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By the time you receive this newsletter, both Christmas and New Years will have passed, and we will have entered into 1978. In the first issue of the newsletter each year, we take a moment to look backward, then forward. The year 1977 saw many changes, the biggest being the new combined organization, Tri-Sigma, rolling into high gear. After the merger of F.P.E. and Mamselle in late 1976, the membership of Tri-Sigma began to expand like a

rocket. And, it's continuing to grow month by month. Also, thanks to the efforts of Carol Beecroft, the "Femme Mirror" began a regular appearance to express the views and voice of the Sorority across the entire United States and Canada. This issue of the "CHI Tribune" is the First Anniversary Edition of an expanded newsletter for the Great Lakes Region, 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. During 1977 we saw the formation of the Niagara Frontiers Chapter, covering Western New York and Southern Ontario, and heard expressions of interest from other areas of our Region. Hopefully, 1978 will see even more Chapters formed. So, another year has passed. What does the future hold for CHI Chapter, the Great Lakes Region, and Tri-Sigma? I continue to 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 1978!

For the first time in many years, we were unable to hold our Christmas meeting "in the home," and had to secure accommodations in a motel. Even so, we had a very good group in attendance, and enjoyed ourselves as usual. The weather was reasonable (for December), and we were happy to see many familiar faces, as well as some new ones: Jeanette IL-3-Z, Mitzi IL-8-C, Donna IL-11-S, Katie IL-12-H, Betty Ann IL-17-A, Billie IL-18-H, Elaine IL-22-A, Deanna IL-35-G, Cheryl IL-40-K, Kay IL-44-N, Ruthann WI-14-L, and Jennifer MI-17-M. A special word of welcome to our newest member, Katie IL-12-H, who attended her first meeting with us. `lso with us for the first time was an Associate Member, Jennifer MI-22-H, who made a special trip from Michigan to be with us at our Christmas meeting. We hope to see Katie on a regular basis, and Jennifer anytime she is able to be with us. Our grab-bag gifts were exchanged, and everyone that brought something got something. In the months to come we expect to smell a few new varieties of perfume, as well as see quite a few combinations of new jewelry. A good time was had by all!

-MANY THANKS

Your Editor would like to thank all of you who sent Christmas Cards or letters during the Holiday Season. Every one was read with the greatest enjoyment, but it is impossible to reply to each of you individually much as I would like to. Thanks again.

TREASURER'S REPORT . . .

Balance on hand, November 23rd:	\$150.98
Meeting Fee:	+52.00
Chapter Dues:	+90.00
Associate Dues:	+16.00
Donations:	+ 9.00
Meeting Room:	-46.00
Refreshments:	-20.00
Postage:	- 9.93
Supplies (envelopes):	- 2.10
Chapter Reserve Fund:	<u>-80.00</u>

Balance on hand, December 31st: \$159.95

NEW OFFICERS

Last month we held our election of Officers of CHI Chapter for 1978. Elected to serve for this year are: President, Deanna IL-35-G; Vice-President, Cheryl IL-40-K; Secretary-Treasurer, Donna IL-11-S. In the coming months your officers will present various plans and programs, and hope for the continuing support and cooperation of everyone.

THI CHAPTER AND TRI-SIGMA DUES

As reported in last month's newsletter, your Chapter dues are now payable. As this is written, 71% of our Regular Members and 45% of our Associate Members have sent-in their dues. Thanks to those who paid promptly, how about the rest of you? The existance of your Chapter depends on your support, both financially and through attendance at Chapter functions. Regular Member annual dues are \$6.00, Associate Member dues are \$4.00. Please make Chapter dues checks payable to "Donna Martin."

Virginia has written that the dues renewal form for Tri-Sigma will be out shortly, and it has been simplified from past years, making it easier to make changes of age and other information. Also, there is good news: Dues renewal for present members will be \$18.00, a 10% savings over last year! (Have you heard of anything else being reduced lately?). The cut-off date for the first membership directory will be January 31st. Get your dues renewals in promptly.

CHI'S JANUARY MEETING

The next meeting of CHI Chapter will be held on the third Saturday of the month, January 21st. Details of the meeting place and time will be found on a separate page. If you receive a post card enclosed with this newsletter, please return it promptly so we will know how many to expect. Also, if you will be bringing your wife or girlfriend as a guest please note this on the card. If your "special" GG couldn't attend our Christmas meeting, how about asking her to come with you this month?

Hope to see you on the 21st.

Donna