

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

In September, my family celebrated a well deserved victory: my paternal grandmother turned 97 years old. Grandma Sue had been sick off and on this year, and there were moments when we didn't think she would make it to her birthday, but she proudly crossed the line.

It's amazing for me to think that in the year she was born - 1911 - women did not have the right to vote in this country. It wasn't until nine years later, in 1920, that women won the right to cast their vote in this country. Think about it: Our founders of this great sisterhood didn't have the chance to vote for another 25 years AFTER they founded Chi Omega!

Votes for women were first seriously proposed in the United States in July 1848 at the Seneca Falls Woman's Rights Convention organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. One woman who attended that convention was Charlotte Woodward. She was nineteen at the time. In 1920, when women finally won the vote throughout the nation, Charlotte Woodward was the only participant in the 1848 Convention who was still alive to cast her vote. Eighty-one years old, she cast her vote proudly.

I love this story, because it shows two important things: 1. Women like Elizabeth Stanton and Charlotte Woodward believed in their right and the cause to allow women the right to vote. They did everything in their power, including being ridiculed, imprisoned, beat and committed for insanity and still persevered to see their dream become reality. 2. Sometimes the things we want take time, but if we stay committed to the cause, eventually things will change, even if it happens when we are in our eighties!

So on Nov. 4, regardless of what party or candidate you support, make sure to make time to get to the polls and exercise the right that many women before us fought hard and vigorously for!

Loyally in Chi Omega-  
Pam

P.S. Just this past weekend, I received a mailing from Nationals. Unfortunately, we don't have a weekly chapter meeting to share all the details, so visit the "Sisters Flourish" section on our [Web site](#) to see what is going on at the National level. Please contact me if you have any questions.

#### **Covered dish dinner was fun for all!**

Thank you to everyone who came to the covered dish dinner at Sarah Hayden's home in Fishers. The food was great and the company was even better! We also want to thank Sarah and her fiancé for opening up their lovely home to us.

We also collected more than 50 food items for Gleaners Food Bank! Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana helps charities feed people in need. As Gleaners enters its 27th year, the food bank has distributed more than 215 million pounds of food and critical grocery products to 400 hunger relief charities that serve the people in need of emergency food assistance. For more information, visit [www.gleaners.org](http://www.gleaners.org) for more information.

#### **November Event - Make A Wish Request-A-Thon (and coffee afterwards!)**

Thank you to Pam Quintana, Cara Gray, Andrea Farmer, Erica Wassel, Cindy Cade, Sarah Wareham, Angela Gibbs, Donna Meek and Suzanne O'Conner for donating your time and talent to the Make-A-Wish Request-A-Thon. Our volunteers will be answering phones and entering information and pledged donations into a computer from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20. Training will be provided prior to the session.

If you won't be able to make it between 6 and 8 p.m., please don't hesitate to get involved with the Request-a-Thon in another way. You can volunteer your time during another time slot (it runs 36 hours!) or call in to make a donation. All of these donations will go toward granting the wishes of children. Tune into 99.5 WZPL November 20-21 for more information on how to donate your time or money. We will also send out more information as it becomes available.

If you have questions or would like more information about Make-A-Wish, contact Eva Jansen at [evamjansen@yahoo.com](mailto:evamjansen@yahoo.com). Additional information about Make-A-Wish and Chi Omega's involvement has been posted on our website ([www.chiomega.com/alumnae/indychio](http://www.chiomega.com/alumnae/indychio)).

Also, after the 6-8 p.m. volunteer shift ends on Thursday, Nov. 20, the Chi O volunteers will head to the Starbucks at 96<sup>th</sup> and Meridian for coffee and conversation. Feel free to join us even if you can't make it to the volunteer session!

#### **Upcoming events**

- Chi Omega is Fun! - Jan. 13, 2009, wine tasting event at Easley Winery. More details to come.
- We Invite You to Connect - March 10, 2009, spa night at Evolve Salon on Mass. Ave. More details to come.

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

We are now in the middle of our 2008 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 party chairs! 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.

A big thank you to Cindy Cade who has volunteered to be a party chair!

#### **Call for RIFs**

Do you know:

- Katie Zupancic, Cathedral High School - attending Vanderbilt University

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: Erica Wassel, Secretary**

- College, year initiated: Rose-Hulman, 1998
- Current job: Validation Engineer for Jacobs Engineering
- Why did you join Chi Omega? To make more friends at college and to become involved on campus
- Favorite Chi Omega memory? Pledge class activities my freshman and sophomore years
- Why did you join the alumnae chapter? To continue my involvement in Chi Omega
- What does your role as Secretary entail? Sending thank you notes to party hosts and party chairs and keeping a history of each year's events
- Hobbies? I enjoy running/walking on the Monon Trail and canal towpaths in Indy. I also enjoy traveling and watching NFL football on Sundays.
- Favorite thing to do in Indianapolis? Watching outdoor movies at the IMA in the summer.

#### **New member spotlight: Allison Newell**

- College, year initiated: Purdue University, Chi Beta Chapter, 2005 initiate
- Current job: Marketing Associate with Stericycle, Inc.
- Why did you join Chi Omega? I went out of state to Purdue (I am from Peoria, Ill. originally) and wanted a close group of friends like I had in high school. It was the best decision I ever made. :)
- Favorite Chi Omega memory? There are so many. I loved bid night not only my freshman year but every year - it's such an exciting time. I also loved Spring Breaks with my pledge class. My last memory and one I will always remember was the last day I lived at our chapter house. Not everyone lived in the house our senior year but the eleven of us that did became extremely close. The last day there were only three of us left and no one wanted to leave. As we slowly packed up and found excuses not to say good-bye (to each other and the house), I realized that the experience and all the memories we now have were just as important to the them (and all Chi-Os) as they are to me.

- Why did you join the alumnae chapter? I know quite a few people from Indianapolis after attending Purdue, but I love meeting new people and thought this would be a great opportunity to meet women with similar interests and values to myself.
- Hobbies? Reading, staying active, meeting new people, attempting to take up cooking
- Favorite thing to do in Indianapolis? I have only lived in Indianapolis for two months so I am yet to have a favorite activity but so far it has been new and exciting.

#### **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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