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75 Years and Going Strong

Once in a while, a special experience comes into our lives. I would like to share one of those moments with you.

Visiting with **Jean Pettis Reed** was one of the most heartwarming experiences I have ever had with Alpha Phi. **Caryl Rohol, Linda Delapenha** and I went to Brooksville to meet Jean, take her to lunch, and present her with her 75-year pin. I don't know where to start to tell you about our visit, but here goes!

I received a note from **Alissa Milito**, Alumnae Coordinator, at the Executive Office asking if the Tampa Bay Alumnae could present a 75-year pin to a lady in Brooksville, Florida. She is **Jean Pettis Reed**, Beta Epsilon, University of Arizona, initiated in February 1936. I said sure and I would contact her.

I phoned Jean to arrange our meeting and to also plan to take her to lunch. Jean was tickled pink at the thought of receiving her 75-year pin. She did explain to me that she no longer had her original Alpha Phi badge. "I sent it back to the Executive House, like you are supposed to. The pins are not supposed to end up in flea markets, you know," explained Jean. I asked where to go for lunch. Jean said she would "scout out" all the places in town and find us a nice place to meet. As for the day, Jean said she would work around her calendar because Monday she had this, and Tuesday - that, and every Thursday she did something else. She said, "I am a very busy lady, I have lots to do here." We agreed to meet on Friday, December 9th, 2011.



said it was indeed the pin Jean turned in. Ah, a mystery - we'll find out why Jean turned in this pin as hers.

Alpha Phi 75-Year



Anniversary Pin

Right away I contacted Alissa Milito and asked her if she could find Jean's original pin. It was found and sent to me so we could surprise Jean with both pins. At our Tampa Bay holiday event in December, I shared the story with the Tampa Bay group, that we were going to present a 75-year pin to this lovely lady in Brooksville. Our group asked to see the pins, so we passed them around. A few moments later, someone spoke up and said that this was not Jean Pettis' pin, but rather it belonged to Mildred Scott, also from Arizona, but initiated in 1947. I checked with Alissa in the Executive Office and she

Jean called me back with the place she found. "We'll meet at Ruby Tuesday's," she said. "They take reservations so I made us a reservation for Friday. They have a nice booth for 6 people and they will hold it for us." Then Jean gave me driving directions, street names and numbers, even right down to the shopping area, the stores, and if you miss the driveway entrance, go to the stop light and come in from the other side.

When we arrived on Friday, Jean was waiting for us in her car at the front door. She saw us coming, our Alpha Phi rhinestone pins sparkling in the sunlight, and she waved a copy of the *Quarterly* at us. We knew right away it was Jean. She said she parked in handicap parking because her doctor wanted her to do it. She told her doctor how hard it was to walk the distance from the library to her car with arms full of books, those ones with large print. So the doctor told her to use the handicap tag and park close to the entrance.

We went in, got seated, said hellos, and the conversation rolled. There was instant connection and bonding. It was as if we were from the same Collegiate Chapter and we had lots of catching up to do. We decided we would present Jean with her pin right away, before we messed the table up with food. Linda and Caryl took pictures and I gave Jean her pin. I am sure I said some nice words, but I really don't remember what they were. Then I reached behind Jean for her original badge and I tried to whisper to Linda and Caryl to get a picture of this. I said to Jean, "You know, Jean, you cannot properly wear the 75-Year pin without your Alpha Phi pin in the middle. So, here is your Alpha Phi pin back." She saw the pin and recognized it instantly. Her mouth dropped open and her eyes grew wide. She was absolutely thrilled! Unfortunately however, my two photographers were asleep at the switch and missed the photo op.

We chatted like school girls at our lunch. Each of us shared who we were and how we got to be Alpha Phis. Jean shared so many things about herself. She was a music major, a pianist, in college. With the encouragement of her parents, she decided before graduation that music was not going to earn her a livelihood. She dropped out of college and became a typist. She worked most of her adult life using business skills. She married and after many years, in 1955, her husband divorced her. Jean said, "He found someone else and I was the last to know. I was devastated. It was my good friend, my best Alpha Phi friend, Mildred Scott, who keep me together and moving forward."

Later Jean had an opportunity to work overseas, and she, a single woman, left for a three-year tour working in Europe. She worked at the US Army Headquarters Europe in Heidelberg. Later she transferred to London and her office was in the American Embassy building. It was a wonderful experience and gave Jean the opportunity to attend the opera often. "In London, I was able to go to Covent Garden and see the opera for \$1.40 back in those days." Jean came back to Arizona at the end of her tour where she met and married her husband, Miles Reed.

Miles was a building contractor engineer working for GM and later for an international building company. They once again went to Europe to live while Miles built many structures. His company failed leaving them stranded in Iraq. He went back with GM and they worked in Peru and in Europe. When they returned to the United States, Miles had severe emphysema which later caused him to pass away.

After a while, Jean met a very nice widower and they shared 18 years together living mostly in Key West, Florida. While in Key West, Jean worked at a museum and busied herself with the Women's Club. They later moved to Brooksville, Florida, so he could have some medical care. He passed away a few years ago. "We used to come to Ruby Tuesday's and our favorite meal was a turkey burger," said Jean. "I think I'll order a turkey burger for old times' sake. It will be a nice memory." She did and she enjoyed every bite of it. "You know," commented Jean, "I wouldn't mind meeting another nice widower!"

Jean keeps busy, so busy that she's on the go daily. She plays the piano for the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Brooksville Chapter, meetings. "I play old favorites, easy music to listen to. They seem to enjoy it." She is active in the DAR, the woman's Social Club of Cloverleaf Farms, and luncheon groups. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, the national music fraternity. She was asked to play the piano for the DAR convention in Brooksville. Jean was concerned that they may not like her music because she plays oldies. Jean is a devoted opera fan and enjoys watching it on TV in the evenings. "Now, this is not for publication because it was a long time ago," commented Jean, "but I once was the principal double-bass with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra." Sandy shared with her that Sandy once played the sousaphone. "My, my," said Jean, "We're just a couple of old bass players!"

She recently learned to play Mahjong and was asked to become a member of the Mahjong group - so she plays Mahjong every Thursday. She is a 17-year cancer survivor. Jean lives in her own home, drives her car around town, is an avid reader, is involved with many groups and activities, and enjoys life every day.

Oh yes, the mystery of the pin. When Jean lived in London, Alpha Phi, **Doris Corbett**, from the Executive Office was in London, and they met for lunch. Jean wore her pin but she took it off when she went back to work. Jean wrapped it in a tissue and put it in her pocket. Later, she threw the tissue away. By the time she realized her pin was in the tissue, it was gone. She told her best friend, **Mildred Scott Holasapple**, what had happened. Mildred said she would send Jean one of her pins as Mildred had a second pin, a jeweled one. She sent the plain badge to Jean and Jean lovingly wore it thereafter. When Jean sent her pin to the Executive Office, she sent the pin with Mildred's name on it. "Mildred passed away a couple of years ago," said Jean, "but I have always treasured her pin and her friendship."

Now, somewhere along the line, you need to do the math and realize the age of a lady initiated in 1936. She is sharp, quick-witted, accurate, engaging and entertaining. "I told only a few people that I am receiving my 75-year pin," said Jean. "I just don't want most people to realize how old I am. They might stop asking me to do things."

Jean Pettis Reed, what a pleasure it is to have met you. I will treasure this afternoon the rest of my life.

Sandy Donelan



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Election of Officers this Spring

Have you thought about participating on our Alpha Phi Alumnae Board? We welcome new Phis to our Board. Please let any current Board member know if you are interested in a committee or officer position. It is a great way to make new friends and experiences!

Saturday February 4, 2012 11:30 am

Tri-City Panhellenic Luncheon

\$23.00

Guest Speaker: Viancca Williams
Student Programs Coordinator for Fraternity and
Sorority Life - USF



Countryside Country Club
3001 Countryside Blvd., Clearwater

Menu Selection: Chicken, Pork, or Pasta

Reservations are due Jan 28.

You can phone to add a last minute reservation to:
Sue Meier, 3266 San Bernadino Street, Clearwater 33759
(727) 726-6410

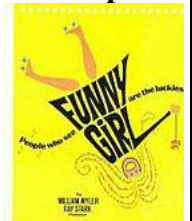
Directions: from St. Petersburg -Take US 19 to Countryside Blvd. and turn right to follow it east and north. Or, take McMullen Booth Rd. to 580, go west to Countryside Blvd. From 580, north on Countryside Blvd. to Country Club Dr. The clubhouse is on the right at 3001 Countryside Blvd.

Thursday February 23, 2012 6:00 pm

FUNNY GIRL

Premiere Night

Largo Cultural Center
105 Central Park Drive, Largo



Supporting the Clearwater Panhellenic
Scholarship Fund

Before the Show, Snacks and Cocktails at
Thirsty Marlin – 5:30pm
351 West Bay Drive, Largo
Order from the menu

Doors open 7:00 for baskets and Chinese Auction.
Showtime: 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$26.00

Purchase tickets from Ticket Office by phone
(727-587-6751).

Directions: Going west on East Bay Drive. One block before (east of) Seminole/Missouri, turn left (south) on Central Park Drive. The Cultural Center is in the park. Restaurant is just past (west) of Seminole/Missouri.

Thursday March 22, 2012 6:30-8:30 pm

Tampa Panhellenic Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

Bid on baskets donated by each sorority group

Michael Murphy Art Gallery
2701 S. Mac Dill Avenue, Tampa

Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door

Contact Jenifer Huss (813) 677-6478
jenifer.huss@gmail.com

Directions: From I-275, south on Dale Mabry, left on Bay to Bay Blvd., right on MacDill 2701. From Gandy Bridge: Gandy Blvd., left on MacDill to 2701. From east: Use Crosstown Expressway, exit at Exit 3, right on Bay to Bay Blvd., right on MacDill to 2701.

Saturday March 24, 2011 11:00 am

Make Your Own Greeting Cards



Alpha Phi, **Barbara Warr**, will show us how to make greeting cards. We will meet in her home, make cards, and lunch on deli sandwiches with a sip of wine or sodas.

\$8.00

BARBARA WARE'S HOME

13209 Moran Drive, Tampa
(813) 961-8566

Directions:

From Pinellas: I-275, cross Howard Frankland Bridge, north (east) on Dale Mabry Blvd., right on W. Fletcher Avenue (CR 582A), left on Lake Magdalene Blvd., right on Moran Road, right on Moran Drive, follow around left bend.
From Tampa: from Dale Mabry, turn east on W. Fletcher Avenue, and follow directions above.


Saturday April 14, 2012 11:00 am

LUNCH AT THE HANGAR
 Albert Whitted Airport, 540 1st Street SE, St. Pete
 Order from the menu

FOLLOWED BY
DALI MUSEUM TOUR - 1:00 PM
 One Dali Blvd., St. Petersburg
 Tour - \$18.75 – (Over 65 - \$16.75)

Reservations or questions:
 Caryl Rohol (727) 577-1214

Directions: From North & Tampa: I-275 south, exit I-175.
 Cross 1st St. SE. Restaurant on right, Dali on left.
 FROM 4th Street N: Turn left on 5th Avenue S (Dali Blvd),
 cross 1st St. SE. Restaurant on right, Dali on left.



Saturday May 5, 2012 11:30 am

"Build a Salad" Luncheon
 Our Guest Speaker will share the
 "Secrets of Couponing!"


How to get things for free and get the
 most out of clipping coupons

Caryl Rohol's Home, 771 Suwannee Court NE,
 St. Petersburg 33702 (727) 577-1214

Bring something to put on a salad.
Lettuce and dressings will be furnished.
Desserts and drinks will be provided.

\$3.00 donation

Directions: I-275, cross Howard Frankland Bridge, exit on 4th
 Street N, south to left on 83rd Ave, right on Siquita NE, left
 on Suwannee Court - end of court on the right..



Your friends and guests are always welcome. Please enjoy bringing them to our events.

TAMPA BAY ALUMNAE CHAPTER - 2011/2012 DUES

We appreciate your support of our Tampa Bay Chapter by paying local dues.

Foundation donations must be made with a separate check made out to: **Alpha Phi Foundation.**

If you wish to pay International dues or make Foundation donations, we will forward those to the Executive Office for you.

Dues July 1, 2011– June 30, 2012

Name: _____ Local Chapter \$25.00 _____

Address: _____ International dues
 \$36.39 _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Foundation gift
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Email: _____

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Pat Edwards, 31 Hickory Lane, Safety Harbor, FL 34695



international badge day
monday, march 5, 2012

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