Letter from the Presidents

HOUSTON, TX
ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Hello Sisters,

We want to thank each of you for joining us as we proudly served as Co-presidents of the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston for 2019-2020! With your support and participation, we had a dynamic year of impactful programs and social gatherings until the COVID-19 Pandemic halted all social gatherings. Not being able to gather in person did not stop our social interaction! We continued to experience cooking classes via Facebook and to conduct meetings via Zoom; and, our Board continued to lead during our period of social distancing.

We are eternally grateful for the Sisters who served on our Executive and General Boards. Each Sister has utilized her unique skills and talents in her leadership role. As a Leadership Team, we established aggressive goals for our alumnae association this year and the Board members enthusiastically worked hard to make them a success!

We adopted a theme of "Back to Basics" as a Leadership Team goal back in August. One of our objectives was to better document our board actions and decision-making processes. We took an in-depth look at how our positions interacted and asked each officer to submit a job description and timeline for future officers. We updated our bylaws to reflect current operations. We acquired a document archive system to more efficiently maintain our history and to ease the effort to search for key information and documents.

We increased our membership by 25 %. An expanded membership provided additional funding to support both our internal programming and scholarships for our collegiate Sisters. In addition, we chose to move our 2020-2021membership drive from September to April. This allowed us to match the program year with our budget year.

We modified the timing of some of our alumnae events. Over 85 alumnae attended our Fall Membership Kickoff, an after-work gathering. Likewise, we opted for a February-based event, rather than battle the challenges of finding a mutually agreeable December date for our annual Holiday Party. Our inaugural "Owlentines" Party was held in February and was a great success!
None of these endeavors would have been possible without the efforts and energies expended towards our goals by YOU and we THANK YOU! We confidently leave you with our enthusiastic and energetic successors - Lisa Curry *(Alpha Zeta*) and Brooke Bradley Frank (*Iota)*!

Thanks to each of you for making our "job" a true "joy!"

Loyally!
Barbe Boland Bozeman (*Omicron*) Dawn Ogletree Murphy (*Kappa Zeta*)

Something to HOOT about!

Houston Alumnae Scholarships

Congratulations to all of the recipients of the 2020 Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston Kaleidoscope Scholarships! These outstanding young women exemplify strong character, campus and community involvement, leadership qualities, and academic excellence.

Nicolette Mitchell - Psi Zeta

Chloe Roman – Iota

Nicole Welsh – Iota

Mary Welter - Iota

Please reach out to us for information on scholarship application or donating to this impactful funding by emailing scholarships@chiomegahouston.com.

Panhellenic Scholarships

The Saunders Family Scholarship
Reagan Kimble – Psi Zeta at UH

Marian Frutiger Sisterhood and Houston Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Kappa Scholarship
Lauren Garcia - Psi Zeta at UH

Panhellenic Scholarship

Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston
Chi Omega Kaleidoscope Scholarship
Angela Tallent – Theta Kappa at Baylor University

Hoots and Hugs

Cheers to our outgoing alumnae co-presidents Barbe Bozeman and Dawn Murphy for their outstanding leadership and service this past year.

Congratulations to Katelynn Swanson (Alpha Zeta) on her engagement to Brice Karger.

Wedding bells rang for Christi Davis (Iota) daughter of Lynn Davis (Iota) who married Brad Vinzant on April 18.

Sending Condolences to Barbe Bozeman (Omicron) for the loss of her mother-in-law.

Wrapping our arms around Jo Crake (Phi Gamma) for the loss of her mother in law.

Condolences to the family and friends of Sarah Metts Howell (Iota) on her entrance to the Omega Chapter.

Congrats to Sally Reed(Theta Kappa) on her new granddaughter beautifully named "Sally"!

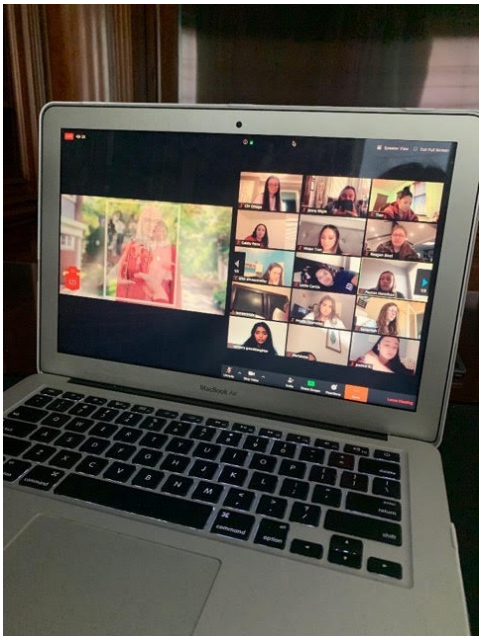
Congratulations to Alexandra Waits(Mu Beta) on graduating from Baylor College of Medicine. She is now Dr. Alexandra Waits!

Membership Update

Thank you to all 223 members who have joined for the first time or rejoined for the umpteenth time! While our membership drive ended in April, it is not too late to join. We hope to begin gathering in September. Even if we aren't able to physically get together, your dues are important for our commitment to The Center and for scholarships for our deserving collegiate young women!

Psi Zeta Update

CFSL Night of Celebration: February 11th, the Psi Zeta chapter took home numerous awards including Excellence in Intellectual Development, Excellence in Leadership Development, Excellence in Meaningful Relationships; Excellence in Ritual and Values, The Arete Award for Excellence in 4 areas Individually Taylor O'Hara was awarded the Executive Leader of the Year for her time as the 2019 president!



The weekly Monday zoom meetings have been tons of fun for all the girls in the chapter! It's been a fun way to keep up with sisters, play games, chitchat about life, work on weekly goals together, and simply see each other from the safe distance! It has also allowed us to communicate important info about the chapter such as recruitment updates and budget and such.

Hoot, Hoot…It is time to Recruit!

Our May 1st deadline flew by and we have processed close to 400 RIFs for PNMs that will be going through Recruitment this fall and next spring at 36 different colleges. If you have any questions about Recruitment please go to our website or the national website, but we will be glad to answer any questions or concerns.

We have a wonderful Recruitment Board and they are working with us through the summer to make sure our future Chi O members are living the symphony life.

Jo Crake & Julie Wiesen

Recruitment Co-chairs 2020-2021

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♥Owlentines Party♥

The Owlentines Member Party took place in February at the home of Angela Cheves. It was a beautiful day for sharing love with our Chi Omega sisters. Caterer Mundi Elam prepared delicious food. Our sweet treats were provided by Angela Cheves (Iota) and Barbe Bozeman (Omicron). Darling earrings were donated by Anna Edwards (Alpha Alpha) for our door prizes.

Lisa Curry (AZ)
Angela Cheves (Iota)
Brooke Frank (Iota)

Angela Cheves (Iota)
Sandy Carlton (Xi Kappa)

♥Owlentines Party♥

Diane Roberts (Sigma Epsilon)
Anna Edwards (Alpha Alpha)

Dawn Murphy
(Kappa Zeta)

Susan Patterson
(Kappa Zeta)

Peg Palison (Psi Zeta)

Julie Bailey
(Kappa Zeta)

Kathleen Mayes
Julie Wiesen
Rebecca Clark
Brooke Frank
(all Iota)

News from The Center – Crispy, Crunchy Cookies for a Cause!

While there are no current markets to buy cookies or opportunities for cookie packing, please remember you can always buy your gingersnaps and cheese snaps online!
https://www.gingersnapsetc.org/