

# CHI OMEGA

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Chi Omega Houston Alumnae Newsletter

September 2012

## Letter from Our President

Dear Chi Omega Sisters:

I'm honored to be serving as President of the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston for the coming year. It's a privilege to serve Chi Omega in this role and to have the opportunity to work with so many outstanding women. This July I was able to attend Chi Omega Convention in Phoenix. What an amazing weekend! There were over 1,200 Chi Omega actives and alumnae in attendance and my days were filled with workshops, ceremonies and celebrations. Our Alumnae Association was awarded the Sisterhood Award in recognition of our outstanding relationship with the ladies of the Psi Zeta chapter at the University of Houston. The Advisory Board of Psi Zeta was also recognized as an Outstanding Advisory Board and Erin Chambers Packwood's Owl Tree Challenge was a huge success, raising over \$55,000 for the Chi Omega Foundation. The Model Initiation was both beautiful and inspiring! If you haven't attended an initiation ceremony in a few years, I suggest you visit a chapter sometime soon and do so. I found the words they spoke continue to have significance in my life. It was truly moving for me.

This time of year finds us in the midst of our membership campaign. I hope that if you haven't renewed your membership yet, that you will log on to [www.chiomegahouston.com](http://www.chiomegahouston.com), browse the website and consider joining today. Our calendar is full of fun events! Watch your email and RSVP for any event that interests you. Our on-line directory has expanded to include LinkedIn, Facebook and Chi Omega Everyday profile links and we're working with our Recruitment Team to collect up to date information on our Legacies. Your membership is vital to our organization! It allows us to not only offer diversified programming, but also to continue providing essential funding to our local philanthropic partner The Center, as well as funding scholarships to Houston area Chi Omega actives. Your membership is also evidence of your commitment to Chi Omega when completing a RIF for a young woman going through Recruitment. There are several levels of membership - please consider the level that works for you.

We have two very important calendar events coming up in the next few months. Our Fall Membership Coffee is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Farrell Harris Saunders. Each year this is such a fun event! We reconnect with old friends and have the opportunity to meet and welcome new sisters. This year I'm honored to have former National Governing Council S.H. and future NPC President, Jean Mermoud Mrasek attending as my special guest. Jean is this year's Chi Omega President's Award winner and I couldn't be more proud to call her my sister. She is truly inspirational and I'm looking forward to her sharing some of her experiences with us at the Coffee.

And our Chi Omega Kaleidoscope Luncheon is an event not to be missed. To be held Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the River Oaks Country Club, our biennial speaker's luncheon is our main fundraiser. Proceeds from the event benefit our local charity The Center, The Chi Omega Foundation and the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston Scholarship Fund. This year we are pleased to present entertainer and author, Ali Wentworth. Ali's latest book, *Ali in Wonderland*, is a funny and warm memoir of her life, from her childhood among Washington's elite, to days of sketch comedy in L.A. to finding Mr. Right in George Stephanopoulos. Tickets to the luncheon will be available later this month so please check the website and watch your email for more information in the coming weeks!

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at an event in the near future! And please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. It's going to be a great year!!

## Welcome Back Fall Membership Coffee

Tuesday, September 18, 2012  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

at the home of  
Farrell Harris Saunders  
8 Saddlebrook Lane  
Houston, Texas 77024

Please join us for our annual fall social gathering. Renew old friendships and make new ones. Alumnae President, Mona Barron, will share exciting events planned for the coming year. Come hear the latest updates on Recruitment and Kaleidoscope too!

Special guests include former S.H. and current NPC Vice Chairman, Jean Mermoud Mrasek, and Chi Omega Foundation representative, Karen Barnard Comiskey.

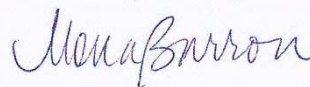
Hostesses

Melinda Holley Byrd & Tanya Field Mearse  
For questions, please contact  
[welcomedbackcoffee@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:welcomedbackcoffee@chiomegahouston.com).

Accepting Target gift cards or cash for the University of Houston Psi Zeta chapter housing fund.

RSVP requested by September 15, 2012  
Complimentary valet parking will be available.

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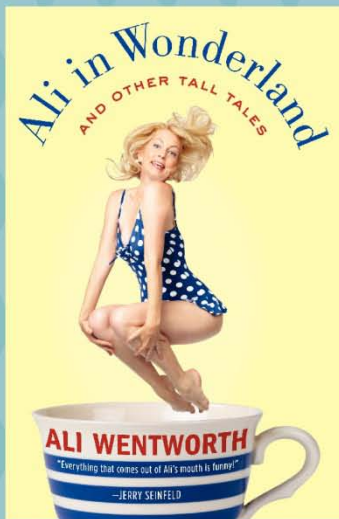


Mona Barron  
Epsilon Gamma, 1985



CHI OMEGA **Kaleidoscope** IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

# ALI in Wonderland



Featuring actress, comedienne,  
and best-selling author **Ali Wentworth**

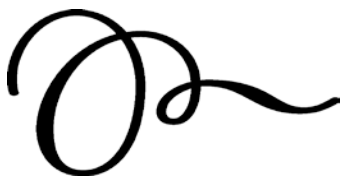
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012**

**11:00 am** at River Oaks Country Club

Luncheon event to benefit:

The Center, the Chi Omega Foundation,  
and the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of  
Houston Scholarship Fund

For more information contact: [kaleidoscope-chair@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:kaleidoscope-chair@chiomegahouston.com)



Sponsorship opportunities and  
Luncheon tickets are available at  
[www.chiomegahouston.com](http://www.chiomegahouston.com).

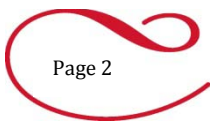
For questions, please contact  
Kaleidoscope Chair Erin Packwood  
at [kaleidoscope-chair@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:kaleidoscope-chair@chiomegahouston.com).

## *Ali Wentworth*

Ali Wentworth made a name for herself on the comedy series *In Living Color*, and has appeared on such television shows as *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*; *Seinfeld* (playing SchmooPie in "The Soup Nazi" episode); *Head Case* (which she created, wrote, and executive-produced); and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, for which she was a correspondent. Her film credits include *Jerry Maguire*, *The Real Blonde*, *Office Space*, *The Love Bug*, and *It's Complicated* with Meryl Streep, Steve Martin, and Alec Baldwin.

Also an author, Ali's first book is entitled "The WASP Cookbook" and is an assortment of 90 recipes. Her most recent book is "Ali in Wonderland", a collection of funny stories about her life.

A Washington D.C. native, Ali is the daughter of a political journalist and former First Lady Nancy Reagan's social secretary. She lives in Manhattan with her husband George Stephanopoulos and their two daughters.



# Recruitment Report

Fall Recruitment Results for Central Houston  
Bid Announcements through September 1, 2012

## Auburn University

Meredith Richter – Houston Christian High School

## University of Georgia

Alex Waits – **LEGACY** – St. John's High School

Erika Evanoff – Episcopal High School

Kirby Smith – Memorial High School

Melanie Martin – **LEGACY** – Memorial High School

## University of Oklahoma

Lexie Jenkins – **LEGACY** – Stratford High School

Sydney Dunham – Memorial High School

## University of Missouri

Alyssa Sturgis – **LEGACY** – Stratford High School

Marissa Greteman – **LEGACY** – St. Agnes Academy

Madeline Magee – St. Agnes Academy

## TCU

Sarah Hendrickson – **LEGACY** – Stratford High School

Leah Vetter – **LEGACY** – St. Agnes Academy

Gina Rinicella – Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart

Alexis "Lexi" Peterson – Sophomore – Houston Christian High School

## LSU

Katelan Janik – **LEGACY** – St. Agnes Academy

Reagan Porter – Memorial High School

## Texas Tech University

Chloe Gold – Memorial High School

Megan Kuhns – **LEGACY** – Bellaire High School

Nicole Nosrat – Memorial High School

Cassie Turzillo – **LEGACY** – Stratford High School



## TEXAS A&M University

Emmory Brazelton – Sophomore – Memorial High School

Kelley Dickey – Memorial High School

Amy Finkelstein – Stratford High School

Paris Griffin – Bellaire High School

Audrey Luecken – **LEGACY** – Sophomore – Stratford High School

Katie McArthur – Memorial High School

Kaitlin McCaleb – **LEGACY** – Sophomore – Bellaire High School

Kennedy Packwood – **LEGACY** – St. Thomas Episcopal High School

## University of Texas

Katie Burdine – **LEGACY** – St. John's High School

Jean Edwards – Episcopal High School

Amy Fricks – Memorial High School

Jacqueline Hassell – Stratford High School

Jennifer Hassell – Stratford High School

Amy Jordan – **LEGACY** – Stratford High School

Emily Lahourcade – Kinkaid High School

Caroline Pace – Episcopal High School

Saira Ukani – **LEGACY** – Sophomore – St. Agnes Academy

## Texas State University

Stephanie Pocevic – Stratford High School

Stacy Walker – **LEGACY** – Stratford High School





# 2012 – 2013 Membership Drive

You are the missing piece of our sisterhood puzzle!



Join the Chi Omega Alumnae Association today!  
[www.chiomegahouston.com](http://www.chiomegahouston.com)

## TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN

10. **Connect Professionally:** Add your LinkedIn profile to your Chi Omega Houston online membership profile. Let your sisters know about your career.
9. **Connect Personally:** Adding your Facebook and Chi Omega Today links to your Chi Omega Houston online membership profile will let sisters connect with you.
8. **Avoid the "LOST" Sister Label:** Share your updated information with Chi Omega Houston and we'll make sure National Headquarters has it too.
7. **Connect with Your Chapter:** 199 Chi Omega chapters have alumnae listed in the Houston area! Connect with other sisters from your chapter and find out what's new at your university.
6. **Mentor a New Alumna:** What a great way to give back. Let us help connect you to a young alumna who is looking for career advice.
5. **Let Us Know about Your Legacy:** Our Recruitment team works diligently every year to connect our Legacies with Actives. Fill in the Legacy information on your online profile to help insure she's invited to our Legacy Only events.
4. **Propose a Potential New Member by Writing a RIF:** We encourage all RIF writers to be members of the Alumnae Association. It helps show your commitment to Chi Omega when recommending a young woman.
3. **Pad Your Resume:** Leadership and involvement look great on any resume and with 4,500 alumnae in the greater Houston area, odds are you're bound to run into another Chi Omega during your job search.
2. **Pad Your Obituary:** How do you want to be remembered?
1. **Let the Good Times Roll:** Being a Chi O was tons of fun during our college years. We have a great time as alumnae too! Check out our calendar!

## Recruitment News

*Geyer Wise Dybesland, Rho, and Barbe Boland Bozeman, Omicron, wish to thank all Recruitment Board Volunteers and the many Alumnae who wrote RIFs for Potential New Members.*

*The **online RIF** is now available. Come hear more about the process at **Recruitment 101 on October 4, 2012**. Details of the event are on the Chi Omega Houston website. For online RIF instructions, visit <https://everyday.chiomega.com/MyRecruits.aspx>.*

## Convention Updates

*Houston was well-represented with 14 participants at the Chi Omega Convention held at Phoenix's J.W. Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in July.*

*Congratulations to the Houston Alumnae on their Sisterhood Award and to the Psi Zeta Advisors for their Outstanding Advisory Board Award.*

*Erin Chambers Packwood, Psi Zeta, sponsored the Owl Tree, which raised over \$55,000 for the Chi Omega Foundation.*

*Also honored at Convention was Nancy Dugal Perrier, MD, Phi Gamma, who was presented with the Malinda Jolley Mortin Woman of Achievement Award. Nancy is a renowned surgeon for patients diagnosed with breast cancer. She works at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center as a surgeon and as a professor.*

# Upcoming Events – Please join us....

September 6th  
**Kaleidoscope Meeting**  
6 – 9 p.m.

home of Erin Packwood  
4115 Dumbarton, Houston 77025

September 7th  
**Kaleidoscope Meeting**  
1 – 3 p.m.

home of Erin Packwood  
4115 Dumbarton, Houston 77025

September 9th  
**Kaleidoscope Meeting**  
2 – 5 p.m.

home of Erin Packwood  
4115 Dumbarton, Houston 77025

September 12th  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

home of Erin Packwood  
4115 Dumbarton, Houston 77025

September 13th  
**Cocktails**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
The Tasting Room,  
1101-18 Uptown Park Blvd., 77056

September 14th  
**Kaleidoscope Meeting**  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Center, 3550 West Dallas,  
Building 2, Houston 77019

September 18th  
**Welcome Back Fall Coffee**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

home of Farrell Saunders  
8 Saddlebrook Lane, Houston 77024

September 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Book Club**

*The Coffins of Little Hope*  
by Timothy Schaffert  
7 – 8:30 p.m.  
home of Sally Reed,  
4710 Willow Street, Bellaire 77401

September 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Walking Club**  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Memorial Park

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Movie Group**  
12:30 – 4 p.m.

Edwards Marq\*E Entertainment  
7620 Katy Freeway, Houston 77024

October 4th  
**Recruitment 101**  
6 – 7:30 p.m.

home of Geyer Dybesland  
5 Crestwood Estates, Houston 77024

October 10th  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

home of Kelly Tronzo  
827 Heath Cliff Court, Houston 77024

October 17th  
**Kaleidoscope Luncheon**  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

River Oaks Country Club  
1600 River Oaks Blvd., Houston 77019

October 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Movie Group**

12:30 - 4 p.m.  
Edwards Greenway  
3839 Richmond, Houston 77027

October 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Cocktails**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Anvil Bar & Refuge  
1424 Westheimer Rd, B, 77006

October 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Walking Club**  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Memorial Park

October 27th  
**The Center Halloween Celebration**  
12:30 – 3 p.m.

The Center, 3550 West Dallas,  
Cullen Residence Hall, Houston 77019

November 6th  
**Chow Omega**  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Beck's Prime  
115 West 19<sup>th</sup>, Houston 77008

November 8th  
**Book Club**

*Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson  
7 – 8:30 p.m.  
home of Margaret Wallace Brown  
4218 A Childress, Houston 77005

November 14th  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
The Center, 3550 West Dallas,  
Building 2, Houston 77019

November 14th  
**Kaleidoscope Check Presentation**

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
The Center, 3550 West Dallas,  
Building 2, Houston 77019

November 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Cocktails**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Under the Volcano  
2349 Bissonnet, Houston 77005

November 18th  
**Psi Zeta Holiday Social**  
2 – 4 p.m.

Psi Zeta home, UH, 5019 Calhoun,  
TH 8, Houston 77004

November 25th  
**Movie Group**  
12:30 – 4 p.m.

Edwards Marq\*E Entertainment  
7620 Katy Freeway, Houston 77024

November 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Walking Club**  
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Memorial Park

To receive notices to these events,  
select *Cocktails, Movies, Walking Group*  
or *Book Club* on your member profile.

Log onto [www.chiomegahouston.com](http://www.chiomegahouston.com),  
go to Member, Preferences.

## Sisterhood

Wedding bells will soon be heard! Congratulations to Psi Zeta alums **Diana Galizioli** and **Sara Guttilla** on their recent engagements.

Baby news for **Susan Dill Patterson**, Epsilon Zeta, who gave birth to Emma Grace Patterson on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to Susan's sister **Carey Dill Dow**, Epsilon Zeta.

Another recent stork visit was to **Geyer Wise Dybesland**, Rho, who gave birth to Mary Margaret Treadway Dybesland on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to Geyer's mom **Susan Duncan Wise**, Rho Epsilon.

**Patti Oliver Fox**, Iota, and her husband Jim recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to the Fox's.

Best wishes to **Lori Farnsworth Hovanetz**, Omicron Theta, **Mandy Fox Hanks**, Pi Gamma, and **Heidi Novosad Allen**, Psi Zeta, on their recent weddings.

Beloved **Kittie Sue Jinkins Livesay**, Iota, joined the Omega chapter on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our condolences to **Marilyn Hensley**, Psi Zeta, and **Pam Hensley**, Psi Zeta, on the loss of their son and brother, Mark, and to **Carol Martino Cashiola**, Psi Zeta, on the loss of her husband, Buddy.

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## Psi Zeta News

Congratulations to the chapter for having the **#1 GPA** on the University of Houston campus. They continue to live our Symphony by placing scholarship before social obligation.

The Actives wish to thank the Alumnae who came to the House for a Recruitment Practice Party for their help and support.

Need a sitter? Reach out to [president@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:president@chiomegahouston.com) for a copy of the Fall Psi Zeta Babysitter List.



**Good luck to the  
PSI ZETAs!**

**UH Recruitment  
September  
21-23**

## Night Owls Events

September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Fall Membership Kick Off**

7 – 9 p.m.

Royal Oak Bar & Grill

1318 Westheimer, Houston 77006

October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Night Owls Painting Party**

7 – 9 p.m.

Pinot's Palette – Montrose

2406 Taft, Houston 77006

November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving Gathering**

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Lola's in the Heights

1102 Yale, Houston 77008

Contact Night Owls Chairs,  
Susan Rudolph or Siri Hinze,  
at [houstonnightowls@gmail.com](mailto:houstonnightowls@gmail.com)  
for more information