

## *Eleusinian Banquet*

**Thursday, April 3, 2014**

**The Junior League of Houston  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane  
Houston, Texas 77027**

**6:00 p.m. – Check-in begins  
6:30 p.m. – Dinner and Formal Program**

Join us as we celebrate the 119<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. This important event celebrates all that our Sisterhood has to offer! The blending of alumnae, Psi Zeta actives and our 50, 60, and 70 year honored members at the Banquet makes for a truly special night!

For more information and to donate or purchase tickets and tables, visit [www.chiomegahouston.com](http://www.chiomegahouston.com) by March 29. For questions, contact Debbie Bennett Dugger at [eleusinia@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:eleusinia@chiomegahouston.com) or call (936) 402-3565.

## **Letter from Our President**

*Dear Chi Omega Sisters:*

*Our spring calendar continues to be full of interesting opportunities for you to enjoy time together with your Chi Omega sisters. Some of the most fun times I've had have included meeting new sisters at Chow Omega, playing Bingo with the Night Owls and getting to meet author Sue Monk Kidd with the Book Club! I encourage you to come to everything you can and make the most of your involvement with this special group of ladies.*

*On Saturday, March 29, we are pleased and honored to be hosting the first-ever Houston Regional Session of the Nancy Walton Laurie Leadership Institute of Chi Omega. Your donations to our Foundation have made this possible. This seminar promises to be enlightening, with topics that include Competence, Compassion, Courage and Commitment. Seats are limited, so please respond to the notification by March 15 if you'd like to attend.*

## Letter continued

Thank you so much to our own Xi Kappa sister, Dr. Marie Fischer Maurice, FAAD, for speaking with us at our spring general meeting on proper skin care and recent advances in the field of dermatology. We had a delightful time being together and becoming savvy on taking better care of our skin! Thank you to hostesses Patricia Goeringer and Drue DaSilva, Taylor Thompson, Joni Fichter, Jo Crake and Barbe Bozeman for your wonderful hospitality.

We were thrilled to have a record attendance at the HAPA Recruitment Roundtable last Saturday at St. John the Divine. Thank you to Joni Fichter and Polly Kent, Recruitment Chairs for Panhellenic, and Terry Hebert and Barbe Bozeman for putting on a well-organized event. Attendees left armed with instructions on signing up for recruitment on each campus and with each chapter. Chi Omega continues to lead the way with our on-line RIF. If you have any further questions, please contact our Recruitment Chair, Geyer Dybesland, at [recruitment@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:recruitment@chiomegahouston.com).

Very soon you will be receiving a beautiful invitation for the **Eleusinian Banquet on Thursday, April 3, at 6 p.m. at the Junior League**. This annual gathering is one of the most treasured moments of our year, and we would love for all of you to plan to attend. Sisters young and old gather together to remember our love for our fraternity, to celebrate the achievements of the Psi Zetas, the announcement of the Alumnae Association Scholarship winners and the Chi Omega Woman of the Year. Thank you to Debbie Dugger and committee for their diligence in planning this event.

If any of you may be interested in serving on the board or committees next year, we would love to hear from you asap! Please email our President Elect, Jo Crake, at [crakefamily@comcast.net](mailto:crakefamily@comcast.net) to let her know of your interest.

It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to serve you, and I so appreciate the enthusiastic service of our board and all of you for supporting Chi Omega. Please contact me if you have any suggestions for service or social activities we can do, or interest groups you would like to see started, and together we will make it happen.



Faithfully yours in Chi Omega,

Sally Sellers Reed  
Theta Kappa 1977  
[President@ChiOmegaHouston.com](mailto:President@ChiOmegaHouston.com)



## Baylor's Spring Bid Day

L to R: **Molly Tollett** (Theta Kappa new member), **Wanda Fairley Tollett** (Epsilon Delta) & **Natalie Tollett** (Theta Kappa active)

## Sisterhood News

Jerry and **Linda Gregg Fields** (Alpha Zeta) and Jay and **Allie Nachtigall Fields** (Rho Epsilon) will be honored for their long time support of VICTORY and the Cattle Baron's Ball on April 26 at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Cattle Baron's Ball.

**Danell Liberda Fields** (Alpha Zeta) will be performing in the 6th Annual YMCA Dancing for Partners fundraising event on Thursday, April 24 at the Humble Civic Center. Proceeds benefit the Lake Houston Family YMCA annual scholarship campaign.

Condolences to **Margaret Hobokan Wallace Brown** (Psi Zeta) on the loss of her mother and to **Dawn Ogletree Murphy** (Kappa Zeta); **Jordan Murphy** (Xi Kappa) and **Sheridan Murphy Whitney** (Xi Kappa) on the recent loss of their mother and grandmother.

Congratulations to **Mandy Fox Hanks** (Pi Gamma) who gave birth to her little boy, Dylan Cash Hanks, on January 14 and to **Nicole Nedry Dubiton** (Psi Zeta) who gave birth to baby William Atlas Dubiton on March 2.

**Kirby West** (Xi Kappa) and Andy McConn were married February 15. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

**Cathy Coers Frank** (Psi Zeta) was awarded *Outstanding Chapter Advisor* at the 2013-14 UH Greek Life Awards. Cathy has served as an advisor to the chapter for over 30 years. At the ceremony, Psi Zeta active, **Kayla Oden**, received an Order of Omega scholarship. In addition, the Psi Zetas also received the following awards:

*Excellence in Brotherhood and Sisterhood*  
*Excellence in Intellectual Development*  
*Excellence in Ritual and Values*  
*Distinguished Excellence Award*

# ***Nancy Walton Laurie Leadership Institute of Chi Omega Regional Session Coming to Houston***

*Connect with Sisters and cultivate your leadership by joining  
us for an event, exclusive to the Houston area!*

***Saturday, March 29  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

***The Forest Club  
9950 Memorial Drive  
Houston, Texas 77024***

Session participants will have an opportunity to explore Chi Omega's Brand of Leadership: Competence, Compassion, Courage, and Commitment, critical topics that are relevant across generations. The session includes lunch and refreshments.

Registration prior to the event is required and space is limited, so register online at **<https://everyday.chiomega.com/events.aspx>** before the March 15 deadline. Email Lou Thompson Black at [membership@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:membership@chiomegahouston.com) with questions.

The Nancy Walton Laurie Leadership Institute is supported by a grant from the Chi Omega Foundation. The Houston Regional Session has been generously underwritten by Chi Omega Kaleidoscope.

## **THE CENTER LUNCHEON**

The Center Foundation's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon was held on February 18 and featured actor John C. McGinley, who shared his personal experience of raising his teenage son who has special needs.

As the father of fifteen-year-old Max, John C. is committed to building awareness and acceptance of people with Down Syndrome. He currently serves as an Ambassador for both the Special Olympics and the National Down Syndrome Society and is a board member of the Global Down Syndrome Foundation.



John received rave reviews for his work in NBC's Emmy-nominated medical comedy series, "Scrubs". His impressive career in film spans a diverse range of characters in over sixty features to date.

**There's no place like HOME!!**

*Alpha Zeta ~ Texas State  
50 Year Celebration & Reunion  
April 25-27, 2014*

**Come see your sisters and the new  
House Renovation Project, too!**

**For more information, contact Joni  
Hruska Fichter at [cptemps@aol.com](mailto:cptemps@aol.com)**

**Make your hotel reservations now:  
Chi O Block at Hampton Inn (512) 754-7707**

**Go Cats!! Go Chi O!!**

Chi Omegas led the charge at the Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association's Recruitment Round Table presentation for potential new members city-wide, held Saturday, February 22. Over 350 PNMs, plus their parents, attended this instructional presentation led by three dozen HAPA volunteers. Forty young alumnae representatives from universities nationwide introduced the young women to sorority life and instructed them on how to navigate through the sorority recruitment process so the high school seniors can optimize their opportunities to go Greek!

Pictured on the right are Recruitment Guide and food coordinator, **Terry Hebert** (Psi Zeta); Round Table Chairs, **Joni Hruska Fichter** (Alpha Zeta) and **Polly Cox Kent** (Rho Epsilon); and **Barbe Boland Bozeman** (Omicron), co-moderator with Joni. Many other Chi Os volunteered at the event as well.

## Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association's Recruitment Round Table



### ***Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association and Foundation presents the***

**28th Annual Scholarship Luncheon**

***"ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE"***

**Featuring: Pam Thompson, Inspirational Speaker**

***Thursday, May 1, 2014, 11:30 a.m.  
(Check-in begins at 11 a.m.)***

***Junior League of Houston, Ballroom  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, Texas 77027***

Individual tickets are \$65  
Patron tickets are \$150  
Tables for 10 are \$650

All proceeds benefit HAPF Scholarships

HAPF is a Texas nonprofit corporation,  
tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3)

Please make checks payable to HAPF.  
Please note Chi Omega and "Luncheon Reservation"  
on your check. Patrons & Donors will be recognized  
in the Program if received by April 15th.

Remit Chi O reservations by April 15 to:  
Cathy Coers Frank, 6224 Chevy Chase,  
Houston, Texas 77057

# Upcoming Events

All events can be found at  
[www.ChiOmegaHouston.com](http://www.ChiOmegaHouston.com)

March 9  
**Night Owls**

4 - 6 p.m.  
Boneyard Drinkery & Dog Park  
8150 Washington Avenue, 77007

March 12  
**Kaleidoscope - Exec. Board Meeting**

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
The Center, 3550 W. Dallas  
Building 2, XO Board Room, 77019

March 27  
**Chow Omega**

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Amazon Grill, 5114 Kirby, 77098

March 27  
**Night Owls**

6:30 - 10 p.m.  
Bowling at 300 Houston  
925 Bunker Hill, 77024

April 8  
**Chi O Book Club**

*The Monuments Men* by Robert Edsel  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

At the home of Julie Hall Lynch  
13407 Myrtlea, 77079

April 9

**Kaleidoscope - Exec. Board Meeting**

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
The Center, 3550 W. Dallas  
Building 2, XO Board Room, 77019

April 16  
**Night Owls**

6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Zumba at Discovery Green  
1500 McKinney, 77002  
Dinner following

# Houston Recruitment

The Recruitment Board is a group of dedicated alumnae who offer support to young women interested in the recruitment process. The Houston Recruitment Board works closely with the Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association and complies with all HAPA recruitment policies and procedures. The Board also sponsors activities and events to connect alumnae with new members and legacies.

The Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston offers recruitment support to young women attending Houston schools. For more information and to find out which schools are supported, log onto [www.ChiOmegaHouston.com](http://www.ChiOmegaHouston.com) and review the Recruitment tab! Should you have any questions about recruitment policies or packet preparation, please email Geyer Dybesland at [recruitment@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:recruitment@chiomegahouston.com).

**Please be advised, regardless of what you hear from the College, the deadline for completing a RIF for the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston is **MAY 1, 2014** for Fall and Spring recruitment schedules.**



## Chi O General Meeting

Chi Omegas from the Houston Alumnae and Houston Northwest Alumnae gathered at the General Meeting held on February 18 to hear featured guest speaker and sister, Marie Fischer Maurice, M.D. (Xi Kappa).

Dr. Maurice is a dermatologist in her 20<sup>th</sup> year of practice and works in the Cy-Fair area at Kelsey-Seybold. She addressed the topics of skin protection against the sun, recent innovations in the field of dermatologic care, and the general care and health of our skin. It was a most informative and important presentation! Thank you, Marie!

