

CHI OMEGA
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Sisters on purpose

Newsletter of the Atlanta Alumnae Association

Fall 2017

Our association proudly received the **Outstanding Alumnae Chapter Award** from the Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Association (AAPA) at the annual scholarship luncheon on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Alumnae celebrated with S.H. Shelley Potter, who was in attendance to install our very own Rebecca King as AAPA President for 2017-2018.

This year our association continued to make notable strides which were recognized by AAPA. We have maintained one of our highest number of active members in the past 10 years and attribute this to our purposeful programming. In fact, this year our membership increased by 5% and a paperless option for dues and forms was put in place. All of our programming and efforts support the strengthening of our *sisterhood*, fulfilling our *philanthropic* interests, and *serving* via our select affiliations.

A number of our members serve on the advisory/housing boards for both Oglethorpe University and Mercer University. We maintain a close relationship with the chapter at Oglethorpe University, providing more than \$1,500 in support. Additionally, we also wrote more than 1,700 RIFs for Chi Omega chapters across the county this year.

Philanthropy is always one of our strongest aspects. In fall of 2016, we had the opportunity to cook brunch and greet families at The Ronald McDonald House and participate in the Georgia Ovarian Teal Trot raising more than \$5,000 in honor of a sister's mother. In support of our national philanthropy, we raised more than \$6,500 this year for Make-A-Wish Georgia. Chi O continues to support AAPA through their official philanthropy, The Mary Hall Freedom House, and the sponsorship of a NPC visit to Georgia State University Panhellenic this October.

Congratulations to all of our members that make this group exceptional!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, 2016-2017 was a banner year for our Association. While putting together our award submission for AAPA, I kept thinking how different our association is now compared to our founding in 1904; however, both groups have the common thread of excellence and sisterhood. You would think that after 113 years, we would be set in our ways – that we had our programming down to a science. We don't. And that is on purpose. We are continually evolving to better engage and support our Atlanta Sisterhood. Members of the executive board are constantly seeking programs that will interest our diverse membership. Last year was amazing! And this year is going to be even better. Join us, won't you?? Remember: Sisterhood Never Stops.

Please visit our website (www.atlantachiomega.com) and Facebook Page (**Atlanta Chi Omega Alumnae Association**) for additional details on all our Association's happenings.

Loyally yours,
Kristen Bradburn Oliver
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Atlanta Chi Omega Alumnae celebrate winning the
2017 AAPA Alumnae Chapter of Excellence

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 8/26

Chi Omega Family BBQ

3pm—5pm
9825 Autry Falls Drive
Alpharetta, GA 30022

Let's celebrate the coming of cooler weather, less rain, and sisterhood! Bring your significant other, children, or your Chi Omega bestie for some fun. Please bring an appetizer or side dish to share with the group.

Sunday, 9/17

Membership Meeting

Chi Omega Foundation Speaker

3pm—5pm
2525 Rivers Road
Atlanta, GA 30305

Saturday, 10/7

Fall Philanthropy

Ronald McDonald House

Saturday, 10/14

Sisterhood Event

Oakland Cemetery Tour @ 2pm

Sunday, 12/10

Chi O Holiday Party

SISTERHOOD EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Alumnae Meetings

A time for us to socialize, plan/announce events, and learn. Upcoming **Sunday** meetings are scheduled for **9/17, & 11/5 starting at 3pm.**

Sisterhood Events

Join your sisters for our monthly events around town! Sign up with VP-Sisterhood Samantha Zellefrow anthonsj@gmail.com
Wednesday, 9/13—TopGolf Midtown
Saturday, 10/14—Oakland Cemetery
November—Day in N. GA Mountains

Night Owls

Wednesday, 9/2—8ARM
Wednesday, 10/11—Ribalta
Wednesday, 11/15—Rocking Taco
 See Facebook for more details!

Book Club

Saturday, 9/3 @ 1pm—Decatur Book Festival
Sunday, 11/19—"While We Are Watching Downtown Abbey"



Atlanta Chi Omegas at the April 2017 Eleusinian Luncheon.

NOTES

Georgia Governor's Mansion

The Governor's Mansion is open for tours Tuesday-Thursday 10-12 p.m. Chi Omega is honored to provide the volunteer docents for the tour on the third Thursday of each month. Full-time and substitute volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Attire is business casual. Contact Cynthia Day at 404-218-2176 or cday200@gmail.com

Atlanta Panhellenic Alumnae Association

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the North DeKalb Cultural Center in Dunwoody.

Save the Date for the AAPA Fall Open House on Sunday, 10/15 from 2-4pm at the GT Alumni Building. All members are invited to attend. Contact Rebecca King: Rebecca@coveryourassessinc.com

NEW Book Club

We are very excited about the new addition of our Alumnae Book Club! We have some great reads planned for the upcoming year. We are even working with local authors to have them attend our monthly book club (either virtually or in person). Book Club will meet once a month at a location inside the perimeter.

PHILANTHROPY

Please join us on Saturday, **October 7th** at the **Ronald McDonald House** as we prepare a delicious brunch for the families with children who are seeking medical attention at Children's Hospital Scottish Rite. The Family Meal Program plays an essential role in the care and support these families receive while staying at the House. Can't volunteer those days, but would still like to participate? Please consider donating ingredients or supplies for our meals. Detailed information will be available soon!

Did you know 1 in 5 Georgians are facing hunger today? Spend some time with your sisters and help feed the community on **Saturday, November 11th** as we volunteer at the **Atlanta Community Food Bank**. We'll be inspecting, sorting, and packing food items that will be distributed to more than 600 nonprofit partner agencies. The shift is from 9am-12pm, and we can accommodate as many as would like to attend. Stay tuned for more details and plan on grabbing lunch with your sisters after-

MEMBERSHIP

Make sure to get your membership forms and dues in by **October 1st** to be included in the directory. Consider paying dues via PayPal on our website for benefits, such as email updates, printed invitations, and reduced pricing for events. Contact Jackie Vintimilla at jstrzepek12@gmail.com

Sister Spotlight is where one outstanding Sister is featured on our website, Facebook group, and Instagram. Do you have a Sister to nominate? Send her name and what makes her an exceptional woman to VP of Membership at JStrzepek12@gmail.com. See previously nominated Sisters on our website!

Support our Sisters: If you know of a sister in need of assistance, encouragement, or support, please provide her contact info to Anne Parker at anneshelliparker@hotmail.com

Excerpt from Chi Omega National President's Letter

June 2017

"You did it! Sending cardinal 'n straw hoots and hugs for your well deserved recognition of Chapter of the Year by the Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Association. The Fraternity is so proud of how you beautifully represent Chi Omega!"

It was a special day, and memories of the beautiful event, surrounded by so many Sisters in attendance, will long be etched upon my heart.

No doubt our Founders would be proud to know that you are Sisters OF and ON purpose—just as they envisioned so many years ago.

Savor your special and most deserved recognition."

*Loyally,
Shelley Potter, S.H.*

For more event details: www.atlantachiomega.com