

# CHI OMEGA

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Chi Omega Houston Alumnae Newsletter

May 2012

## Letter from Our President

Dear Sisters,

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as President of this wonderful sisterhood. It has been an opportunity of a lifetime and one that I will not soon forget. We covered a lot of ground this year including:

Welcome Back Coffee, Night Owls Kickoff, Board Meetings, Cougar Corner Dedication, Pam Thompson, Mother's Club Luncheon, HAPA Wine Tasting, The Center's Halloween Party, Recruitment 101, Kaleidoscope Check Presentation & Tour, Psi Zeta Holiday Social, Ornament Exchange, Legacy Holiday Party, Bowling at 300, Chow Omega, King Tut, Chi Omega Today, Rodeo Run, Career Networking, Eleusinian Banquet, St. Arnold's Tour, ComedySportz Mixer, Blue Willow Bookshop, Cinco de Chi O, HAPA Luncheon, Chi O Cocktails, Movie Group, Chi O Book Club, Walking Group, Bingo and Spring Legacy Party.

Whew...this has been a whirlwind year and hopefully you have made some new connections with your sisters. Be sure to check out our online Chi O Photo Gallery to look for your picture at these fantastic events.

With the amount of time many of us spend on social media sites like Facebook, Pinterest and Twitter, it would be easy to think that real conversations no longer happen. I recently read a study that most effective brands are still talked about face-to-face or over the phone. While our electronic communications have helped us immensely, it is very important for Chi Omegas to talk about our Fraternity and spread the word about our alumnae group verbally rather than just through digital communications.

You have helped make us one of the leading Chi Omega alumnae groups in the country, so as our membership drive begins soon, please reach out to your Chi O friends and neighbors directly and encourage them to reconnect.

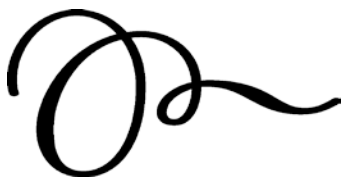
As I close, words cannot adequately express my gratitude to the Board and Committee Chairs for their service this year.

It takes a lot of help to run our organization and these women have given so much of their time and energy to make this group what it is. This has been a magnificent experience and I deeply thank you.

Loyally in Chi Omega,

*Drue DaSilva*

Drue Terry DaSilva  
Psi Zeta 1990  
president@chiomegahouston.com



## Chi O's Have Fun Together

Chi Omegas attended the Houston Alumnae Panhellenic Association Luncheon on May 3<sup>rd</sup> where Psi Zeta, Molly Marek, was awarded a HAPA scholarship.



# Upcoming Events – Please join us....

## June 24<sup>th</sup> Lunch & a Movie

Edwards Greenway

*Watch your email for the movie selection closer to the date.*



## June 8<sup>th</sup> Chi O Cocktails

Taco Milagro  
2555 Kirby, 77019  
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.



## July 18<sup>th</sup> Chi O Cocktails

Block 7  
720 Shepherd Drive, 77007  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

More details on each event may be found at [www.chiomegahouston.com](http://www.chiomegahouston.com)  
Please RSVP

## Congratulations to the 2012-2013 Executive Board

President	<b>Mona Barron</b> , Epsilon Gamma
President-Elect	<b>Sally Sellers Reed</b> , Theta Kappa
Past President	<b>Drue Terry DaSilva</b> , Psi Zeta
Secretary	<b>Janet Rhodes Jones</b> , Kappa Zeta
Treasurer	<b>Carey Dill Dow</b> , Epsilon Zeta
Membership Chair	<b>Lou Thompson Black</b> , Rho Epsilon
Communications Chair	<b>Trish Ruff Cunningham</b> , Epsilon Zeta
Recruitment Chair	<b>Geyer Wise Dybesland</b> , Rho
Kaleidoscope Chair	<b>Erin Chambers Packwood</b> , Psi Zeta
Kaleidoscope Chair-Elect	<b>Melissa Claybrook DeLaGarza</b> , Psi Zeta

## Psi Zeta News

Psi Zeta has had a wonderful year, capped off with some exceptional and exciting news we'd like to share:

- Chi Omega earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Place all-around in the Frontier Fiesta competition with their partner, Pi Kappa Phi. G.H. Kelly Wood was named Miss Frontier Fiesta at UH, the second consecutive year a Chi O has won the honor.
- Amanda Van Tilborg will be traveling as a 2012-2013 National Consultant with Chi Omega.
- Taylor Minor has been awarded a spot on the Houston Dynamos cheerleading squad for the upcoming season.
- Natasha Faircloth has been elected President of Order of Omega, a leadership honor society for Greeks.
- The Campus Recreation Center recently chose Lorelei Nilsson as Female Athlete of the Year at the Campus Leadership Reception.
- New initiate, Marissa Blumenthal, was awarded a scholarship medal from Conference-USA. She maintains a 3.9 GPA and is on the UH swim team.
- Make-a-Wish recently presented Psi Zeta with an award for granting two wishes this year.
- Psi Zeta hosted “Chi O Carnival” for residents of The Center on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



ComedySportz Night



New 2012-2013 Executive Board



Drue DaSilva passes the gavel to Mona Barron

**Membership**

**Drive Starts**

**June 1st**

Call Your Sisters Now!

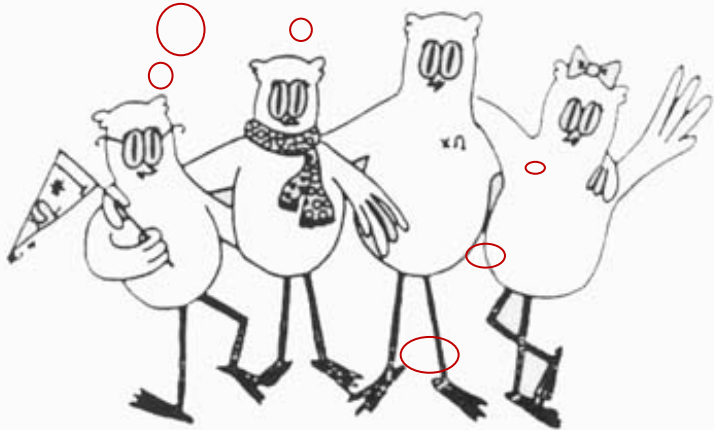
**I'm ready for warm weather!**

**July 11 - 15, 2012**

Chi Omega  
Convention  
Phoenix, AZ

## Houston Alumnae Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to these ladies who were honored as scholarship recipients at the Eleusinian Banquet:



*I'm going to check out LinkedIn to connect with all of those new scholarship winners!*

Caroline Bortz  
Lindsey Koszela  
Jenna Lindley  
Molly Marek  
Megan McCormack  
Rachel McCormack  
Kristen McInnerney  
Jessica McKinney  
Mary Katherine Mizell  
Kathryn West  
Kelly Wood

University of Georgia  
University of Texas, Austin  
Vanderbilt  
University of Houston  
Northwestern  
Texas Christian University  
University of Houston  
Missouri University of Science & Technology  
University of Missouri  
Baylor University  
University of Houston

# Flourish!

Chi Omega Fraternity is officially on **Twitter!** Connect with Chi Omega at @ChiOmegaXO and tell us about yourself, your Sisters and your chapter! Also, on **Facebook** – look for “Chi Omega Fraternity” or follow “Chi Omega Houston” for local news!

Jerry D. and **Linda Gregg Fields**, Alpha Zeta, of Houston were awarded honorary doctoral degrees during a commencement ceremony on May 10, at Texas State University. Mrs. Fields is a fifth-generation Texan, a native of San Marcos and a 1966 graduate of Texas State. During her college years, she was very active on campus, where she was a Strutter, a member of Chi Omega sorority and was named a Gaillardian.

**Melinda Hill Perrin**, Iota, was named one of six Distinguished Alumni 2012 at the University of Texas. She is also a former President of the Chi Omega Houston Alumnae.



We hear wedding bells! Congratulations to **Mallory Engler**, Lambda, **Amanda Van Tilborg**, Psi Zeta, and **Mackenzie Blair**, Upsilon Zeta on each of their recent engagements.

Congratulations to **Wrynn Wood Homann**, Iota, on her new baby girl, Sadie Mae Homann.

**McClary Snow**, Tau, of the University of Mississippi was awarded the Mother’s Club Scholarship.

We want to again congratulate **Marie Freeman Fischer**, Xi, as the 2012 Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston Woman of the Year. Marie is a past president of the Alumnae Association and continues to serve in so many ways. We love you Marie!

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

Want to get involved, but don't know how? Send us an email at [volunteer@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:volunteer@chiomegahouston.com)

## Kaleidoscope

We often see the direct impact of donating to Kaleidoscope through the scholarships given at the Eleusinian Banquet and our support of The Center. But did you know that Chi Omega Kaleidoscope has also funded mock trials through the Chi Omega Foundation? Mock trials are an educational tool to teach chapter members, officers and advisors of the legal consequences from the failure to properly educate members or enforce violations of risk management. The training reviews how the actions or inactions of a few could affect not only their lives but the chapter and national Chi Omega.

Our donation allowed four alumnae to be trained together as facilitators beyond Fraternity staff. In addition, seven chapters received a mock trial visit last year with over 700 collegians and over 20 alumnae volunteers in attendance. The program was very well-received and showed what a powerful and positive impact such a valuable learning experience can make. Your dedication to Kaleidoscope helps shape young Chi Omega leaders for our future.

## Save the Date

A poster for a luncheon event titled "Ali in Wonderland". The poster features a woman in a blue polka-dot swimsuit sitting on a large blue and white mug. The text on the poster includes: "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", and "For more information contact: [ali@chiomegahouston.com](mailto:ali@chiomegahouston.com)".

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