



# The Rose Vine

Winter - Spring

1999-2000

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<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1999-2000</b>		<b>COMING UP IN 2001</b>	
January 9, 2000	Founders Day Cecil Green	12:30 – 4:30	October 2001 is the 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AOII's presence in Vancouver. If you have any ideas for this milestone celebration contact Carolyn.  "We formed AOTT to continue the friendship we made throughout our lifetimes." --- Stella Perry
February 20, 2000	Book-n-Cook Club Elaine Petersen	2:00 – 4:00	
March 19, 2000	Elections Marjorie Stevens	2:00 – 4:00	
April 9, 2000	Installations & Tea Cecil Green	2:00 – 4:30	
June 4, 2000	Summer BBQ TBA		
June 28 <sup>th</sup> Weekend	Leadership Convention, Los Angeles Airport Marriott		
Sept/Oct 2000	WINE TASTING EVENING TBA		
October 2000	Philanthropy Event ????	IDEAS WELCOME	

**GOALS FOR THE VANCOUVER  
ALUMNAE CHAPTER 1999-2000**

- ❖ Increase Membership
- ❖ Increase Associate Membership
- ❖ Philanthropy
- ❖ Bridging the Gap – Programming that sees opportunity and wealth in members of diverse age groups.

**AOII CONVENTION 1999**

This year’s International Convention 1999 in Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando Florida was a huge success. For further details contact Marjorie Stevens, Bev Gregg, or Carolyn for they would be happy to share their stories with you.

The next Leadership Institute will be held in June 2000 at the LA. Airport Marriot and the next convention will be held in Palm Desert in June 2001. Should anyone be interested in attending contact Carolyn.

***GOSSIP.....GOSSIP.....GOSSIP...***

©Marjorie Stevens (BK) received the Rose Award.  
©Diane Taylor (KL) is a proud mother of a legacy.  
©Mavis Dunsford (KK) is the new president of the BC Soroptimist Society after years of active involvement. ©Diane Champion Smith (BK) is chairing the newly realigned VAPA. © Betty Wolfe (BK) who works with KL, Calgary, brought our sisters for a sing-a-long in honour of Senior Week.  
©Sisters helping sisters – the Vancouver Alumnae chapter has donated robes for ritual to KL of Calgary. We hope they wear these with pride.  
©Cathy German (BK) is Chapter Advisor for (GX) at Carlton U. ©Helena Spehar now Zutter secretly married Eric in Radium Hot Springs. ©Canadians did well at convention as each chapter received a Certificate of Achievement. ©The Toronto Alumnae Chapter was awarded the Distinguished Service Award. © AOII is the fastest growing NPC Group - Way to go AOII! © AOII & UBC – AOII has had a presence at UBC’s Spring and Fall convocation and at the 1999 Homecoming for which John Turner, former Prime Minister, was in attendance. ©Did you know that Miss Mississippi is in this year’s Miss America is an AOII and that Margaret Bourke-White has a new book out showcasing her photography.

**NEWS FLASH**

International HQ is acquiring a new ve nue. AOII has outgrown its current location and, after examining options, it will be building a new, larger, HQ. If you require further information contact Carolyn or consult To Drama Fall 1999.

AOII International is doing a colonization presentation at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo,Ontario.

***AOII History***

Alpha Omicron Pi was founded on January 2, 1897 at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York City.

In 1898 national expansion began. Now, 100 years later, we have chapters in 39 states and Canada. Our founders are:

Stella George Stern Perry  
Elizabeth Heywood Wyman  
Jessie Wallace Hughan  
Helen St. Clair Mulan

The fraternity jewel is the ruby. The fraternity colour is cardinal. The fraternity flower is the Jacqueminot Rose. The fraternity philanthropy is Arthritis Research.

AOII has no insignia or crest. The founders reasoned that the Fraternity should adhere to ancient Greek ideals. It was different people in a later time – the middle ages - that produced crests, shields, and other symbols of herald. We are truly Greek.

*Loss..... With deepest sympathy.*

Carolyn Rhee-Thompson’s (KPhi) grandfather passed away in Korea.

Gladys Carey (BK) lost her husband.

**AOII Classified Ads**

**CYBER SISTERS**  
GO Green & Keep Current – Start using our new web address.

**WINE TESTER**  
Seasoned Wine Tester needed to share his or her expertise with AOIIs. Contact Carloyn.

**GIFT IDEAS**  
AOII Emporium gift ideas. Check out HQ website. Great for any occasion.

**COMPUTER WALLPAPER**  
Order AOII theme computer wallpaper and help the Miami Chapter. Everyone benefits. Contact Helena.

**AOII PINS**  
Lost Pins – If you have lost your AOII pin and would like to replace it, contact HQ as pins are available. Phone or Fax your orders in.

**AOII PHOTO ALBUM**  
Check out the Vancouver Alumnae Chapter’s Webpage for pictures from convention and of Diane Taylor’s legacy.

**CHILDRENS BOOKS**  
Childrens’ science books by Shar Levine with her partner Leslie Johnstone (BK) – Silly Science, Everyday Science, Science Around the World, The Magnets Book and more.