

*The official newsletter of the Chi Omega Alumnae Association of Houston.
Summer 2021*

CARDINAL & STRAW

SUMMERTIME + SISTERHOOD



**WALK LIKE A CHI O,
TALK LIKE A CHI O,
LIVE THE CHI O
SYMPHONY**

"Not sisters by blood, but sisters by heart. No matter the distance, always a place in my heart."

To be womanly, always;

To be discouraged, never.



Night Owls



Celebrate with your sisters this summer and we hope to see you at the next *Night Owls* in August at **Moonshine Deck**.

Date TBD

Please contact *Katie Smith* for more information.

Owl Meet You For Lunch



Thank you for attending Owl Meet You For Lunches this year, including our latest gathering at Songkran Thai Kitchen.

We are looking forward to laughter over lunch again this fall. Dates TBD.

Contact *Sissy Gregory* for more information.

A Note from Your Board

What a joy it has been to serve as co-presidents of the Houston chapter of the Chi Omega Alumnae Association! Although an unprecedented year, we were still able to accomplish so much and did our best to keep everyone engaged and involved in new and different ways.

Some of our events were virtual like the Gracewood tour with Sally Reed, the cooking class with Laura Kaplan, and the book talk with Valerie Koehler from Blue Willow Bookstore.

Other events were in person including a wine tasting event with Houston's own "Wine Man", a very fun Founder's Day event at Los Tios Mexican Restaurant, Owl Meet You For Lunch organized by Sissy Gregory met in person every other month, and Night Owls organized by Katie Smith and Audrey Gross met in person almost every month. Who could forget the delicious valentine cookie delivery to every paid member? And, through our Kaleidoscope Campaign we raised enough money to award five scholarships to deserving collegiates. Each event provided a great way to get together in person or via Zoom, and we found many new places and met new faces...even during a pandemic! Chi Omegas are discouraged never and always make the best of any situation.

Now we are ready to pass the gavel to our new co-presidents, Angela Cheves and Sandy Carlton. We know they have great ideas and many events planned for this next year, and we can't wait to be a part of it.

Thank you all for your continued support and love for our sisterhood.

XO ~ Lisa Curry and Brooke Frank

Hoots *and* Hugs

Congratulations to our fellow sisters:

- Vita Dougherty (Iota) and her husband, Andy on the birth of their daughter and fifth child, Lucy.
- Caroline Bortz Johnson (Mu Beta) on the birth of her first daughter, Annie.
- Cathy Coers Frank (Psi Zeta) on receiving the Valenti School of Communication Impact Award for her dedication and commitment to the Valenti School.
- Congratulations to Leslie King (Kappa Zeta). 50-year member recognized at the Founders' Day Happy Hour, April 8, 2021.
- Erika Evanoff (Mu Beta, UGA) and soon to be graduate of Texas A&M veterinary medical school, on her engagement to Brooks Weaver

We send our condolences to:

- Lynne Goddard (Psi Zeta) , on the passing of her mother.
- Geyer Wise Dybesland (Rho Epsilon) and the Wise family on the passing of Susan Duncan Wise (Rho Epsilon) who was a member of the House Corp at Psi Zeta, a member of our alumnae board and active with Chi Omega Kaleidoscope endeavors.



To speak kindly, To act sincerely





PSI ZETA NEWS



- The ladies of the Chi Omega Psi Zeta chapter at the University of Houston were thrilled to organize a fully virtual Make-A-Wish week (April 26th - May 1st)
- All proceeds went to Make-A-wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana.
- They reached their goal of \$5,000!
- Take a glance at how they hit their goal:
 - **MAKE A WISH MONDAY:** Participants were invited to screenshot a post and share it on their social media.
 - **TEXT TUESDAY:** Partnered with Make-A-Wish to send friends and family a text link that allowed them to donate.
 - **WHY WEDNESDAY:** Participants were invited to share their personal experiences with Make-A-Wish and why it is important to them.
 - **THANK YOU THURSDAY:** Participants were invited to post a virtual Make-A-Wish themed bingo card on their socials and fill it up with donations.
 - **FEEL GOOD FRIDAY:** Participants were invited to wear blue and spirit day attire and post a picture on their socials.
 - **STEP-A-THON SATURDAY:** Points were given to the team with the most steps and most calories burned.

GO COUGARS!

WALK LIKE A CHI OMEGA



Local Chi Omega Alumnae Association members were featured as models at the recent

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church's Women's Guild Luncheon and Style Show.

Fashions were presented by the *French Cuff Boutique*, owned by our own Kairy Tate (Psi Zeta, 2008).

Pictured left to right: Karen Burd of French Cuff Boutique, Lee Green Auchter (Alpha Zeta, 1976) and Alicita Sigur Collins (Phi Gamma, 1976).

SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the Chi Omega Alumnae Association Scholarship recipients for 2021:

Rhodes College: Alexis Katherine Kohnke

Texas A&M University: AnaLisa Villarreal and Francine Meij

The University of Georgia: Caroline Grace Daigre

The University of Texas: Ana Bruton and Elizabeth Gex



To place scholarship before social obligations, and character before appearances

FOUNDERS' DAY

On April 8, 2021 we gathered at Los Tios for our Founders' Day Happy Hour to celebrate Ina May Boles, Jobelle Holcombe, Alice Simonds, Jean Vincenheller, and Dr. Charles Richardson, AND recognize our 50-year member, Leslie King!



KIDS MEALS

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SISTERS WHO SERVED!



Juli Hruska, Joni Hruska Fichter, Bonnie Barton, Katie Walmsley, Diane Cody Roberts, Suzanne Fischer Wendorf, Marie Fischer Mack, Pam Hensley, Katelyn Swanson, Kara Hensley (Pam's daughter), Katie Smith



Drue DaSilva

Congratulations to our fellow sister, Drue DaSilva, for making the list for the University of Houston Alumni Association's Cougar 100 Awards.

The Cougar 100 honors the fastest growing Cougar-owned and led businesses. Drue owns and operates DaSilva Property Group.

We are proud of you, Drue!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



QUICK + BERRY GOOD SALAD

- 1 Package organic power green mix
- ½ Package strawberries
- 1 small Package blackberries
- 4 oz goat cheese
- 2 Tbsp Honey
- 1/4 cup Sliced raw almonds
- 1/4 cup Golden Raisins or Craisins
- Balsamic salad dressing works best
- Toss together and take on a picnic with your sisters!

Perfect for a Picnic

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