



The Rosevine



The Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter of AOPI Newsletter

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Fall 1999

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are open to ANY AOPI alumna

SEPTEMBER

Terry Fox Run

Be Alpha Proud - Join the team!

Sunday, September 19

See page 3 for more details on this worldwide event for Cancer Research

OCTOBER

Welcome Seniors to

Alumnae Status

Saturday, October 2

Noon - 2 pm

Join us to reconnect with AOII's Ritual
(Location to be confirmed - we'll keep you posted!)

NOVEMBER

S.T.A.R.T. Night

(Sisters Together Alumnae Recruitment Thursdays)

Thursday, November 18th

Bring a Panhellenic Friend!

The Courthouse

57 Adelaide St. E.

7 pm - ?

email dcamp@sportsclubs.com
for directions & information.

DECEMBER

In recognition of Founders' Day

Wear your badge Dec. 8th with pride!

FEBRUARY 2000

Fourth Annual 'Break

the February Blahs' Social

Join us for fine food & wine

at a downtown restaurant.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY

www.members.tripod.com/aoiitoronto

FOR EVENT UPDATES...

and MUCH MORE!!

ALUMS ONLINE

Want to join our e-mail update list?

E-mail TorontoAlum@hotmail.com

For International News:

Visit www.AlphaOmicronPi.org

What are you up to??

Some Notables on Toronto Area AOIIs

HERE COME THE BRIDES...

Robyn Dionne (KΦ92) and **Betty Gallant (KΦ93)** were members of the wedding party at Robyn's sister Monique's wedding May long weekend. **Daria Tica (BT93)** is marrying longtime boyfriend John Valero (BΘΠ, U of T) in September -Daria always wanted to be a Beta sweetheart! **Sandra Crossman (BT89)** is now Sandra Parlette, she was married to long time beau Bruce on July 2 at McLean House in Toronto and close to a dozen AOIIs were in attendance to sing Flaming Alpha and wish the happy couple well! The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Italy sightseeing and visiting some of Sandra's relatives. **Sharon McBride (BT89)** is marrying even longer time beau Michael Nease September 25, 1999. After *exactly* 5 years **Karen Jeanne Anderson (TX92)** will marry Nelson Costa Santos (ΣΠ, Carleton Chapter) on Saturday, Sept. 18th, 1999 in Toronto!

OTHER PAIR NEWS...

No More Airmiles! **Annabel Aspler (GX92)** is leaving Toronto to join her sweetheart Joe Moyer (ΔΤΔ, University of Illinois) in Chicago next April. **Katie Schultz (KΦ95)** & **Mike Grey** bought a condo in Downtown Toronto. **Jillian Simpson (IX)** is having a house built in Oakville for her and her beau Tom Bernie - keep your ear to the ground for engagement news! **Joanna Gryz (GX96)** is engaged to Dan Dellapenna (Acacia, Carleton U).

WOW THAT'S GREAT!!

When she isn't planning her wedding, **Sharon McBride (BT89)** plays trumpet in a few jazz bands, is a competitive swimmer with Masters Ontario, and coaches Special Olympic Swimming. **Kathy Pask (BT88)** runs Pask Landscape Architects Ltd. - redesigning the properties of the stars! Her sister **Gillian (BT89)** opened a B&B in Rhode Island. **Kristina Hunt (GX92)** ran her first marathon on May 9, crossing the finish at 4 hours 24 minutes she was all smiles! Oxygen Magazine has a fantastic new Associate Editor in **Leslie Gordon (GX95)** - check your newstands!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Stacey Nestruck (KΦ94) is heading to York University to do her MBA this fall. **Robyn Dionne (KΦ92)** was recently promoted to Account Manager at Standard Life. **Shala Berry (KA92)** has taken on another role at Aareas By Design - HR Manager. If you see a familiar face in the Country Style Donuts poster, we have confirmation that it really is **Jisun Hahn (TX92)**!!

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Founders' Day Tea
Sunday, December 5
1 pm - 4 pm
High Tea at
King Edward Hotel

Cost for alumnae is \$30
plus a can of food to support
the Daily Bread Food Bank Holiday Drive
RSVP to Stacey Nestruck 516-1882





MEMBERSHIP INFO



Is your address correct?
Did you change your last name? Keep us in the

loop! To make any changes, call Christina Granieri: (905) 274-9889



Why do we pay International fees?

Our International dues (\$22) cover the cost of alumnae monthly mailings, alumnae programming, senior kits, travel for Network Specialists, the Alumnae Administrator's salary & other expenses of those who work with alumnae chapters. Dues also help cover the expenses of getting new chapters started - manuals, invitations etc.

The Chapter needs your support! For as little as \$35 you receive all the benefits of a full year of membership, including a subscription to our newsletter, special email updates, personalized contact, listing on Chapter Roll on our website, membership directory ... and even more!

And our low membership fees are the only way we have to keep our chapter running — International fees don't help us pay for paper, envelopes, photocopying, postage, or other materials.

Numbers to know

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Treasurer

We need a new one!
come and 'balance' our Executive contact Kristina for more info. on the variety of positions available ☺

Corresponding Secretary
Christina Granieri
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RECRUITMENT (aka Rush) 1999

Beta Tau, University of Toronto

All Alumnae are encouraged to come out to 24 Madison Avenue and meet the Rushees - show what membership for a lifetime is all about!! Donations of flowers, food and decorations are welcome. After 5:00 p.m. Alumnae are asked to enter via the back door.

Round1 - Tuesday, September 21, 1999

Event 1: 5:15-5:40, Event 2: 5:50-6:15, Event 3: 6:25-6:50, Event 4: 7:00-7:25.

Wednesday, September 22, 1999: Event 5: 5:15-5:40, Event 6: 5:50-6:15, Event 7: 6:25-6:50

Round2 - Thursday, September 23, 1999

Event 1: 5:15-5:50, Event 2: 6:00-6:35, Event 3: 6:45-7:20, Event 4: 7:30-8:05, Event 5: 8:15-8:50

Round3 - Friday, September 24, 1999

Event 1: 5:15-6:00, Event 2: 6:10-6:55, Event 3: 7:05-7:50

Beta Tau is always welcoming new

Advisers...please contact Lina

Barkas, Chapter President at the

☎ House 922-3646



What better time than Rush to make contact with your collegiate roots...send flowers or a small inspirational note to your home chapter or others in our region...remember how great it was to hear from alumnae once they had left the chapter?

Iota Chi - University of Western Ontario, London, ON

Dates: September 25 thru Preference October 3 **Alumnae wanted to attend!***

Bid Day: October 5

further info: Danielle Caligiuri - dcaligiuri@hotmail.com

Gamma Chi - Carleton University, Ottawa, ON

Dates: September 23 thru Preference: October 1

Bid Day: October 2

further info: Julia Weber - jla_weber@hotmail.com



Kappa Phi - McGill University, Montreal, QC

Dates: September 10 thru Preference September 16

Bid Night: September 17

further info: Karin Derouaux - kderou@po-box.mcgill.ca

o YES, please renew my membership in the Toronto Area AOP Alumnae Chapter! (pick one)

(Use the enclosed self addressed envelope & form)

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| o BASIC membership (\$35) | o PANDA membership (\$40) |
| • Fees to AOP International (\$28/yr) | • Arthritis Research donation |
| • Newsletters | • Benefits of Basic |
| • Administrative costs (postage, supplies) | |
| o ROSE membership (\$50) | o RUBY membership (\$65) |
| • A donation to graduate school scholarship fund | • Donation to Endowment Fund |
| • Benefits of Basic | • Benefits of Basic |

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS!



In April Shala Berry was appointed as an AAC Network Specialist! She now helps the Advisers for Western & McGill plus chapters in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. (shala@home.com)

UPDATES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1:

LEGACIES

Gillian(Pask) Moore (BT89) and her husband Geoff had a baby girl on Sept. 17 '98 - her name is Ashley and they live in Newport, RI. **Jackie O'Flanagan (GX93)** is a very successful working mama keeping Kyia in baby platforms!

ON THE MOVE...

Sue Tucker (KΦ) (Made the big move down the 401 to Toronto from Montreal.

AOIIs IN THE SKY!

Daria Tica, Vanessa Ip (GX92), Kyla Kennaly (GX94) & Sylvie Secours (GX93) are all with Air Canada.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHT 1999

"This two year old alumnae chapter excels in all areas of chapter operations. Their nomination exuded pride and enthusiasm when they spoke of how Ritual is an integral part of their chapter; how they raised \$3,000 during the biennium for Cancer; and how their Panhellenic involvement includes holding the office of Treasurer, as well as sponsoring a Bring a Panhellenic Friend event each year. The alumnae chapter president states "We make everything we do valuable to us and use it as an opportunity for growth and learning. The power of AOII goes beyond making our chapter work well." Congratulations to the TORONTO AREA ALUMNAE CHAPTER!

Kim McGowan Executive Board/Alumnae presented the Toronto Area Alumnae with the 1999 Distinguished Service Award!!

**19 Years.
50 Countries.
1 Dream.**



19 Years ago Terry Fox set out to fulfill a dream. A dream that was born out of the loss of his leg to bone cancer. In 1980, he was determined to bring the suffering of all cancer patients to national attention. To this end, he embarked on a marathon of hope to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

Terry ran an average of 26 miles (42 kilometers) every day for 143 days until he was forced to stop by a return of his cancer. At that point he had completed 5565 kilometers. His promise to return to complete his journey was not to be. Terry died in 1981.

The Terry Fox Run attracts over 1 million participants of all ages, at an estimated 5000 Run Sites in 50 countries. You can run, walk, bike, roller-blade or go the distance in a wheelchair. Over \$220 million has been raised in Terry's memory. Funds raised have an enormous impact on cancer research and contribute to the hope and the faith that one day Terry's dream will become a reality - a world free of cancer.

Thank you Ontario!

The Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter's goal is to raise \$1900 for 1999.

In 1998 we ranked 6th in the 'Miscellaneous' category & are 46th highest fundraisers for the Toronto Corporate groups. Over two years we have raised \$3072

(1997 - \$1349, 1998 - \$1723)

Sunday, September 19

Meet at UCC Campus 10:00 a.m.

for more details

Call Kristina at 481-8225

Getting Back to Ritual Basics:

What is our ritual? Why do we practise it? These are some of the questions that may cross the minds of some alums, and the questions that Ginger Banks attempted to answer at Convention this year in Orlando, FL.

If you think back to our ritual being performed in your collegiate days, you may recall a certain memory or a specific snippet of text. But our ritual is not something that remains solely a piece of our past, a vestige to remind us of our common bond that we outgrow as the years distance us from university.

Ritual can be performed in many ways, and the guidelines for the performance are greatly broadened when we are an alumnae chapter. Seeing as how an alumnae chapter does not own many (or any) of the implements used in a full formal ritual, we are allowed to improvise. Gone are the restrictions to solely white dresses with matching footwear, gone are the restrictions to remember every word by heart.

When an alumnae chapter performs Ritual, it can be a magical experience because of the depth and breadth of the membership. But Ritual is not just practised by a chapter. It is inside every sister everywhere. To bring it out, all you need to do is greet a sister with the grip (this can be done in discreet ways even in the most public settings with a little practice), or recite a speech together, or repeat the pledge.

Even if time has faded the exact words from your memory, you still can recall the light that we all must let shine from within us, to advance Alpha's interests. The most important part of our ritual is that we use it. We cannot forget that this is the bond that ties us together as sisters, that tied our four founders together.

- Stacey Nestruck (KΦ94)