodbye" is usually held at a special location, last year it was a lovely Tea Room in Pakenham. We make a point of meeting at least twice over the summer months, once usually for a BBQ at Nancy Big Canoe, and either a shopping weekend or a get away at one of the ladies cottages.

Our group certainly has woven a web of friendship throughout its members.

Xi Delta Xi - 2002

Submitted by Heather Sutherland

Once again we find ourselves a small Exemplar chapter in the west end, surrounded by sisters who are bonded by sorority values, cherished friendships and numerous common interests.

Our first thoughts during our first meeting this year were with our sisters in the United States and related countries that were too closely affected by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and The Pentagon.

This year we are seeking to find a dormant chapter to re-open as we have discovered in our search since last spring that there are no chapters in the west end whose membership closely relates our age group or desire to be a two meeting per month tradition. We have some names to contact for joining our chapter, which we will be calling this fall.

We had some different adventures and traditions planned for this year. First of all we attended an out of house meeting, taking in the "Haunted Walking Tour" of Ottawa in the fall. Following this walking tour downtown on a balmy October evening, we went to Darcy McGee's Pub for a pint to calm those ghostly jitters! This was a welcome outing for perspective members to see our idea of a cultural event! Our Hallowe'en meeting was a costume party where we had a Hallowe'en decoration game, ensuring each sister went home with some trick or treat! Next we included our spouses for our annual Christmas Party since our numbers are small. President Heather conducted a mock Ritual for our partners where toilet brushes adorned by candles were the traditional lighting of the torch for these daring men! Mrs. Pauline Claus made up a Christmas gift mug for each of the men, stuffed with holiday treats so they wouldn't feel left out during our gift exchange.

Special news was shared by Heather that there will be a wedding this summer! Our socials certainly are taking on a new style!! In the quiet of winter, a pool tournament was held at Sheila's Cue and Cushion establishment. Pizza and beer followed the game. Another Wine and Cheese is planned for April since we enjoyed the last one so much. Each sister selects a country to bring 2 bottles of wine from as well as an appetizer that reflects their palate as well.

Valentine's found us in the middle of a cold winter here in Ottawa and so out to dinner we went for another out of house meeting followed by some viewing of icy decor here in the Nation's Capital.

We are looking forward to taking part in the CHEO Telethon this year as our Service project for our local children's hospital. We continue to support our City Council with sales from Regal.

All sisters, members, transferees and new pledges will be attending Founder's Day this year and so our small chapter is growing and better yet, continues to have new fun and new traditions along the way!

We intend to end the year a little differently this year at our girl's good bye by hiring a Spa company to come to Lori's home to give all of us that little perk followed by a barbeque where we think we might even be nice enough to invite the spouses to join us again!

We are having just too much fun!

JOYCE SHEARER

This evening we are honouring a very special member, Joyce Shearer, Alpha Master.

In 1937 Joyce was one of twenty-five other young ladies who joined to weave a web of friendship by forming the first chapter in Ottawa - Zeta Chapter was formed and Joyce had the honour of being one of its chartered members. Zeta chapter is still active with ten members. 1944 Joyce progressed to Xi Alpha Chapter - again as a chartered member and this was the first Exemplar chapter in Ontario. 1952 she had a presentation titled - "The Ideal Beta Sigma Phi" partly published in the torch. 1956 - 1964 Joyce left the Ottawa area to reside in the Montreal - Lakeshore area where she was an Advisor and 'regular' member. She returned to the Ottawa area and became a member of Preceptor Gamma Chapter. During this timeframe Joyce's picture graced the front cover of The Torch for the presentation to the National Library.

1975 progressed and became a chartered member of Laureate Beta chapter. 1988 - again progressed and became a charter member of Alpha Master - the first Master chapter in Ontario of which she is incoming president for the coming year 2002 - 2003.

Joyce set up a card index inventory of all Ottawa members; acted as chairman of the Special Review Committee on the Investment Fund; was a member of the Ad Hoc committee to update the City Council Manual and the Project Committee in the 1980's. She worked on the History Book - 'Through the Years with Ottawa Beta Sigma Phi' - Now she is anxious to get started on the next fifty years!

Joyce helped plan the first state convention held in Ottawa and worked on the city-wide rushing, was a chapter advisor and over the years has been a very strong supporter of

JOYCE Continued

City Council and still attends Council meetings.

As I have briefly walked you through the first 65 years you can imagine - Joyce has done it all. AND IN JOYCE'S OWN WORDS:- "There are very few activities in which I have not been privileged to be a part -conventions, Building fund committee, Member Advisor, various assistance programs during the War and with the Canadian Legion; selling football programs, Grey Cup activities, even acting as rehearsal chairman for a semi-professional show, while very pregnant. I have been City Council President and Parliamentarian."

Though very busy with sorority she did take time to marry, become a mother and a grandmother. She's an accomplished needlewoman and weaver, a musician and teacher, and an active participant in her church and community.

JOYCE - You are like the Eveready battery - you just keep going and going and going!

Joyce has received many Awards over the years: - 1955 - the Order of the Rose, one of three to first receive this award - 1979 - received the Silver Circle - 1987 received the Golden Circle.

1984, April 25 - At a Founder's Day dinner, for the first time, exactly 18 years ago today, Joyce was presented new honour, the highest award possible for an Active member - the Award of Distinction.

Now we have one more award to present to Joyce on behalf of Ottawa Beta Sigma Phi.

Joyce is being honoured for 65 years of active membership in Beta Sigma Phi. Joyce, we have all looked to you for help and guidance during these past 65 years and it is

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with heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes that we present yet another award for still being there for us!

The INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE:

On behalf of Beta Sigma Phi International they have sent you this certificate along with many best wishes.

Presentation Made: Founder's Day
April 25, 2002
By Jane Knight
President
Ottawa City Council



Xi Chi

Submitted by Peggy McDougall

Xi Chi is a traditional Exemplar level chapter that meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. We have seven members. We welcome our newest member Lauren Webster, and at the end of the year, sadly say goodbye to our sister Jane Dumais who is moving to Winnipeg.

Our members attended the Preferential Tea. Our Christmas party included hor's d'ouvres at a sister's home with a gift and ornament exchange, followed by dinner at restaurant. We have also had a Movie Night, a mixed Wine Fest, and a Breakfast Rush Party. Shelagh participated in the Goin' to the Chapel event.

For Founder's Day, the entire chapter was in attendance to see our sister, Marilyn Ashton, receive the Order of the Rose, and our sister, Shelagh Rolston, receive the Sister of the Year award. Our Girl's Goodbye event was a Mexican night with Tacos.

We have had a wide variety of programs including a personal look at WW2, the history of St. Patrick's Day, a critique of Georgina O'Keefe art, and the life and times of the performer Gowan.

Through Regal sales, profits from the Wine Fest and monthly raffles, we have supported the MS Christmas Party, women in Afghanistan (Dr. Samar's organization), and the MS walk.

The true meaning of sorority - friendship, has been evident through it all!

Laureate Alpha Upsilon

Submitted by Wendy Russell

For a change of pace, Laureate Alpha Upsilon planned two meeting night outings in the New Year. In January we went to the cinema complex at South Keys where we each chose the movie we wished to see. Selections included "A Beautiful Mind", "The Shipping News" and "The Count of Monte Cristo." All received favourable reviews. We then met at Kelsey's for good food and socializing.

In March we had an evening at the Rideau Carleton Raceway and Slots. We didn't fair well at the slots but we enjoyed a delicious dinner and great conversation.

Many of our programmes this year have featured readings about friendship as we used the International theme "Weave a Web of Friendship". One night we each described an early friendship. Another night we were asked questions that brought back memories and revealed a lot about our members. Examples of the questions were "Name the Christmas present that you remember the most from your childhood and why" and "What is your favorite movie?"

Our Service projects for the second half of the year are a food drive and a summer clothing collection. Several members sold daffodils for the Cancer Society.

We cancelled our winter socials as so many of our members were traveling. Members visited Mexico, Greece, Portugal, Bermuda, the Caribbean on a cruise, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, the Laurentians, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, and Edmonton. Lorraine Spracklin was in New Brunswick for her mother's 90th birthday celebration. Members have trips planned this summer to Alaska and Ireland.

We are looking forward to being entertained by Alpha Master in early May. The end of May we will celebrate our chapter birthday at Capone's when we will reveal our Secret Sisters. We will close the year out with a mixed social in June.

On April 27th our dear sister Anne Parker lost her fight with ovarian cancer. She was a loyal friend and devoted Sorority sister. She had a keen wit and we called upon her often to write humorous poems for a variety of occasions. We will certainly miss her.

Laureate Alpha Omicron

Submitted by Joanne Bushell

The members of Laureate Alpha Omicron have had a busy year. Mixed socials included a Fall Frolic Wine Tasting, a Christmas Brunch and a Valentine's Chocolate Tea. In addition, many members and spouses enjoyed the presentations at Ottawa Little Theatre. Our Ways and Means efforts were supported by a Garage Sale in the fall and another in the spring. Service projects were varied and interesting. We knitted afghans for Laurier Manor, collected articles for the men at Laurier Manor and Madonna Nursing Home and filled Good Samaritan shoe boxes for war torn countries. Our latest project is an ongoing one of knitting teddy bears for Alzheimer patients. Perhaps the highlight of our year was a Mother/Daughter Tea in April. Members brought their daughters, daughters-in-law and granddaughters to a Sunday afternoon tea. What a wonderful way for all to meet and socialize. Many daughters were heard comparing notes on how they helped deliver all those secret sister gifts over the years! Four members are also making plans to attend the Beta Sigma Phi Convention in St. John's Newfoundland in June. As we look forward to the coming year we are very busy making plans for the City-wide Fall Dinner to be held at the Pineview Golf Course on October 24. We know it will be a very enjoyable evening as many of our sisters have already seen Shawn perform.

Beta Eta Master

Submitted by Joan Carroll-Watts

We started our year off with Beginning Day at Joan Carroll-Watts' home with a BBQ and Swim. We were Laureate Alpha Iota! Then, in September we received our new charter as Beta Eta Master.

Our Programs this year were outings and programs about the Supernatural and believe it or not there are a lot of places in Ottawa that are said to be haunted. Fridays Roast Beef Restaurant on Elgin Street for one. Our outings included a trip to the Old Mill in Manotick, the Museum of Civilization and out to the Movies.. We had guest speakers also. One was artist Ben Babelowsky!

We attended the Fall Dinner, Preferential Tea, and Founder's Day. We would like to thank City Council and chapters who put some of these functions on for a job well done.

Founder's Day was a very special evening for our chapter as Shirley Armstrong received the Golden Circle. Joan Carroll-Watts assisted by giving out the pins, certificates and the Yellow Roses to the Golden Circle recipients. Joan Cameron was our Sister of the Year.

We had a sit-down catered Xmas Dinner at the home of Paula Brown where we enjoyed good food, Secret Sister Gifts and fellowship with our Sisters.

In loving service to others, we donated a Christmas Dinner with the Turkey and all the trimmings along with a Christmas basket of gifts and goodies to Interval House. At this time, bags of clothing were given to Interval House. Another Service Project is once a month working at the Perley Lodge where we help with Senior's Birthday Parties. Lynwood Park Lodge is where one of our members does volunteer Work, reading to the blind and visiting with shut-ins.

Socials we love! Mixed Socials this year have been a Games Night, Bowling Evening, and BBQ and Swim. We are entertaining another chapter with a BBQ and Swim Party in June.

For Ways and Means this year we have sold Regal, had an auction within the chapter and a Garage Sale.

We have had some illnesses in the chapter and we lost a sister this year - Olga Algate and we have two sisters in Nursing Homes- Lois Fowler and Evelyn Ballantyne.

We are looking forward to our 2003 Sorority Year as we do not look back and grieve over the past, for it is gone;and we are not troubled about the future, for it is not yet come. We live in the present, and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.



Alpha Upsilon Master

Submitted by Louise Ide

Our year began in August with Beginning Day - a supper and social in a backyard garden.

September found us visiting the dollhouse lady, Mary Harris, who has been collecting and building dollhouses all her life and has decorated her entire home around them.

The chapter organized a fabulous 50th celebration of one member's 50 years in sorority, complete with surprise visiting sisters from the past.

In October, several members enjoyed the Fall Cabaret night. Marilyn Trudeau took us on an illuminating tour of Viet Nam and Cambodia, with souvenirs for all, following her latest travels to the other side of the world.

November found 11 of us flying off to join the Beta Sigma Phi Caribbean cruise. It was a very special fun time together, as well as quite the travel experience, following September 11.

December brought our wonderful Christmas dinner and a visit from the Christmas Fairy this year.

We celebrated the New Year with a buffet dinner with our men in early January. Valentine's Day was celebrated in chocolate discussions and a chocolate fondue.

In March we went to the movies and treated our men to dinner out and a concert with the Capital City Chorus. In April we were royally entertained by Preceptor Gamma and of course, Founder's Day.

May will find us finishing the wonderful webs we have been weaving through our programs. We'll celebrate our annual birthday party with another garden supper and look forward to our 15th Girls' Getaway Weekend in the Gatineau in June.

We've done a lot of celebrating this year but also managed a bit of service, gift wrapping for the Boys' and Girls' Club every Thursday in December, continuing our visits and remembrances to our longtime MS sufferer, Jean Thurner, and continuing our contributions to the Women's' Health Foundation at the Civic Hospital.

It has been a good year.



Preceptor Delta Epsilon

Submitted by Phyllis Frost and Kim Harrison.

Preceptor Delta Epsilon has had a busy, fun filled 2001-2002. In accordance with the Theme – Weave a Web of Friendship – we have added 3 new members to our Web and also an Envoy member – Fred Shortt.

The year started with a Box Lunch Garden Party. Each Sister brought a box containing a lunch decorated in accordance with the theme.

This year we participated in a couple of community events which ended up being Ways and Means projects. We parked cars at the International Plowing Match and helped out at the Navan Fair.

We had several mixed socials including an evening at the Rideau Carleton Raceway and Slots, a progressive dinner with a Hawaiian theme and a February Sleigh Ride.

Our programs were varied and interesting. The included:

1. A vacation auction
2. A Bottle Raffle (proceeds to Gloucester Resource Centre)
3. Gardening and lawn care tips
4. Learning our personality traits from the book Personality Plus
5. How to evaluate your costume jewellery
6. A visit to Ground Zero
7. Two (2) sisters wrote a piece on What Beta Sigma Phi means to me?
8. A slide presentation on Afghanistan
9. A Halloween Costume Party with some very interesting costumes.

Other events and escapades our Chapter has done:

- A. Escorted two (2) new sisters to the Preferential Tea
- B. Named our first Envoy – Fred Shortt
- C. Entertained Preceptor Alpha Theta – a great group at a Junk Auction – raising monies for Children at Risk and The Mission
- D. Our President and Vice President kidnapped 14 sisters in P.J.'s for breakfast
- E. Our annual Spring Tea at Laurier Manor for the residents on May 5
- F. Hosting the City Council Meeting on May 9th
- G. Finish our year at Amber Gardens for our Chapter Birthday Party

We look forward to another year opening new gates in accordance with the new theme – The Gateway to Friendship.

Weave a Web
of Friendship

Preceptor Alpha Eta (XP 867)

Submitted by Bonnie Von Wurdon

The past six months have been busy for us at Preceptor Alpha Eta. In November nine of our members attended and enjoyed Preferential Tea and Fashion show at Britannia United Church. December is always a busy month for us, December 1st. Barbara Cook hosted a mixed Wine and Cheese evening, Christmas dinner and secret sister gift exchange was held at The Shallows restaurant and all twelve members attended. We adopted a family for Christmas as a service project. Throughout the year chapter members collected food and household products for "Our Family" and on the day before delivery June Roos did a grocery order complete with turkey, vegetables and all the trimmings. The hamper was delivered just before Christmas to a very delighted single mom with two girls. January and February found us hibernating a bit.

We chose to have the second meeting of the month on Sunday afternoons instead of Wednesday evenings to eliminate some of the dreaded winter night driving. March arrived and we were at it again! Early March we had a pub night at one of Ottawa's oldest pubs, The Prescott. We enjoyed a mixed social evening of fine Italian food and good fun! Our annual "Stew Night" at member Jan Houlahan's home was the usual success! Most members attended this mixed social for an evening of great stew and fellowship.

Early April saw most of us volunteering at Daffodil Days for the Canadian Cancer Society. Also in April we held Our Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Evening, what a good time! Again a mixed social, the hostesses provided the whole meal and the guest gave a donation to our ways and means fund. Founder's Day was the season highlight. April 25th at St. Elias Hall Beta Sigma Phi Ottawa joined together to honour our Silver and Gold Circle and Order of the Rose recipients. Two of our members, Barbara Cook and Lois Feinhoz received their Order of the Rose.

On Sunday May 5th six of our members, one with her daughter three with their moms attended a Mother's Day Brunch at Casey's Restaurant in Bell' Corners. After brunch two other members joined them to attend the "Going to the Chapel Event" at Bell's Corners United Church joined them. Member Patti Floysvik's daughters wedding and bridesmaid dresses were modeled. Also, member Barbara Cook's Mum, Juanita Cook, loaned her dress from June 1947 for modeling. Barbara was able to provide very detailed information on how the dress came to be with the fabric shortages at the time.

As you can tell, we have been very busy and loving it, as we continue to weave our web of friendship!



LAUREATE PHI (PL484)

Submitted by Nikki Moore

This sorority year was one of hard work but lots of fun getting ready for the Going to the Chapel event which took place on May 5, 2002.

Our first regular meeting of the new sorority year was held on September 9th. The program was entitled Weaving Webs of Friendship.

Thanksgiving week-end found many of our members (and friends) at the Shepherds of Good Hope helping to serve dinner.

A car rally was held in October and most of our members attended the Cabaret held at Capone's in October.

Our Christmas Party took place in December at the home of one of our members. Thirteen members were present for a wonderful sit-down dinner catered by Steve - our favourite chef. After dinner we opened our gifts, held a brief meeting and then sat down to a delicious chocolate fondue with fresh fruit for dessert.

January found us working hard on the "Going to the Chapel" wedding dress search. Members and friends were contacted and many dresses, bride, bridesmaid, mother of the bride and flower girl were obtained. Some of these dresses were very fragile and could be used for display only.

In March two of our members delivered yellow roses and visited with Kay Simms. Kay died 10 days after that visit. Her memorial service was attended by some of our members.

Laureate Phi Continued

By the beginning of April tickets had been printed, the church had been booked, models chosen, dressed and articles catalogued, food and boutiques arrangements made, and the "Going to the Chapel" committee was counting the days to May 5th. The many committee meetings gave all of us the opportunity to work with and get to know members of some of the other Ottawa chapters.

Well, May 5th was a busy day, but everyone enjoyed the show and agreed that it was a great success!



Preceptor Delta Epsilon

Submitted by Kim Harrison

PDE celebrated spring with a surprise kidnap breakfast. We were able to kidnap 14 out of 16 members. Our chapter has formed a first Monday of the month club with outings such as shopping for antiques, attending movies, a tour of the Governor General's with an up and coming tour of the RCMP barns.

We entertained Preceptor Alpha Theta at a junk auction raising monies for Children at Risk and the Mission.

We are hosting our annual Spring Tea at Laurier Manor May 5th. Two of our members - Phyllis Frost and Maureen Urquhart - started a new stage of their life by entering into retirement. We will be finishing the year with our Birthday Dinner at the Amber Garden Restaurant.

Preceptor Alpha Lambda

Submitted by Rhona Cottrell

The 2001-2002 Sorority year has been quiet for P.A.L. Chapter. We have nine members in the chapter, but we are still having a fun year. Our most recent activity was Chapter Entertainment. Sisters from Preceptor Epsilon Eta were kind enough to drive from Orleans to Stittsville for an evening of Gardening fun, trivia and a scrumptious dirt cake for all to enjoy eating. Other events included movie nights and an outing to the Kanata Theatre.

Programs throughout the year consisted of Blarney/St. Patrick's Day quiz, history of Valentines complete with home decor to match, bowling, and weaving Webs of Friendship during the first meeting in September.

Our new President is Gail Gorlick and we wish her much success in 2002-2003. Outgoing President Lorraine has done a great job of keeping the chapter organized. Now she can sit back and relax for the next year.

Preceptor Alpha Lambda welcomes back two members- at- large; Julie Cuthbertson and Lynn Zimick. Nice to see familiar faces rejoining the chapter. P.A.L. looks forward to inviting progressees and prospective members to the chapter in the Fall. Contact Rhona at rhonacottrell@rogers.com with names of sisters who are interested in Beta Sigma Phi.

Preceptor Gamma

Submitted by Helen Lydon

Our Chapter year started on a sad note with the passing of Rose Mary's beloved husband, George.

Beginning Day was held at the home of Sylvia Duncan.

Starting in the month of September, the Ways and Means Committee had a very profitable Bar-B-Q, raising \$233.00. This was followed the next month by the selling of Entertainment books and the holiday auction. Some of the funds raised were donated to Nelson House and Operation Go Home.

This year, Preceptor Gamma catered the Preferential Tea, which was held at the Britannia United Church. A big thank-you to Judy Kerr and Karen Knowles for their efforts in organizing this big event.

The Social Committee was also very busy keeping us happy with several functions, starting with a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, hosted by Judy Kerr and Helen Lydon.

In December, the Christmas Party was held at Sylvia Duncan's very festive home and the lovely Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange was held at the home of Karen Knowles.

In the middle of the winter, a desert party was held at the home of Sylvia Archambault.

We are also happy to report that Doreen Goudy, Rose Mary Jull, Judy Kerr and Barabara Hughes are recovering and looking well after having very serious health problems.

On April 10th, our Chapter had a fun filled evening entertaining Alpha Upsilon Master Chapter.

Founders Day was a success again this year and our Chapter chose Karen Knowles and Cheryl Smiley to receive the Girl of the Year award. Congratulations to Karen and Cheryl for being voted our Girl of the Year. Cheryl Smiley also received her Silver Circle.

We would also like to welcome Nayfe Maadarani to our Chapter and a big thank you to our President, Sylvia Duncan, who looked after all of us very well. Our year will close with a Pot Luck and gift exchange at the home of Helen Lydon.



♥Going To The Chapel and We're Gonna Get Married.....

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Laureate Phi went to the Chapel in STYLE - FASHION that is....

Long about Autumn of last year (October 2001) our little group of 14 members decided to get going on an idea that had been percolating for about a year. We wanted to do something FUN - something that would involve the Ritual Chapters - something that also included Legacy Daughters and other special little girls in our lives. We secured a Church -The Bells Corners United Church. Next a date - Sunday, May 5th the week before Mother's Day. We knew it would be grand to have an event just before Mother's Day Weekend -our Moms, Grandmas, Daughters, Nieces, friends could enjoy a day of fashion, a chance to "dress up" and go to an afternoon of Weddings through the Century. We had the place, and the date, through word of mouth all 3 Ritual Chapters, an East End Preceptor and 2 other Laureate Chapters jumped on our Wedding Express - next we needed the fashions. That's where all of our supporting Sorority Sisters came in. Over the last couple of months we collected Wedding dresses, Bridesmaids gowns, Mother of the Bride/Groom outfits, Flower Girl dresses, photos through the ages, memorabilia, Men's fashions, and stories - oh yes - we heard some wonderful stories!! Sunday dawned, the clock struck 2 pm in the Chapel, the parade of blushing Brides (and 3 handsome, young Grooms - all Sorority Sons) began. Our Centre Aisle flashed through the years from 1998, back through each decade all the way to 1896, accompanied by a slide show of the original brides with appropriate period music in the background. A commentary about the dresses and some of the stories that we were able to share went along with the music and slides. We were treated to two special interludes by "The Eternal Bridesmaids" and Laureate Alpha Upsilon Chapter. Following the Fashion Show our Wedding Guests were invited to share in a light reception, partake of Wedding Cake and to take home a small wrapped piece of Groom's cake to put under their pillow that night. The Guests then wandered through the fabulous display areas and the Wedding Boutique. Our main goal was to have FUN and that we did. The Bonus is that we had proceeds from the Event and the monies will be split between The Carleton University Bursary Fund and a charity benefiting young girls.

A special THANK YOU to all of those who contributed to the fashions, stories, displays, boutique and to those who bought tickets and joined us in our traipse through the ages of Wedding Fashions for a day of FUN and Frivolity. A Toast to all of you

Laureate Alpha Upsilon

LAU is a large Chapter (19 members) and an involved and committed Chapter. We began our year on a sad note when sister Anne Dawson lost her husband Mike, over the summer months and we met to support Anne at his memorial service. As a Chapter, we have rejoiced at the birth of grandchildren (one great-grandchild) and felt sadness and concern when illness, even death has touched our members' families. At present, we have on sister, Anne Parker, who is in our thoughts and prayers, and another sister, Joyce Rheame, who has recently lost her brother.

Our Fall highlight was the organization for and the presentation of City Council's Fall Dinner. It was held on October 11th at Capone's Ristorante and was very successful, realizing a profit of \$174.00, which was turned over to City Council Preferential Tea. Marg Van Dusen chaired the planning, etc of this event and received well-deserved thanks and congratulations. Further, several of our members attended City Council's Preferential Tea. Our Liz Wilson provided background music to the Rituals and Marg Van Dusen assisted at the tea table. Again at City Council, our sisters assisted in the production of "Goin' to the Chapel" as needed. Marg Van Dusen and Wendy Russell presented a skit at this function.

In the Chapter social calendar, we have had a Beginning Day Cornroast Barbeque, a mixed Fall Dinner, a mixed Christmas Lunch and a full course Chapter Christmas dinner at which we exchanged holiday ornaments with our Secret Sisters. Following Christmas, we had two successful "Sisters Night Out" in which we replaced our normal meeting with "fun" activities - movies, casino activities and, always sharing a meal together. We will celebrate our Chapter Birthday on May 27th with a diner together and wind up our year with a mixed get together in June.

LAU continued

In Service this year, we again elected to be involved as a Chapter, with programs to assist those in need within our City. To this end we have had two drives for canned and packaged foods, two collections of good used clothing, and have prepared substantial Christmas baskets for two Christmas Exchange families. We have also contributed to the CNIB Talking Books program and several Sisters volunteered to work at the Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Sales.

Our programs this year have for the most part used the International theme - Weave a Web of Friendship - and have inclined toward personal and self-reflective rather than instructive topics. Even the meeting following the horrors of September 11th dealt not with anger and bitterness - but with the hope for forgiveness and new beginnings. It has been a good year.

Beta Master

Submitted by Louise-Laidlaw-Long

Our chapter, Beta Master, had a very successful year, but members were saddened by the great loss of one of our members - Clemie Macdonald, who passed away on February 1st 2002. Her funeral was held on February 6th. Clemie was a most valued member of our Chapter and held many offices over the years. She will be missed. Our Chapter donated \$100.00 to OSTOP in memory of Clemie.

We started our year at the end of May 2001, when we started out with a new slate of officers - looking forward to the year ahead.

Beta Master continued

On May 15th 2001, we celebrated our 13th birthday, and ended our year by attending our year-end party at the party room at the address of Lenore Law's apt., 1195 Richmond Road - may 28th. It was a most enjoyable evening and well attended by all members except one. Special guest of the evening (friend of Millie Freeman and her husband) hailed from Winnipeg.

September brought everyone back together, with each member relating summer activities.

Members attended the Fall Dinner at Capones on October 11th and the Preferetial Tea on Sunday November 18th at Britannia United Church.

Our Christmas party was held at the Shallow's December 10th and back to Ruth Stockley's with Santa in attendance (Louise Long knows this gentleman).

We had programs on a lot of subjects - Lenore on genealogy, Kay on "Apple Picking" on her son's farm Penticton B.C., Joan - the story of her early life (in Gogama near Sudbury), Jean on Nurse's Reunion, Jasper Park Lodge, and Kay gave a program on her son Tom and his writings over the years. Joan Smiley hosted a Valentine's party on February 11th. Ruth - story of her early life in Ontario and Nova Scotia. We had two programs on fashion - hosted by Laura Metcalfe. Members attended Founder's Day - two of our members honoured - Marguerite Walsh receiving the Golden Circle. Noryne Merrill will receiver her 50 year pin at a later date. Lenore Law was chosen our "Sister of the Year."

Our Chapter donated \$100.00 to Women's Health and \$25.00 to the MS Christmas party. We also made money for our Chapter through Regal sales.

We are looking forward to a new year ahead and to our closing party.

Theme - 2002-2003 - Gateways to Friendship

