

November Newsletter  
Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter of Indianapolis  
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**"The Hoot" - from our President, Pamela Quintana**

It isn't often that I get the chance to attend an Indy Chi Omega Alumnae event, and then write about it. It is a double bonus when I can connect it to the message I was planning to write about!

This year, when the Executive Board held its planning session in May, we talked about "changing it up" a little by not holding the annual Basket Auction, and instead working with our National Philanthropy: the Make\*A\*Wish Foundation here in Indiana. On Nov. 20, with the help of our Make\*A\*Wish liaison, Eva Jansen, six women set off to the studio of 99.5 FM WZPL to help answer phones in a 36-hour Request-A-Thon. I think I can speak for everyone who participated by saying I wanted to do another two hours after our shift was complete - I had so much fun! The best part about volunteering was that we had the opportunity to meet several Wish Kids and their families. I was amazed by these children who faced such pain and difficulty in their young lives, and their families - no doubt racked with concern, uncertainty for the future, and stressed out by the magnitude of their children's health issues and all the issues that come along with it. You might think that joy and gratitude could not be found in a child and their family facing death in the face. And you know what? You would be just amazed by how grateful they are.

We got many thanks for volunteering our time. We even got an engagement out of one of the calls! (Ask us about this at our January meeting - it's a funny story!) We got the feeling like we were helping dreams come true. And we were! In the two hours we spent answering phones and taking donations, the Request-A-Thon made \$4,617, almost enough to grant a wish. At the end of the event, more than \$325,000 were raised, enough to grant 53 wishes! My sincerest thanks to everyone who volunteered, or made a donation! You have helped 53 little dreams come true! Hope Knight once said, "In your dreams, search for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. In your life, search for the rainbow."

I think it's rather appropriate that I am able to send this little piece of news to you right before we celebrate the season of giving thanks. In this life that is made up of 24-hour-a-day access to technology, flying to outer space, rush hour, days that don't have enough hours in them, and to-do lists a mile long, let us pause with our friends, families and Sisters to give

thanks. Let us give thanks for our lives, for whatever part of the rainbow we are on. Let us give thanks for our talents, our capabilities, and our accomplishments. Let us give thanks for all the people who made us and who continue to make us who we are - the "game changers" in our lives! Let us give thanks for our freedom and the great responsibility that comes with it. Let us give thanks for the Sisterhood of Chi Omega and for the new connections being made, and the old connections getting stronger!

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Pam

P.S. I do have a little good housekeeping items to pass along: Please consider applying for the Nancy Walton Laurie Leadership Institute of Chi Omega. This is a GREAT program! I attended at Convention and had a great time, met some wonderful women, and learned some key skills to deal with this crazy thing called life! See my letter in the August newsletter if you wonder what I learned! And, if you are accepted to the Laurie Leadership Institute, I will personally pay your \$50 registration fee. That's how great I thought this program was! See below for details:

### **We Invite You to Nominate!**

The Nancy Walton Laurie Leadership Institute flagship session, "An Upright Life: Exploring Life Balance" will be held March 27-29, 2009. This program allows Chi Omegas from across the country to learn about the balancing act we call "life." This program will also provide helpful solutions on how to manage the hustle and bustle of today's society. Take this opportunity to nominate yourself or another Chi Omega for this educational, fun-filled weekend in Memphis, Tenn.

#### **More Information:**

- Contact Diana Coyle at 901.748.8600 or e-mail [Dcoyle@ChiOmega.com](mailto:Dcoyle@ChiOmega.com).
- Visit [www.ChiOmega.com/EveryDay](http://www.ChiOmega.com/EveryDay), click on Resource Center, then Laurie Leadership Institute, then Life Balance Nomination Spring 09.pdf.

### **Make\*A\*Wish Request-A-Thon a Great Success!**

On Thursday, Nov. 20, Indianapolis Chi Omegas joined with the Make\*A\*Wish Foundation of Indiana and radio station WZPL - 99.5 by taking donations from the Indiana community by phone from 6-8 p.m. During those two hours, we helped raise more than \$4,600! That is almost enough money to grant one child his or her wish, as the average cost of a wish is \$6,000. The Request-A-Thon in total raised more than \$325,000 during the 36-hour period, granting 54 wishes for Indiana children! The volunteers also met for coffee afterwards and had a great time connecting. We're looking forward to our next opportunity with Make-A-Wish!

Thank you to Pam Quintana, Cara Gray, Erica Wassel, Donna Meek, Suzanne O'Conner and Andrea Farmer for donating your time and talent. And, thank you to those who donated to this wonderful cause. Your gifts of time, talent and money are much appreciated!

### **Wine Tasting at Easley's**

Join us for a wine tasting at Easley Winery in downtown Indianapolis on Jan. 13, 2009. This is a pay-as-you-go event and the fee is \$20. For \$20, members will get to taste various wines and snacks, and we will have our own room in the winery. We need at least 15 people in order to have this event - this is the venue's requirement and not ours. Please RSVP to Julie Mennel at [julie.mennel@gmail.com](mailto:julie.mennel@gmail.com) by Dec. 30, 2008.

At the event, we would love to see some new faces! As of January, our membership fee for the year will be reduced to \$10. If you know anyone who is thinking about joining, please pass on the message or bring them along!

Click [here](#) for more information on Easley Winery and [here](#) for a map.

#### **Other upcoming events**

- Connection Event - Feb. 10, 2009. More details to come.
- We Invite You to Connect event - March 10, 2009, spa night at Evolve Salon on Mass Ave. More details to come.
- Connection Event - April 16, 2009, 6:30 p.m., tour of the Lilly House at the IMA with Chi O Sister Susie Gooch.

#### **Remember to renew your membership!**

We are near the end of our 2008-2009 membership drive. There are four ways to renew your membership:

- **Online, both membership form and payment:** Visit our [Web site](#) and scroll down to the "Join" section. There, you will find the links to fill out your membership form and pay online via PayPal.
- **Online, membership form; payment, USPS mail:** Visit our [Web site](#) and scroll down to the "Join" section. There, you will find the link to fill out your membership form online. You can mail your payment via check to membership chair Annie Tetrick at 1020 N. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.
- **Online, downloadable membership form; payment, USPS:** Visit our [Web site](#) and scroll down to the "Join" section. There, you will find a link to a PDF of the membership form that you can download and send along with your payment via check to Annie Tetrick at 1020 N. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.
- **USPS:** To have a membership form mailed to you, contact Annie Tetrick at 765.860.4917 or [anne.tetrick@comcast.net](mailto:anne.tetrick@comcast.net). She will mail the form to you, and you can mail it back to her along with your payment via check to 1020 N. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

General membership questions? Contact membership chair Annie Tetrick at 765.860.4917 or [anne.tetrick@comcast.net](mailto:anne.tetrick@comcast.net).

#### **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](mailto:angelfire1299@yahoo.com).

#### **We need Party Chairs!**

We are still looking for one party chair to help co-chair the March Spa Night. Tiffany Trusty has already volunteered to co-chair, and we could use one or two more volunteers to help out. This is another pay-as-you-go event and will be held at Evolve Salon on March 10, 2009. If you want to get involved with our alumnae chapter without a huge time commitment, this is what you've been looking for! Contact Abby Rardin at [abbyrardin@hotmail.com](mailto:abbyrardin@hotmail.com) for more information. Grab a friend and sign up!

#### **Call for RIFs**

Do you know:

- Chelsea Camille - Park Tudor
- Kate Elpers - Reitz Memorial High School
- Pamela Flanagan - Culver
- Laura Grahn - North Central High School
- Gisela Hackmann - Culver
- Chelsea Hamilton - Zionsville High School
- Christina Minton - Carmel High School
- Lauren Ritchie - North Central High School
- Allyssa Scimia - Brebeuf

If so, please take a few minutes to fill out a Recruitment Information Form (RIF) and mail it to Jen Hockemeyer at 4750 Mallard View Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226. Questions? Contact Jen at [jenren435@hotmail.com](mailto:jenren435@hotmail.com) or 317.538.3917.

### **Upsilon Lambda needs advisors!**

The Upsilon Lambda chapter at Hanover College is looking for “a few good women” to serve as advisors. At this time, the chapter has openings for a social advisor and an esoteric advisor. Other advisory positions are also available, so if you’re interested in another position, that advisor may be willing to switch.

Here are the expectations for advisors:

- Attend three meetings per year (the fall and spring meetings are at Hanover, the summer meeting is either in Columbus or Indianapolis).
- Work with your assigned chapter officer via E-mail/phone and assist them in planning three social events each year.
- Attend chapter meetings each semester or call-in via conference call.
- Attend events associated with your position (i.e. social events if you are the social advisor, initiation if you are the esoteric advisor, etc.) or find substitutes if you are unable to do so.
- Attend other meetings (slating, elections, by-law revisions) and other events (initiation, recruitment) when available.
- Communicate with advisory board members via e-mail.

According to Heather McDonald, Upsilon Lambda New Member Advisor and Southeastern Indiana Alumnae Chapter President, Upsilon Lambda is a great chapter, having won multiple Awards of Achievement and Excellence, as well as the Pearl Award, during their 21-year history. Upsilon Lambda has also won a variety of awards at Hanover and is acknowledged as being a campus leader in every area. Upsilon Lambda also treats advisors well! Advisors attend Convention and Firesides, with all expenses paid by the chapter. In addition, advisors are welcome to attend chapter events, parties and dinners whenever they are able to do so. The chapter has a great, although incomplete, advisory board and would love to have new faces join.

You do not need to be an Upsilon Lambda alumnae to serve as an advisor. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Heather McDonald at 812.344.4606 or [h-mcdonald@sbcglobal.net](mailto:h-mcdonald@sbcglobal.net).

**Executive board member spotlight:** Jen Hockemeyer, State Recruitment Chair

- College, year initiated: Ball State University, 2001

- Current job: Senior Media Planner/Buyer at EchoPoint Media
- Why did you join Chi Omega? Because I felt the most comfortable and "at home" when I was at the Chi Omega recruitment parties. I thought the women were classy, intelligent and a lot of fun!
- Favorite Chi Omega memory? Probably "invitation night" the year I was the recruitment chair and finding out we got such a great group of new members, after all of the hard work we had put into recruitment.
- Why did you join the alumnae chapter? Because I always want Chi Omega to be a part of my life. It is also fun to meet other Chi Omega alumnae and hang out with some of my fellow Ball State alums.
- What does your role as State Recruitment Chair entail? I sign off on Recruitment Interest Forms (RIFs) for potential new members and send them along to their prospective colleges. I am also responsible for helping recruitment advisors from all over the country get RIFs on potential new member that are from the state of Indiana.
- Hobbies? Fantasy football, tennis, kickball, working out, running
- Favorite thing to do in Indianapolis? Go to Colts games!

#### **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).

#### **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](mailto:anne.tetrick@comcast.net).

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