

Newsletter

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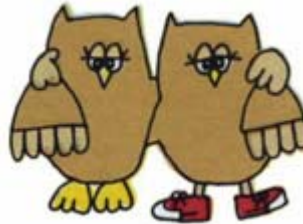
2006 Calendar of Events

January 11th • It is time for the first Chi Omega Alumnae event of the year. We are proud to put on a Chi O Alumni Game Night, which has been in high demand! Please bring any games you may want to play, in addition to a snack food of some sort. This can be an appetizer, desert or whatever your heart desires. This will be held at Michelle Luzzi's home and will begin at 6:30 PM.

February 15th • Join the Central Florida Alums for a brief General Meeting and then learn how to *Flourish in the Kitchen*. A light dinner will be provided. The meeting will be held at Gloria Holly's Home and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please contact us for directions.

March: On March 5, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. we will go see a production of *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* at the University of Central Florida Theatre. More details to follow.

See the back page for more on events.



2006 Membership Renewal Reminder

Don't forget that it is time to renew your membership. If you have already renewed, we welcome you back into the Central Florida Chi Omega Alumnae Association!

If you have not yet renewed, please take the time to do so now. A copy of the membership form is available on our website (<http://www.centralflchio.com/>).

If you have any membership questions, please contact Judy Lee at judyklee@juno.com

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Letter from the President...

Sisters,

Happy New Year! I hope you are looking forward to what 2006 will bring for each of us as well as for the Central Florida Chi Omega Alumnae Association.

This is a year for our organization to flourish. You can expect fun and service-oriented activities, learning programs and plenty of opportunities to get to know each other.

I invite you to connect with Chi Omega and come to functions, attend meetings and go to interest groups like lunch bunch or night owls. Don't forget to bring a sister with you!

The 2006 Executive brings a wealth of diverse experience. We are setting goals for membership, philanthropy, sisterhood and scholarship. We are planning activities from our traditional Eleusinian Tea and Holiday Luncheon to game nights and a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish. And, we encourage you to attend and to participate whenever you are able!

If you know of someone that is interested in the Alumnae group please contact Judy Lee, our membership chair, at judyklee@juno.com. And, be sure to visit our website at www.centralflchio.com for the most up-to-date information! Thank you for being a part of the Central Florida Alumnae Group and remember I AM A CHI OMEGA!!

Sincerely,

Laura A. Bornfreund
President

Meet the New Exec Board

President- Laura Bornfreund- Psi Mu, UCF. I graduated in 2000 with an elementary education degree. I graduated with a Master of Public Administration in 2004. Currently, I work for the City of Orlando in Mayor Buddy Dyer's Press Office doing media relations and external communications. This is my third year serving on the Central Florida Alumnae Executive Board. I am also President of the Psi Mu House Corporation.

VP Activities- Meredith Hein- Psi Mu, UCF. I have lived in Orlando since 2001, and love to catch the newest movie or grab a bite to eat. I hold the position of V.P./Activities chair. I am responsible for coordinating upcoming activities and I am very excited about the great events planned for the upcoming semester. Feel free to contact me, if you would like to help me plan anything.

Treasurer- Michelle Luzzi- Psi Mu, UCF. Middle School teacher for Orange County Public Schools.

Secretary- Micaela Merrills- Psi Mu, UCF. I have been in Central Florida for 5 years. I am in graduate school at UCF, studying Social Work. I graduate in 4 months and I cannot wait. Currently, I work at a residential treatment center for children. I have a one year old son, and he is my world! In my spare time, if I can find some, I like to read, scrapbook, and hang out with my friends. As secretary, one of my main duties is to put together the newsletter. Please bear with me, as this is my first. I promise they will get better!

Membership- Judy Lee- Sigma Epsilon, Vanderbilt. My older daughter is also a Vanderbilt XO. My younger daughter is a Tulane XO. While living in Tennessee, I was President of the House Corporation for Vanderbilt for a number of years until I moved to FL in 1990. Then I immediately located and joined the alumnae association here. I have been on the board for about 8 years as newsletter editor, Vice President/activities and now I am in my second year as membership chair. If you know of a XO in the Central FL area who may be interested in our activities, please get in touch with me. I'm a chronic volunteer and am currently on the board of the Orlando Opera Guild and the Central Florida Council for Florida House in addition to the XO Alumnae Board. I'm a Master Gardener with the Orange County Extension Service and volunteer there one day a week. I'm also a member of the Orlando Garden Club. I have recently become a grandmother and seem to find an excuse to go to Atlanta about once a month.

Scholarship- Gloria Holly- Member of Central Florida Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter since 1996 and an Orlando resident for many, many years. I am a "Retired" homemaker and I have three children and seven grandchildren. My interests include Chi Omega Scholarships, collecting antique silver (women silversmiths c.1685-1845), travel, reading and needlepoint.

Active/Alum- Pamela McCall- Psi Mu, UCF. I am an accountant at Disney World. When I'm not chasing indie bands around town, I can be found reading, jogging, swimming, at a theme park, at the movies, or whitewater rafting. As Director of Active/Alumnae Relations, I act as the liaison between the Alumnae Association and the two local Active Chapters (Upsilon Beta/Rollins College & Psi Mu/UCF). I basically keep the Alumnae informed of what Psi Mu and Upsilon Beta are up to, and vice versa. I encourage the involvement of the Alumnae in the Active Chapters' endeavors (philanthropic events, workshops, campus activities, etc), and vice versa. I get the honor of installing Active graduating seniors into Alumna Status.

Philanthropy- Jamie Smith- Psi Gamma, Mercer Univ. I moved to Central Florida in November from Atlanta. I am a Sales Coordinator with Embassy Suites Downtown Orlando. I just finished up as President of the Atlanta Chi Omega Alumnae Assoc. for 2005! It was a great experience. I was involved for 6 years with them post-graduation and also served as VP of Programming, Night Owls chair, and email communications chair in the past. Also, I went to Memphis in Nov. for the first Alumnae Chapter Leadership Summit at Chi Omega Headquarters and met Laura there. As Philanthropy Chair I plan to work on a fundraising event to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

SOS- Sharyn Jontz, Rho Beta, Drake University. I have been in this area for 30 years. I have my own tutoring business and have retired from teaching in the Home/Hospital Program for Seminole County Schools. My interests include reading, traveling and volunteering. As SOS (Sister Offering Support) Chair, I inform the alumnae of illnesses, hospitalizations, etc. of members and their families, and send words of sympathy, get well greetings, and congratulatory notes. I also try to assist any sister who has a special need.

Historian- Linda Batman, Psi Gamma, Mercer University. I have live in Central Florida since 1953. My grandparents moved here in 1916. My Dad left during the depression and met my Mother in New York City. They married and we move to Florida 1953. We live with my Grand parent in downtown Orlando. I transferred to Univ. of Florida and affiliated Eta Delta in 1965. I am a retired Public Classroom teacher. I am involved in Politics and Historical Preservation and am the Chairman of the Seminole County Historical Commission. I am the Historian for the alumni group. It has been hard to gather –up the past info, but we are getting it soon. Chi Omega has always been important to me. I have lived in other cities and Chi Omega has always been there to make me feel part of the community. Sisterhood is very wonderful and important to me.

RIF- Candice Dorsey, Psi Mu, UCF. I am currently teaching at Millennium Middle School in Sanford.

April• The annual Eleusinian Tea will take place on April 1st, from 11 am-1 pm. at the Disney Grand Floridian Garden View Tea Room. Please look for an e-mail invitation to this event.

May• General Membership Meeting

Other events: BBQ, Night Owls, Fall Fundraiser for Make A Wish. More details on these events and others will be available soon!

If you have questions on any upcoming events or suggestions for events, please e-mail Meredith Hein, V.P. for Activities at merebear848@aol.com.

Hoots!

❖ Share your exciting news with your sisters! We need *hoots* for our next newsletter. Please send them to Micaela @ PookieLHS@aol.com.

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