

Mercer-Bucks Alumnae Newsletter



Mercer-Bucks meets it's 2003-04 Goals

"Striving ever to make our lives a symphony of high ideals..."

Ladies, you may recall our August 2003 Newsletter in which we set out goals for the 2003-04 year. Those goals were: (1) to raise money for collegiate scholarships; (2) to give greater support to organizations that help children; (3) to be recognized in a local newspaper; (4) to cross-program more events with collegians; and (5) to have fun and get to know each other. Thanks to energetic members, both seasoned and new, I am happy to report we have met all these lofty goals.

Scholarships

In February of 2004, we sent \$1800 to the ZTA Foundation to support two collegiate scholarships which were designated for members of Iota Gamma (TCNJ) and Zeta Lambda (Rider University) for the 2004-05 school year. This money was raised over the past year and a half through the sale of Exam Baskets and Yankee Candles.

Giving Children a Helping Hand

In the Fall of 2003, we participated with Iota Gamma in a Fun Day Carnival for the Mercer County Special Services School District, as well as a Bone Marrow Drive to help 8-year-old Katy Chaney. This Bone Marrow Drive was sponsored by Mercer-Bucks with the HLA and was organized by Michele Immordino - who put an enormous amount of work into it. Thanks largely to her efforts, the HLA added 25 additional people to it's National Bone Marrow Registry. In March, we volunteered with about 20 Iota Gamma sisters at a Pre-School Magic Show organized by our Historian-Reporter, Michelle Miloszar. In May, we have invited collegians to join us as we send off a child in a plane bound for Disney World. Mercer-Bucks has sponsored this child to partake in the Sunshine Foundation's Dream Lift Program on May 4, 2004.

Presenting a Positive Image to the Community

Mercer-Bucks' involvement in the Bone Marrow Drive was publicized in the Trenton Times and the Hopewell Valley News. Thanks to the combined efforts of Michele Immordino and Beth Marotta, our new press release guru, the community was able to see our good deeds.

Fall 2003 in Review

September

Pizza & Beer

WELCOME:

Beth Marotta,

Angela Ricca,

Lauren

Johnson,

Amy

Nowalinski and

Lauren Seber

October

Founders' Day
at TCNJ with IG
and ZL

November

Wine & Cheese

WELCOME:

Jenn Gradzki

December

Holiday Cookie
Exchange with
Exam basket
stuffing (new IG
ChP and VP
stopped by
along with
Donna's mom)

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A committee has already started working and booked the Trenton Marriott for April 2nd, 2005. Jill Aspinwall and Chrissy DiElla are the heads of this committee. If anyone wants to help in planning the big day, please let them know.

**"SPA ZTA - the Sisterhood that
makes you feel good"**
Theme:

Hosted by Mercer-Bucks

ZETA DAY 2005

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Alumnae and Collegians Team Up to Make Things Happen

We have been inviting collegians from Zeta Lambda and Iota Gamma to participate in the above-mentioned service events, as well as running a pink ribbon breast cancer awareness table with us at the Mary Jo Young Memorial Tennis Tournament, in September, at TCNJ. Moreover, Mercer-Bucks supported Iota Gamma at their Paris Recruitment Party this fall (contributing food, decorations, and serving sparkling apple cider). On April 17, 2004, at Iota Gamma's mother-daughter dinner, Mercer-Bucks performed the senior intitation ceremony in the presence of the collegians's moms (we did this last year as well, and it was very touching). We also performed the senior initiation ceremony on April 20, 2004 for Zeta Lambda, at the ZTA house at Rider University, and gave them information on joining an alumnae chapter.

Strengthening Our Bonds as Sisters

Most importantly, we are always striving to make deeper friendships with each other and have fun doing so. Our social events have been highly attended (with more than half of the chapter attending most events). And, everyone seems to be having a lot of laughs and a lot to talk about. Just ask Capo "Toto" Tequila...

Murder and Mayhem at Chrissy's House

"to seek understanding that we may gain true wisdom..." - Who done it?

The Murder Mystery Dinner Night turned out to be a huge hit! Everyone came dressed as a character out of a 1920's gangster film and sauntered into Don Wannabe's "speakeasy", The Four Duces, for a night of booze, jazz and murder. Who would have suspected that innocent little Rebecca Ravioli (Jill) would have shot her father, the Don 'Big Jim' Ravioli (Julie) because Big Jim wanted to announce that she was to be wed to Capo 'Toto' Tequila (RuthAnne)? Rebecca was in love with someone else and did not want to wed the Capo. Meanwhile, the Capo was suspicious that someone who worked for Big Jim had been skimming his profits. He kept questioning Big Jim's Lieutenant, Don Wannabe (Chrissy), about the missing money. Since Don had been stealing from the Capo, he felt he had to protect himself and his money, so he poisoned the Capo's Apple Martini. Shortly thereafter, Rhet Bumbler (Theresa) decided to kill Big-Jim's ex-wife, Vicky Ravioli (Michelle M.) just for the fun of it. There was also a 19-year-old singer, Carrie Crooner Ravioli (Amy), who was widowed when Big Jim died; and the Baroness Ravioli (Glenna) turned her nose up at everyone while adjusting her tiara. There was Madam MeMe (Liza) and Don Wannabe's bouncer and enforcer, Al Capone (Lauren S.), who sided with Don throughout the interrogation process. All three tried to frame Don's little sister, Donna Wannabe (Lauren J.), for the Capo's murder. Finally, the perfectly-dressed Inspector Neville 'the Nose' Nutella (Kat) was there to question the guests and make sure the evidence was collected.

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Spring 2004 in Review

January

Movies & Munchies

Horrible weather couldn't stop 7 of us from watching "Sweet Home Alabama" (Just for Fun was really fun and relaxing!) Good to see Rosallie!

February

Murder Mystery Dinner (see Murder and Mayhem at Chrissy's House on pervious page)

March

Everything Green (Great as always!)

April

Senior Initiations with IG and ZL

Murder and Mayhem at Chrissy's House (cont.)

The awards were voted on by all. In a close race for acting ability between RuthAnne ("Kiss the Ring") and Julie (nice death, Julie), the Best Actress Award went to RuthAnne. The Best Costume Award went to Lauren Seber, who came dressed as a gangster/enforcer with penciled-on beard, tie and hat, and completing the ensemble with a violin case; she never broke a smile. The Super Sleuth Award was given to Lauren Johnson, who was circulating the whole night and listening to everything - she was the only one who got all three killers right. Finally, Ms. Glenna Gundell (the Baroness) won the Wealthiest Player Award by palming a roll of money left on the table. (It should be noted that theft, conniving and blackmail are encouraged by the game rules). I think this is an event we may see again next year with a new theme and characters. Thanks everyone for getting into character and making the night great fun!

Spring and Summer Upcoming Events

"to be true to ourselves and to those within and without our circle..."

May 1, 2004 - 10:00 a.m. - **Strawberry Festival** with Philly Alumnae Chapter at Peddler's Village. We are meeting in front of the Cock and Bull Restaurant in Peddler's Village for the Strawberry Festival. If you want to carpool there, we can leave from the student center at the College of New Jersey at 9:20 a.m.

May 4, 2004 - 6:30 a.m. - **DREAMLIFT** at Mercer County Airport on Bear Tavern Road. Mercer-Bucks has sponsored a child to go this year, and this event is run by the Sunshine Foundation (who wrote us a lovely letter thanking us for our donation). Please stop by before work and wear ZTA letters if you can.

May 17, 2004 - 6:30 p.m. - **Slating Meeting** at RuthAnne's refinished Basement (complete with Pool Table and Bar - Appetizers will be served).

June 7, 2004 - 6:30 p.m. - **Zeta Day Committee Meeting** at Chrissy's Townhouse.

June 9, 2004 - 6:30 p.m. - **Annual Appetizer-Dessert Spectacular** at the home of Michelle Miloszar's Parents (appetizers and desserts supplied by Tastefully Simple).

July, 2004 **Trenton Thunder Game** - Date and Time TBA (Friday nites: 7/9, 7/16, or 7/30) **(Just for Fun Event)**

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