
Fall, 2013 Greetings from Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at the original iSchool, Syracuse University!

Dear Members,

Here is our semi-annual newsletter to keep you better informed of your honorary's work. As reported last fall, we have now completed the reorganization of our website <bpm.syr.edu> and instituted an electronic payment system for dues, etc. as some of you have requested. We will continue to use both email as well as postal mail to send notices and news, however. We have had a busy year with these and other changes.

Our 110th Annual Chapter Meeting and Initiation and 54th anniversary as an affiliate with Beta Phi Mu was held Saturday, May 11, 2013, after the iSchool's annual Convocation. At our luncheon we initiated nine new members: Jocelyn M. Boyce, Michelle (Mia) Breitkopf, Pamela Espinosa de los Monteros, Christina Plattner Evola, Matthew C. Gunby, Aaron M. Neslin, Alyssa D. Newton, Mary E. Patroulis, and Robert A. Scrier. Our guest speakers after the luncheon were from WSYR, Newschannel 9. Christie Casciano Burns, Tim Fox, and Lou Gulino are the authors of Syracuse Television, a well-received addition to the "Images of America" series of local histories. Each took us down memory lane with wonderful insights to local shows, events, and personalities of the past 60 years. Autographing followed for their book as well as Ms. Burns' other books written for children.

Under the leadership of President Linda Galloway of Syracuse University Library, we currently have more than 200 "active" members, those who have paid their Chapter dues in the last 3 years. Members paying "current dues" are eligible for our continuing education grants and our Mullen Award to assist attending summer ALA and the annual BPM national meeting. Board member Suzanne Preate represented us this past summer in Chicago.

Our Executive Board manages our Chapter's affairs, financial aid programs, and listserv and website. For 2013, we awarded two Van Hoesen Loans. Thank you for your contributions to these accounts, as this is the main mission of our Society. We are seeking to fill a Board vacancy, as new jobs and commitments take former members elsewhere. If you are located in the Syracuse area and willing to serve a 2-year term, please contact us. Continuing to lead us this fall in addition to our President are Past President Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, Recording Secretary Ellen Owens, Corresponding Secretary Susan Slenker, Treasurer Suzanne Preate, Membership Chair Christine Demetros, Scholarship Chairs Gary Maggi and Valarie Massulik, Board members Jennifer Husenitza, Carole Kupelian, and Anne Rauh, and Faculty Advisor Dr. Megan Oakleaf.

National BPM continues at Drexel University, Philadelphia, with Erin Gabriele as Program Director. See their website www.beta-phi-mu.org/ for semi-annual newsletters, networking and news from the 49 Chapters, and to contact National about their awards.

At the iSchool Susan Slenker attended the Summer LIS 511 poster session and Linda Galloway and Susan Slenker recently spoke to the LIS 511 class about PI Lambda Sigma/BPM. Gary Maggi is working with the office to increase awareness of our Chapter and financial aid. This year we will continue to keep up our campaign to raise visibility in the local library community, as well as voicing our opinions and ideas for National BPM. A main goal is to increase donations to the Dosa Scholarship Fund in order to increase the interest it throws off for scholarships. Please see the included appeal.

At the iSchool, we use our website and iSchool listserv to promote our no-interest loans fund and our scholarship fund to deserving and academically-gifted students. Visit us online, or follow us on Twitter: @BPM_Syracuse. You will find in this letter a gift of our new BPM vinyl cling, suitable for your car, office, or door window. We hope you will put it up soon and be prepared to tell others what we are and what we do.

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