

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(from Winter 2010 newsletter)

I have my Theta Phi sisters to thank for even deeper laugh lines following Fall and Winter Raquette Lake weekends. Since the last newsletter arrived in your mailbox, the “youngsters” among us have stepped up the musical entertainment standard. Again, and for the record, I was laughing *with* them not *at* them as they performed with the kind of abandon that the Huntington venue seems to inspire. Another highlight of the Fall weekend was a tribute to Jack Sheltmire organized by Ann Graziadei and Katharine Pawelko. The opportunity to honor Jack’s contributions to Cortland, Huntington, and Theta Phi was most appreciated.

With some changes among positions, the membership of our Board remained constant this year. Carmen Casas, Michelle Widdel and I completed terms of office in October 2009 and were re-elected to additional three year terms. At our Board meeting during Fall Raquette Lake weekend, we thanked Carmen for serving as corresponding secretary and welcomed Karen Keegan to that position. This is Karen’s first newsletter. Feel free to e-mail her and congratulate her on its excellence! We expressed our appreciation to Michelle for her service as corresponding secretary and welcomed Barb LoPiccolo to that position. The Board is grateful for the contributions from those not currently serving on the Board including Joyce Heflin who has agreed to mentor Karen Hegeman as she begins service as our scholarship coordinator.

This fall and winter have brought health challenges to a number of our sisters. We also have many sisters coping with losses and caretaking challenges among family and friends. I hope that Theta Phi is, for all of you as it is for me, a constant source of positive energy, strength and comfort. As I connect with sisters near and far, it is clear to me that the spirit of Theta Phi continues to soar. For that, I thank all of you.

Theta love,

Pat Sullivan ‘69