



The Rosevine



The Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter of AOII Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi *fraternity* AOII

All events are open to any AOII Alumnae

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 16th

Terry Fox Run

See page 3

17th-21st

Beta Tau Rush

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NOVEMBER

Thursday 15th

Naughty Night

Hosted by Christine Hostetter

Call 416 486 4052

JANUARY

Sunday 13th

Founder's Day High Tea

At the King Edward

Invitation enclosed

MARCH

Thursday 7th

Sistershood Soiree

members only

Would you like to host this fun evening? Call 416 481 8225.

MAY

Friday 3rd

Our 3rd Annual Golf

Tournament for Charity

Invitation enclosed

Thursday 23rd

Welcome Seniors to Alumnae Status

Watch for details in TAAC

Members' Spring Mailing

BIG ALPHA-LUV, KRISTINA.

Hello Sisters! ...and welcome to another year of the Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter of AOII (TAAC). This is our 9th edition of the Rosevine and we'll already be 5 years old in 2002! This June, I was the lucky duck who attended "The Ultimate Sisterhood Experience", AOII's 64th International Convention, it was held over 5 days in Palm Desert California! *It was serious business ladies* - as your Alumnae Chapter President I am a member of International Council, representing our chapter and electing our Fraternity Executive (Carole Jones was elected to a second term as International President), and Foundation Officers, and voting on amendments to the International Bylaws & Governing Documents.

It was stirring - just imagine...a chorus of 500 AOII sisters reciting our motto and all that other secret stuff from our 104 year old ritual! One night we held a Candle-lighting - all 177 collegiate chapters, active or closed,

had a representative come forward, light a candle and recite the chapter sub-motto. I stood for Chi Sigma of Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana whose motto was "Honesty and Understanding" - so simple and beautiful. Do you remember your chapter sub-motto? We'll share them at our next Founders' Day!

It was pride in our accomplishments - delegates attended sessions loaded with inspiring speakers, fraternity news and most importantly, awards for outstanding service to our fraternity. This year we received another Performance Certificate and a Foundation Recognition Certificate for outstanding support of the fraternity. A small percentage of alumnae chapters are awarded these honours and we have received them each year since our reinstallation in 1997 - so give yourselves a pat on the back! YAY US! As well, it was

a really proud moment for Canadian sisters when Shala Berry (KL'94) received her Rose Award. Shala is very active as a Collegiate Network Specialist and was nominated by every Canadian chapter! Although Shala moved to Manitoba last year she maintains her active membership in our chapter and is our webmaster - see some of her handy work at aoiitoronto.tripod.com.

It was generosity - check out AOII Foundation's distributions for the 1999-2001 biennium: \$95,624 in Arthritis Research/Juvenile Arthritis Grants (29% increase from 97-99), \$44,250 awarded in Diamond Jubilee Scholarships (3% increase), \$112,511 in Educational and Leadership Grants to the Fraternity (31% increase) and \$47,050 to Ruby Fund Grants given out to sisters in dire need (60% increase). The money does come back to our Canadian sisters -

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AOII HITS THE LINKS FOR KIDS HELP PHONE!

The 2nd annual golf tournament for charity was held on May 11, 2001 at The Maples of Ballentrae in Stouffville. As is tradition, we crossed our fingers and Mother Nature once again delivered a glorious sunny day. Our own Baba Toth (BT '87) got a hole in one and Susan Priest (BT '76) won the closest to the pin contest, sponsored by AT&T. Leslie Gordon (GX '95) AO-Auctioneer ignited fierce bidding over the 30 auction items with her fantastic energy. The day's events raised almost \$5,000 for Kids Help Phone. Thank you to all those who participated and sponsored our event.



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TORONTO AREA ALUMNAE AOII BUDGET 2001-2002

INCOME

Chapter Dues	\$1,600.00
40 members (15% increase from last year) at average dues \$40.00 each	
Chapter Fund Raising Projects	\$ 600.00
Total Income	\$2,200.00

EXPENSES

Alumnae Chapter Operations Fees <i>Keeps our records in order at HQ and provides us with tools and information to run our chapter (40 @ \$13.00)</i>	\$ 520.00*
Education and Training Fee <i>Supports training and Biennial Leadership Institute (40 @ \$9.10)</i>	\$ 364.00*
Archival Preservation Fee <i>To provide special storage for items over 100 years Old - Stella's original writings etc. (40 @ 2.60)</i>	\$ 104.00*
Foundation Donation <i>You select your preferred fund on attached dues sheet (40 @ 6.50)</i>	\$ 260.00*
Expenses of fund raising projects	\$ 0.00
Subsidy of Delegate at Convention/Leadership Institute	\$ 300.00
Mailings: Postage and Supplies	\$ 480.00
Bank Charges	\$ 45.00
Scholarship Aid to Collegiate Chapter	\$ 60.00
Total Expenses	\$2,133.00
Total Income minus expenses	\$ 67.00

*We are pleased to only pay a flat 30% exchange rate. All funds are shown in Canadian dollars and these international fees include the 30% exchange. Our budget is based on last year's expenses and anticipated expenditures for the upcoming year. Our membership number is based on a minimum goal with average dues - with over 700 sisters receiving this mailing we hope to gain many new, exciting members!

NEW GRADUATES WELCOMED TO ALUMNAE STATUS WITH LOVE!

This year, on May 31st, we welcomed nine lovely women to alumnae status with a beautiful ceremony followed with an evening of frivolity. The celebration started off at Katherine Gray's stylish loft overlooking a park, with extravagant finger foods prepared by sisters served to satiate appetites. Sisters from four different collegiate chapters, spanning over 30 years of initiation, mingled and got to know one another better. After some socializing and eating, the ritual ceremony began. It was beautiful and helped cement the feeling of our common bond; sisterhood in AOII. After chapter photos were taken for posterity, some chose to extend the celebrations by going out dancing nearby. All in all, the evening was a wonderful reminder of the true bonds of sisterhood and the ideals of our fraternity.



Beta Tau sisters Moyra & Cathy and friends Golf 2001



3RD ANNUAL AOII GOLF TOURNAMENT

Couldn't make it to this year's charity golf tournament? Join us next year on May 3rd at the FABULOUS Deer Creek for 18 holes of golf, dinner, and of course an auction! All proceeds will go to Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome research to help find a cure for the children who suffer from this disease. Your invitation is enclosed!

Terry Fox Run – "I was delighted to hear your groups revenue almost tripled in 2000... thank you for all the effort..." Betty Fox, Honorary Chairman of Terry Fox Foundation. We have a great history with this event and it doesn't go unnoticed! Since our first year of walking, jogging, running... we have raised well over \$5000 for The Terry Fox Foundation! We are registered to participate on Sunday September 16th, at the Upper Canada College location BUT if that is inconvenient for you, please participate locally (visit www.terryfoxrun.org for locations). Remember to put our team code '242-TO' in the top section of your pledge form! There are some AOII team T-shirts available only \$15 – please call Kristina at 416-869-3900 x230 for more info.


LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE


On June 19th, Tanya Bailey graduated with an Honours BA (2nd class). What makes Tanya an exceptional sister is not just that she joined AOII as an Associate Member, but that she jumped in with both feet and got completely involved in Alumnae sisterhood.

Tanya wrote, "AOII has been a big part of my university experience. It's been a long haul with 2 kids. It's strange to be so different and great to find a place where I was part of the bigger picture at U of T. It's amazing how much younger AOII sisters have taught me... especially to "work hard, but play too, so that you can get through all of the tough stuff with a wink and a smile". I needed that and I would like to say thanks to all my sisters for making me believe that I could do it and making me have fun once in a while, too.

SISTER SPOTLIGHTS!

BETA TAU ~ Kathleen Geelen & Mario Cervi are getting married this fall ~ on April 27, 2001 Reesa Dowe & Scott Hughes became engaged ~ Lee-Anne Black who just graduated UofT, Honours Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and History is off to MacMaster in the fall to pursue her Masters Degree in American History. ~ **GAMMA CHI** ~ Ainsley Davison is expecting her first baby in November... whose gender remains a mystery. Laurie Rizek, now Program Manager at the Office of the Auditor General, is planning a trip to South Africa with Jeff for their 5th wedding anniversary. ~ Roxanne Lemire is moving to Edmonton to of Alberta for her Master's thology ~ Lori Clements teacher's college and just marathon in Ottawa! ~ had another baby boy! hard work paid off when place at major industry Pat Srebrnic (past presiding baby boy named in April. ~ Lisa Badame (past president of Iota Chi) is now living in Seattle, looking for life after Nortel ~ Tina Wolff & Ann Gaylord are both in Toronto and work for Royal Bank. ~ Jane Albright (Coghlan) is also living in Toronto with her husband Ken and son Peter and works for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation as an HR Consultant. ~ Tanya Armour is celebrating her 2nd wedding anniversary on September 25th and recently accepted a faculty position at UWO in the faculty of Kinesiology ~ Saymany Sopha will be married on Aug 18th in Burlington. Fellow sisters from the chapter, Tracie Pawlowski, Julie Chang and Christine Walters are all bridesmaids. ~ Amanda Inglis is moving to England for a year to teach. ~ Julie Chang is moving to Australia at the end of the summer to attend Law School. ~ Andrea H. Currie will wed Dave Kiss this December, with 2 AOII sisters in the wedding party: Terri (Purpurra) Suboch and Michelle Campbell.



BETA TAU RUSHES TO RECRUITMENT!

The 18 returning collegiate members of AOII will participate in Panhellenic Recruitment from Monday September 17th to Friday September 21st. Come out to support Beta Tau at the following events:

Round I

- Monday, Sept. 17th House Tours ~ *Café AOII*
- Tuesday, Sept. 18th House Tours ~ *Café AOII*
- Wednesday, Sept. 19th ~ Catch up house tours for absentee Rushees.
- Items needed: biscotti, flowers, a Polaroid camera and some film.

Round II

- Thursday, Sept. 20th ~ *Tropical AOII Party*.
- Items needed: flowers and blenders to borrow.

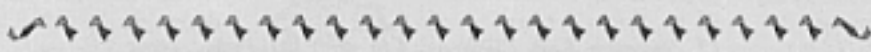
Round III

- Friday, Sept. 21st ~ *1920's Hollywood Party*. This is the big day! The Rose Ceremony will be held
- Items needed: HOT hors d'oeuvres, sushi and RED roses are very appreciated.



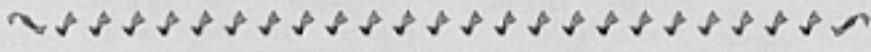
NETWORKS REVISED ... REGIONS REVIVED ?

In 1996, the Regional format of Fraternity Management was changed to help our collegiate chapters utilize more of the specialties of alumnae around Canada and the US. This Network Structure comprising of the 4 areas of recruitment, programming, finance, and AAC, were evaluated in early 2000, and a revised Network Structure was implemented in June 2000. This revised Network Structure now has 1 Collegiate Specialist that supervises 2 chapters, with 1 Network Director supervising 5 Specialists. This has greatly improved support for our collegiate chapters and improved the flow of information between the chapters and the Fraternity. Currently, AOII has 4 Canadian Specialists - Shala Berry, KL; Kristy Manchul, KL; Teresa Nelson, KL; and Marjorie Stevens, BK; - these women supervise various chapters in Canada and the United States. To volunteer as a Canadian leader, log on alphaomicronpi.org.



AWARD WINNERS HONOURED AT CONVENTION!

COLLEGIATE WINNERS: Kappa Lambda, received the Gold Award for being an Outstanding Chapter. Beta Tau, Kappa Lambda and Kappa Phi all made it onto the Quota Honour Roll. Beta Tau also reached the Foundation Senior Challenge with 100% Participation. **ALUMNAE WINNERS:** Shala Schweitzer Berry (KL) won the Rose Award. Alumnae Chapter Performance Certificate went out to, Calgary, Ottawa and Toronto Area Alumnae groups!

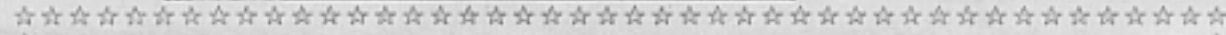


Cathy Mahoney (BT), Dee Campbell (GX) and Morleen Bousfield (BT) at Sisterhood Soiree!

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 last year collegiate and alumnae sisters were awarded several scholarships (our Stacey received \$1500 US), and were helped by the Ruby Fund. Our new fraternity home was completed and the dedication ceremony was held on April 21st. The current issue of To Dragons lists the names of all International Capital Campaign donors including our Chapter members: Heidi Slusar Harris (BT '87) and Lydia Charalambakis (BT '87)!

WE ARE SO AMAZING IN TORONTO - The Rosevine holds a lot of information: upcoming events (mark your calendars!), important sisterhood updates, stories about what we have accomplished this year and our 2001-2002 budget and membership information. You will notice our Founders' Day celebration is scheduled for January 2002 instead of December - although the date has changed our tradition of High Tea and candlelighting at The King Edward will continue (details enclosed). Please take the time to peruse all of the contents and consider renewing your membership or starting anew with TAAC - we'd love to help you enjoy your lifetime of sisterhood!

Yours in AOII, *Kristina*



SISTER IN MOTION FOR JOINTS IN MOTION!

Lina Barkas, a Beta Tau sister and past chapter president, ('99-'00) is participating in Joints in Motion for arthritis research. This is such a great event, and so appropriate - don't we all know at least one person who suffers from arthritis? The Arthritis Society provides Lina with a 20-week training program with a trainer, air and ground transportation, accommodation, marathon entry and all fundraising materials. The only responsibility of the participant is to train hard and raise funds (\$7,500) for The Arthritis Society in honour of someone with arthritis; Lina's motivation and "Arthritis Hero" is her grandma who lives with osteo-arthritis. She is a kind, enthusiastic woman, and we can't wait to hear about her success, both personally and philanthropically. What better way to support a wonderful cause than to sponsor one of our sisters in running her first half-marathon? If you too would like to contribute to arthritis research in Canada, please send a cheque to Lina, payable to The Arthritis Society (tax receipts available): Lina Barkas 37 Beechwood Drive Toronto, ON M4K 3H7 Roses to you, Lina!



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