

The CHI Tribune, the voice of the Chicago Chapter, is published on an Area-wide basis. The Editor of the newsletter is also the Tri-Sigma Area Director for the northeastern United States, and the eastern Provinces of Canada. Since the majority of Illinois and Wisconsin members are already associated with CHI Chapter, a second newsletter solely for the "Area" would be a duplication. For those of you who are not associated with a Chapter, this combined edition will give you the opportunity of learning about Chapter activities, and hopefully encourage you to join or form a group. In turn, CHI members will be reading about our Sisters in other Regions, and other Chapters.

A warm welcome to you, as a new reader of the CHI Tribune. A copy of the most recent edition is attached, and we hope you will find it of interest. You will be receiving a copy regularly, around the first of each month, until our various Regions are firmly established. At that time it is hoped that each Regional Coordinator will start her own newsletter for her Region, so the news will be on a more "local" basis. Until then, this is your newsletter. Its success does not depend on just one person, and items of general interest, letters, comments, etc. which you care to submit will be used as space permits. Let's hear from you!



# Chi Tribune

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## CHI'S FEBRUARY MEETING . . . . .

Even though we didn't meet in a home last month, a good group was in attendance, and didn't even know that we would have an unannounced special program! We were very glad to see: Karen IL-3-M, Mitzi IL-8-C, Donna IL-11-S, Rachel IL-14-B, Linda IL-16-S, Betty Ann IL-17-A, Elaine IL-22-A, Lillian IL-24-C, Sharon IL-25-H, Janna IL-28-P, Deanna IL-35-G, Kay IL-44-N, Maryann IL-203-B and Kathy, Mickey IL-204-S, Kiki IL-207-M, Helen IL-209-R, Naomi IL-212-O, Cheryl IL-213-M, Karen IL-216-P, Julie IL-221-P, Lorna IL-222-J and Teri, Lois WI-13-V, Susan IO-1-I, and Carole NY-207-S; Prospective members/guests Alicia, Sandy, and Marsha; and special guests Jan and Debbie.

Deanna opened the formal portion of our meeting by introducing our special guests Jan and Debbie with Mary Kay Cosmetics, visiting Associate Member from New York Carole NY-207-S, and our current Chapter Officers for the benefit of our newer Chapter members and guests. She also reminded everyone that the February meeting started a new policy, collecting the meeting fee at the door as you enter. Deanna reported that the first attempt was a success, with almost everyone ready to pay as they arrived, and asked that everyone please try to remember this in the months to come. It really is a help to our Secretary/Treasurer, and is much appreciated by her. Deanna also advised that the "Lovers Night" theater outing scheduled for February 14th had to be cancelled at the last minute, due to an unexpected decline in anticipated participation. Although this was a let-down to those who intended to come, we hope to reschedule the outing, or a comparable activity, for sometime in the near future. If anyone has a suggestion for an alternative "evening out" for couples only (no dressing that evening), please let one of your Officers know.

Donna was asked to give a report on activities of our national organization, and covered the continuing increase in membership, the proposed national advertising campaign, and the progress toward the next issue of the Femme Mirror. Following the report, Deanna informed the membership that both Donna and Sharon Hess are members of the National Advisory Board, representing both the Chapter and the general Region, and that Donna has also been awarded a plaque from the national organization in recognition of her continuing efforts in behalf of the Sorority.

Deanna reported that the Chapter social meeting in February was sparsely attended, due to the extremely cold weather that night. She reminded everyone that our mid-week social function once a month is strictly voluntary, and that the evening is handled on a very informal basis. There is no special notification of the evening, no dues or fees are collected or attendance noted, and it is impossible to notify anyone if any special conditions prevail which would limit the attendance or cancel the participation by Chapter members in any given month. With this in mind, the next monthly social is planned for the Lite Factory on March 11th. Barring an "Act of God," the usual group expects to be there that evening and hopes that any Chapter member with free time will join them.

## SPECIAL PROGRAM IN FEBRUARY . . . . .

We had an unexpected special program last month, arranged through the courtesy of Alicia, one of our prospective members. Jan and Debbie, associated with Mary Kay Cosmetics, gave a very detailed and personal presentation. Twelve of our members had an opportunity for an individual cosmetic appraisal, along with a do-it-yourself cosmetic application with supporting critique. We are sure that even those who were not direct participants benefited from the demonstration, and we thank Jan and Debbie for being with us.

CHI CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP . . . . .

In the January newsletter, we advised that a list of all Regular and Associate members of CHI Chapter would be published in this issue. So, here it is (includes all dues payments received thru February 21st):

Regular Membership -

|           |          |         |          |           |          |
|-----------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Karen     | IL- 3-M  | Dolores | IL- 43-M | Karen     | IL-216-P |
| Joan      | IL- 6-C  | Kay     | IL- 44-N | Stephanie | IL-217-V |
| Mitzi     | IL- 8-C  | Donna   | IL- 45-O | Vicky     | IL-218-B |
| Betty     | IL- 10-K | Ann     | IL-201-H | Karen     | IL-219-B |
| Donna     | IL- 11-S | Denise  | IL-202-H | Julie     | IL-221-P |
| Linda     | IL- 16-S | Maryann | IL-203-B | Lorna     | IL-222-J |
| Betty Ann | IL- 17-A | Mickey  | IL-204-S | Janice    | IN- 9-G  |
| Fran      | IL- 19-M | Patti   | IL-205-M | Jean      | WI- 3-S  |
| Elaine    | IL- 22-A | Kiki    | IL-207-M | Pamela    | WI- 6-G  |
| Lillian   | IL- 24-C | Jeanne  | IL-208-B | Lois      | WI- 13-V |
| Sharon    | IL- 25-H | Helen   | IL-209-R | Ruthann   | WI- 14-L |
| Janna     | IL- 28-P | Sara    | IL-211-A | Sylvia    | FCQ- 1-K |
| Brenna    | IL- 34-F | Naomi   | IL-212-O |           |          |
| Deanna    | IL- 35-G | Marie   | IL-214-G |           |          |

Associate Membership -

|            |          |           |          |            |           |
|------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Shirley    | CT- 3-B  | Elaine    | MI- 16-W | Lorraine   | OH-206-M  |
| Patricia   | CT- 8-G  | Caryn     | MO-203-D | Cheryl     | ●OH- -K   |
| Doris      | IL- 4-W  | Frances   | NJ- 10-B | JoAnne     | PA-202-N  |
| Vikki      | IL- 48-M | Holly     | NY- 2-S  | Linda      | VA- 12-C  |
| Ramona     | IL-223-S | Felicity  | NY- 16-M | Dawn       | WI-100-D  |
| Chris      | IN- 6-M  | Maryann   | NY- 22-B | Jacqueline | FCNB- 1-T |
| Ronny      | IN-200-G | Connie    | NY- 25-N | Barbara    | FCNB- 2-T |
| Susan      | IO- 1-I  | Mary Jane | NY-206-M | Cecily     | FCO- 2-C  |
| JoAnn      | KY- 4-B  | Carole    | NY-207-S | Jenny      | FCO- 5-G  |
| Alice      | KY- 5-D  | Jennifer  | OH- 4-O  | Michelle   | FCO-200-G |
| Beltona    | MD-204-H | Maryann   | OH- 6-J  | Gisele     | FCQ- 3-V  |
| Marguerite | MA- 8-C  | Christina | OH- 24-P |            |           |
| Sharon     | MI- 4-J  | Ann       | OH- 26-S |            |           |

We have tried to be as accurate as possible, but if there is any omission please contact Donna Martin immediately so the records can be checked and a correction made if necessary.

CHI TREASURER'S REPORT . . . . .

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| Balance on hand, January 31st:  | \$279.42 |
| Meeting Fees:                   | +135.00  |
| Regular Member Dues:            | + 36.00  |
| Associate Member Dues:          | + 84.00  |
| Donations:                      | + 8.00   |
| Miscellaneous:                  | + 10.00  |
| Meeting Room:                   | -180.00  |
| Refreshments:                   | - 30.00  |
| Postage:                        | - 36.68  |
| Supplies (Envelopes):           | - 2.18   |
| Miscellaneous:                  | - 5.00   |
| Balance on hand, February 28th: | \$298.56 |

THINGS ARE ROUGH AND TOUGH . . . . .

In recognition of the effects of inflation on all of our costs, a motion was made and passed to increase our monthly meeting fee from \$5.00 to \$7.00, effective with the march meeting. As has been explained in the past, our meeting fee is regularly revised to reflect the current costs of providing a suitable meeting room, and the refreshments, and is adjusted upward or downward according to the state of our Chapter finances. We always attempt to maintain a break-even condition, since your Chapter is operated on a "non-profit" basis, with the Chapter Reserve Fund used to cover unexpected/emergency expenses only; we hope that this necessary increase will have the support of our entire Chapter membership. Should any member find that the increased meeting fee is a burden, or have financial problems regarding the annual Chapter or National dues, please contact one of your Officers. We want to retain every current member, and no one will be ever turned away for financial reasons. Just let someone know if there is some problem.

Also, in the past, those traveling long distances have been welcome to use the overnight accommodations available in our motel meeting rooms as a courtesy, without any charge. Due to our increasing costs, in the future we will be requesting that those making overnight use of our rooms make a reasonable donation, to help off-set our costs. Such a donation will always be substantially less than the cost of an individual private room at the same motel, but the suggested donation will vary based upon the current charges of the particular motel that we use.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION . . . . .

Many years ago, when the CHI Tribune (the voice of CHI Chapter) was expanded to an Area-wide basis, it was indicated that this would be done on an interim basis until the various Regions were able to start their own newsletters. We now have a very active Region and newsletter, under the direction of Betty Ann Lind, which covers the Mid-Atlantic Region States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Since continuation of the mailing of the CHI newsletter to members in those States would be a duplication of effort, and expense, mailings of the CHI Tribune will cease to the membership of the Mid-Atlantic Region, effective with this issue. Not affected will be those members who are Associate Members of CHI Chapter, who will continue to receive the newsletter on a regular basis. We are happy to have had the membership of the Mid-Atlantic Region as readers of this newsletter, but know that your own Regional newsletter will give you news and other items of more interest to you. Although you will now have your own newsletter, you are most definitely still a part of the Great Lakes Area and your Area Director, Donna Martin, remains quite interested in each and every one of you and would like to hear of any questions, problems, concerns, or suggestions about Tri-Sigma Sorority that you may have.

CHI'S MARCH MEETING . . . . .

The next meeting of CHI Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of the month, March 21st. Details of the meeting place and time will be found on a separate sheet (Chapter and Associate members, and invited guests, only). We hope to see you there, this month.

AN EXPLANATION . . . . .

My apologies to everyone for the lack of Regional/Area news items in the newsletter this month. Your Editor was on Jury Duty during the time normally spent in preparation of the newsletter, and everything was really done in a rush. I expect that everything will be back to normal in April, and I'll try to include those items that were omitted this month due to lack of time. Sorry!

