

CHI OMEGA

FALL '10 ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER™

President's Message

Greetings to all St. Louis Area Chi Omegas! I am looking forward to hearing what you have been up to during this hot summer. In June, I attended the Chi Omega Convention, held at the beautiful Ritz Carlton / JW Marriot in Orlando. My attendance was in the capacity of the Financial Advisor for Tau Mu, but time was found to network with other Alumnae group presidents. You'll hear about one great idea that we will be implementing inside the newsletter.

At Convention, the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter was honored to receive the Alumnae Activity Award for our October 2009 meeting "Chi Omega Memories." It was a thrill to receive the award from SM Jane Tankersly. There were over 1200 delegates at Convention – what a joy to see so many women enjoying our sisterhood. And a new phrase was coined...."Cardinal and Strawsome"...used to describe something excellent and awesome.

So let me use it here – we have a Strawsome fall planned with interesting programming for our monthly meetings! I am looking forward to seeing all of you very soon!

Loyally in Chi Omega,

Cheryl Gamache

President



We Invite you to Connect!

Membership is rewarding! The cost of joining our alumnae chapter will not increase this year. The membership levels are \$35, \$45 & \$60. As an active member, you will receive our newsletters (electronically for those on the Yahoo Group, via postal mail for others) and a directory of active alumnae.

Please return the membership form with your check no later than October 31, 2010. Forms can be found online at <http://www.stlchiomega.com>, or will be available at the September and October meetings. There will be special gifts for those who pay their dues by September 30th!

*** Now you can pay your membership dues using PayPal! Step by step directions inside! ***

I am a Chi Omega!

We make a difference!

Convention 2010

Chi Omega Convention is four jam packed days of sisterhood! It started Friday night with a welcome dinner. Minature sand buckets, beach balls and sunglasses were the adorable table scapes for our first event! The focus of this convention was Financial Management, with the highlight being sessions on the nationwide rollout of Billhighway; a dues collection and budget tool that will improve chapter finances. The Ann Lee Konneker Keynote address was delivered by Ann Bastianelli. She encouraged delegates to find "Your Story". She was inspiring and entertaining. Many of our actives were just as interested in Ann's cute son. Revelry was a highlight, especially when the Governing Council danced to "All the Chi O Ladies", sung to the tune of Beyonce's "All the Single Ladies". The model initiation was a flawless presentation of our beautiful ritual. The final event was the President's Banquet, which began with a slide show of pictures of each Governing Council member and ended with the traditional serenade on the beautiful portico of the Ritz Carlton.



Cheryl Gamache and Julie Donovan display the Alumnae Activity Award given to the St. Louis Chapter at convention.

Pay your Chi Omega Alumnae Dues with PayPal!

If you have a PayPal account, or want to set one up, you can pay your Chi Omega Alumnae dues with a credit card or through your checking account. Here's how:

1. Login or Sign up at www.paypal.com
2. Select Send Money from the tab at the top of the page. (If you are a first time user, you will also have to set up your bank account or credit card before you proceed in making your payment.)
3. Under To, type: stlchiotreasurer@gmail.com
4. In the Amount section, choose your level - \$35, \$45 or \$60
5. Click on the Personal tab, and choose Payment Owed
6. Hit Continue
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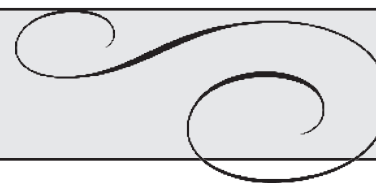
It's that easy! But don't forget you still need to fill out your membership form. Use the form on the Yahoo group or on the website www.stlchiomega.com. Complete the form and email it back to me at stlchio-treasurer@gmail.com. Thanks!



Visit our Website for more information & updates!

Chi Omega is fun!

Mark your calendars!



Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Actives and Alums together at Tau Mu!
Mix & Mingle - 6:45 pm, Meeting - 7:15 pm

Please join us at the Tau Mu Suite on the campus of Washington University for an Alum Gala to benefit Make - a - Wish! During Wish Week the Tau Mu actives host a volleyball game. Come learn about their efforts to support our national philanthropy. There will be refreshments and a silent auction with fun items to bid on!

Location: Tau Mu Suite - Washington University, Ann M. Olin Womens Building

Directions: 40 West to Big Bend, turn Right. Proceed On Big Bend, pass Forsyth. Turn right on Snow Way. Follow Snow Way, past the Knight Center on your right. Look for red and yellow balloons on the right, then enter the Millbrook parking garage on your left. Actives will be there to guide you to the suite.

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Taste the finest Olive Oil in St. Louis!
Mix & Mingle - 6:45 pm, Meeting - 7:15 pm

Join us at Di Olivas, the Olive Oil store at West County Center. Learn all about olive oil and vinegar. We will enjoy a sampling and a demonstration. You will also have the opportunity to purchase your favorite flavors. Di Olivas is St. Louis' premier Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar tasting emporium. Di Olivas was founded to bring you the freshest and best Extra Virgin Olive Oils from around the world. The founders of Di Olivas have a shared passion for good food and wide variety

Location: Di Oliva's, West County Center. UpperLevelbetweenMacy'sandNordstrom's.
314-909-1171

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 6:45pm

A "Not So Ordinary" Evening!
Mix & Mingle - 6:45 pm, Meeting - 7:15 pm

Come enjoy a demonstration of Glass Art provided by Not So Ordinary, a local glass company. For approximately \$25, you will also be able to make a lasting and unique gift, just in time for Christmas!

Location: Kirkwood Community Center, Rm. 200
116 South Geyer Road,
Kirkwood, 63122
314-822-5855

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

OUR ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE
Mix & Mingle - 6:45 pm, Meeting - 7:15 pm

It's time for our annual Cooke Exchange. Bring a plate of cookies and the recipe to share with your sisters. A donation will get you a plate to pile high with cookies. The funds raised will go to our holiday kindness charity selected that evening. We are fortunate to continue this tradition at Katherine Kercher's home one more time! Bring your holiday cheer!

Location: 20 Bellerive Country Club Grounds Dr,

**A Great Idea From Convention
Chi Omega St. Louis
Implements EVITE!**

Watch your email for your EVITE to our next meeting! Many other alumnae chapters throughout the country are using this online tool as a way to communicate about monthly meeting times, directions and program updates.





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Look for Meeting Updates via EVITES!

Pecan Information Inside!

Save the date,
bring your friends,
January 29, 2011 is
Chi Omega Trivia night at
"The Heights", in Richmond Heights.