

# The Rose Vine

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*Vancouver Alumnae Chapter, Alpha Omicron Pi*

## President's Message

The Vancouver Alumnae Chapter has made great strides in the past year. We have met and exceeded all our goals including increasing membership. We had several successful events including a "cook and book" where fellow AOII sister, Judit Spence, gave us some fabulous phyllo pastry recipes. We had a great opportunity to learn, to eat and to share. Roses and thanks to Judit for sharing her expertise.

We recently had a very successful visit from our Alumnae Network Specialist, Sue Schell, who gave us some great ideas for events and encouraged us to continue renewing our enthusiasm for AOII. Thanks to Sue for making the trip and being such a great resource to the alumnae chapter.

Marjorie Stevens attended Leadership Convention this past summer and attended some great workshops. You will find news from Leadership Convention in the newsletter.

The Alumnae Chapter Executive has been working busily over the past few weeks to produce this year's event schedule. We have attempted to provide programming that bridges the gap between ages, interests and even geographic locations. I think that we have come up with a great calendar of events for the upcoming year. I urge you all to get involved in the alumnae chapter for fun, philanthropy and to renew your ties with AOII. After all, sisterhood is from "initiation to eternity".

We look forward to seeing you at this year's events. Hope you had a great Holiday Season.

*Fraternally yours,  
Carolyn*

## Leadership Institute 2000

On June 24th at AOII Leadership Institute in Los Angeles, the Vancouver Alumnae Chapter won a Performance Standards Certificate for all-round excellence. Other winners included fellow Canadian alumnae chapters from Calgary, Ottawa, and Toronto.

All of the Canadian collegiate chapters also won Performance Standards Certificates - Beta Tau (U of T), Gamma Chi (Carleton), Iota Chi (U of Western Ontario), Kappa Lambda (U of Calgary), and Kappa Phi (McGill). Beta Tau won an Innovation in Programming Award for Public Relations and Kappa Lambda won for Financial Management.

Last, but certainly not least, it was announced that Joan Deathe MacCallum (Kappa Phi), Past International President, will become AOII's International Historian and Archivist. Congratulations to all!

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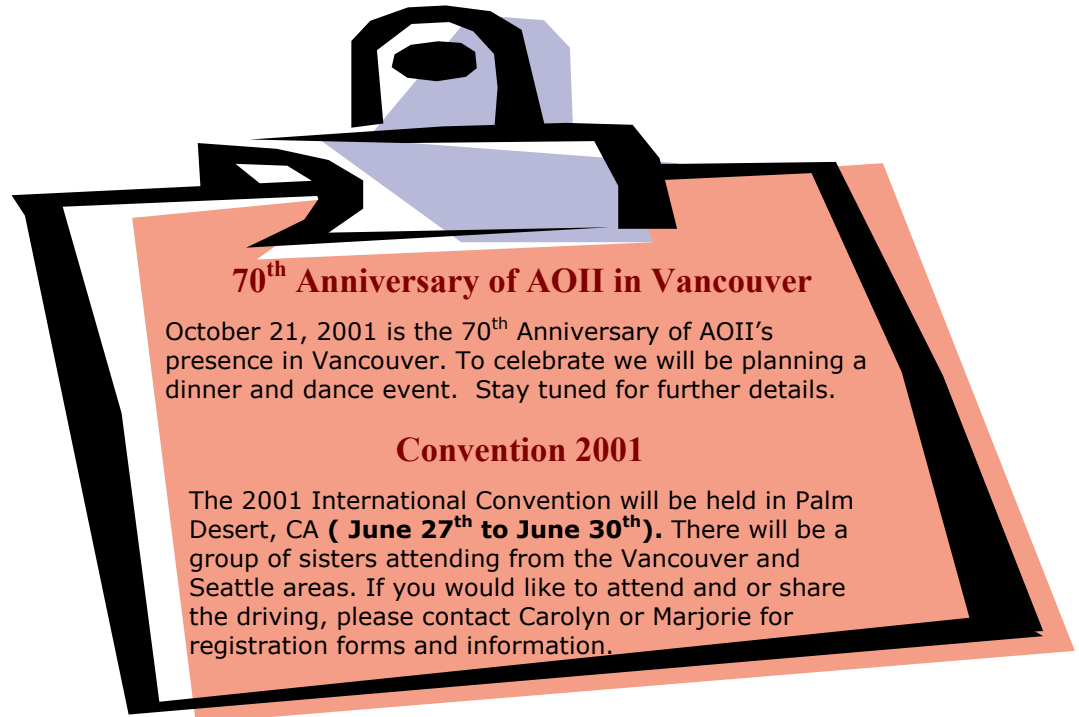
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### December, 2000 Holiday Philanthropy Project

Our philanthropy project for this year was a donation of toys and other needed items to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Campaign. If you have any other ideas for ongoing philanthropy projects, please contact Helena Zutter.



### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AOII in Vancouver

October 21, 2001 is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AOII's presence in Vancouver. To celebrate we will be planning a dinner and dance event. Stay tuned for further details.

### Convention 2001

The 2001 International Convention will be held in Palm Desert, CA ( **June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>**). There will be a group of sisters attending from the Vancouver and Seattle areas. If you would like to attend and or share the driving, please contact Carolyn or Marjorie for registration forms and information.

## AOII Still Strong and Growing in Canada

### **Congratulations:**

**Kappa Phi**  
McGill University  
for achieving quota of 5  
new members!

**Kappa Lambda**  
U of Calgary  
for achieving quota of 11  
new members!

**Iota Chi**  
U of Western Ontario  
for achieving quota of

19 new members!

**Gamma Chi**  
Carleton University  
for increasing its  
numbers by an  
outstanding 11 new  
members.

**Beta Tau**  
U of Toronto  
for achieving quota of 5!

**Kudos to the following  
Canadian Alums**

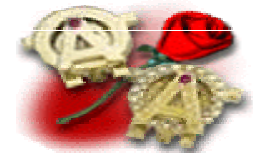
### **Serving AOII:**

Marjorie Stevens, BK, in  
her new role as Collegiate  
Network Specialist as well  
as:  
Kristy Manchul, KL,  
Teresa Nelson, KL  
Shala Schweitzer Berry, KL

### **UBC Panhellenic**

VAPA, (Vancouver Alumnae  
Panhellenic Association) chaired  
by Diane Champion-Smith,  
(BK) is in the process of  
fundraising for the new

UBC Panhellenic House.  
The Panhellenic House has  
been designed with new or  
returning sororities in mind  
and will have several  
additional chapter rooms.



**"One motto, one  
badge, one bond,  
and singleness of  
heart!"**



## CIFC – Wilfred Laurier University

In February 1999, pioneering men and women at the University of Alberta founded and hosted the first leadership conference for Canadian members of Greek-letter societies.

This year, Greeks at Wilfred Laurier University hosted the 2nd Annual Canadian Interfraternal Conference (CIFC) in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, on the weekend of November 3-5. Visit <http://www.canadiangreeks.com> for more info!

The Conference was a great success and AOII Alum and Network Specialist, Shala Berry Schweitzer (KL) was elected the president of the newly formed Canadian Interfraternal Council. Becky Heaman (KL) was elected to the Board as a provincial representative. Joan MacCallum, (KPhi) PIP, gave the keynote dinner address.

The 2001 CIFC Conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

## AOII Bits And Bytes

### PHILANTHROPY IDEAS?????

#### CONTACT HELENA

Anyone interested in doing a bulk order for Philanthropy T-shirts contact Helena. A portion of the sale of these shirts is donated to the AOII foundation. Design reads: "Making Futures Brighter" - AOII helps in the Fight Against Juvenile Arthritis.

### GIFT IDEAS!

AOII Emporium. Catalogues available from Carolyn or try online shopping .

### LOST SISTERS

Are you searching for a "lost sister"? Let us know and we might be able to help or direct you to someone in HQ who might know! Do

you know of a sister who isn't receiving a copy of this newsletter? Let us know and we will make sure to get her onto our mailing list.

### CYBER SISTERS

**GO GREEN & Keep Current** - Visit our website for up to date information on events and news.

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We are looking for sisters to participate on the alumnae executive committee in a variety of capacities and to represent AOII on external committees. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carolyn or Helena as soon as possible.

### NEW HQ BUILDING

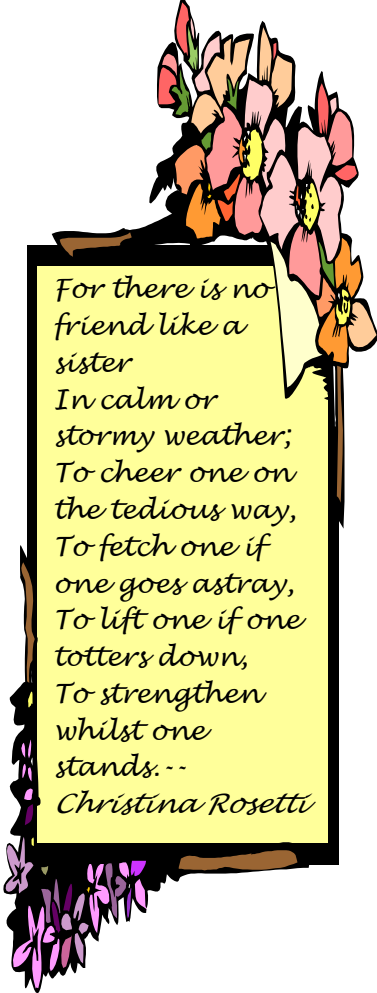
Our new International Headquarters will be

completed soon. Find out more in the latest edition of the To Dragma. If you would like to support the building campaign, please contact HQ.

### Keeping In Touch -

*Hi Vancouver Alums! Your new[web] page is fantastic. Thanks and roses to Marjorie Stevens for keeping us up to date back here in Ottawa. Still have fondest memories of working with Vancr Alums from 1960 until '67 when we helped bring in Cathy German. Good luck to you all and keep the news coming. Deep down, I still hope for a return of Beta Kappa to UBC. Well, there is no price on dreams, is there? Bouquets of roses to you all.*

*Shirley Chisholm Gaudreau*



*For there is no friend like a sister  
In calm or stormy weather;  
To cheer one on the tedious way,  
To fetch one if one goes astray,  
To lift one if one totters down,  
To strengthen whilst one stands.--  
Christina Rosetti*

## Calendar of Events 2000-2001

Date/Time	Event	Location	Notes
January 14, 2001 2:00 - 4:00	Founder's Day	Elaine Peterson's	90-5531 Cornwall Dr. Richmond, BC
February 9, 2001 2:00 - 4:00	Wine Tasting Tour with IIOA's ( spouses) Wine Experts: Jim & Paula Moran	Leslie Johnstone's	5538 Carnarvon St Vancouver, BC 736-0551
March 11, 2001 2:00 - 4:00	Elections	Piccaso Cafe 1626 West Broadway Vancouver	(RSVP - Marjorie Stevens- phone: 879-0255)
April 29, 2001 2:00 - 4:30	Installations & Tea Formal Ritual	TBA	Would you like to host this event? Contact Marjorie
June 27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> , 2001	International Convention	Palm Desert, CA	Contact Marjorie or Carolyn for registration forms.
October 21, 2001	70 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	TBA	
November 25, 2001	Book & Cook Event	TBA	



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the pages for Links to the  
Arthritis Society.  
<http://www.clickforcure.com>

If you click on the sponsor  
boxes, the sponsor will  
donate \$1! Be part of the  
cure today!

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How to get to the AOII  
Website  
<http://www.alphaomicronpi.org>

At the site, there is a  
special page just for initiated  
AOII's. For access, look at  
your To Dagma mailing label  
for a number located above  
your name. This number is  
required for signing in.

Other Links:  
[www.npcwomen.org](http://www.npcwomen.org)  
[www.alumni.ubc.ca](http://www.alumni.ubc.ca)

## Vancouver Alumnae News

• Congratulations to Betsy Thiessen ( BT) on the birth of her new son. • Roses to Laura Kaminsky (KL) on the birth of her third child • Vicki Wong ( BK) is in the planning stages for the renovation of her home in the Kitsilano area. • Congratulations to Helena Zutter on their new addition. Max, a white husky pup is growing in leaps and bounds. • Marjorie has acquired a new girlfriend for Helena's Max named Morag. • Diane Champion Smith ( BK) is the chairperson of the newly revamped Vancouver Alumnae Panhellenic Association who is undertaking the construction of a new Panhellenic House on UBC campus. • Carolyn Rhee-Thompson spent a month in South Korea this spring exposing her husband to her cultural roots. • Ann Mott is fast becoming a leading authority on Byron's life and works. Her website on Byron is being expanded due to the rising demand for her expertise. • At our most recent event "Around the World in Two Hours", sisters created exam survival kits for the collegiates at Kappa Lambda to wish them well during that hectic time.

### **Our Deepest Sympathies.....**

Our deep regrets and sympathy to Diane Champion Smith on the loss of her step father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

**Let us know what you are doing!!!** If you have any news, please contact Carolyn or Helena to be included in the newsletter and website.

## Other AOII News

### **Kappa Lambda ( University of Calgary)**

KL will be celebrating 15 Years of AOII at University of Calgary. April 6-7, 2001 will be Kappa Lambda's 15 Year Reunion Weekend. For more information, please see the Kappa Lambda link on our website. Kappa Lambda is one of the chapters supported long distance by the Vancouver Alumnae Chapter. <http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~alphaomi/>

### **Beta Tau (U of Toronto)**

This year not only marks AOII's 70 years at U of T but of AOII in Canada as Beta Tau is our oldest chapter.

## Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again to renew your Alumnae Chapter Membership. You can renew your membership by filling out the attached form and sending it with your dues or by attending any of our upcoming events.

### **Rose Level - \$10.00**

- Newsletter
- Reminders by phone or e-mail

### **Ruby Level - \$35.00**

- Newsletter
- Reminders
- Founders Day
- Reduced rates for events

### **Diamond Level - \$40.00**

- Newsletter
- Reminders
- Founders Day
- Reduced rates for events,
- Donation to the Foundation

### **Special Thanks**

The Chapter would like to thank the UBC Alumni Association for the support they have provided to the chapter. Without this support and assistance this newsletter could not have been mailed out to Beta Kappa sisters world wide. Check out their website at: [www.alumni.ubc.ca](http://www.alumni.ubc.ca) or reach them via e-mail at: UBC Alumni Association [alumniinfo@alumni.ubc.ca](mailto:alumniinfo@alumni.ubc.ca)