

# CHI OMEGA

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Chi Omega Houston Alumnae Newsletter

September 2013

## Letter from Our President

Dear Chi Omega Sisters:

I am honored to be serving this year as President of the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston. It is a privilege to serve Chi Omega in this role, and to have the opportunity to work alongside so many talented, personable and interesting women. Truly this organization epitomizes the saying, "Many hands make light work", for whenever there is a task to do, you will find amazing ladies who are having fun getting it done! Chi Omegas are busy doing everything from feeding a nearby chapter during recruitment workweek...to organizing our amazing Biennial Kaleidoscope event...to supporting our local philanthropy by helping at events at The Center...to supporting our actives with Mother's Club events...to reaching out to sisters in their time of loss...to enjoying getting to know our local actives at the Psi Zeta house...to awarding scholarships to deserving actives...to welcoming sisters to their homes for special interest groups...to celebrating at Eleusinia with toasts and singing with our wonderful 50-70 year members...to serving on the Panhellenic board...to planning fun programs of interest to our entire group...these are your Houston Chi Omega Alums serving you!

This time of year finds us in our membership campaign. I hope that if you haven't yet renewed your membership that you will log on to [www.chiomegahouston.com](http://www.chiomegahouston.com), browse the website and consider joining today. The friendships and connections are priceless, and our calendar is full of fun events. We would be honored for you to come and serve your sisters and Houston alongside us. 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.

## Welcome Back Fall Membership Coffee

Tuesday, September 24, 2013  
9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

at the home of  
Tanya Field Mearse  
10909 Melody Lane  
Houston, Texas 77024

Please join us for our annual fall social gathering. Renew old friendships and make new ones. Alumnae President, Sally Sellers Reed, will share exciting events planned for the coming year. Come hear the latest updates on Recruitment and Kaleidoscope and purchase tickets for the Raffle! Special guests in attendance will be Mary Evelyn Merritt White, former Governing Council member, and Chi Omega Foundation representatives Leslie Blackwell Oliver and Christy Passmore.

Hostesses

Melinda Holley Byrd and Leigh Heckmann Stubbs

For questions, contact [WelcomeBackCoffee@ChiOmegaHouston.com](mailto:WelcomeBackCoffee@ChiOmegaHouston.com)

Accepting Target gift cards or cash for the  
University of Houston Psi Zeta Chapter House Corporation

**RSVP requested by September 20, 2013**  
**Complimentary valet parking is provided**

We have the Fall Coffee coming up on Tuesday, September 24 at the lovely new home of Tanya Mearse. Each year this is a well-attended and fun event. We reconnect with old friends and have the opportunity to meet and welcome new sisters. If you know of a newly graduated Chi Omega daughter of a sister or friend, please invite her to join us for this first fall event. This year we are honored to have attending as our guests, three special and inspirational ladies: Mary Evelyn White, former Governing Council, and Leslie Oliver and Christy Passmore, representing the Chi Omega Foundation.

Please watch your mail for our Kaleidoscope off-year fundraising letter to be mailed next week. Proceeds benefit our long-time philanthropy The Center, the Chi Omega Houston Scholarship Fund and the Chi Omega Foundation. With your generous donations, we will continue supporting these worthwhile charities.

I am excited about the year ahead and hope to see each of you at an event in the near future! In the words of our beloved Symphony, I'd like to encourage you that we are women who strive...to live constantly above snobbery of word or deed, to place scholarship before social obligations, and character before appearances; to be in the best sense, democratic rather than 'exclusive' and lovable rather than 'popular'; to work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely, to choose thoughtfully that course which occasion and conscience demand; to be womanly always and discouraged never; in a word, to be loyal under any and all circumstances to my Fraternity and her highest teachings and to have her welfare ever at heart that she may be a symphony of high purpose and helpfulness in which there is not a discordant note.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. It's going to be a great year.

Loyally in Chi Omega,

*Sally Sellers Reed*

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



# Upcoming Events

To RSVP, visit [www.ChiOmegaHouston.com](http://www.ChiOmegaHouston.com)



September 3

## Kaleidoscope Stuffing Party

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

at the home of Leigh Stubbs  
502 Stoneleigh, Houston 77079

September 4

## Kaleidoscope Stuffing Party

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

at the home of Geyer Dybesland  
5 Crestwood Estates, Houston 77024

September 19

## Chi O Cocktails

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bar, 2303 Smith Street,  
#300, Houston 77006

September 25

## Night Owls - Fall Membership Kickoff

7 - 9 p.m.

Tasting Room - River Oaks  
2409 W. Alabama, Houston 77098

September 29

## Chi O at the Movies

12 - 4 p.m.

Lunch at Russo's NY Pizzeria &  
Movie at Edwards Marq\*E  
7620 Katy Freeway, Houston 77024

October 6

## Night Owls - Sunday Social

4 - 6 p.m.

Boneyard Dog Park & Drinkery  
8150 Washington, Houston 77007

October 8

## Chi O Book Club

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Liars & Saints by Maile Meloy  
at the home of Margaret Brown,  
4218-A Childress, Houston 77005

October 10

## Chi O Cocktails

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Vintropolis, 10001 Westheimer,  
#2695, Houston 77042

Congratulations to **Carolyn Laib Mata** (Psi Zeta) who was recently elected to a two-year term as President of the Houston Area League of Women Voters.

May was a big month for **Dr. Sara Guttilla McLean** (Psi Zeta). She graduated from Texas Woman's University with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy and married Sean McLean. She also started a new job at Texas Children's Hospital's West Campus in August.

**Vita Montalbano Dougherty** (Iota) and husband, Andy, are enjoying their precious new twins, Marie Gianna & Robert Andrew, born May 29. Congrats to **Tammi Giroux Rainwater** (Psi Zeta) on her new darling son, Wyatt Jackson, who was born July 26. **Katie Metten Beirne** (Lambda Alpha) has a brand new bundle of joy with Rory Ann, born August 26.

Our most sincere condolences to **Patricia New Goeringer** (Alpha Zeta) and **Brooke Bradley Frank** (Iota) on the loss of their mothers, to **Stephanie Aron Weiss** (Psi Zeta) on the loss of her grandmother, to **Debbie Mitchell** (Psi Zeta) on the loss of her father, to **Cathy Coers Frank** (Psi Zeta) on the loss of her brother-in-law, and to the family of **Kay Fletcher Cooksey** (Psi Zeta) who joined the Omega chapter in May.

**Rose Saragusa Cullen** (Psi Zeta) will be recognized for her generous support of the Moores School of Music and the University of Houston at the upcoming *Rev Up for Moores!* Luncheon on October 10. She will be receiving the Outstanding Leader in Community Service award.



Psi Zetas from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s gathered in July for a Happy Hour Reunion at Molina's.

## Upcoming Events

*Continued*

October 16  
**Painting Party**  
7 - 9 p.m.  
Pinot's Palette  
5539 Richmond, Houston 77056

October 23  
**Chow Omega**  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Beck's Prime  
115 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston 77008

October 27  
**Night Owls - Houston Color Run**  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Downtown Houston, Minute Maid Park  
Lunch to follow at Corner Bakery Café,  
2615 SW Freeway, Houston 77098

October 27  
**Chi O at the Movies**  
12 - 4 p.m.  
Lunch at Which Wich &  
Movie at Edwards Greenway  
3839 Richmond, Houston 77027

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## Save the Date

### GENERAL MEETING

**October 30, 2013**

9:30 - 11 a.m.

Featuring guest speaker & Chi O

***Jeanie Vaughn Janke***

*on*

***"Women in Business &  
The Houston Rodeo"***

107 Point Broad Oak  
Houston 77056

RSVP at [www.ChiOmegaHouston.com](http://www.ChiOmegaHouston.com)

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## ***Time To Renew Your Membership***

Membership renewal for the upcoming year is now available online. Please pay your dues on or before September 30, 2013 for the 2013-2014 membership year.

Membership in the Alumnae Association has many benefits:

**Recruitment workshops for mothers of senior girls**

**Member-only legacy parties**

**Access to online RIFs and examples of the "Perfect RIF"**

**Preferred seating at Kaleidoscope and Eleusinian**

**Invitations to many sisterhood activities**

**Log onto [www.ChiOmegaHouston.com](http://www.ChiOmegaHouston.com) today!**

Once you log-in, please go to "Member" and then "Preferences" to choose your interests, then "Update your membership". We use these preferences to ensure you know about upcoming events!

**For questions regarding membership, email Lou Thompson Black at  
[Membership@ChiOmegaHouston.com](mailto:Membership@ChiOmegaHouston.com)**

**The Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Foundation  
presents the**

**10th Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction  
“Uncorked”**

**honoring  
Joe and Polly Kent**

**Friday, October 18, 2013  
6:30 p.m.**

**St. Cecilia’s Community Center  
11740 Joan of Arc, Houston 77024  
(off of Bunker Hill, parking off Denise Drive)**

*Individual tickets are \$50 and Patron tickets are \$100,  
with all proceeds benefitting HAPF Scholarships.  
Appetizers to be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. with  
the opening of the Silent Auction. Wine Tasting begins  
promptly at 7 p.m., followed by the Dinner Buffet!*

*For reservations and questions, please contact  
Candace Turner at caturner47@comcast.net*



**Good Luck to the Psi Zetas  
as they begin a new  
school year and recruitment!**

To follow them on social media:

**Facebook:**

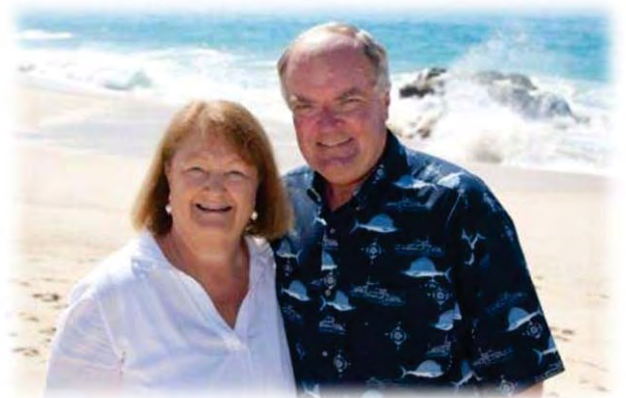
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Honorees Joe and Polly Cox Kent, Rho Epsilon



# ***Kaleidoscope Charity Raffle***

*We have an exciting raffle planned this year to benefit The Center, the Chi Omega Houston Scholarship Fund and the Chi Omega Foundation.*

*To view color photos of the prizes, visit [www.ChiOmegaHouston.com](http://www.ChiOmegaHouston.com), *Philanthropies.**

*To purchase tickets, email [Raffle@ChiOmegaHouston.com](mailto:Raffle@ChiOmegaHouston.com).*

*TICKETS: 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100*

## **Best Bites**

**\$2,031 Value**

You will be dining out for a year!  
Relish these gift certificates to 16 of Houston's tastiest restaurants. Also enjoy a tin of almond toffee that is out of this world!  
(Chef for display purposes only.)

## **Wine & Dine**

**\$1,578 Value**

Enjoy 6 premium bottles of wine and add to your own cellar with a \$250 gift certificate to *Spec's Wine, Spirits & Finer Foods*. You will savor a night out for 6 to *Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar* and enjoy a fajita dinner for 20 at *Armandos*.

## **What Women Want**

**\$2,298 Value**

You'll be super chic with your stylish *Henri Bendel* handbag, wallet and scarf. Shop for other goodies with gift cards to *Leslie & Co.* and *French Cuff Boutique*. A *Jentry Kelley Cosmetics* private makeup lesson for you and 7 of your closest friends will make you feel and look beautiful. Also includes a luxurious Brazilian Blowout treatment and several deluxe products from *Azur West Salon*. Snap a photo of yourself and put it in your frame from *More Than You Can Imagine*.

## **Colorado Cabin**

**\$1,500 Value**

Make memories with family and friends during a 7-day stay in a beautiful mountain top, log cabin home in scenic *Red Feather Lakes, Colorado*. Home includes 2 beds and 2 baths on the upper level, a gorgeous living room, spacious kitchen and dining room on the main level, and a comfortable lower level family room that has an additional 2 sets of bunk beds and 2 futons (sleeps 10 total). The one week stay is good between May 1, 2014 and October 31, 2014.

## **Spa Retreat**

**\$4,000 Value**

You and a guest will experience a 4 day, 3 night weekend stay for 2 at the *Deer Lake Lodge Spa and Resort*. This serene, unique wellness resort will revitalize your energy, improve your well-being, and stimulate your mind. The 50-acre destination spa is nestled in an idyllic Lake Conroe resort community, located just 45 minutes from downtown Houston.

## **Technology**

**\$1,500 Value**

What will you buy with a \$1,500 SPENDING SPREE to the *Apple Store*? The possibilities are endless...

## **Houston Texans**

**\$1,464 Value**

You will feel like a VIP with these 4 Club Level Tickets and parking pass to a *Houston Texans* game at Reliant Stadium this season. Includes an autographed photo of #24 Johnathan Joseph and Certificate of Authenticity.

## **Diamonds and Pearls**

**\$7,095 Value**

OOH LA LA... How smart and fabulous you'll look with your new ladies ring which features 3 rows of diamonds set on 18 kt. yellow and white gold bands. This classic, double-strand Japanese Akoya pearl necklace is so sophisticated! It is charmingly nestled at 17" and 18" and will complete your look for a glamorous night out.

*All proceeds benefit Kaleidoscope charities. You need not be present to win. Raffle will be held at the Fall Coffee on September 24, 2013. Choose the box for your ticket.*

*Winners agree to comply with all IRS regulations regarding raffle winnings. All federal, state, local and other taxes are the sole responsibility of the applicable winner.*

# Kaleidoscope Raffle Donors

*Many thanks to our generous donors who made the raffle prizes possible.*

Adair Family Restaurants  
Armandos  
Azur West Salon  
Benjy's  
Chick-fil-A  
Clear Channel Media+Entertainment  
Collina's Italian Café  
Deer Lake Lodge Spa & Resort  
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar  
French Cuff Boutique  
giacomo's cibo e vino  
Henri Bendel New York  
Houston Texans  
Jentry Kelley Cosmetics & Skincare  
Jerry Built Homegrown Burgers  
Katch 22  
Leslie & Co. Ladies' Store  
Little Matt's  
More Than You Can Imagine  
Tiny Boxwood's  
Vintropolis, City of Wine  
Zelko Bistro

Heidi Allen  
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Margaret Brown  
Jeannie Bub  
Linda Burdine  
Melinda Byrd  
Jo Crake  
Cindy Creeden  
Lisa Curry  
Drue DaSilva  
Melissa DeLaGarza  
Vita & Andy Dougherty  
Carey Dow  
Nicole Dubiton  
Debbie Dugger  
Geyer Dybesland  
Julie Edwards  
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Marie Fischer  
Cathy Frank

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Marilyn Hensley  
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Jennifer Lee  
Melissa Magee  
Natalie Magill  
Ella Mahon  
Sara McLean  
Tanya Mearse  
Sandy Moore  
Night Owls Members  
Dee Pace  
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Susan Patterson  
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Farrell Saunders  
Lela Staples  
Stephanie Weiss  
Susan Wise



HENRI BENDEL INVITES THE  
*Chi Omega Houston Alumnae Association*  
TO AN EVENING OF  
SHOPPING & CHAMPAGNE!

*Alumnae Will Enjoy an Exclusive*  
**10% DISCOUNT**  
AND HENRI BENDEL WILL DONATE 10% OF  
THE EVENT'S SALES TO CHI-OMEGA KALEIDOSCOPE!

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**  
FROM 6PM-8PM

Henri Bendel - The Houston Galleria  
5085 Westheimer Road • Houston, TX 77056

Please RSVP to [crossberg@limitedbrands.com](mailto:crossberg@limitedbrands.com)

HENRI BENDEL NEW YORK CHI-OMEGA KALEIDOSCOPE

# Flourish!

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) recognized **Georgan Wallace Reitmeier** (Tau Beta), Klein ISD Board member, at its Outstanding Women Awards Luncheon on February 23, 2013. Reitmeier was named an AAUW Outstanding Education Honoree.

“It was very humbling to be recognized among such an exceptional group of women and educators,” expressed Reitmeier, who has served on the Klein ISD Board since 2005. Reitmeier began volunteering in the Klein ISD in 1976, and is credited for helping initiate Project After Prom programs at three high schools in 1988. She also served as the director of the ECI Keep Pace program for 17 years before retiring in 2004. Reitmeier was elected the next year to the Klein ISD school board, where she has held several positions including board president for two years, as well as vice president and secretary for one year each.



(front row l to r): Sara Guttilla McLean, Carol Hetherwick Sutton, Cathy Coers Frank, Cheryl Palmer Oldweiler  
(back row l to r) Amanda Hunt, Janet Chandler Jones, Judy Leaf Baxter, Drue Terry DaSilva, Laura Mendez Thom



Nine Chi Omegas took part in the University of Houston's Women's Football 101 in late July.

Psi Zeta sister, Sara Guttilla McLean, with Head Football Coach Tony Levine, won the field goal contest.