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Alpha Omicron Pi—St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

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Fulfilling the Promise

Live, Learn, Lead & Serve

The St. Louis Alumnae Executive Board has taken the challenge to fulfill the promise!

Our focus over the next two years is to promote our sisterhood; renewing the promises made at initiation and spotlighting the values that bond each of us together.

The promise to Live: As AOII's we promise to promote the values of our sisterhood. In return, AOII ties each of us together with friendships and opportunities forever.

The promise to Learn: Promoting life long learning; the St. Louis alumnae chapter has offered many programs throughout the years, each meeting is an opportunity to learn about each other, AOII, and fun topics at each event.

The promise to Lead: The Executive Board's goals for the biennium include membership and collegiate relations. Increasing our commitment to membership participation: Our programming offers a variety of events. We

hope that each member will find events that are appealing so they can share in the alumna experience. Expanding our collegiate relations: We plan to contact St. Louis area collegians at least once each year and increase our interaction with our local collegiate chapters

The promise to Serve: Each of us fulfills this promise our own way and with our own hearts. We are asking each member to help the St. Louis Alumnae chapter to fulfill the promise to serve by participating in the local Arthritis Walk — our chosen philanthropy for the year. We ask for your participation at any level, be it a donation, helping to promote the walk, serving on the committee, or participating in the walk itself. Together we can accomplish our goals.

We promise a year of sisterhood and fun. **Join us in fulfilling the promise!**

Awards to St. Louis

The St. Louis Alumnae Chapter was presented with a **Pearl Award** at LI 2006. Congratulations to all of you for making our Chapter a success!

New Developments at LI

The Executive Board addressed a few recent resolutions. First, Collegiate Chapter Advisers will be denied the right to vote while a chapter is on International Probation. Second, Alumnae Chapter expenses for Convention will be split equally between the chapter and International. Third, nomination and election procedures for Executive Board positions have changed. Notably, no nominations will be accepted from the floor during Convention 2007. In addition, a board of Nominating Trustees will be created to select candidates for the final ballot. The plan is for the board to consist of a Past International President, a Ritual expert, an Alumnae Chapter President, a Chapter Adviser and a Member at Large.

Greetings from Leadership Institute 2006!

By: Julie Lenggenger

My first LI was a great experience. During the weekend of June 23, around 600 collegiates and alumnae learned many ways to live, learn, lead and serve as individuals within AOII and as a chapter.

Friday evening's keynote speaker was Dr. Lori Hart Ebert, an alumna from the Delta Delta chapter at Auburn University. She was phenomenal! Her powerful speech on "Making AOII Great" was inspiring.

The luncheon speaker on Saturday was Steve Uzzell, an award-winning photographer and former assistant

editor of *National Geographic*. Mr. Uzzell employed the use of photos to encourage us to continually create a context in his address entitled "Open Roads, Open Minds."

Saturday evening's speaker was the most touching. Jason Allison is a minister and married father of three children. One of his daughters, Sydney, is afflicted with juvenile arthritis. Mr. Allison described the support he and his family receives from the Arthritis Foundation. It was a moving reminder of the importance of the support we provide to the Arthritis Foundation. Following dinner, each

table made a panda (think Build-A-Bear) to be donated to a camp for children with juvenile arthritis.

Diamond accolades were available for purchase to raise money for the Diamond Jubilee Scholarship Fund. Over \$15,000 was raised for the DJSF during LI! I received a diamond accolade from our chapter's Alumnae Network Specialist, Lisa Dutt.

I left LI feeling the power of friendship...promise of a lifetime. I encourage all sisters to consider attending Convention 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona "Where Sisters Unite."

Are You In?

AOII **InCircle** is a state-of-the-art networking tool. You can catch-up with former chapter members, connect with sisters who share your interests, search for jobs, or just read what AOIIs are saying. This is a secure web site. Only other AOIIs have access to InCircle - unlike other networking sites such as "MySpace." The St. Louis Alumnae chapter has a group page where we will be posting events and messages. To register go to: <https://incircle.alphaomicronpi.org/> and click "Register." Make

Join the Thousands of Sisters
Keeping In Touch Through

inCircle

Friends IM Messages Albums Forums Events Journals Groups

sure you have your AOII member number handy (it is located on the address code of your *To Dragma*). Create your personal profile and have fun! WARNING - AOII InCircle has been known to be addicting...Contact DeChelle at dechellesummers@yahoo.com with any questions on navigating or registering with InCircle.

Newest Additions to AOII Families...

The St. Louis Alumnae Chapter would like to congratulate the following AOIIs:

Danielle Darrough (Delta Omega) introduced an AOII legacy with the birth of Audrey Elizabeth. **April Giesmann** (Delta Pi) presented another IIOA with the birth of Joshua David. **Andrea Fowler** (one of our chapter members who moved to Minneapolis last year) introduced a legacy with the birth of Ava Grace.



Don't forget to shop the Emporium for fun merchandise! Like this cute little legacy T-shirt

aoiiemporium.com

Arthritis Walk 2007

Focus On Philanthropy

Mark your calendars for Friday, **May 18, 2007**. As part of our *Signature Event Series*, the Arthritis Walk will be a focal point of the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter this year. The **Arthritis Walk 2006** raised over **\$1100** for the local Arthritis Foundation Chapter to fund important research and help providing durable medical equipment for those most severely affected by arthritis. *The goal for 2007 is \$1280*. Together we can reach and even surpass this goal!!!

Arthritis in Children

Right now, there are nearly **300,000 children** in America with some form of arthritis or rheumatic disease. There are 8.4 million young adults between the ages of 18-44 who have arthritis and millions of others at risk for developing it.

While there are some issues that are shared by everyone with arthritis, the impact on school, social life, family relationships, dating, sports, and almost every other aspect of an active, growing young person's life raises special concerns. New coping skills for living with the everyday challenges of arthritis must be learned. Teens and young adults

entering the workforce have new issues to face.

That's why contributions to the Arthritis Foundation have become so important.

If you would like more information about programs, services and products for children with arthritis and their families, please contact the AJAO -- (404) 965-7538 or by e-mail: help@arthritis.org.

Source: *The Arthritis Foundation*

Need to Spend?....

We have several AOIIs in the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter who operate home-based businesses. If you are interested in any of the following product offerings, they'd love to help you shop!

Creative Memories

Rene Howard - renehoward@charter.net
April Giesmann - agiesmann@centurytel.net
Gillian Allen - gma4_7@yahoo.com
Kate Swingle - kswingle@sbcglobal.net

Shakley

Danielle Darrough - teamdarrough@earthlink.net
Gillian Allen - gma4_7@yahoo.com

Avon

Linda Pacini—314-447-8114

Mary Kay

DeChelle Summers - dechellesummers@yahoo.com

Delta Pi Corporation

Anyone interested in helping with the corporation board for Delta Pi (CMSU), please contact President Gillian Allen at gma4_7@yahoo.com

The corporation meets in St. Louis on a quarterly basis.

2006-2007 Calendar

Live, Learn, Lead and Serve

October

Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Sex and the City Night

Drink cosmopolitans!
Play SATC trivia game!
Watch favorite episodes!



The home of Kim Cole, Phi
Upsilon '81

3879 Juniata
St. Louis, MO 63116
(314) 566-8102

October Bonus Event

Saturday, October 21, 2006 Time:TBD

Apple Picking w/ Delta Pi

Chapter members from Delta Pi & St.
Louis Alumnae join together for a fun
afternoon of apple picking! Save the date
— more details on the October Evite/ Post-
card.

Location: Somewhere
not too far from St. Louis

November

Monday, November 6, 2006 6:30 p.m.

Bunco!

Dinner from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Game play starting at 7:30 p.m.
A nominal donation to the Arthritis Foun-
dation is recommended to participate



The home of Rene Howard, Zeta '80

712 Greeley
Webster Groves, MO 63119
(314) 963-0250

December

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Party

Make holiday cards for area collegians
Enjoy cider, hot chocolate and
assorted teas

The home of Kate Swingle, Phi '94



374 Halycon Drive
Glendale, MO 63122
(314) 822-3126

January - Signature Event

Saturday, January 13, 2007 Noon

Founders' Day Luncheon

Location TBD

February

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Wine and Book-sharing Party

Share the names of your favorite books
Bring a bottle of wine, cheese & crackers,
or fruit to share

The home of DeChelle Summers
Upsilon Epsilon '93

4242 Fee Fee Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044
(314) 369-4041

We have
accomplished a great deal
since 1897 and we will
continue that tradition of
excellence in the years to
come with your support
and participation in an
AOII alumnae chapter.

Renew your
relationship
with our Fraternity.

Get involved - for your
sisters, for the memories,
for the fun of it and just
for you!!

March

Monday, March 19, 2007 7:00 p.m.

"The Art of Decorating" by Barbara Hughes, Iota '73

Learn how to decorate your home
through shopping at estate sales, garage
sales, antique malls, and flea markets.

Location TBD

April

Tuesday, April 24, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Arthritis Walk Kickoff

A speaker provided through the Arthritis
Foundation will discuss the disease, what
the Foundation does, what the walk entails,
and what we can do to help.

Location TBD

May - Signature Event

Friday, May 18, 2007 6:00 p.m.

Arthritis Walk in Forest Park

Reception to follow at the home of
Cici Nickerson, Sigma '85

6618 Waterman Avenue
University City, MO 63130
(314) 725-4455

June - Signature Event

Monday, June 11, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Celebration Dinner

Bring a dish to share
Ritual
View scrapbook, share
stories of events of the
year, share thoughts for

next year



The home of Linda Liermann, Iota '72

1633 Vintage Ridge Court
Wildwood, MO 63038
(636) 405-2610

2006-2008 Officers

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Top Ten Reasons to Join the St. Louis Alumnae Chapter

1. Do something for yourself.
2. Be proud to be an AOII.
3. Choose to be involved.
4. Develop personally and professionally.
5. Make connections – careers opportunities, community resources, schools, home improvements, etc.
6. Forge new friendships.
7. Rediscover old friendships.
8. Let your light shine - showcase your talents and skills.
9. Support Arthritis Research & AJAO - our international philanthropy and local causes.

To update your contact information please contact DeChelle Summers this includes mailing address, phone numbers or email.

dechellesummers@yahoo.com

Girls Gone Wild Events

GGW Events are events that are unplanned and unscheduled (i.e. not on the calendar) — Feel like dinner at a funky new restaurant, taking in an art fair, a trip to the wineries, or just a happy hour?

We will be happy to help send out the word that you're in need of a GGW event and invite the crew! The invites will be strictly Evites — and the originator is in charge of the planning.

To promote your GGW event send an email to Julie or Melania and they will issue the Evite — preferably a minimum of one weeks advance notice— send us the scoop and we'll dish out the details !!

j.lenggenhager@att.net
melania@charter.net

Watch your email for the first GGW Event of 2006!

Mission Statement of AOII

Alpha Omicron Pi is an international women's fraternity promoting friendship for a lifetime, inspiring academic excellence and lifelong learning, and developing leadership skills through service to the fraternity and community.



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