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UA Homecoming & *Groundbreaking* Ceremony

On October 27, 2018 Arizona Alphas – current and past – gathered in front of the Pi Phi House for a groundbreaking ceremony. Following brief remarks, Chapter President Sofia Schena, Alumnae Advisory Committee Chair LaDonna Aronoff (Az A '83), Project Manager Bimi Huebner and House Corporation President Sharon Reed, each scooped bits of dirt from the front lawn using a ceremonial Pi Phi shovel and hard hats decorated by Tucson Alumnae Club President DeDe Wild Leber (Az A '66).



While the ceremony marks a new beginning for Arizona Alpha, this \$2.5 million expansion and renovation project has been in the works for almost two years. Our Chapter House Corporation has been working with CDG Architects and MW Morrissey Construction to create plans for the newly added and renovated areas. Construction is scheduled to begin over this coming spring break on March 2, 2019!

..... *Featured Alumna* Heather Henricks Lenkin '71



We are extremely proud to claim world renowned landscape architect Heather Henricks Lenkin as an Arizona Alpha!

Born in River Forest Illinois, Heather found early inspiration in the Prairie School architecture movement as embodied by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright. An honors student at the University of Arizona, Heather studied landscape architecture, architecture and interior design. She furthered her education with studies abroad at the Grand Lycee d'Antibes, France and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, as well as at the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Heather Lenkin and Heather Lenkin Design have won abundant recognition and praise over the years. She is the first two-time recipient of Garden Design Magazine's "Golden Trowel" award honoring "America's Best Gardens." Her own home gardens have been selected by Japanese public television and Great Garden's Magazine as one of the "Top Ten Gardens in the United States." Cottage Living magazine called it one of the "Ten Most Romantic Gardens in the United States."

In addition to extensive travel, Heather currently divides her time between homes in Tucson, AZ and Pasadena, CA. A loyal Wildcat, Heather serves on a variety of boards at the University of Arizona including: UA National Leadership Council, UA President's Council, UA Foundation Board of Trustees; Chair, UA Honors College Advisory Board. In addition, Heather serves as a Trustee for both the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and the World Monument's Fund.

We are beyond excited that – integral to our chapter house expansion/renovation project – Heather has offered her remarkable expertise in landscape architecture to create a courtyard centerpiece for our beloved Pi Phi house. Read more about Heather's exciting courtyard vision **on page 3** in our feature article: ***An Elegant Entryway. A Courtyard of Color. Re-imagining the Pi Phi House!***

Collegiate Happenings *Fall 2018*

With the following successes, our Arizona Alpha Chapter is Pi Phi Proud!



- Recruitment success: 113 New Members!
- Academic Standing: 3.24 GPA; 2nd among NPC Groups; Highest New Member GPA!
- Pi Phi Pizookie 2018 raised \$13,595 to benefit the Pi Beta Phi Foundation (Literacy Fund and AZ Alpha Housing Fund) and local literacy initiatives.
- Selected to host one-of-five Fraternity Day of Service Signature Events together with the Tucson Alumnae Club, enabling Pi Phi to distribute 20,000 books throughout Southern Arizona.
- Over 7,000 hours of community service in 2018!

→ Nearly \$75,000 in support for the house expansion thus far ... and more to come!
(a strong example for alumnae to follow)

→ Installed a fabulous 2019 Executive Council led by new Chapter President Hannah Ellwood!

..... *Festive* Fall Gathering

Deb McGovern's peaceful, rose-studded garden was the perfect backdrop for our Fall Gathering where Pi Phis reconnected, laughed and shared stories of summer fun. This collaboration of the Tucson Alumnae Club, Chapter House Corporation and the Capital Campaign Committee featured delicious appetizers, fun, and interesting vendors such as Stella and Dot, Pampered Chef, Cutco, Mary Kay and Wild Women, providing an opportunity for early holiday shopping.



House Corp. President, Sharon Reed provided an update on the Expansion/Renovation Project at 1035 N. Mountain Avenue, stating that, while we are on track to reach our fundraising goal, donations are definitely still needed! Questions about the project were answered and

pledge cards distributed. A fitting ending to our "Thankful for our Pi Phi Sisters" gathering is Bimi Huebner, Project Manager for the Expansion Task Force Mountain exclaiming; "It's REALLY is going to happen!"



..... *House* Project Update

The design for the expanded and renovated Arizona Alpha Chapter House is final! With a cost estimate of \$2.5 Million, the house will feature:

- Ring Ching Hall – to be used for Monday night dinner, chapter meetings, Recruitment, study tables, philanthropy events, educational programming, sisterhood activities, and any other activity that needs to include the entire chapter of over 300 plus guests, as appropriate. *(There is currently no such space.)*
- An updated kitchen and meal service area to improve operations and traffic flow.
- A self-serve, bistro style kitchenette for live in members to eat and study.
- ADA compliance to include an entry ramp, a lift and ADA accessible restrooms.
- Legacy Lounge – a private, upstairs study area for live-in members.
- Relocation of the Chapter President's room to an upstairs Executive Suite, which will also house two additional officers or members who are unable to sleep on the sleeping porch.
- Relocation of laundry facilities to upstairs, affording more privacy to live-in members.
- *An Elegant Entryway. Courtyard of Color ... Read on for more details!*

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LaDonna Hopper Aronoff '83

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An Elegant Entryway. A Courtyard of Color

Re-imagining the Pi Phi House

By Heather Henricks Lenkin '71

When I arrived at the University of Arizona, I felt an immediate connection to my Pi Phi sisters who welcomed me with open arms. The warmth, the sense of belonging and the sisterhood became very important to me during my college years, especially since we have an extremely large student population. At the Pi Phi House, I made numerous lifelong friendships – and I count Louise Yeiser “Weasie” McAlpin as one of my dearest friends.



Like many of you, we were very excited to hear about the much-needed expansion of the house designed by noted Swiss American architect Josiah Joesler in 1929 – a new two-story addition. The new design features a U-shaped front courtyard which Weasie and I think can be a beautiful signature entryway and a campus “sweet spot” ... a gathering place where angels can study, sing, entertain and eat. We both jumped at the chance to help guide the design from paper to actuality, ensuring that the new courtyard design reflects the enduring friendships that are made every year at the Pi Phi House.

First off, the historic personality and vocabulary of Joesler’s homes and style informs and needs to be infused in the landscape/hardscape thinking. All new additions need to appear as if part of Joesler’s original design. And, knowing the importance of ample shade and water in creating a comfortable desert environment, my hardscape/landscape plan incorporates large native trees and canvas shades layered between the buildings, as well as the possibility of one or two water features.

Our blue Pi Phi color will be used as an accent on furniture, benches and planters. Blue and white canvas umbrellas will shade tables, chairs and Alhambra-like seating niches. Blue and white Moroccan zigzag tiles will be thoughtfully positioned on walls and floors; birds will flutter at nearby feeders and splash in strategically-placed bird baths. Flying angels – perhaps crafted out of crystal, glass or acrylic – will punctuate this lovely courtyard that will, of course, be wired for Wi-Fi.

The curb-side stairs will be widened to create a more gracious entry, and “angel gates” will be open during the day. Antique lighting and large blue pots will flank the entry door. A new ramp will allow handicap access to the courtyard and house. The Reading Room and multipurpose Ring Ching Hall will open to the courtyard, creating more usable space and opportunities for larger group gatherings and events. Beautiful exterior lighting is also envisioned. To seasonally “decorate” the space with unique lighting options, I am working to create scenes, colors and designs that will cast imagery on the walls and canvas areas. Angels and arrows will be the first motifs developed.

We hope every one of our fellow Pi Phi sisters and their families will financially support the building and courtyard projects. Keep an eye out for naming opportunities, including tiles, pavers, fountains, trees, furniture, planters, umbrellas, and lighting. Most importantly, your involvement will provide a strong sense of community for current and future Pi Phi sisters. This much-needed project will energize, encourage and foster generations of Pi Phis to go out in the world and accomplish their dreams – knowing that they have the support of their fellow sisters!



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Louise Yeiser McAlpin (Az A '71), Weasie, spends most of her time in Florida, California, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. She sells notecards, soaps and journals as “lcwhims.” A lifelong volunteer, she supports many non-profits, serving in a variety of roles including elderly companion, officer manager, press release writer and elementary school tutor. She is a board member for Caron Treatment Centers and a continuing liaison for those troubled by addiction. She is honored to serve on the Board of Directors for the Eric B. Yeiser Family Foundation, Cincinnati, OH.

Thank You

*Heather Lenkin
&
Weasie McAlpin!*

*We are grateful for
your support!*

Visit Heather’s Pinterest
moodboard to see
conceptual design elements
inspiring courtyard design
[/heatherington/pi-beta-phi/](https://www.pinterest.com/heatherington/pi-beta-phi/)

Campaign Update ~ COMMITMENTS-TO-DATE

Taking Aim FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS!

1910s

Ruth Roby Leppla '19

1940s

Fanchon Leppla Bartow Iglehart '47

1950s

Sandra Kornegay Metcalf '56

Rae Kenworthy McMillan '58

Carole Raymond Read '59

Sally Schulz Ross '59

1960s

Margaret "Boo" Greeley Kurtin '60

Patricia Butler Winther '60

Victoria Stillman Withers '60

Joyanne Wolf Paquette '61

Gwendolyn Weiner '61

Gail Price Grossetta '62

Linda Simpson Murphy '62

Klaire Kaufman Pirtle '62

Jane Landreth Russell '62

Ann Frost Bailey '63

Pamela Schumacher Gradinger '63

Susan Todd Chester '64

Marcia White Hughes '64

Sandra Rutherford '64

Kathryn Wild '64

Carolyn Dinner Zecca-Ferris '64

Barbara Pratt Alf '65

Susi Neubauer Dettman '65

Kathy Raymond Keller '65

Kay Neill Wint '65

Kathleen Graham Van Boven '65

Riska Platt Wanago '65

Mary Lynch Calihan '66

Pamela Cohn Greer '66

Susan Shook Hagenah '66

DeDe Wild Leber '66

Jo Ann Bauer Stricklin '66

Laurie Hauer Younggren '66

Lindsay Vann Berg '68

Deborah Gibson Marvel '68

Patricia Hazelett Shipp '68

Robin Maury Chappelow '69

Cece Bartow Derickson '69

Pam Turbeville '69

1970s

Heather Henricks Lenkin '71

Louise Yeiser "Weasie" McAlpin '71

Nancy Rehling Wright '71

Deb Lee McGovern '75

Jeanne Bartow-Hartman '79

Ann Elizabeth Kesler Covode '79

Cass Charles McGinty '79

1980s

Susie Douthit Austin '80

Mindy Pendleton Adamson '81

Kathleen Caldwell Kleinman '81

Helen Wertheim '81

Bridget Bramsen Hanger '82

Laura Geras Kasbeer '82

Leslie Withers Righetti '82

Vicki Shipley Wadman '82

LaDonna Hopper Aronoff '83

Heather Brookhart Peevyhouse '83

Elizabeth Harden Slocum '83

Heather Haugland Webb '87

Caryn Cropper Cole '88

Jody McNaughton Engelbrecht '88

Kelly Martin McLaughlin '88

Megan Cavanaugh Wood '89

Jacqueline Patterson Ryan '89

1990s

Jennifer Mahon Harris '90

Christine Allen Jones '91

Molly McDonald King '91

Day Daetwyler Keller '93

Amy Rothstein Aflatooni '93

2000s

Briana Luce Volpe '02

Kendall Aliment Ostrow '03

Jennifer Pratt Haywood '04

Lisa Mahoney Carr '06

Samantha Kenter Gleiberman '06

2010s

Christina Poletti '13

Undergraduates

Arizona Alpha Chapter

Sofia Schena '15

Corrine Querrey '17

Sister Chapters

Jo Stanford Alenson '69 MO A

Sharon Reed '74, WY A

Kim Ashby Rosborough '74 IA Z

Bimi Lane Huebner '80, NM B

Heather Wilson Miller '92, NM B

Alisha Brown Severson '92, TX G

Parents

Debbie & David Babbush

Stacy & David Bentler

Kerri & David DeMars

Gift Summary

91 DONORS

\$940,839

IN GIFTS & PLEDGES

\$100,000 PLUS	4
\$50,000 - \$99,999	3
\$25,000 - \$49,999	4
\$10,000 - \$24,999	2
\$5,000 - \$9,999	13
\$2,500 - \$4,999	6
\$1,000 - \$2,499	14
\$500 - \$999	9
\$100 - \$499	13

\$150,000 legacy gift

Total Cost Estimate

\$2.5 Million

Needed to Proceed

\$1.25 Million

Available Funds

\$790,839

➤ Gifts

➤ 5-Year Pledges



**YES! I'll join my sisters
to support the
housing campaign**

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