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Hello all Alumnae

Please bear with me as I send out this first of hopefully many newsletters. It is my hopes that we as alumnae of Phi Sigma can use this as a form of communication between ourselves at the local level and eventually at the national level showing all of AEPHI how wonderful things are going on here in the Detroit area.

As I was sitting at Convention, listening to Connie Sandler National President (now past national president) announce the various awards it occurred to me that many of you may be very proud to know that our beloved Phi Sigma chapter won a total of 5 awards. Yes, I said 5 awards, they one 3 first place awards and 1 second place award for their various philanthropy and fundraising efforts. Phi Sigma-Wayne State also won the highest award that any chapter can win. Two actives also received scholarship awards during this summers convention.

As an Alumnae Volunteer I was very happy to see our beloved chapter not only win so many awards but to be represented with a total of 11 people from Wayne State, with 3 active members and 9 Volunteers. I would also like to congratulate Debbie Friedman for starting her 3 term on National Council as Vice President of Operations and Rose Lisk and Sarah Allen on their new appointments as Programming Specialists. In addition to her position as Programming Specialist Sarah also is an Advisor for Phi Sigma at Wayne State. I would also like to congratulate Rose and her husband on their recent marriage. On another note, we now have a new Philanthropy it is called Sharsheret; Chaim Sheba Medical Center is no longer a National philanthropy for AEPHI. I have attached a link for all to take a look at. <http://www.sharsheret.org/> I have included a brief history of Sharsheret taken straight from their website.

Sharsheret is a national organization of cancer survivors dedicated to addressing the unique concerns of young Jewish women facing breast cancer. Sharsheret, Hebrew for "chain," was founded in 2001 by Rochelle Shoretz, a former Law Clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who recognized the need for a breast cancer organization that would provide culturally sensitive support for Jewish women after her own diagnosis at age 28. Since the organization's founding, Sharsheret has responded to thousands of phone calls from health care professionals, Jewish organizations, women's organizations, women affected by breast cancer, their families, and friends. Sharsheret's efforts to support young women and educate health care professionals have been recognized with prestigious awards and significant media coverage. The organization has been featured in more than 75 publications and media outlets nationwide, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Self Magazine*, and *CBS News*.

As AEPHI nears its 100 birthday, I encourage each and every one of you to reflect on your college days but your days as an AEPHI. It is my hope that Phi Sigma can be represented in droves at the 2009 convention whether it is with many Alumnae Volunteers or just Alumnae from the area.

This can be accomplished with the re-colonization of the PI chapter at the University of Michigan, in the fall of 2008, they will need as much help and guidance as possible as to not fall in to the same bad habits as in previous years. It was an unfortunate thing to be closed down and I welcome the chance to help them back to the area.

In other news I would like to welcome to new additions to the AEPHI family the first is Isabel born to Sophie and the other is T.J. born to Brygida. I would also like to congratulate Marianne Wilhelm on her new job. Recently she started as an Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Lawrence Technological Institute. Congratulations to all. I would also like to welcome Shelly Martin back to Detroit.

It is my hopes to be able to reach as many alumnae from Wayne State as possible so I ask from you only to pass along any kind of news whether it is good, bad or indifferent please pass it along and I will start working on the next newsletter. I also ask that if you keep in contact with anyone from your days as an Active in AEPHI to pass it along. I would like to make sure that I have the most up to date information I can

Thank you

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