

February 27, 1980

Dear Chapter BL,

As I reflect back on this past year, it is easy for me to pick out the highlight of the year. At a special meeting of Chapter BL May 30th, we initiated three daughters--Cindy Jennings, Susan Koenig and Sara Bangsberg. After initiation a brunch was served and another daughter, Laurie Ross, was presented with a gift from BL for her upcoming June Marriage. It was indeed a most memorable day.

4 The initiations brought our chapter up to 48 members. Then we added ^{and Mary King} 3 more members by demit, Gayle Wilson, Jean Schaeffer, ~~and~~ Sandra Balfour. Unfortunately we lost two sisters by demit, Mariclaire Thomas to Lincoln, Nebraska and Paula King to PV California. We wish them well in their new jobs and homes. This brings our active chapter to 51.

Chapter BL finally got "with it" and we now have a Ways and Means Committee instead of a Welfare Committee. Headed by Gen Busse they were so effective they were able to "retire" by January 1. They started the year with a delicious dinner at the home of Jean Rennebohm. Our Program Committee used the theme "These are a Few of My Favorite Things" and each program started with BL. So our dinner was a Buffet Luxurious. Then in October they had a paper sale of Current products and we were told to "Buy a Lot", which we did. In fact, we bought it all! Then with the sale of brooms, dish clothes and our bridge marathon, under the capable ~~of~~ hands of Jeannette Thomas, our coffers are bursting or were before our contributions.

This year we gave \$15 ~~xxx~~ to Educational Loan Fund, \$25 each to Cottey and I.P.S. and \$50 each to Wisconsin Cottey Scholarships, Continuing Education and Cottey Endowment.

We had been saving for the 1982 Convention of which we are chairman, but after the visit from our special Organizer, Mary Hall, we were told we would no longer need this fund, so we are now looking into sponsoring a Continuing Education student.

In March of 1979 we were pleased to have Faith Adsen give us a program on her first year at Cottey. She was most enthusiastic about Cottey and we enjoyed hearing and meeting a Madison Cottey freshman. In December Evelyn Jennings, with the accompaniment of a ~~violin and piano~~ violinist and pianist, gave us a very beautiful Christmas program of music (Beloved Lyrics). In January Joan Borgwardt gave us the history fo the beautiful kneeling pads she and others from Bethel Luthern Church are needle pointing. She brought the work she had done and we all knew the title of her program, "Beautiful Legacy" was most appropriate. "Bright Ladies" was the Founder's Day program given by 2 bright sister's, Judy Dana and Gayle Wilson.

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our former members, Mary Justice. In August we had a farewell coffee for a long time Sister from Stoughton, Phyllis Norem. Phyllis and her sister moved to Lake Tahoe to live permanently in their condominium they had only visited before.

The highlight of our "social season" was a fish boil in June at the home of Ann and Dave Nelson. It was our first BIL party for some time and was so successful we are having another fish boil this year only it will be featured as Boiled Lobster (Poor Man's) in keeping with our BL theme. On February 27 we will be treated to a Soup Supper by the Social Committee before our meeting. Instead of our satellite luncheons we have had in the past, hosted by our Social Committee, Chapter BL decided to have salad luncheons before each afternoon meeting with everyone bringing a sandwich to share. So far they have been well attended!

We have tried a new method of keeping our absent sisters informed of meetings. We divided the Chapter into groups of 3 and if one in the group is missing the others are to call her after the meeting. Theoretically it should work, but-----do we all make those calls?

On March 12th we will be "Balloting Legally" and I will retire as your president. Though I have enjoyed being president of Chapter BL, I must admit I am looking forward to retirement. But I do want to thank all of you for all you have done for me these past two years to help make my job a most pleasant and fun experience. You are a very special chapter!

Lovingly in PEO,

Jane Stark

Jane Stark, President