

# CHI OMEGA

SPRING, 2012 ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER™

## President's Message

Dear Chi Omegas ,

At this time of the year, we want to wish all our XO sisters and their families a Blessed Holiday and a Happy New Year!

We have so many blessings. Look at our chapter!

The St. Louis Chi Omega Alumnae Group is over 88 years old with over 2,000 alumnae in the Metropolitan area. This chapter has been kept alive and growing due to all the great ladies and officers that we have had over the last 88 years. Our traditions like the Cookie Exchange that Katherine Kercher hosted for over 60 years at her lovely house; our philanthropies like the pecan sale that has funded Sunnyhill, Inc. for over 43 years; our dynamic ladies who hosted the Chi Omega Convention here in St. Louis in 1904 (see picture of the 3rd Biennial Convention in St. Louis), and in 2008; and our Eleusinian have kept this group together. What a great group!

We started this Fall with our September Kick-off at the Contemporary Art Museum, where we met new sisters that joined our Alumnae group. Our thanks go to Allyson Pittman for hosting this event. Our October meeting, Oktoberfest, at Aleeza Granote's house was a success. Thank you, Aleeza. Our road trips: 1- "Bus Trip to Columbia" to help plan the 100th Celebration of the Rho Alpha Chapter; and 2- "National ACLC (Alumnae Chapter Leadership Conference) at Chi Omega Headquarters in Memphis, helped keep our chapter flourishing. The bus trip was a chance for the Kansas City, Columbia, and St. Louis Alumnae to plan the Centennial and to organize a Columbia Alumnae Chapter. Yes, we got the momentum going and Columbia is forming their own Alumnae Chapter! Thank you, Trish Willey, for spear-heading the STL Rho Alpha Committee. ACLC was a chance to meet Chi O's from other chapters and keep the motivation for our chapter to grow. Nationwide, we have over 300,000 Chi Omega sisters. At our November meeting at the Painted Zebra, we had a chance to make crafts for the Holiday. Our December meeting, the Annual Cookie Exchange, had to be moved from Katherine's house to Helen Paulson's house due to health reasons. We want to thank Katherine Kercher, her daughter, Kristi Petersen, and Helen Paulson for being so gracious in hosting/organizing this annual event.

One last item, we are so blessed to have our young collegians from the Tau Mu Chapter that have participated in our Alumnae events. What a great group of young Chi Omegas! We are so proud to include you in our meetings and help you in any way that we can.

Please check our schedule in this newsletter and also on our website: [www.stlchiomega.com](http://www.stlchiomega.com) for upcoming events.

See you at the meetings in 2012!

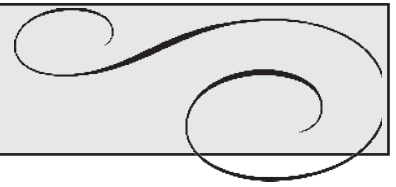
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Lucy Marshall  
President

Above, December 2011 Annual Cookie Exchange  
Center, September 2011 Meeting Bottom, St. Louis Chi Omega 1904 Binenial Convention,  
We have come a long way Chi O's!



I am a Chi Omega!

We make a difference!



## St. Louis Chi Omega Night Owls presented: Celebrate Style

On September 16, 2011, the St. Louis Chi Omega Night Owls hosted the very first "Celebrate Style" [www.celebrate-style.org](http://www.celebrate-style.org), a premier fashion-filled night and runway show benefiting The Young Women's Breast Cancer Program (YWBCP) at Siteman Cancer Center at Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital. The YWBCP provides VITAL support programs for young women under the age of 44 while spreading awareness and conducting research focused on this segment of the population.

XO Organizers: Allyson Pittman, Bonnie Thomas, Hannah Vargon, Jenna Dunbar



STAY TUNED for the  
Next "Celebrate Style"  
Coming Fall 2012

Save the Date:  
September 21, 2012

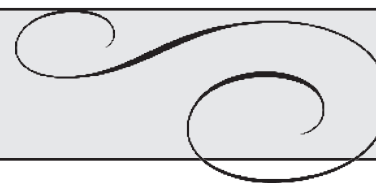
For Tickets: Hannah  
Vargon, Allyson Pit-  
tman, and Bonnie  
Thomas and the Night  
Owls



Visit our Website for more information & updates!

# Chi Omega is fun!

## Mark your calendars!



### **Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

Fashion Trends for 2012!

Mix & Mingle - 6:00 pm, Meeting - 6:45pm

Kiffin Butz will be doing a presentation on the latest fashion trends and much more! Give-aways and make-up tips too.

Location: West County Macys, 3rd floor Training Room, near the luggage department.

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314-966-0017

### **Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

Healthy Eating for a Heart Healthy Month

Meeting - 6:45pm

For Heart Healthy Month we will have a Saint Louis University Dietician speaking on what every woman needs to know about healthy eating and successful habits.

Location: Kirkwood Community Center

111 S. Geyer Road, Kirkwood, 63122

314-822-5855, 314-447-0084

### **Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

Card Making

Mix & Mingle - 6:45 pm, Meeting - 7:15 pm

Come make cards for Chi O Alum Vice President, Aleeza Granote's charity, Card Connection. Enjoy time with your Chi O Sisters while being creative for a great cause.

Location: The home of Merle Hoffman

27 Woodcrest Drive, St. Louis, 63124

314-477-0084

### **Thursday, April 26, 2012**

Ladies' Night Out

Annual St. Louis Panhellenic Alumnae Fundraiser  
5:30pm - 8:30pm, \$25

Chaired in 2012 by Chi Omega. This fun evening at Meadowbrook Country Club of wine, appetizers and shopping from exciting vendors, will raise funds to be given as scholarships to Greek women from St. Louis who attend college or graduate schools in the state of Missouri. For more information, contact Jerrie Plegge at [jhplegge@gmail.com](mailto:jhplegge@gmail.com).

Location: Meadow Brook Country Club

200 Meadowbrook Country Club Estates

Ballwin, 63011

636.227.5361

### **Saturday, April 7, 2012**

Annual Eleusinian Banquet

Mix & Mingle - TBD, Banquet - TBD

Join us for our Annual Founder's Day Celebration.

Location: Forest Hills Country Club,

36 Forest Club Drive, Chesterfield, 63005

636-227-5030

### **Tuesday, May 8, 2012**

Cinco de Chi O

Mix & Mingle - 6:45 pm, Meeting - 7:15 pm

Gather with your sisters for a fun social event, Cinco de Chi O! We will put a Chi Omega twist on the Cinco de Mayo theme. Come for poolside chips and margaritas at the home of Cheryl Gamache. Don't miss this last meeting before the summer break.

Location: The home of Cheryl Gamache

1612 Mason Knoll Drive, Town & Country, 63131

636-236-7946





**Chi Omega Fraternity**  
**St. Louis Alumnae**  
 Lucia G. Marshall  
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## Night Owls Events

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH - ICE SKATING AT STEINBERG

400 JEFFERSON DRIVE, ST. LOUIS, 63110, TIME - 6PM TO 8PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND - \$5 MOVIE NIGHT AT THE CHASE PARK PLAZA - WE WILL SEE "THE VOW"

212 NORTH KINGSWAY BLVD, ST. LOUIS, MO. TIME - TBD

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14TH - DINNER AND DRINKS AT MCGURKS IRISH PUB TO CELEBRATE ST. PATTY'S DAY!!

1200 RUSSELL BLVD, ST. LOUIS, MO. 63104, TIME 6PM TO 8PM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18TH - GROWLER'S PUB TRIVIA NIGHT!

3811 SOUTH LINDBERGH BLVD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63127 TIME - 8PM-10PM

MONDAY MAY 7TH - MARGARITA MONDAY AT HACIENDA TO CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO!

9748 MANCHESTER RD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63119 TIME - 6PM-8PM

## St. Louis Chi Omega Alumnae 2011-2013 Board

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## Connect with Chi Omega St. Louis Alums

**Lunch Bunch:** Join your sisters for lunch on the fourth Friday of the month -- great food and conversation. Our next outing will be January 27, 2012  
 Contact: Sandra Brenner;  
 saundrabrenner@yahoo.com; 636-256-3936.  
 Nancy Landers;  
 nlan314@sbcglobal.net; 314-374-8496.

**Wise Owl Book Club:** Join our book club for lively discussions. We usually meet every other month on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be February 20, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Contact: Sandra Brenner; saundrabrenner@yahoo.com; 636-256-3936.

### Night Owls

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