



# The Rose Vine

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*Vancouver Alumnae Chapter, Alpha Omicron Pi*

## Events Overview

### September 13 2004

Baby Shower for Carolyn  
Rhee-Thompson

Marjorie Stevens' home  
809 Sawcut Avenue  
Vancouver

Contact Marjorie for exact  
time  
(604) 879-0255

### Christmas 2003

Toy Drive

Stay tuned for further info

### January 2004

Founders Day Tea  
Vicki Wong's home  
2978 W 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver

Exact Date and time to be  
announced

**Keep posted for other  
AOII events in the Lower  
Mainland!!**

## President's Message

We had several fun and sisterhood building events this year such as our travel and appies event. We also made time for philanthropy and eating as we held an event at Picasso café. Picasso café is a job skills building program for at risk youths. We were pleased to be able to support this program and the food was great too.

We lost Marjorie Stevens to the Ottawa Alumnae Chapter for most of the year but I am happy to announce her recent return.

I regret to announce that Helena Zutter, a key member of the chapter will be moving to Ontario in early September. We wish her the best and thank her for all her contributions to the alumnae chapter over the years. We however are happy to introduce a fresh new face who has also agreed to become alumnae chapter president. I am pleased to pass on the torch to our newest member. Read on to find out all about Leigh.

Roses,  
Carolyn

## AOII in Canada

In addition to the vibrant and active collegiate chapters at McGill University (KF), University of Toronto (BT), University of Western Ontario (I?), Carleton University (G?) and University of Calgary (??), Wilfred Laurier University in Ontario has been chosen as the site of AOII's next colonization.

Unfortunately, the planned colonization of University of Victoria has been cancelled due to the lack of interest of the collegians.

## Beta Kappa Chapter

In January of this year, the UBC Panhellenic invited AOII and Kappa Alpha Theta to recolonize at UBC. Unfortunately, AOII International could not accept the offer this year. While we are sad not to see AOII returning to UBC this year, we are pleased to announce that Kappa Alpha Theta, after absence from UBC of over 20 years, is returning to the campus. AOII International contacted our key alumnae members to advise that as AOII does their extension planning for each biennium, and they were unable to consider the extension until 2005. Originally, UBC Panhellenic had suggested that there would be one more invitation extended next year and that would give us an opportunity to apply for consideration for the 2005 year; however, they have since advised that due to size restrictions they have room for one addition only. The Fraternity hopes to be invited to recolonize UBC in the future.

AOII International asked me to forward their deepest regrets. It was their fondest hope that we would be able to recolonize Beta Kappa Chapter as they recognize the tremendous alumnae support and expertise available in the alumnae chapter.



**New Alumnae Network Specialist !**

The New Alumnae Network Specialist for the Vancouver Alumnae Chapter is Ann Beardsley, Upsilon Chapter. Ann currently resides in Lynwood, Washington. Ann will be visiting Vancouver some time in 2003/04 so we will plan an activity to greet her.

We bid a fond farewell to Sue Schell who dedicated a lot of time and effort to the Vancouver Alumnae Chapter.

**International Convention 2003**

The 47th Biennial International Convention was held in Norfolk, Virginia from June 25<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>. The newly elected executive board members are:

**President** - Sally Wagaman, Sigma Tau, Glenside, PA

**VP Operations** - Krista Whipple, Omega, Solon, Ohio

**VP Development** - Toni Flowers Morgan, Alpha Chi, Huntsville, AL

**VP Finance** - Renee Smith, Phi Upsilon, Carmel, Indiana

**Dir - Coll Chapters** - Phyllis Gilson, Sigma Phi, West Hills, CA

**Dir - Coll Chapters** - Susan Danko, Phi Upsilon, Dallas, TX

**Dir - Programming** - Kathy Brakefield Sowell, Lambda Tau, Arlington, TX

**Dir - Alumnae Chapters** - Kimberly Carson McGowan, Phi Beta, Malvern, PA

**AOII Bits And Bytes****PHILANTHROPY IDEAS**

We are looking for philanthropy projects for the upcoming year. If you have any good ideas, please contact Marjorie.

**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.

**A ROSE TRIBUTE**

Congratulations to our sister Marjorie Stevens who was awarded with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. Way to go!!

*"One of the most significant activities of the Golden Jubilee celebrations was the awarding of the Golden Jubilee Medal. This commemorative medal is awarded to Canadians for outstanding and exemplary achievement or service to the community or to Canada as a whole; or those who have made a sustained contribution over and above what might reasonably be expected of paid employment or voluntary action."*

**New Alumnae Chapter President**

Please welcome Elizabeth Leigh Newlands as the new Chapter President of the Vancouver Alumnae Chapter. Leigh is a recent graduate from Kappa Lambda and brings with her great enthusiasm and energy. Leigh is the coordinator for Wedding Fair and in her spare time is quite an entrepreneur with several exciting projects in the works.

**Vancouver Alumnae News**

• Congratulations to Helena and Eric Zutter on their new addition. Curtis Alexander Zutter was born on February 15, 2003 weighing in at 7lbs 11oz. • Leslie Johnstone spent a some time on a movie set this summer. No, it wasn't an acting debut – she was a science consultant for *Agent Cody Banks* • Anne and Geoff Mott moved into their beautiful new home in Coquitlam this past year. • Elaine Petersen returned from an Opera tour of New York City. • Carolyn Rhee-Thompson and her husband are expecting their first child in October of this year • Diane Taylor will be providing a brother or sister to little Alexandra in early 2004. • Vikki Wong's beautiful new home was finally completed this year and she has promised to host the next Founder's Day to show it off. • Betsey Thiessen completed another walk this year for Juvenile Diabetes. Way to go Betsey!  
**Let us know what you are doing!!!** If you have any news, please contact Carolyn to be included in the newsletter and website.





# Vancouver Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi

## Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again to renew your Alumnae Chapter Membership. Paying your dues ensures that you receive up to date information on local and international events at AOII and continues to ensure the survival of the alumnae chapter. 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. Cheques can be mailed to Alpha Omicron Pi, c/o Marjorie Stevens, 809 Sawcut Drive, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 4A2

### 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

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## Renewal Information

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Membership Level	
Ideas/Comments	

Unfortunately, due to withdrawal of funding from UBC, we will no longer be able to send a copy of this newsletter to non dues paying members except via our website. If you would like to continue receiving a copy, please consider sending in your dues in one of the categories above. Not only will you continue to get the news of the Vancouver Alumnae Chapter, but also you are helping to support the ongoing success of the alumnae chapter. If you have moved or your contact address has changed, please let us know via e-mail to:

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