



The Rose Vine

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Vancouver Alumnae Chapter, Alpha Omicron Pi

Events Highlights

September 29, 2001

Beta Kappa 75th
UBC Reunion Weekend
High Tea

January 20, 2002

Founders Day Tea
RSVP: Carolyn
(604) 267-1795

February 9, 2002

Finger Food Potluck
RSVP: Marjorie
(604) 879-0255

March 21, 2002

Elections/Installations
RSVP: Carolyn
(604) 267-1795

July, 2002

Summer BBQ
TBA

NOTE: We apologize for the delay in getting out this newsletter, however, Carolyn had to fly off to Korea and Marjorie had to go to Ottawa on business just when the newsletter was to be published. In fact, this copy was e-mailed from Seoul!

President's Message

This past year has been a challenging year for the Vancouver Alumnae Chapter but it has been a year that has demonstrated the true meaning of sisterhood and friendship beyond the collegiate years. We dealt with deaths, illnesses, and a myriad of other difficulties but through it all, the support network of sisters remained unbroken.

Through everything, we were still able to hold several successful events including Founder's Day hosted by Elaine Petersen, a wine tasting hosted by Mark and Leslie Johnstone and led by Jim and Paula Moran, and a philanthropy event to raise money for arthritis research.

In June, I was again honored to attend International Convention. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with of my sisters from around the world and to form new friendships and bonds. We shared our experiences, gave one another encouragement and renewed our enthusiasm to take on the challenges of the new programming year.

As I write this message, my husband and I are in South Korea for the last semester of his MBA. While far away from my home chapter, I have been communicating with other AOII's here in South Korea and are hoping to connect with them over the next few weeks – again proving that this sisterhood extends past all barriers even that of such significant physical distance.

I believe that the Alumnae Chapter Executive have come up with some exciting programming for the upcoming year and I urge you to come out and show your AOII spirit. I will be with you in spirit and will see you all at Founders Day in January, 2002.

*Roses,
Carolyn*



AOII Still Strong and Growing in Canada

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International Convention 2001

The 46th Biennial International Convention was a huge success. Over 500 sisters from around North America gathered together in Palm Desert, California for some sun, fun and the "*Ultimate Sisterhood Experience*".

The Canadians were well represented and well honoured at this year's convention. Kappa Lambda (U of Calgary) won a Gold Award for Outstanding Chapters while Beta Tau (U of Toronto), Kappa Lambda (U of Calgary), and Kappa Phi (McGill University) were named to the Quota Honor Roll. Beta Tau also won a Foundation Seniors Challenge Award for having 100% participation in this year's Senior Challenge. The Toronto Area Alumnae Chapter, Calgary Alumnae Chapter, and the Ottawa Alumnae Chapter were also honoured.

Shala Schweitzer Berry, Kappa Lambda, a current Network Specialist was honoured with AOII's Rose Award. In the introduction prior to the presentation of the award, it was noted that Shala's nomination was supported by every single Canadian collegiate and alumnae chapter in recognition of her hard work on behalf of AOII's in Canada and AOII International! Shala spearheaded the International Fees at par policy allowing Canadians to be competitive on campuses as well as easing the financial burden for the Canadian sisters. Way to go Shala!

AOII Bits And Bytes

PHILANTHROPY IDEAS??? CONTACT HELENA

We are looking for philanthropy projects for the upcoming year. If you have any good ideas, please contact Helena or 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. We are in **DESPERATE** need of someone to participate as the AOII rep on the Vancouver Alumnae Panhellenic Association. This position will have great impact on the Panhellenic housing situation at UBC and possibly the re-colonization of Beta Kappa. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carolyn or Helena as soon as possible.

Vancouver Alumnae News

We mourn the passing of several of our Beta Kappa sisters. These sisters were honoured at Convention during the memorial service part of the formal ritual.

In Loving Memory

Beverley Guy Clark
Sharon Wright Miles
Lavenie Dean Perkins
Mary McKelvey Stewart
Dorothea Powell Wiens



**AOII has a new
official Jeweler!!**

Legacy is a division of Masters of Design specializing in fraternity jewelry. A new line of AOII jewelry has been launched for 2001. To get a copy of the latest brochures, please contact the Emporium.



Travels:

• Paula Moran returned from a trip to Greece • Carolyn Rhee-Thompson will be spending four months in South Korea • Marjorie Stevens will be off to Australia for the winter for sun, fun and a bit of camping • Take lots of photos guys for our next "Around the World in Two Hours" event.

Other News:

• Diane Champion Smith (BK) has resigned as chair of the Vancouver Alumnae Panhellenic Association. We will be looking for a new representative for AOII. • Ann Mott's website "Bryonmania" is now up and running. Check out the [aoiivancouver](http://aoiivancouver.com) website for a hotlink. • Diane Taylor (KL) and her husband, Rob, have purchased a home in Surrey. They move into it in the end of November.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

• To Marjorie Stevens on the loss of her brother Rob.
• To Carolyn Rhee-Thompson on the loss of her maternal grandfather this spring.
• To Anne and Geoff Mott for a speedy recovery and gain to full health.
• To Vicky Kidd who is struggling with her health. Vicky is active with the arthritis society, Vice Chair for the Langley group and is continuing to do speaking engagements on their behalf. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers and drop her a line if you get an opportunity at: vkidd@kiddco.com

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.

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. Cheques can be mailed to Alpha Omicron Pi, c/o Mavis Dunsford, 3038 Semiahmoo Trail, Surrey, BC V4P 1H4

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

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 by fax or e-mail. 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: aoiivancouver@hotmail.com

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