

Event reminder: TOMORROW, Tuesday, Feb. 10, is our book event at Borders at 116th and Keystone in Carmel. Please see below for more information.

We hope to see you there!

January/February Newsletter
Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter of Indianapolis
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"The Hoot" - from our President, Pamela Osborne

My guess is that I am probably like you when it comes to the New Year. I love the idea of a New Year - a time to forget what happened in the previous year and look forward to what is possible in the time to come. However, I don't love the idea of making New Year's resolutions, probably because they are broken before they are made!

Still, I'm infatuated with the idea of making 2009 better than 2008, but maybe without the guilt of breaking resolutions or promises. So, I've been pondering how to do this. Then, I came across an ad in a magazine. I'm one of those people that subscribes to a million magazines, even though I don't find the time to read most of them, and compound the problem by picking up magazines at doctor's offices, or wherever I have an appointment, and even the free ones at the grocery store! So back to the ad: It's an ad for the World Childhood Foundation with the simple sentence running through the middle of the page that reads, "How we _____ matters." Running from the top to the bottom of the page are phrases like: "seize every day," "dream big," "help others," "lift up our daughters," "discover ourselves," "support our communities," "make connections," and "work with integrity."

Ever since I ran across this ad, I pulled it out of the magazine it was in and tucked it in my planner. As I flip through the pages and sigh at my long to-do list, I am reminded that there is a bigger purpose and reason for doing the things I do. As I write this, I am also intrigued by some of the phrases like, "How we help others matters," or "How we make connections matters." Every month in the 2008-2009 schedule of the Indianapolis Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter features opportunities to do these two things usually without a lot of planning or extra effort. The monthly drives we have started are helping others in our community, and the events this year are geared towards making new connections with Sisters as well as renewing and maintaining connections with Sisters we have known for awhile.

Chi Omega's mission states that, "Chi Omega is committed to: personal integrity, excellence in academic and intellectual pursuits, intergenerational participation, community service, leadership opportunities, and social enrichment." Interesting how many of these ideas match up with the ideas in the ad.

Maybe we look at what we are doing already, and celebrate that as Chi Omegas, we are making a difference, we are changing the world, and most importantly we are living up to the ideals of the Sisterhood we love. So here's your chance - what are you going to do to this year to "seize every day," "dream big," "help others," "lift up our daughters," "discover ourselves," "support our communities," "make connections," and "work with integrity"? There are many opportunities to do these things and more with the Indianapolis Chi Omega Alumnae. Want to know how you can get involved? Talk to anyone on Exec or drop me a line: angelfire1299@yahoo.com.

One very easy way for you to get involved in the Indianapolis Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter is to become a member of the Exec Board. We are starting the process of putting together the Slate to vote on the Exec Board at the March meeting. The offices available are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Recruitment Information Chair
- Membership
- Ritual
- Newsletter
- Webmaster
- Panhellenic Delegate - voting member
- Panhellenic Delegate - non-voting member

If you are interested in any office, please contact me directly at angelfire1299@yahoo.com. If you have questions about what each officer does, time requirements, and any other details of the position, please contact the current officer directly, or visit our [Web site](#) to view the Roles and Responsibilities guide.

We will need Party Chairs, too! If you think an office is too much for you right now, volunteer to be a Party Chair and host a monthly event. This is an easy way to get involved!

So maybe making and keeping that New Year's resolution isn't that difficult after all!

Loyally in Chi Omega-
Pam

Wine Tasting recap

More than 20 Chi O alums joined us at Easley Winery on Tuesday, Jan. 13. During the event, we learned about winemaking, took a tour of the facility and tasted more than 15 wines! We also enjoyed appetizers and conversation. Pictures from the event will be posted on our [Web site](#). Thanks to everyone who braved the cold and snow to join us for a great event, and a very special thank you to Julie Mennel for putting it all together!

We look forward to another fun event at Easley in the future!

February Book Event - Tuesday, Feb. 10

Join us at the Borders at 116th and Keystone in Carmel at 6:30 p.m. **TOMORROW**, Tuesday, Feb. 10. We will discuss our favorite books and a member of the Borders staff will also give us some recommendations. Hope to see you there!

Other upcoming events

- *We Invite You to Connect event - March 10, 6:30 p.m.* For this event, we are having a spa night at Evolve Salon, located at 870 Massachusetts Ave in downtown Indianapolis ([map](#)). Massage, pedicures, makeup consultation and hair consultation will be available. This is a pay-as-you-go event, and you are responsible for paying for the services you wish to receive. Refreshments will also be provided. Questions? Contact Tiffany Trusty at tiffanytrusty@motorola.com.
- *Connection Event - April 16, 6:30 p.m.* For this event, Chi O Sister Susie Gooch will give us a tour of the [Lilly House](#) at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Susie is a docent at the IMA and gave us an excellent tour of the museum last year. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing more about the Lilly House!

Board member position available: Panhellenic Delegate

Our alumnae chapter needs a member to fill the spot of the non-voting Panhellenic delegate. This member MUST be available to attend monthly meetings that are held during daytime hours. If you're interested, contact President Pam Quintana at angelfire1299@yahoo.com.

White Carnation sponsors

If you're interested in becoming a 2008-2009 White Carnation sponsor, contact membership chair Annie Tetrick at 765.860.4917 or anne.tetrick@comcast.net.

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