

# Chevron



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## Convention 2005

by Kristen Melton,  
2005 Convention Coordinator

Greetings sisters and alumnae! I know most of you are spending this time of the year thinking about carving turkeys and wrapping presents, but the National Executive Board and I are having very warm thoughts, of convention that is.

Convention 2005 will be held at the Embassy Suites Biltmore in Phoenix, AZ, from July 20 to 23. That's right. We will be going to Phoenix in July, where the average daytime temperature is 105 degrees and our theme, "Service at the Oasis: We're feeling hot, hot, hot!" will be the perfect mantra.

Be sure to pack your sunscreen and credit cards ladies because the Embassy Suites Biltmore is within walking distance of Neiman Marcus, Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue and Williams-Sonoma, just to name a few.

All you low-carb dieters may want to keep in mind that The Cheesecake

Factory, Haagen-Dazs, and Godiva Chocolatiers are also within walking distance. However, if you should happen to overindulge at the scrumptious banquet we have planned, then you can always walk off the extra calories at the Desert Botanical Garden, or by hiking at Camelback Mountain.

If the business meetings at Convention stress you out, you can always get a massage at the Biltmore Resort and Spa or indulge your eyes to the aesthetic pleasures of the Phoenix Art Museum. Don't forget to bring the kiddies or hubby along too! The kids will want to see a real live ghost town and learn some cool stuff at the Arizona Science Center.

I sincerely hope that these toasty visions of Convention will keep you warm through the winter and that you all will schedule your vacation time for July 20 to 23, 2005. Have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

friend Anita Silvestro, an official with the Connecticut Trails Council of Girl Scouts.

"I thought of Ann this year because she has been volunteering her time in the community since college and has never stopped," Anita said.

"She has demonstrated a life-long commitment to volunteering and furthering the careers of other women through her involvement in the Miss Connecticut and Miss America organizations. I have



personally seen the quality of the guest speakers that have come out of those organizations as they have made guest appearances with the Girl Scouts locally. Her resume of service is extensive and all hands on. It has been a pleasure working with Ann over the years. I see her commitment to young women as tireless and she serves as a role model in her community," Anita said.

Ann joined Beta Chapter in 1974 as a freshman at the University of Bridgeport. She was part of the group, in 1977-78, that won the first Susan Terzian Award for an increase in chapter membership. The chapter was on the brink of folding when Ann single-handedly recruited many of the 23 new sisters who pledged that year. Later, in 1994, she won the Terzian Award again following a nomination from Beta alum Thea Moritz and Gamma alum Karen Knoppow. As national president from 1989 to 1991, Ann will be remembered for her zany, free-spirited skits, chapter

## Alumna Feature: Ann DeMatteo

Former National President Ann DeMatteo, Beta '78, was one of eight women from New Haven County to be nominated for the Athena Award by the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce in Wallingford, Conn.

Ann was nominated for the extensive community service she has conducted to benefit young women through her 30-year, post-college involvement with OPA and with the Miss Connecticut Scholarship Program, an affiliate of Miss America.

Ann and six other women received plaques from the Quinnipiac chamber

while the president of Gateway Community College, Dr. Dorsey Kendrick, went home with the Athena Award, for her service to young women. Ann received a single pink rose – oh no, not a yellow one! – and a handsome "certificate of achievement" plaque. The Athena Awards program honors people who demonstrate the highest level of professional excellence in their field; who devote time and energy to improve the quality of life in the community and who assist women in attaining their full leadership and personal potential.

Ann was nominated by high school

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# Alumnae Feature

The Chevron is a quarterly newsletter produced for Omega Phi Alpha, National Service Sorority alumnae and active sisters.

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*Ann Dematteo (continued from page 1)*

visits and bursts of enthusiasm that helped motivate sisters to do their best for OPA. She will always remember the thank-you notes she received from sisters who said they were grateful for her help.

In the early 1990s, Ann became involved in the Miss Connecticut Scholarship Program, first as a business manager and executive director for a local pageant. For eight years, she worked with college-age women to encourage them to reach their potential in the pageant system, which focuses on community service, talent and personal achievement. She also worked with contestants to improve their interview skills, as the interview is 40 percent of a contestant's score. And, most importantly, she pounded the pavement to raise scholarship money from businesses and individual donors, as the money raised helped young women with their college education.

Six years ago, Ann was elected to the Miss Connecticut Board of Directors, and from 2001 to 2004 was the associate director of the entire state program. She also served as secretary to the board during that time. She's taking a rest this year, and is now only serving as vice president of the board. As such, she is in charge of rewriting policies and bylaws, something she had a lot of practice in as a member of Omega Phi Alpha who attended 19 summer conventions and numerous mid-year meetings.

The Athena Award also highlights professional achievement. Ann has been a reporter and editor for the New Haven Register for 26 years. She recently was promoted to assistant metro editor. Though time constraints prevent Ann from getting involved in typical community service projects, such as river clean-ups and blood drives, the articles she writes informs the public of such events. So, by getting others to serve, she serves.

## CPA Scholarship Fund

*by April Ott, Alumnae Trustee*

As the holiday season comes and goes, so does the money in our wallets. According to a recent Gallup Poll, Americans plan to spend an average of \$730 this year on Christmas gifts. If this poll is correct, the appropriate time for this article is now.

If you are currently an active member of OPA and in need of money to help pay your upcoming tuition, books, etc., now is your chance. Springtime means scholarship application time. This should be one assignment you don't mind finishing. We had three lucky winners this past year and each received \$100.

How are the scholarship amounts determined? The Trustees, based on what is in our Trust Agreement, determine scholarship amounts. Our Trust Agreement states that we are allowed to allocate only the interest amount the Trust earns towards scholarships and

operating costs. All donations received become part of the "restricted corpus," which are used to generate revenue (i.e. interest), but the assets cannot be spent.

This year, due to an account balance of \$6,000 coupled with low interest rates, interest earnings in 2004 were only \$19.78. We chose to use prior years' interest to award the three scholarships this year. In essence, the larger the balance in our Scholarship Trust means the more interest that gets generated, and thus more money and/or scholarships that can be given.

O Phi A sisters at Convention in Nashville "walked" their bottoms off to help raise the balance in the Scholarship Trust. All in all, OPA sisters around the country raised \$4,196.69 for a total increase, including chapter matching donations, of \$5,648.38 to the Scholarship Trust in 2004.

Look in your upcoming Chevrons for more scholarship application information.



## Locks of Love, You Too Can Get Involved

by Anita Landry,  
National Executive  
Secretary

I only learned of Locks of Love fairly recently from my student worker, Heidi. This wonderful charity provides prosthetic hair pieces for children under the age of 18 who suffer from long-term hair loss. Not only can you make monetary donations and purchase items to support the cause, you can also donate your hair.

With hair that grows extraordinarily fast, I spent most of my life with it well below my shoulders, long and straight. Working in a university required me to have a more tailored look, which left me with rather boring buns most of the time. Learning about Locks of Love was a blessing. It allowed me to do a very scary thing, cutting the hair to which I was so accustomed, for a good cause. Somehow, if the cut wasn't very flattering, the half-hearted decision to go short was ameliorated by knowing that I had helped someone. After visiting

the Website and looking at the recipients' before and after photos, there was no doubt in my mind what I should do. I invited over my childhood friend, Becky, to do the honors. Surprisingly, I was joined by my sister, who had been growing her hair for Locks of Love without my even knowing. Becky measured the suggested ten plus inches, braided our hair, and hacked away. Mailing off the two braids was so rewarding. I know I've done a little thing that will undoubtedly change the life of a child by improving his or her self-concept.

Monetary donations to Locks of Love are tax deductible and donated hair that is not suitable for use in children's hairpieces may be sold at fair market value to offset the

cost of manufacturing.

My student worker has a few more inches to go, but will be donating before too long, and even Sarah VanDyke, former National President donated over 10 inches of her hair for the same cause in April 2003. Perhaps you or someone you know would consider doing the same. Each hair-piece retails from \$3,500 to \$6,000 and requires from six to ten braids. Fortunately, the Locks of Love office in Florida is staffed by volunteers, but they must cover all manufacturing costs even though the hair is donated. If you are interested in learning more, visit [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org).

### Donated hair is evaluated for its usefulness according to the following guidelines:

1. The donated hair must be at least 10 inches (preferably 12") in length
2. It must be bundled in a pony tail or braid
3. It must be free of hair damaged by chemical processing
4. The hair must be clean and dry, placed in a plastic bag, and mailed in a padded envelope to:  
Locks of Love: 2925 10th Avenue N., Suite 102  
Lake Worth, FL 33461

## ACTIVE CHAPTER SERVICE PROJECTS

### Delta Chapter

Howdy from Aggieland! Our Nations of the World project, having a campout with a Girl Scout troop from Heame, was very exciting. We have changed our community project to serving meals at Twin City Mission, a place for less fortunate people to have a good meal. We will be passing out the finals survival kits for students on campus on Dec. 6. Our veterans project was a huge success. We collected almost \$400 to be used to buy things the soldiers need. We will donate all of the supplies to a local VFW that will send them wherever they are needed.

### Epsilon Chapter

Right now our local Habitat for Humanity chapter is doing a great new project called Women's Build and Epsilon has had the opportunity to help. Women's Build basically means that Habitat is building a house purely with the manual labor of women. Girl Power! Also, a woman can be honored by having her name written on a 2x4 used to build this house when money is donated to the project in her name. Epsilon has had the chance to help out through raising money through the sale of holiday candles and compact discs. We also got to help build the house's roof and windows. It is a great project and we all had a great time doing it.

### Nu Chapter

We've been busy serving this semester. We vol-

unteer at Boys and Girls Club Friday afternoons. We went to Trees Atlanta twice this semester. The first time we mulched around trees planted by Trees Atlanta around campus and Atlanta. The second time we planted trees, which is always fun. For our "dining out for cancer" project, Eats was very generous and sent us a check for \$100. Since October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we volunteered at a Breast Cancer Walk at Stone Mountain Park. It was inspirational to see survivors and their families out walking to raise money for breast cancer research. Also during October we volunteered with Team Buzz, which is a Georgia Tech service organization. The project we volunteered at was the Sheltering Arms Carnival. The children at the school were adorable since they dressed up in their Halloween costumes. We played games with the kids, did arts and crafts, painted faces, and made them popcorn and cotton candy. This year we also went Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF, which is always really fun since we get to dress up and get free candy while raising money. After we trick-or-treated, several sisters volunteered at Towers haunted house. At the haunted house we gave tours, got nailed alive into coffins, and were chased by axe murders. We are looking forward to our District Retreat in Columbia SC!

### Rho Chapter

This year has been great because we have had so many service projects. We have helped with

Habitat for Humanity, working on site, building bird houses, and then providing lunch one day for the workers. We have passed out ribbons and information at a booth for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To promote voting for the Presidential election we passed out dum-dums that said "Don't be a dum dum, vote for someone." It went over well and we had a lot of fun doing that. We passed out yellow ribbons for Veterans Day. We have sent care packages and letters to our soldiers overseas to let them know that people back home are thinking of them and they are in our prayers.

### Psi Chapter

As everyone knows, February is the month of love. Many times, this love is depicted with cupids and hearts, but the Corpus Christi Psi Chapter of Omega Phi Alpha will celebrate different types of love in a "loved ones weekend." In February, one weekend will be dedicated to sisterly love and to special family and friends. They will be invited to Corpus Christi to help the sisters give the local women's shelter a decorative makeover. This project is already in the works and is going to be great. Local businesses are making donations, and sisters are being creative, all in the hopes that these abused women will soon have a bright and cheerful place to call their home. In addition to this project, the sisters are going to host fun bonding activities throughout the weekend to show all of their loved ones that they are appreciated and cared for from the depths of our OPA hearts.

# Alumnae Corner

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## From the Desk of the VP Alumnae Relations

by Lisa Guest, VP Alumnae Relations

The past few months have been a blur. I have spent this time reacquainting myself with OPA and deciding how best to achieve the goals I have set for this office and for myself. Thankfully, I found wonderful alums to serve as District Alumnae Advisors and these ladies have made my job much easier. Most of their bios are included in this Chevron.

### DAA Retreat

The first DAA Retreat occurred November 5-7, 2004 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Because of various conflicts, we were a small group, but we accomplished a lot. We owe a special thanks to Pamela McEwen, who attended our retreat and provided invaluable input and information. Without Pam's input, several more items would have been put on hold. During our retreat we addressed every item on our two-page agenda. Many of these items have been assigned to committees to complete, and a couple of items were put on hold until our Spring Retreat.

### Chattanooga Alum Chapter Visit

During my November visit to Tennessee, I attended the Chattanooga Alum Chapter meeting and we enjoyed an evening of sisterhood at an area restaurant. I enjoyed meeting with these ladies and getting to know them and the workings of their alum chapter. These ladies are small in numbers but have a lot of projects and activities in the works.

### New Alumnae Districts

According to guidelines established at Convention 2004, the Alumnae Districts have been realigned to match the active

districts that added three more Alumnae Districts. The Alumnae Districts now include the same chapters as the Active Districts, with the exception of Arkansas. Since Arkansas has no active or alum chapters, it has been included in District 4.

As new Alumnae Associations or Alumnae Circles are organized, alum districts will be realigned accordingly. Anyone interested in a copy of the OPA Alumnae Districts Map, can send an email to [alumnae@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:alumnae@omegaphialpha.org). The map will be posted on the OPA webpage in the near future as well.

### Delegates Needed for Convention 2005

Because of legislation that occurred during Convention 2004, alumnae will need nine delegates next summer in Phoenix, Arizona. Now is the time to think ahead and make plans to attend Convention 2005.

Convention 2004 presented several challenges for alumnae. Delegates were not in place prior to the start of convention and it was an effort to locate and keep the required number of alumnae delegates. Delegates were taken from sisters who were attending convention each day, but only the only districts able to be represented were those who had alumnae living in their district and were in attendance during convention.

Because Convention is as much for alumnae as for actives, alumnae delegates are needed to represent and vote on issues important to alumnae. Without alumnae representation, legislative policies and procedures may not reflect the concerns and needs of our alumnae. This year, we need one delegate from each district and two at-large delegates. At this point, no specific procedures are

in place to appoint delegates, but anyone serving as an alumnae delegate will need to be available for all sessions.

If you are an alumna interested in attending Convention, and would like the national budget to reimburse 50 percent of your travel cost, please contact me at [alumnae@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:alumnae@omegaphialpha.org).

### Restructuring the Alum Organization

During the DAA Retreat, the alum restructuring process began. By this time next year, the alum organization we have known will no longer exist, and the new organization and structure will be based on your input and information. This is the opportunity alumnae have been waiting for and now that the opportunity is here, it is up to alumnae to make the next move.

Many committees are forming and we need to work on these committees, as well as head them up and oversee their progress. If you are interested in working on one of these committees and providing input into the restructuring process, please contact me at [alumnae@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:alumnae@omegaphialpha.org).

### Convention 2005

This is a new beginning for alumnae, and I would like to extend a personal invitation for all alumnae to join us in Phoenix, Arizona. This will be an alumnae experience you will not forget. Several special activities will occur during Convention 2005, and I guarantee alums will not want to miss out on these special plans. So, begin making your plans now....

# A New Way of Organizing

by Juanita Wade, District 1 DAA

Ever wonder what it takes to start an alumnae chapter? After you've created a chapter, what next? These are some very important questions that will be answered this year on the Organizing Committee headed up by Juanita Wade, DAA District 1.

We will be looking at ways to organize alumnae into functioning groups as well as providing a "how-to" manual for them. At our fall retreat, the DAAs and the vice president of alumnae relations, Lisa Guest, developed a plan for our new

alumnae organizations. As a committee we will be creating the specifics on organizing and maintaining alumnae organizations.

We have come up with five new possible ways to organize them. An alumnae association will be for those sisters who enjoyed how the college chapters functioned. For those wanting more flexibility, we will have circles. The Yellow Rose Circle will focus specifically on service. The Chevron Circle will focus on leadership. The Ophia Circle will focus on sisterhood. And finally, the Omega Circle will encompass more than one of these

circles, but will not be as organized as an alumnae association. Awards will also be developed for the alumnae associations and the circles. More information will be available from the Organizing Committee, but the final unveiling will occur at Convention, so you will want to attend so you don't miss a thing.

Anyone who has questions or who is interested in working on this committee should contact Juanita Wade at [ophia-girl@yahoo.com](mailto:ophia-girl@yahoo.com).

## Alumnae Updates

**Jeannie Wood** (Epsilon) lives in Pleasant View, TN, with her husband, John-Paul Wood and son, Carson, who is now 5. She is employed by Vanderbilt University and serves her community as the Election Commissioner for Cheatham County, and as Leadership Cheatham County Chairwoman. Jeannie also volunteers her time at Hilldale Baptist Church as the Children's Choir Director for grades 1 and 2. Jeannie can be reached at [jeannie.m.wood@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:jeannie.m.wood@vanderbilt.edu).

**Jolene Beasley** (Rho) married Leonard Beasley on Oct. 16, 2004. She and her new husband live in Bowling Green, KY where she is a High School Math Teacher at Edmonson County HS. Jolene belongs to NEA/KEA and can be reached at [jb3asl3y@insightbb.com](mailto:jb3asl3y@insightbb.com).

**Chrissy Powell** (Chi) currently lives in Columbia, SC, and is a chemistry graduate student at USC. She can be reached at [acpowell@sc.rr.com](mailto:acpowell@sc.rr.com).

**Tina Kaye (Vibbert) Houston** (Omicron) has been married to Chuck Houston since June 25, 1994, and has two children: Trey, 7, and Gabrielle, 4. She currently lives in Oxford, AL, and is a homemaker and a home-school teacher. Tina can be reached at [houstonclan@cablone.net](mailto:houstonclan@cablone.net).

**Jill (Tucker) Whittington** (Nu) was promoted to senior metallurgist in Alcoa and accepted a transfer from the Knoxville, TN, area to the Texarkana area. She relocated with her husband, James, and sons, Nathan, 4, and Seth, 10 months. Jill now lives in Wake Village, TX, and is looking for sisters in the Ark-La-Tex area! She also volunteers for Texas Middle School. Jill can be reached at [jill.whittington@alcoa.com](mailto:jill.whittington@alcoa.com).

**Selina Peake B.S., M.A.** (Epsilon) currently resides in Algood, TN. She works for Independant Opportunties Inc. as an habilitation training specialist.

Selina is a member of the National Organization for Human Service Education and volunteers her time with the Clothesline Project for the TTU Women's Center. Selina was awarded the Best Alum of Epsilon Chapter Award in 2002 and 2004. She continues to provide help and support to Epsilon Chapter with rush and by service project ideas.

**Leigh Ann Wilson** (Xi) now works and studies at the University of Memphis as a Ph.D. student and instructor. She recently received the 2004-05 Ruth & Harry Woodbury Graduate Fellowship in Southern History and is a member of Phi Alpha Theta. Her son Matthew is now 9 years old and in the third grade. Leigh Ann now lives in Memphis, TN, and can be reached at [lawilson@memphis.edu](mailto:lawilson@memphis.edu).

# Meet The District Alumnae Advisors

## **Juanita Haggard Wade – District 1**

Juanita Haggard Wade is a founding sister of Sigma Chapter. She was chapter secretary, treasurer, fellowship chair, fundraising chair, convention coordinator, and a member of various committees. As an alumna, she has been regional director, chapter assistance director, and convention coordinator. She is currently the fundraising advisor as well as the DAA for District 1. Alumnae have long been left to fend for themselves and she is very excited about getting alumnae organized and really focusing on increasing alum involvement in her district. After graduation, Juanita took some time off to work in the “real world” (She didn’t get a job in her degree area.) Now, she is happily married to a wonderful husband and has a lovely three-year-old daughter, Sara. She graduated in May with her master’s in education and is working on her educational specialist degree.

## **Cathy Griswold – District 2**

Cathy Griswold pledged OPA at Epsilon Chapter in Fall 1973. She was member No. 68 and served as the pledge class treasurer. Cathy and her husband, Andy, recently celebrated their 30th anniversary. Their son, Drew, is 21 and studying engineering at TTU. She has worked for nearly 10 years at Vanderbilt University as the administrative assistant to the Graduate Department of Religion. Cathy has an extensive community service record that includes work for sailing organizations and the McGavock High School Band. She has held leadership

roles in various arts, church, PTA and Scouting activities. She has received numerous accolades, including the Cross and Flame Award in 2004, an award given by the United Methodist Church for service to youth, and the Long Rifle Award, which is a District Service Award for the Boy Scouts of America.

## **Chelsea Morrisey – District 3**

Chelsea Morrisey pledged Nu Chapter in Fall 1999. During her five active years at Nu, she held the positions of president, vice president, sisterhood chair, and Webmaster. She has also served on the NEB as database administrator where she learned the importance of getting alums back involved with OPA. Currently, Chelsea is the District Alumnae Advisor for District 3, Nu Chapter's Chapter Alumnae Advisor, and is leading efforts to reorganize the Omega Gamma Alumnae Chapter in Atlanta. She is graduating in December 2004 with a B.S. in Computer Science. In addition to OPA, she is actively involved in Girl Scouting. Chelsea currently lives in Smyrna, GA.

## **Lisa McLin – District 5**

Lisa McLin pledged Delta Chapter in the Spring of 2001. During her two years as an active sister, Lisa served on the social committee and as the chapter secretary. Lisa is currently the District 5 Alumnae Advisor and is very excited to get the alumnae in the area more involved with OPA. Her first priority is to contact alums throughout the district and prepare to create a Dallas Area Alumnae Chapter with the possibility of others. This is

Lisa's first position since becoming an alum, and hopefully the beginning of a long-standing commitment to OPA. Lisa majored in speech communications at Texas A&M University, College Station. After a short stay in Houston, she decided to change careers and cities and moved to the thriving metropolis of Dallas/Fort Worth. Lisa is working as a junior recruiter for an information technology staffing firm in North Dallas.

## **Kerry Kornacki – District 7**

Kerry Oldenburg Kornacki pledged Gamma Chapter in Fall 1995. During her years as an active sister she served in many positions including: president, vice president of service, alumnae secretary, fund-raiser and numerous committees. As an active she was also a national scholarship trustee. As an alumna, she has served as on the Alumnae Board of Directors, as convention coordinator and membership director on the NEB. After giving birth to her first child in February 2004 she needed to slow down and take on a position that was not as demanding. Alumnae are important and getting them back involved and found means a lot to the organization. That is part of the reason why she wanted to be a DAA. Kerry is working on reorganizing the Omega Beta Alumnae Chapter in Michigan. Kerry is currently teaching severely emotionally impaired children at Redford Union Day Treatment and is attending Eastern Michigan University to attain a master’s degree in reading. In addition to OPA, Kerry is involved with her church and doing things for children. She resides in Redford, MI.

# Alumnae Questionnaire

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Activated: \_\_\_\_\_

**This questionnaire will be used to organize the Alum Track for Convention 2005.**

1. Have you visited the OPA website? If yes, what are you thoughts on it? If no, why not?
2. Have you looked at an on-line Chevron? If yes, what are you thoughts? If no, why not?
3. Do you prefer receiving a paper Chevron through the postal service? Why or why not?
4. Or would you prefer the electronic version? Why or why not?
5. Are you interested in a monthly alum newsletter that would provide timely information pertaining to alum chapters and alum activities? Why or why not?
6. What topics would you like to see included in the Alum Track?
7. What fundraising ideas are of interest to you?
8. What is your opinion of alum track? Where do you see it going?
9. During Convention 2005, what tourist activities would interest you and/or your family?
10. If attending Convention 2005, will you bring your family? If so, how many adults? How many children? If bring children, what are their ages?
11. If attending Convention, what date do you plan to arrive?
12. If attending, Convention without your family, will you room with other alum or alone? If interested in rooming with alum, how many roommates would you prefer?
13. If attending Convention 2005 with your family, would you use a babysitter, if available?
14. Would you be interested in ordering an Alum Directory? If so, what price range would you prefer?
15. Do you have a membership pin?
16. Do you have a chapter dangle for your membership pin?
17. Are you interested in becoming involved in OPA activities? If so, what activities interest you?
18. Are you involved in alum chapter in your area? If no, why not?
19. Would you be interested in organizing an alum chapter in your area?

***Please complete and return to: Lisa Guest, PO Box 307, Iola, TX, 77861 or  
Go to the OPA Webpage to complete electronically.***

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## Upcoming Events & Announcements

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### District 4 (2005 District Rally)

Jackson, Miss., from Jan. 21-23. Please contact one of the following District 4 ADOs with questions and for more information:

**Angela McCarty, ADO (Alpha Beta):**  
olemissexercise@aol.com

**Latoya Jackson, ADO (Upsilon):**  
jertzgryl05@yahoo.com

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### District 5 2005

#### (Retreat/Alumnae Reunion)

Austin, TX, from Feb. 18-20. Contact District 5 DAA for more information.

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### Mu Chapter Seeks Alums

Mu Chapter at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN, is looking for any and all alumnae. We are trying to get this chapter back up and running strongly. We only know of a few recent alums, but we know there are lots of you out there and we want to hear from you! Please send us an email with your contact info to [mu\\_opa@hotmail.com](mailto:mu_opa@hotmail.com). We look forward to your response!

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### Omega Gamma Atlanta Alumnae Friendship Circle

The Atlanta Alum Chapter has reorganized and has a new name and some new alumnae!

We currently have 20 OPA alums on our roster! If you live in the Atlanta area, or are in Atlanta on business from time to time, please join by emailing the Omega Gamma organizer, Chelsea Morrisey, at [chelsea@chelsea-world.net](mailto:chelsea@chelsea-world.net) with your name, email, city you live in, chapter and date of graduation or call her cell at 404-966-6928. We have monthly dinners, work with Nu Chapter, and do some service. Our main goal is to get alums back in touch with OPA and encourage members to come to events they can make. This is the time to come back to OPA! No dues, no requirements -- just fun and friendship!

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### Calling All Alums...

Anyone interested in vacationing in Phoenix, where the sun shines all summer and the only clothes you need to pack are shorts and OPA T-shirts? And to make this vacation even more inviting, anyone serving as an alum delegate will be reimbursed 50% of her travel cost. If this sounds like your kind of vacation, then you won't want to miss Convention 2005.

If you are an alum and interested in representing your sisters as a delegate, please contact Lisa Guest at [alumnae@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:alumnae@omegaphialpha.org).

### Alums Needed to Start New Chapters...

If you are an alumna who would like to be involved in OPA again, how about starting a chapter in your area? Anyone interested in organizing a new alumnae chapter, please contact Lisa Guest at [alumnae@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:alumnae@omegaphialpha.org).

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### Committee Members Needed...

Several committees are being established to work on short-term projects. These projects should take no more two to three months and will require mostly input and opinions.

Alumnae are needed to head up and oversee these committees along with alums to serve as committee members. At this time, the following committees are forming:

*Alumnae Exit Package, Alumnae Manual, Alumnae Chapter Organization, Alumnae Cookbook Fundraiser, Active Chapter Alum Directors Manual, Alum Monthly Newsletter Arizona Sisterhood Project for Convention*

If you are interested in working on one or any of the above committees, please contact Lisa Guest at [alumnae@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:alumnae@omegaphialpha.org).

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### Recipes Needed...

Recipes are needed for our first alumnae cookbook. For more information, contact Lisa Guest or email your recipes to [alumnae@omegaphialpha.org](mailto:alumnae@omegaphialpha.org).