



West Virginia Alpha Chapter

Spring 2008

West Virginia Alpha had nearly 40 new members in Fall 2007.

Through 2007's recruitment, the chapter achieved a campus total of 90 members.

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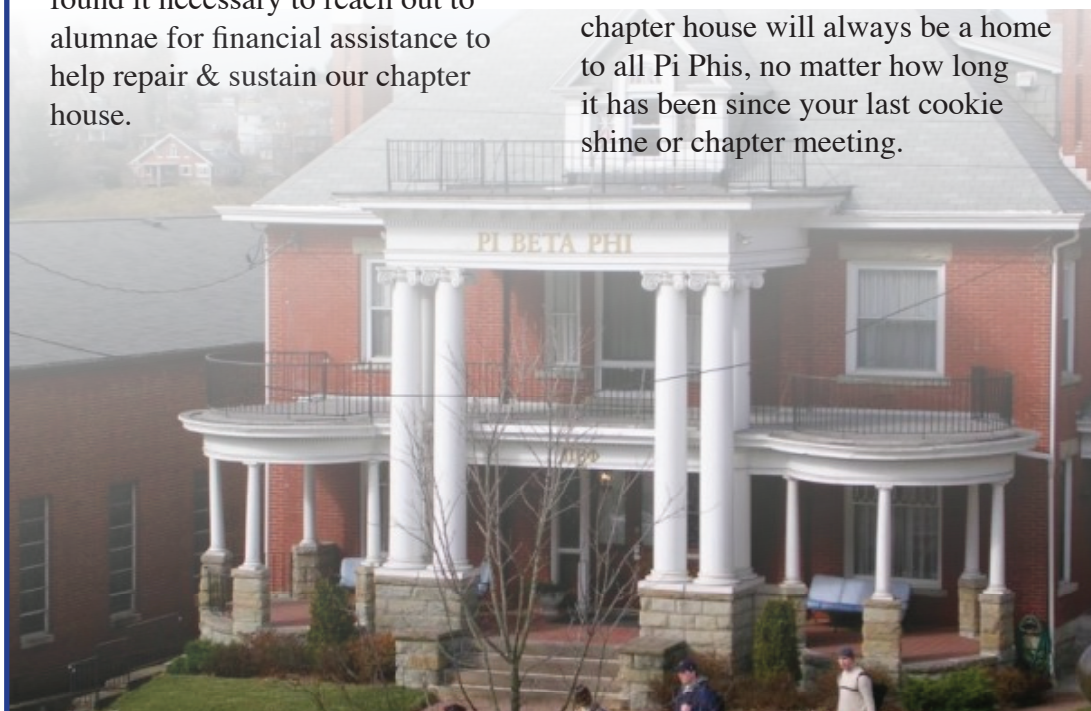
Chapter House Shows Signs of Aging

One of the privileges of being an alumnae of West Virginia University is to return to our chapter house at 1493 University Avenue—a place that some of you called home and where we all were able to create and share our college and Greek life memories.

Pi Beta Phi's West Virginia Alpha chapter house is a well-loved, historic home, built in 1901. Each of us who have walked her halls will remember how special this house was and continues to be to our chapter. However, as with any structure of this era, it is beginning to reveal its age. We are writing you because of your special connection to West Virginia Alpha and to our chapter house. This is the first time, since 1957 when the addition was added, that we have found it necessary to reach out to alumnae for financial assistance to help repair & sustain our chapter house.

This house would benefit greatly from extra attention that can't be achieved simply through the support which comes through the House Corporation. Despite our reluctance to seek financial assistance from our alumnae, we felt that an issue so central to the lives of past, current, and future Pi Phis might be one that you feel particularly worthy of your support.

Any and all donations received before August 15, 2008 are welcome and will be put to good and meaningful use in addressing the issues listed on the "Wish List." If you are interested in donating services, please let us know. This wish list represents a consensus between the current sisters of WV Alpha and the Housing Corporation. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please know that the chapter house will always be a home to all Pi Phis, no matter how long it has been since your last cookie shine or chapter meeting.



What's New at West Virginia Alpha

- Every semester the chapter conducts the Champions Are Readers (CAR) program at Brookhaven Elementary School.
- In Spring 2007 WV Alpha received the Most Improved Sorority award on WVU's Campus
- WV Alpha President, Lara Omphs, was awarded the Sign of the Arrow Melissa Scholarship from the Pi Beta Phi Foundation
- At Convention the chapter received many regional awards including best service and literacy programming, most improved chapter, and most creative recruitment practices.
- The chapter raised it's collective GPA.
- In the Spring the chapter placed 2nd in Greek Week and in the Fall they placed 2nd in Homecoming, as well as having a Pi Phi on WVU's Homecoming Court.
- Pi Phi sisters conducted their annual "Don't Gamble on Literacy" poker tournament and First Book Speed Read in October to raise money for the Pi Beta Phi Foundation and Arrowmont.
- Pi Phi's worked with members of Alpha Xi Delta to start a First Book chapter at WVU.
- Pi Phi's had a very successful Fall recruitment and they are currently at campus total.
- WV Alpha has been in The Arrow three consecutive times! Check out some of our sisters in your copy.

A Wish List for the Pi Phi House at 1493

- Air-conditioning
- Updated furniture, lighting, and flooring particularly in the Trotter room, front room, living room, and dining room
- Electrical re-wiring of the Pi Phi house
- New carpeting, window treatments, and furniture in the Bedrooms
- Exterior painting of the house
- New Greek letters in front of house
- New locking system for the front door
- General upkeep





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Friends of 1493

West Virginia Alpha House Corporation of Pi Beta Phi Corporation

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Dear West Virginia Alpha Pi Beta Phi Alumnae,

We all have fond memories of our years at 1493 University Avenue and as members of West Virginia Alpha...Cookie Shines, Pinning Circles, moving cars in and out of our narrow driveway, late nights chatting in the living room, and many more events special to each class. Today, the house continues to be part of the lives of many outstanding young women who have chosen Pi Phi. The Pi Phi chapter at West Virginia University has never been stronger. The members are doing fantastic things in school and after graduation. In fact, in May 2007, Pi Phi received Most Improved Chapter at WVU.

The bond of sisterhood is strong, but the house is the shell that guards them and gives them shelter. With this in mind, we want to tell you that the Pi Phi HOUSE needs you. Over the years, the structure itself has suffered, despite the successes of the young women who inhabit it. The house requires attention and updates—some are cosmetic but others are safety-related.

House Corporation hopes that with the support of West Virginia Alpha's alumnae, we can have electrical updates, new locking mechanism on the front doors, and new flooring, furniture, and window treatments in the bedrooms and on the main floor. Also, the exterior of the house desperately needs to be re-painted.

Many sororities and fraternities at West Virginia University have been updated in recent years. They all depend on the support of generous alumnae to keep their houses modern and safe. House Corporation has not asked for financial help before but that time has finally come for West Virginia Alpha. We hope that you will open your hearts to help the Pi Phi house.

A donation form is enclosed for your convenience. We hope to move forward to provide a safe, comfortable, and modern house for the outstanding current and future members of West Virginia Alpha. Thanks for your generous support of our Pi Phi tradition at West Virginia University.

Yours in Pi Phi,

Barbara Alexander McKinney

Fundraising Goal: \$50,000

Donation Levels

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Golden Angel: | \$1,000+ |
| Pearl Angel: | \$501 to \$999 |
| Angel: | \$251 to \$500 |
| Arrow: | \$101 to \$250 |
| Carnation: | \$1 to \$100 |

The first **11** Golden Angel donors (*# of bedrooms in the house!*) will have their name displayed on an individual plaque above the bedroom door. All donors will be recognized on a larger plaque to be displayed in the foyer (*unless you wish to remain anonymous*).

Contributions made to the West Virginia Alpha House Corporation are not tax deductible for Federal Income Tax Purposes.

Friends of 1493

☐ Yes, I would like to support the Friends of 1493 project by making a donation to the West Virginia Alpha House Corporation of Pi Beta Phi in the amount of \$_____.

Name: (including maiden name): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Initiation Year: _____

☐ Yes, I would like to make an anonymous donation to the West Virginia Alpha House Corporation of Pi Beta Phi in the amount of \$_____. (Please fill in the information above for our records.)

Please send your check made out to West Virginia Alpha House Corporation of Pi Beta Phi and mail to: Barbara Alexander McKinney, 2800 Cranberry Square, Morgantown, WV 26508. Questions: 304-594-0115 or ppbba@aol.com

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