

# CHI OMEGA

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Newsletter of the Atlanta Alumnae Association

Fall/Winter 2015



*In May 2, sisters attended the Atlanta Area Panhellenic Association Luncheon at Cherokee Town Club. We are pleased to announce that we were one of two alumnae association finalists for 2015 Outstanding Alumnae Association for the Atlanta Area Panhellenic Association. This award recognizes the alumnae chapter who has excelled in service to the community, their collegiate chapters, philanthropic projects and programming for their members. NPC President and Chi Omega Sister Jean Mrasek attended the event and spoke to the Panhellenic group. Following the event, Sister Mrasek joined members of our alumnae association and local active sisters at the Warren City Club for an evening of sisterhood.*



## President's Message

### **Sisters of Chi Omega:**

Friends, Teachers, Mentors, Chefs, Managers – Atlanta Chi Omega are doing it all and more each day. Each of us brings a special talent, unique experiences, and our sisterhood ties us together allowing us to make incredible connections. These are all supported by the values of Chi Omega which, as alumnae, we can apply in a different way daily. As Jean Mrasek, NPC President & Chi Omega, said during her visit to Atlanta, it is about using our values as a sisterhood to connect the “dots” between the workplace, friends, family, and community. Our alumnae association is proud to be doing just that through our membership and programming.

With 222 members in 2015, we have experienced a 33% growth since last year, the highest number of alumnae since 2008. As an association we are flourishing! Along with our membership growth is the evolving programming we have in place to meet the interests of the wide range of ages and life stages within our sisterhood – it's only going to get better. This year, look for monthly sisterhood events, a new fall fundraiser for a local charity, themed alumnae meetings and of course our “Wine for Wishes” in support of Make-A-Wish Georgia. I encourage you to get involved, meet new friends, and connect your own “dots” by engaging with your sisters.

Loyally,  
Jackie Vintimilla

## Save the Date

**September 20th**

Alumnae Meeting: Chi O Memorabilia

**September 24th**

Pizza Making Class @ Buckhead Pizza Co.

**October 2nd**

Membership Forms Due

**October 3rd**

Oakland Cemetery Tour Fundraiser for Carrie Steele-Pitts Home

**November 8th**

Alumnae Meeting: Holiday Appetizers

**November 19th**

Atlanta Botanical Garden Lights at Night

**March 12th**

Wine for Wishes for Make-A-Wish® Georgia

*...to work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely...*

## Sisterhood Events & Programs

### Alumnae Meetings

A time for us to socialize, plan/announce events and learn. Email topic or speaker ideas to Anne Parker or Alyssa Owen: [anneshelliparker@hotmail.com](mailto:anneshelliparker@hotmail.com) [alyssa.owen1221@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.owen1221@gmail.com)

**9/20 – 3 p.m.** @ Susan DeDeyn's home,  
Theme: Chi O Memorabilia

We will be collecting donations & toiletries for the Mary Hall Freedom House in support of the Atlanta Area Panhellenic Association.

**11/8 – 3 p.m.** @ Judy Sauer's home  
Theme: Holiday Appetizers

We will be collecting donations for the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home.

**1/24 – 3 p.m.** @ Mary Scheible's home  
Theme: Some Like it Hot (Cocoa)

**2/21 – 3 p.m.** @ Lia Picard's home  
Theme: Ole! Spain

### Night Owls

Night Owls is a monthly all-ages happy hour. Contact Courtney DiSalvo or Madeline Lake: [courtneyannroberts@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyannroberts@gmail.com) [madilanelake@gmail.com](mailto:madilanelake@gmail.com)

**9/16 – 5 p.m.** @ Mi Cocina– Midtown

**10/21 – 5 p.m.** @ Salt Yard – Buckhead

**11/12 – 6 p.m.** @ Pour Bistro – Brookhaven

**12/17 – 5 p.m.** @ Katana – Buckhead

### Governor's Mansion

Full-time and substitute volunteers are needed to host tours of the Governor's Mansion on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon (9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 1/15). Attire is business casual. Contact Cynthia Day at 404-218-2176 or [cday200@gmail.com](mailto:cday200@gmail.com)

### Bridge Group

Bridge players are invited every fourth Tuesday at a member's home over lunch (9/22, 10/27, 11/24). You don't need to be an expert - all are welcome! Contact Shirley Townsend at 404-255-7089 or [ss Townsend@aol.com](mailto:ss Townsend@aol.com).

### Sisterhood Events

Join your sisters for our monthly events around town! To sign up, contact Lia Picard at [lia.picard@gmail.com](mailto:lia.picard@gmail.com).

**9/24 – 7 p.m.** Pizza Making Class at Buckhead Pizza Co. Limited class size, RSVP required.

**10/4 – 2 p.m.** Alum/Active Meet & Greet at Oglethorpe Chi O House

**10/24** – Pumpkin Picking for the whole family

**11/19** – Atlanta Botanical Garden Lights at Night

*Keep up-to-date with our association happenings via our website & Facebook group "Atlanta Chi Omega Alumnae Association."*

## Chi O Kudos

**Katy Purwin** and husband, Ben, welcomed Everett James and Sibley Mae on Jan. 22nd

**Azalea Moore** and family welcomed baby girl, Calla Noelle, on April 24th

**Elizabeth Wilson** wed Chris Baudler on June 20th

**Brandy Pavelka** and husband, Robert, are expecting a baby girl in early October 2015

**Jackie Vintimilla** was nominated and selected for the USDA Graduate School Executive Leadership Program

## Philanthropy

Come discover the rich history of Atlanta's botanical preserve-- Oakland Cemetery-- Saturday, October 3rd at 5pm. We will take a private guided tour of the beautiful grounds and learn about the final resting place of many of Atlanta's notable settlers and citizens. Join your sisters and friends for dinner and drinks at a nearby hot spot to continue the evening, benefiting the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home. Carrie Steele Logan is buried at Oakland. In 1888, she founded the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home, which is the oldest African American orphanage in the US still in operation. We are excited to support this local treasure and hope you will join us!

Wine for Wishes is March 12, 2016 at 7pm. Our fabulous host will again be D'Vine Wine Bar in Dunwoody, so be sure to bring your family and friends. Benefiting Make A Wish® Georgia, this event is sure to be a great time for an even greater cause. Tickets sell out so be sure to get yours during pre-sale!

Contacts:

Brandy Pavelka at 229-291-0862 or [bpavelka1@gmail.com](mailto:bpavelka1@gmail.com)

Kristen Oliver at 404-433-2966 or [kristenoliver20@gmail.com](mailto:kristenoliver20@gmail.com)

*Don't miss your chance to join the Atlanta Chi Omega Alumnae Association! In addition to our well-scheduled programming, membership dues enable you to receive our various mailings (two newsletters, the annual directory, and formal invitations to our big events), monthly e-mail updates, participation in the great networking "owl pal" program, and consideration for our Alumnae Awards presented at Eleusinian.*

You can pay via PayPal, under the "Join" section at [www.chiomega.com/alumnae/atlantaga](http://www.chiomega.com/alumnae/atlantaga)

## Holiday Party

For our association, it has been a tradition to meet at Sally Green's home each holiday season. With our loss of Sister Green this year, we are looking for another sister to carry on this tradition. Our holiday party usually has 50+ attendees, requires ample parking, and is typically the 1st weekend in December. The association provides food, drinks, paper products, and support. Would you be interested in hosting the Holiday Party?

To volunteer or get more information, please contact Jackie at [JStrzepek12@gmail.com](mailto:JStrzepek12@gmail.com)

## Notes

### Membership

You can now pay dues via PayPal on our site: [www.chiomega.com/alumnae/atlantaga](http://www.chiomega.com/alumnae/atlantaga). Contact Laura Katz with questions at [lauraannkatz@gmail.com](mailto:lauraannkatz@gmail.com).

### New Members/Owl Pals

If you know of a sister new to the area, please provide her contact info to Gabbey Berman at [gabbeyb@gmail.com](mailto:gabbeyb@gmail.com).

### Support our Sisters

If you know of a sister in need of assistance, encouragement, or support, please provide her contact info to Marcia Tantum at [marcia@marciatantum.com](mailto:marcia@marciatantum.com).

### Area Recruitment Information Chairs

If interested in helping, contact Susan DeDeyn at [sdedeyn@aol.com](mailto:sdedeyn@aol.com).

### Historian

Please submit photos from alumnae events to Alyssa Owen at [alyssa.owen1221@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.owen1221@gmail.com).

### Delta Theta- Actives

Contact Personnel Advisor, Angela Ellis, at [ellis.angela1@gmail.com](mailto:ellis.angela1@gmail.com) on Delta Theta or Housing Corporation Board President, Leslie McBride, at [lesliemcbride1@gmail.com](mailto:lesliemcbride1@gmail.com) for chapter house updates.

### Atlanta Panhellenic Alum Association

Seven regular meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in Room 4 of the North DeKalb Cultural Center in Dunwoody. If interested in attending, contact Rebecca King at [Rebecca@coveryourassessmentsinc.com](mailto:Rebecca@coveryourassessmentsinc.com)

*Email questions about our events & programs to [atlantachiomega@gmail.com](mailto:atlantachiomega@gmail.com)*