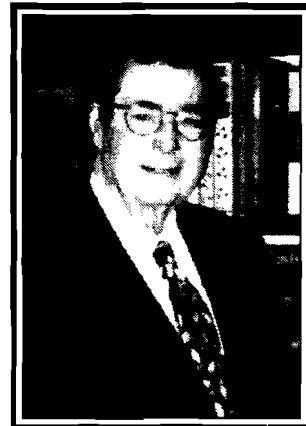


Founder's Day
April 30, 2009



Dear Sisters,

It is with sadness that I write this Founder's Day message. Last year I permanently took over my father's letter and this year, we lost Bill and I will be writing his. Next year we will once again have only one message from International for you to read.

Bill loved doing his message because each year it was his honor to announce the new theme. This year will be built on the suggestion of a member. Sheila Miller of Gering, Nebraska suggested Passport to Sisterhood (or anything else.) We felt that the passport idea was a great start because it hinted at many wonderful things that travel can bring you. We thought of all the things our sisterhood gives us, especially adventure. The adventure that comes from new challenges, of new friends, of new experiences or new places through conventions, the Penpal program and the Bed and Breakfast program.

I personally love books that open you to experiences and adventures you would have no other way, so that feeling really appealed to me. So this year, we invite you to **SHARE OUR PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE**. ~~I hope each of you will be open this year to new adventures through Beta~~ Sigma Phi and the sisters around you. I hope you will share your passport to adventure with new women and open their worlds to the thrills and love we have all experienced. So I thank Sheila Miller for giving us the seed that started the ideas rolling for this fun new theme.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial letter.

Laura