



Mercer-Bucks Alumnae Newsletter

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GOALS FOR 2003-04

- To finish raising money for collegiate scholarships
- To give greater support to the Sunshine Foundation and other organizations that help children; to participate in the Dream Lift project next April and a Fun Day Carnival to benefit developmentally challenged children.
- To be recognized in a local newspaper or some other medium (to strengthen our public relations)
- To cross-program more events with the collegians; to support their recruitment, fund-raisers, etc.
- TO HAVE FUN & GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER!!!! (This is the most important goal, all others are secondary).

Fall 2002 - Spring 2003 Year in Review

This year we kicked off the year with Pizza and Beer at Villa Maria Restaurant, in September 2002. There were over 15 people there, including our former Province President, Suzanne Gallagher.

Our other social events included a Wine and Cheese "Recruitment" Party at Liza's house in November - that was a blast!; our Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange in December; a January "Dinner and a Movie Night" at Princeton Market Fair (just for fun); crafting at Potter's Alley in February; an "Everything Green" event at Liza's house in March; a Mexican Dinner night at Chapala's Restaurant in May; and our Annual Appetizer/Dessert Spectacular in June at which we elected our Officers for 2003-2004 (see Officers for 2003-2004 section on next page).

In October, we participated in Founders' Day with Iota Gamma and Zeta Lambda at the Rider ZTA House. We also did our pink ribbon service project that night.

Other Alumnae-Collegiate events included: The Race for the Cure in Princeton with ZL and IG; the Breast Cancer Foundation Peak Hike- with over 20 IG members volunteering; bringing food to rush parties and having our advisor members participate in bid-matching for both college chapters; providing 9 Advisors to assist the ZL and IG chapters; participating in the State-Wide Officer Training at The College of NJ; selling, creating, and giving out exam baskets to the members of IG and ZL to raise money for a scholarship that will benefit both college chapters (The scholarship money will be sent to IO in December of 2003 and the collegians will be able to apply for the scholarship in March of 2004); Senior Initiation performed by Mercer-Bucks members at IG's Mother/Daughter Luncheon at Peddler's Village, for 18 seniors in front of their moms on April 19, 2003; Senior Initiation performed by Mercer-Bucks members at the Rider ZTA House for 10 graduating seniors of ZL on May 4, 2003.

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Fall 2002 - Spring 2003 Year in Review (continued)

In March, we said Farewell to our 2003 Zeta Lady, Liz Chaney, as she headed for the Lone-Star State. Over some very spicy Tex-Mex cuisine and Margaritas, we reminisced, laughed a lot, and began to plan our road trip.

In April, 8 of our members attended Zeta Day at the Jersey Shore. Our former President and current co-Historian/Reporter, Donna Crafford, received a well-deserved Certificate of Merit. Congratulations Donna!

Also in April, thanks to Michelle Miloszar our other Historian/Reporter, our photo from Founders' Day appeared in the latest issue of Themis. It included a paragraph about our Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange. Thanks Michelle!

Service Projects

Our Service Projects and Donations included: the Race for the Cure and the Peak Hike, in October, to promote Breast Cancer awareness. We also gave out pink ribbon cards and shower cards. In April, we continued this theme by sending a \$1000 donation from pink ribbon mug sales to Susan G. Komen (through the ZTA Foundation). We also made an additional \$400 donation to the ZTA Foundation (as Major Donors) and a total of \$75 in donations to the Sunshine Foundation. In May of 2003, members participated in a STREAM & PARK CLEAN-UP, sponsored by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, to help clean up the local watersheds at Washington Crossing State Park.

Fund-raising

Finally, without all of our fund-raising efforts, the large donations that we were able to make this year would not have been possible. In large part, we have Theresa Farmer to thank for her amazing ability to pick high-yield fund-raisers and motivate the chapter to support these projects. Theresa, herself, has done the bulk of the pink-ribbon mug sales to raise money (over \$1000) for Komen & local breast cancer organizations. She also came up with the idea of selling Yankee Candles at Christmas-time. Next, she is working on obtaining silver ZTA lavalieres. Other fund-raisers this year included selling Mercer-Bucks' ZTA-embroidered shirts at Zeta Day and Exam Baskets to parents of ZL and IG members to raise money (so far, a little over \$700) for scholarships. And almost \$500 was donated to the ZTA Foundation and the Sunshine Fund from Yankee Candle® and our shirt sales*. Great Job Everybody!!! Speaking of our embroidered shirts... in order to reduce our inventory, we'll be selling them at a discount (to our members); RuthAnne will have style and size availability at the September meeting!

Officers for 2003 - 2004

President: Chrissy D'Elia, **VP of Programming:** Kat Swift, **VP of Membership:** Jill Aspinwall, **Secretary:** Theresa Farmer, **Treasurer:** RuthAnne Lavis, **Historian/Reporter:** Michelle Miloszar, assisted by Donna Crafford

Committee Chairs needed: FRED and Sunshine; any others will be discussed at our first meeting... please volunteer!

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2003 - 2004 Calendar

Aug. 27th - Time TBA - **Miniature Golf** at Pine Creek Mini Golf (**Just for Fun Event**)

Sept 10th - 6:30 p.m. - **Kick off the year with Pizza & Beer** at Villa Maria Restaurant on Quarkerbridge Road

Sept. 20th - 10am - **FUN DAY CARNIVAL** at the Regional Day school on the Mercer County Comm. College Campus

Sept. 20th & 21st - **Mary Jo Young Memorial Tennis Tournament Service Project** - Details to Follow

October 15th - Time TBA - **Founders' Day Ceremony and meeting to follow** at the College of New Jersey

October 19th - 7-9 a.m. - **Race for the Cure** at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Princeton

November 14th (Friday) - 6:30 p.m. - **Wine and Cheese Soirée** at Chrissy's House in Robbinsville, NJ

Dec. 3th - 6:30 p.m. - **Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange** - Place TBA

January 14th - 6:30 p.m. - **Movie & Munchies** at Theresa's House

February 18th - 6:30 - p.m. - **Murder Mystery Night** - Place & Details to Follow

March 17th - 6:30 p.m. - **Everything Green** - Place TBA

April - **Zeta Day, Senior Initiation(s) & a Service Project** helping local children - Dates TBA

May 1 or 2 (TBD) - **Strawberry Festival at Peddler's Village with the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter of ZTA**

June 9th - 6:30 p.m. - **Annual Appetizer/Dessert Spectacular** at the home of Michelle Miloszar's Parents

July **Trenton Thunder Game** - Date and Time TBA (**Just for Fun Event**)

August 7th - **Tubing/White Water Rafting** on the Delaware River - Time & Details TBA (**Just for Fun Event**)