

CHI OMEGA
FRATERNITY

Sisters on purpose[®]



What a great turnout at Eleusinian Luncheon in April! The entire Senior Class from Delta Theta at Oglethorpe was inducted into our alumnae association, Amy Eubanks shared a presentation from National, we presented and voted on the slate for 2016-2017 Executive Board, and we announced the recipients of the Alumnae Awards (Gabbey Berman, Debra Ferros, Shelby Adamson, and Kristen Oliver). We were honored to have Jaylie Welch, a fellow Panhellenic Sister and Make-A-Wish® Georgia representative, in attendance for our annual donation check presentation... When Chi Omega selected Make-a-Wish® as the National philanthropy, our alumnae association made fundraising for Make-a-Wish® Georgia an annual priority. Our donation goes to critically ill children in OUR community. A wish may be small: an American Girl doll. A wish may be big: a family vacation to Hawaii. No matter the wish being granted, in the eyes of the child, it can mean the world. Through direct donations from alumnae and friends, ticket sales at Wine for Wishes, and the extremely successful silent auction at Wine for Wishes, we were able to give more than \$6,000 to these lovely children. Hoots to you, Sisters, on a job well done. Let's aim for \$7,000 this year; I know we can do it!

President's Message

Sisters of Chi Omega:

In June, I was honored to represent this alumnae association at Chi Omega's National Convention. As I listened to active chapter presidents talk about balancing chapter programming and class schedules, I was reminded of one of the major differences between being an active and an alumna in Chi Omega. As an active, for the most part, you have to attend every chapter event. As an alumna, you attend events that interest you.

Each event this association plans will touch on at least one of the six purposes set forth by our founders. It is up to you to choose the events - however many that may be - that call to your heart, pique your interest, and work with your busy schedule. Some women come only to membership meetings. Some come to one philanthropic event. Some come to Night Owls here and there. This is YOUR association. YOU make of it what you want. You are not required to attend 3 meetings, 2 sisterhood events, and donate to 1 philanthropy to maintain member-

ship. There is no need to be overwhelmed by the amount of programming. YOU chose what is best FOR YOU. (Don't get me wrong, I would LOVE for you to attend all events! But I strive to live in reality.) If you think of any kind of programming you believe would benefit our Sisters, reach out to me; together, we can start something new. Like I said, this is your association. Make it what you want and enjoy it!

**Loyally yours,
Kristen Oliver**

During Convention 2016, Chi Omega's new visual identity and themeline were revealed: *Sisters on Purpose.*

As many of our Sisters know, collegians are faced with many choices as they start their college experiences. Without the benefit of knowledge about what makes Chi Omega Sisterhood unique, the landscape of sororities all blends together.

More than ten years ago, Chi Omega defined "Flourish" as the expression of the opportunity for Sisters to grow to their full potential with the support of the Fraternity's Sisterhood. But, a decade later - a few circumstances had changed. For one, the idea behind flourish became less unique as many organizations adopted similar language. But more importantly, during this time, the world changed dramatically. With more choices of how to spend time, the role of sororities in young women's lives seemed less clear.

Over time, many began to wonder, does she even need us anymore? The answer? Absolutely. You see, a brand is so much more than a logo. A brand is a PROMISE. It has to connect in today's world in a fresh modern way. It also has to be one that only Chi Omega can claim. So Chi Omega embarked upon a deliberate journey to make sure our brand promise rings true, that it differentiates and is a beacon for the future.

Through collective research we found that Chi Omega's six founding purposes continue to be the basis for what sets our Fraternity apart. At the same time, the beauty of Chi Omega is the individuality that each Sister brings. Each Chi Omega has her own unique strengths and traits that make us a group that defies stereotype - women come as they are - and find authentic connections with Sisters while staying true to who they are.

Chi Omegas are women of substance, who expect more of the world and seek it out at every turn. We want to show the world, that Chi Omegas are...*Sisters on purpose.*

Save the Date: Sisterhood Events & Programs

Alumnae Meetings

A time for us to socialize, plan/announce events and learn. Email topic or speaker ideas to Liz Hudson or Carol Add Kilburn: ekhudson77@yahoo.com or cakilburn@hotmail.com

9/11 - 3 p.m. @ Susan DeDeyn's home

Theme: "Sisterhood Never Stops"

Come celebrate a special long-time member of our association, as well as discuss how to uphold Chi Omega's six purposes as an alumna.

11/6 - 4 p.m. @ Carol Ann Kilburn's home

THEME: "Friendship"

Bring a Chi O friend and your favorite dessert.

Holiday Party

12/11 - 5 p.m. We are looking for a volunteer to host this event. Usually 50+ attendees and requires ample parking. We provide food, drinks, paper products, and support. Contact Liz or Carol Ann (e-mail addresses above)

Night Owls

Night Owls is a monthly all-ages happy hour or dinner. Contact Courtney DiSalvo or Liz Baudler: courtneyannroberts@gmail.com or liz.a.wilson@gmail.com

9/29 - 6:30 p.m. @ Twain's - Decatur

10/18 - 7 p.m. @ Ormsbys - W. Midtown

11/2 - 7 p.m. @ Ribalta - Midtown

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 (9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15). Attire is business casual. Contact Cynthia Day at 404-218-2176 or cday200@gmail.com

Bridge Group

Bridge players are invited every fourth Tuesday at a member's home over lunch (9/27, 10/25, 11/29). You don't need to be an expert - all are welcome! Contact Shirley Townsend at 404-255-7089 or sstownsend@aol.com.

Sisterhood Events

Join your sisters for our monthly events around town! Sign up via Shelby Adamson at shelby@balancedesignatlanta.com

9/25 - 12:30 p.m. - Atlanta Streets Alive: Lunch at Moe's & Joe's in Virginia Highlands, Parade and walk/bike/run with your sisters!

10/14 - 6:30 p.m. - Room Escape Atlanta: Dinner beforehand in Sweet Auburn area and then work with your sisters to solve the clues, find the key, and escape the room! (RSVP)

11/13 - 1 p.m. - Zen Tea: High Tea and Antiquing in Historic Chamblee. (RSVP)



Convention in Orlando: Rebecca King, Susan DeDeyn, Amy Eubanks, Kristen Oliver, and Jackie Vintimilla

Chi O Kudos

Ginger Howard – Elected to be Georgia's Republican National Committeewomen

Jackie Vintimilla – Graduated from the Executive Leadership program and accepted a position at CDC's Office of Safety, Security, and Asset Management

Kristen Oliver – Sworn in as a CASA Volunteer, advocating for and supporting children in foster care

Allie Hartman – Dave and Allie launched a local t-shirt company in June: 404 Proud

Laura Katz – Got engaged to Wayne in Feb

Gabbey Berman – Gabbey and Chris moved to Las Vegas

Kristina Fine – Wed Patrick on May 14th

Philanthropy

Please reserve the weekend dates of **October 23rd** and **December 10th** to help us volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House. Our plan is to volunteer in shifts to help feed the families with a child who is 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!

Wine for Wishes is **February 25, 2017** at 7pm. Friends and family are invited to our annual event benefiting Make A Wish® Georgia. We are always in search of silent auction items, so if you have any connections, please let us know! Tickets sell out, so be sure to get yours during pre-sale!



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Don't miss your chance to join the Atlanta Chi Omega Alumnae Association! 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 "owl pal" program, and consideration for our Alumnae Awards presented at Eleusinian. Now members can receive reduced pricing for Wine for Wishes and Eleusinian luncheon!

PayPal link can be found under "Membership" section: www.atlantachiomega.com

Notes

Membership

You can now pay dues via PayPal on our site: www.atlantachiomega.com. Direct questions to Jackie Vintimilla: jstrzepek12@gmail.com

New Members/Owl Pals

If you know of a sister new to the area, please provide her contact info to Jackie Vintimilla: jstrzepek12@gmail.com

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

Area Recruitment Information Chairs

If interested in helping, contact Susan DeDeyn at sdedeyn@aol.com.

Historian

Please submit photos from alumnae events to Erin Kowtko at ekowtko@gmail.com.

Delta Theta- Actives

Contact Personnel Advisor, Megan Jones, at meganjones308@gmail.com on Delta Theta or Housing Corporation Board President, Leslie McBride, at lesliemcbride1@gmail.com.

Atlanta Panhellenic Alum Association

Seven regular meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Room 4 of the North DeKalb Cultural Center in Dunwoody. If interested in attending, contact Rebecca King at Rebecca@coveryourasssetsinc.com

Email questions about our events & programs to atlantachiomega@gmail.com

Check out our new website at www.atlantachiomega.com