

Reminder: Our next event is a Spa Night on Tuesday, March 10, at Evolve Salon on Mass Ave. See below for more information. We hope to see you there!

### March Newsletter

Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter of Indianapolis

[www.chiomega.com/alumnae/indychio](http://www.chiomega.com/alumnae/indychio)

#### *What's in this month's newsletter?*

- Letter from the President/Slating information
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#### **"The Hoot" - from our President, Pamela Osborne**

I might be in the minority here, but one of my least favorite events as a first year Active was Rush. My first formal rush happened only a few weeks after I became an active, and I had never gone through a formal recruitment since I pledged during the Spring. Rush inspired all kinds of feelings of dread. Would I say the right thing? What if the girl I was rushing didn't talk? How does bumping work? Luckily, on our Open House day, it was really apparent that rushing wasn't my thing, so I spent the rest of that year's Rush, and every Rush after that in the lower level of the house working on the logistics that made the chapter's ability to rush effectively better. Perfect! A win-win for everyone!

I did chair Pref one year, and one of the songs we sang during the ceremony was "Are You Listening?" Maybe you sang that in your chapter or used it during your chapter's rush? The opening line says it all, "Are you listening? Chi O's calling you." Chi Omega does call us at different times in our lives for different things. As a potential new member, Chi Omega calls us to become part of the greatest Sisterhood on the planet. As pledges or new members, Chi Omega calls us to explore where we fit in the Sisterhood and reveals the values and principles we all hold dearly. As actives, sometimes we are called to serve our chapters as leaders in an Office, heading a committee or organizing an event. As Alumnae, we are called to serve Chi Omega in many ways, such as writing RIFs, becoming advisors for an active chapter, serving on House Corporations, finding lost sisters, giving to the Foundation to support great programming for new members, actives, and alumnae, or by getting involved in the Alumnae Chapter.

This year, I would like to ask you to really consider getting actively involved in the Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter. The chapter needs members to serve on the Executive Board and as Party Chairs. In short, Chi O is calling you to get involved!

Many Sisters who are currently serving on the Exec Board, have been on Exec in several different capacities. My sincerest thanks go to this extraordinary group of women who have given their time, talent, and capabilities this year to the Alumnae Chapter.

Now it is your turn. Chi O is calling YOU to be a leader on the Exec Board or to be a Party Chair. Below, please find a list of the open positions, and a description of the roles and responsibilities. If you have questions, please contact me at [angelfire1299@hotmail.com](mailto:angelfire1299@hotmail.com).

We vote on the slate at the March meeting. We need the slate to be full, and as you can see, we have some roles that need to be filled. The Alumnae chapter can only continue by the members stepping up to give of their time, talent, and capabilities.

The song, "Are You Listening?" starts with a question; a prompting; a proposition. It ends with a simple statement, "Answer, and the Spirit will last." Remember, Chi O is calling YOU. Answer and the Spirit will last!

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As of now, our 2009-2010 slate is as follows:

President:  
Vice-President:  
Secretary: Erica Wassel  
Treasurer:  
State Recruitment Information Chair: Cara Gray  
Membership:  
Ritual:  
Newsletter:  
Webmaster:  
Panhellenic 1:  
Panhellenic 2:  
Philanthropic Service: Sarah Hayden

### *Roles and Responsibilities*

- President: Preside at all meetings, appoint all committee chairmen and inform them of their duties, coordinate the work of all officers, serve as ex-officio member of all committees.
- Vice President: Assume the duties of the President in her absence, serve as Program Chairman, establish a calendar of events, oversee operations of membership committee, work closely with chairmen of special projects.
- Secretary: Keep the minutes of all meetings; keep an accurate list of members' names, addresses and telephone numbers; and maintain a file of essential information which is transferred to the successor upon completion of the term of office; carry on all correspondence of the chapter.
- Treasurer: Collect dues, disburse funds, keep an accurate account of all money matters of the association, send bills for dues, keep an up-to-date record of all members as well as all financial transactions which must be submitted to the next treasurer.
- Ritual: Promote a rekindling of Chi Omega history and tradition within the chapter on a regular basis. Arrange any special Fraternity ceremonies.
- Membership: Responsible for recruitment, maintenance of accurate address files and completing directory.
- Newsletter: Produce and distribute a newsletter; provide material to The Eleusis and the local media where appropriate.
- Panhellenic: Serve as the delegate to local Panhellenic Council and promote interests of Panhellenic with the Alumnae chapter. Represent Chi Omega's principles and policies within this forum.

- Philanthropic Service: Responsible for planning and organizing the chosen philanthropic or community service project or activity.

### Book event recap

We had a great time at the book event at Borders on Feb. 10. After sampling tea and desserts, we were presented with book recommendations, which can now be found on our [Web site](#) in the Chapter Updates section. After the recommendations, we discussed favorite books and the pros and cons of each. Everyone who attended walked away with several book recommendations!

If you are still looking for a good book, member Julie Mennel recommends "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and "A Vineyard in Tuscany" by Ferenc Mate. Member Abby Rardin recommends "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult and "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch. Member Cara Gray recommends "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom and "Marley & Me" by Josh Grogan.

### March Spa Night - Tuesday, March 10

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, for our Spa Night! The event will be held at Evolve Salon, located at 870 Massachusetts Ave in downtown Indianapolis ([map](#)). At the event, you'll have the opportunity to get any or all of the following services on a pay-as-you-go basis:

- **Waxing Station:** There will be one facial waxing station setup, and the areas offered are brows, chin and lip. The cost is \$7/chosen area.
- **Mini-Manicure Station:** There will be one mini-manicure station setup. The service consists of a 15-minute exfoliating sugar scrub and a polish change for \$15.
- **Chair Massage:** There will be one chair massage station setup, costing \$1/minute with a maximum of 15 minutes.

Also, the salon owner, Curtis, will give a style demonstration and salon items will be raffled. Please keep in mind that raffle tickets and salon services are **CASH ONLY**, so please come prepared. Also, remember to dress appropriately for the service you'll be receiving.

For those who just want to hang out and socialize with fellow sisters - you're welcome, too! We'll have desserts and sangria available, so come and enjoy! Questions? Contact Tiffany Trusty at [tiffanytrusty@motorola.com](mailto:tiffanytrusty@motorola.com).

To continue our charity initiative, we are collecting accessory items for Dress for Success Indianapolis at the March event. Dress for Success Indianapolis helps women in need become self-sufficient by giving them the confidence and clothes to get a job and the support they need to develop a career.

Because Dress for Success Indianapolis is holding a big suit drive in April, they are in need of accessories. Specific accessory items they are looking for include:

- Professional/conservative jewelry
- Professional shoes, i.e. black or navy pumps (no open toes or sling backs)
- Professional purses/bags
- Portfolios with a pad of paper (for their recipients to carry resumes to interviews)

If you have any of these items - and if they're in good condition - please consider bringing them to the Spa Night. Dress for Success is also looking for more volunteers. They are opening a career development center and will need help with the new center and the

professional women's group that meets once a month to go over post-hiring information and development.

For more information or for volunteer opportunities, please go to [www.dressforsuccess.org/indianapolis](http://www.dressforsuccess.org/indianapolis). Questions about the Accessory Drive or Dress for Success? Contact Sarah Hayden at [sarah\\_hayden02@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah_hayden02@hotmail.com).

We hope to see you on March 10!

### Upcoming events

- *Connection Event - Thursday, 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!

### Executive board member spotlight: Annie Tetrick, Membership Director

- *College, year initiated:* Hanover College, 2003
- *Current job:* Healthcare Recruiter, Community Health Network
- *Why did you join Chi Omega?* My aunt was a Chi Omega and is still very active so I was interested in XO from the beginning. Since I went to a small school (with four sororities), it wasn't difficult for me to choose which house was best for me, and I felt Chi O just fit!
- *Favorite Chi Omega memory?* I don't know that I can pick just one memory, but one that sticks out in my mind is when I was studying abroad in Australia, and I was obviously far away from all of the Hanover fun and a group of Chi Os found a phone card on spring break and found my number and called me in the middle of the afternoon and just passed the phone around the circle until it ran out of minutes. As soon as the school year was over at Hanover, my best friend (and Chi O roommate) flew to Australia to stay with me for a couple weeks!
- *Why did you join the alumnae chapter?* I joined the alumnae chapter to stay involved in Chi O, to stay in touch with Chi O friends from Hanover, and to meet other Chi O's in Indy.
- *What does your role as Membership Director entail?* As Membership Director I am responsible for signing up any new and returning members to the alumnae group, starting with the August mailings, and coordinating the collected dues with our Treasurer. I also create the Membership Directory that is passed out to all current and active members.
- *Hobbies?* Anything that involves spending time with my friends and not doing my homework for class. :)
- *Favorite thing to do in Indianapolis?* Tough choice... I love being outside when it is nice out (it is trying so hard recently...) and being able to walk to a Colts game or a concert or whatever around downtown or just sitting out on the back porch with friends.

### New member spotlight

Interested in being part of our new member spotlight? If so, e-mail Newsletter Chair Andrea Farmer at [amfarmer16@hotmail.com](mailto:amfarmer16@hotmail.com).

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