

Speed Date My Arrow - Alumnae Clubs

Fraternity Value: Lifelong Commitment

Suggested Facilitator: Alumnae Club President/Coordinator

Goals:

- To promote positive interaction between members.
- To allow members a chance to talk about and make connections with Pi Phi core values and what they mean to them in a fun, interactive setting.
- To allow members to share about their time in Pi Phi.

Room setup/materials needed:

- Enough room for members to gather individually or as small groups (see "Getting Started" to help determine which facilitation style will work best for your club)
- Printed copies of the questions listed in "Getting Started"
- Something to keep track of time: stopwatch, watch or clock

Getting Started

Talking points are indicated with a callout bullet (\triangleleft). Please use these as speaking guidelines, but be sure to jazz up the presentation with your own personality. Facilitation instructions are indicated with an arrow (\searrow) and serve as hints you might find helpful when administering the material. Most importantly, have fun!

- This seminar will be set up in speed dating style. For example, you will split the chapter into Group A and Group B (the same amount of members in each). Group A will sit on one side of the table, and Group B on the other. Have the facilitator ring a bell or call "Time" after three minutes. At that point, Group B will rotate one person to their right while Group A will stay in the same spot. The cycle repeats. That way, members get to talk to a new person each round. Smaller clubs can have members pick three people they don't know well and speak with them. A timer can still be used. This method can also be used when time is limited.
- Print out pieces of paper (enough for each group and/or individual, depending on which facilitation style works best for your club) with the following questions:
 - Where did you go to college? What other activities besides Pi Phi were you involved in?
 - Have you ever been a member of another alumnae club?
 - What is one item in your purse/tote bag that you always have with you?
 - What is your favorite Pi Phi memory?
 - What is your favorite core value and why?
 - What kind of community/philanthropic service do you participate in, outside of Pi Phi?
 - Have you ever served as a collegiate or alumnae officer?
 - How has Pi Phi helped make you a better friend, servant leader or student?
 - If you could give one piece of advice to help collegians get more out of their time at Pi Phi, what



- would it be?
- Why did you choose to join a women's Fraternity?
- What has been your favorite alumnae organization event that you've attended in last year?
- What do you remember from your initiation into Pi Beta Phi? Did anything in particular stand out for you?
- What is your biggest pet peeve?
- Where was your last vacation? Would you go back?
- What was the last movie you saw in the theatre?
- If you could have dinner with one famous person (dead or alive), who would you choose?
- Who is your best friend? How did you meet?
- What was the last good book you read?
- Or, create your own questions!

Instructions

- → Introduce the activity:
 - Today we are going to do a fun activity to get us talking about our favorite Pi Phi memories, our core values and our shared sisterhood! By the end of the activity, you'll have had a chance to meet new sisters, learn new facts about them and hopefully be inspired to continue investing your time in Pi Phi and living our core values.
 - Today's activity is speed dating. If you've never participated in speed dating, here is how it works. We will split the club up into Group A and Group B. Each of you will then match up with one member of the opposite group. You'll have a list of questions to help facilitate your conversation, and you'll have three minutes to talk through the questions. I will ring the bell (or call out "Time!") after three minutes. At that point, members of Group B will rotate one person to their right and the clock will start again. We hope that this activity will be a fun way for us to talk with sisters we normally might not, and learn new things about each other.
 - Some of these questions involve our core values, so first let's review what they are.
 - Ask chapter members to name the core values, or review them below (Remember, you can also teach chapter members the mnemonic device "I Love Having Pi Phi Sisters"):
 - Integrity (*I*)
 - Lifelong Commitment (*Love*)
 - Honor and Respect (Having)
 - Philanthropic Service to Others (Pi)
 - Personal and Intellectual Growth (Phi)



- Sincere Friendship (Sisters)
- Ask if participants have any further questions on how this activity will work.
- Separate participants into groups, and then pass out the question sheets.
- > Keep track of time, and call "Time!" as necessary to facilitate group rotations.
- > End the activity after everyone has had a chance to rotate completely around.

Final Wrap-Up

- After participants have finished rotating, ask them to direct their attention back to the front of the room. Ask members the following questions:
 - How many of you learned something new about a sister during this event?
 - How many of you thought this was a fun event? What did you like or dislike about it?
- → Leaders may also pick one core value to ask the whole group to share.
- Thank members for participating and end the activity.

