



The Rosevine



The Toronto Area AOΠ Alumnae Chapter Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Events are open to ANY AOΠ alum.
If your sister isn't on our newsletter mailing list, she should be — tell her to call Kristina Hunt at 481-8225 for membership information!

APRIL

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 pm*
GIRLS' NIGHT OUT @ Easy & the 5th
221 Richmond Street W.

Complimentary buffet. Dress code: no jeans, running shoes, t-shirts, baseball caps. *Get there early — no cover before 7, \$10 at door after 7.

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 pm
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
☎ Kristina Hunt: at 481-8225

MAY

Saturday, May 9, 2 pm - 5 pm
WELCOMING SENIORS INTO ALUMNAE STATUS RITUAL* & TEA

78 Holly Street, Main Floor
☎ Kristina Hunt at 481-8225 for directions and information.

Bring cookies or other dessert to share and \$5 towards room rental costs.

*Ritual whites are required.

JUNE

Saturday, June 20, 4 pm - ?
BBQ @ Cheryl Bozynski's House

☎ Annabel Aspler at 489-2719

Significant Others invited, not required.

Bring something to BBQ & drink.

JULY

Mystery Date!
GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

*Expect a phone call inviting you to a girls' night out!

FOR ME, AOΠ IS FOR A LIFETIME

Cindy Skaff

Alumnae Network Specialist

I think I was five years old the first time I attended an AOΠ alumnae meeting. My mom used to take me along with her to help staple Founders' Day programs or bag the crafts at the check-out counter of the Toledo Alumnae's annual bazaar. As a legacy, I was always aware that AOΠ was important to my mom; she was active with the collegiate chapter and she held several leadership positions in her alumnae chapter. So for me, participation in my alumnae chapter was the natural next step after graduating from college.

I must admit that attending alumnae chapter meetings was not a high priority for me in my early twenties. I became a Regional Officer, a very time consuming volunteer position, relatively soon after graduation, and I mistakenly drew the conclusion that I was already giving enough time to AOΠ. My attendance at alumnae chapter meetings was sporadic at best. I had failed to realize that my own alumnae chapter was the place I could relax and just enjoy the fellowship and fun of being with my sisters.

With a little prodding from my mom, I began to attend alumnae meetings more regularly. Almost immediately, a group of us decided to get together to play cards once a month. That was a wonderful experience for me because I got to know some women who were not my college peers, but who were close to my age. Previously, the only alumnae members that I knew well were my mom's peers. Once I formed some close friendships of my own within my alumnae chapter, I was sold on the alumnae experience. The good feelings I get from my alumnae experience motivate me to support other alumnae chapters as an Alumnae Network Specialist.

Our chapter is fortunate to have a wide variety of age groups represented. I think we all recognize how blessed we are in that regard. As a matter of fact, age difference is pretty insignificant to our group. Certainly most of the leadership is handled by those of us middle aged members but our younger members and more seasoned members serve as officers and committee chairs too. As one of those in the middle, I value the vitality that the younger members bring as much as the stability that we enjoy from our charter members.

I have been an AOΠ for twenty years, and I continue to benefit from my affiliation. My mom has been an AOΠ for fifty years. She and her pledge sisters (most of whom still regularly attend alumnae meetings) also continue to benefit from their affiliation with AOΠ. As you can see for my mom and for me, AOΠ is most definitely for a lifetime! We wouldn't have it any other way!



Halloween Masquerade Dinner/Dance Cruise Saturday, October 24



Mark your calendars NOW!

Celebrate Halloween in style at the

Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter's Halloween Masquerade Ball!

We'll sail Lake Ontario for an elegant evening of dining and dancing, set against the backdrop of the Toronto skyline.

Call Annabel Aspler at 489-2719 for more details, reservations or to join the committee for this event. Invitations will go out in September.

ALUMS ONLINE

Want to join our e-mail update list?
E-mail julie@stratamp.com

We'll send you periodic reminders and updates about chapter events.

Surfing the 'net?

Visit www.AlphaOmicronPi.org

Philanthropy Update

Terry Fox Run Recognition!

As a thank you for raising \$1,239 for cancer research through our participation in the Terry Fox Run, the Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter received a special plaque. Be sure to check it out at the May 9th event!

Membership Money Raised

As you know, when you joined the Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter, you had the option of joining at different membership levels which supported the AOPH philanthropy of your choice.

To date we have raised:

- \$75 for Arthritis Research
- \$60 for the Endowment Fund
- \$150 for the AOPH Foundation

Founders' Day Ruby Fund Contribution Results

On Founders' Day, \$50 was raised through voluntary contributions to the Ruby Fund.

What is the Ruby Fund?

Born in 1946 out of the love AOPH shared with one of our founders during her time of personal crisis, the Ruby Fund has assisted over 200 sisters from both Canada and the U.S. in their time of need.

Natural disasters, fires and life threatening illnesses are just a few examples of times the Ruby Fund has helped our sisters. The "heart of AOPH" does not call attention to those it has helped since the names of those sisters are never mentioned.

If you know of a sister who is in dire financial need, you may ask the Ruby Fund to help her by contacting AOPH international headquarters. Or contact Kristina Hunt at 481-8225.

Share your secrets with your Sisters! Submit your favourite recipe to the Alumnae Chapter Cookbook!

Have a "secret" recipe? Share it with your sisters! We're putting together a Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter cookbook.

Spiral bound so it lays flat while you're cooking from it, this cookbook be available for purchase at Founders' Day in December. Proceeds will help to support the Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter's philanthropic activities.

Submitting your recipe is easy. Just fill out the form (please write or type neatly) included in this newsletter and mail it to:

Julie Petroski
48 Primrose Path Crescent
Markham, Ontario L3S 4A9

You're welcome to submit as many recipes as you'd like. Please make a copy of the recipe form for any sister you're in contact with — the more recipes we get, the better the cookbook! If you have questions, call Julie at (905) 201-9361.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Saturday, May 9.

(You may bring your submission to the WELCOMING SENIORS INTO ALUMNAE STATUS RITUAL AND TEA, if you'd like.)

Get your recipes in today!



MEMBERSHIP INFO



Is your address correct? Did you...change your phone number? Get e-mail? Change your last name? Make sure you let us know! To make any changes, please call Corresponding Secretary Christina Granieri at (905) 458-5196 if you've moved.

Our first Membership Directory will be available at the Saturday, May 9 ALUMNAE STATUS RITUAL AND TEA for all members who have paid their 1997 dues. This handy directory is a great way to keep in touch with sisters from your university as well your new friends you've made through the alum chapter!

Know a sister who would like to receive this newsletter? She'd probably enjoy our chapter events too! Remind her that to pay her annual dues! For as little as \$35 she'll receive all the benefits of a full year of membership, including her own copy of the membership directory...a subscription to our newsletter...special events...and even more!

What do your membership fees do for the chapter? Our low membership fees are the only way we keep our chapter running — AOPH International does not help us to pay for paper, envelopes, photocopying, postage, or other materials.

For more information about membership, please contact Kristina Hunt at 481-8225.

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