



Chi Tribune

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By the time you receive this newsletter, both Christmas and New Years Day will have passed, and we will have entered into 1979. In the first issue of the newsletter each year, we take a moment to look backward, then forward. The year 1978 saw a number of changes, the biggest (to this writer) being the enlargement of the Great Lakes Area to include the entire north-eastern United States, and the eastern Provinces of Canada. A new Chapter

was also instituted, Delta, which covers the southeastern portion of Michigan. Hopefully, 1979 will see more Chapters formed. This issue of the "CHI Tribune" is the Second Anniversary Edition of an expanded newsletter for the Great Lakes Area, and we hope that those of you who have been regular readers have enjoyed it. For those of you who are not associated with a Chapter, we have tried to let you learn about Chapter activities and hopefully encourage you to join or form a group. So, another year has passed. What does the future hold for CHI Chapter, the Great Lakes Area, and Tri-Sigma Sorority? I hope that it holds the promise of further increasing our membership, to help open more of those "locked doors" which we all know so well; I hope it holds the promise of all of us working together in harmony for the common good; and I hope it holds the promise of our continuing to be an active and progressive organization. Do you have the same hopes? Let's see what we can do together in 1979!

THE CHRISTMAS MEETING

Those of you who couldn't attend the December meeting of CHI Chapter missed a great time. Each year at Christmas we try and have our get-together in a private home, rather than in a motel. This year, Betty Ann and GG Irene were our hostesses, opening their home to us. Attending were: Joan IL-6-C and GG Pat, Mitzi IL-8-C and GG Phyllis, Betty Ann IL-17-A and GG Irene, Deanna IL-35-G and GG Marilyn, Cheryl IL-40-K, Kay IL-44-N, Lois WI-13-V, and Ruthann WI-14-L. Our hostesses really provided us with a very enjoyable buffet supper. This, along with good conversation and an exchange of grab-bag gifts, really "made" the evening. Everything was so good that many didn't want to leave. And, when they did want to go, found that they couldn't! The extremely cold weather that night (-16 F) made many cars "no go," or caused anti-freeze or other mechanical problems. Due to the emergency, almost everyone had to spend the night and left the next morning when the temperature warmed up or they received road service from a tow truck. In the words of Betty Ann, "Some party!" Thanks to Betty Ann and Irene for their hospitality.

NEW OFFICERS

Last month CHI Chapter held their election of Officers for 1979. Those elected were: President, Deanna IL-35-G; Vice-President, Kay IL-44-N; Secretary/Treasurer, Donna IL-11-S. In the coming year your Officers will be presenting various plans and programs for the benefit of the Chapter, and hope for the continuing support and cooperation of everyone.

CHI TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, October 31st:	\$38.83
Meeting Fees:	+36.00
Chapter Dues:	+18.00
Associate Dues:	+ 8.00
Donation:	+ 9.00
Meeting Room (Refund Fee):	- 4.00
Refreshments:	-10.00
Postage:	-10.69
Supplies (Envelopes):	- 3.15
Misc.:	- 4.00
Balance on hand, December 31st:	\$77.99

A COURTESY REMINDER

Because of a number of problems which have developed during the past year, when we have been fortunate enough to be able to meet in private homes, a few reminders appear to be in order:

1. The meeting starting time is always clearly indicated. Do not arrive at the home before then, as your hostess has her own schedule to meet. She must complete her preparations for refreshments, perhaps make arrangements regarding children, get herself changed and ready, etc. She does not have time to greet and entertain "early arrivals" in the afternoon or early evening, or have facilities available to allow "changing" before the time the meeting is scheduled to start. If you arrive early in the area, go out to eat or go shopping; your hostess is not ready for you!

2. Your hostess spends quite a lot of time in preparing special refreshments and getting her home ready. She bases her preparations on the number of members who plan to attend, from the post cards returned to her. If you plan on attending the meeting, the post card should be mailed in sufficient time to guarantee receipt no less than one week before the meeting. If your plans change after the card is mailed, a telephone call to the hostess should be made to alert her that you cannot be there. Although we hope all members will attend a home meeting, arriving at the home without prior notification by post card (or a telephone call, before the day of the meeting) can cause last-minute problems for the hostess.

3. Out-of-town members should not plan to stay overnight at the home of the hostess. In many cases there is simply not enough space available, it could cause problems if there are children living at home, or it is just plain inconvenient! There are motels available in every area where we hold a home meeting; please make prior arrangements if you expect an overnight stay.

I believe we all want to hold meetings in homes as often as possible, but unless we all display a little courtesy these homes will not be made available to us. How about it?

CHI CHAPTER DUES

As reported in last month's newsletter, you Chapter dues are now payable. Since the Secretary/Treasurer was not able to attend the December meeting and accept annual dues, only a very small number of Regular Member dues have been received. The dues are the same as last year: \$6.00 for Regular Members who live in the Chicago Metropolitan Area, and \$4.00 for Associate Members who live outside that area and are normally unable to attend our Chapter meetings on a regular basis. As this is written your Chapter Treasurer is not sure that she will be able to attend the meeting this month, so please mail your dues, with your check or money order (no cash, please) in the proper amount payable to "Donna Martin," at the address shown on the newsletter masthead.

JANUARY MEETING

The next meeting of CHI Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of this month, January 20th. (Details on the meeting place will be found elsewhere in this newsletter). Our newly re-elected President, Deanna, and her GG Marilyn have graciously volunteered the use of their home, so make plans now to be there. Hope to see you then!